

Bogota Prelate Scores Crimes Of Rioters

Washington (NC) — Arch-bishop James Fernando of Bogota in a radio appeal to the people of Colombia, has denounced the "crimes against Christian civilization" committed by those who "incited by foreign, subversive influences, have been degraded along the paths of hatred and barbarism."

The Archbishop's address, heard here on short-wave receiving sets, urged those guilty of misdeeds to repent, to return to the Church and make reparation, so far as it is possible for them. (Crime agency dispatches from Bogota attributed to the Archbishop a condemnation of persons imbued with "communist, anti-Christian doctrines.")

ARCHBISHOP FERDINAND revealed that in the course of the rioting the residences of the Apostolic Nuncio to Bogota as well as his own were burned and libraries and archives containing priceless documents destroyed. Many churches including the ancient cathedral and San Francisco Church, suffered incalculable damage with the loss of many art treasures.

"In this hour of sorrow," Archbishop Fernando was heard to say, "let us turn to God for aid."

Among those who committed these crimes, the Archbishop went on, "were children of the Church who always cared for them, educating them in accordance with Christian doctrine and the traditions of our forefathers."

"We pray that those of our children who took part in the crimes may calmly meditate and, with sincere repentance, return to the bosom of the Church and make, in so far as it is possible for them, reparation for the evil that has been done."

"We forgive them . . . we offer for them all the bitterness in our heart, our broken health and the few days that God may still be willing to grant to us."

Due in Town



James A. Farley, prominent Catholic layman, former Postmaster General and national chairman of the Democratic Party, will visit Rochester next Thursday in a new role—publisher for his new book "The Farley Story."

As the guest of William McLaughlin, director of the McCurdy's advertising staff, Mr. Farley will have a busy day with press breakfast, a broadcast, author's reception and an evening banquet with business associates of the Rochester Coca-Cola Co., of which he is chairman of the national board of directors.

At 2:30 p. m. the politician-author will meet his public at an autographing session in the McCurdy's Book Department.

At the same time, the Communist-controlled Confederation of Colombian Workers (CWC) a branch of Lombardo Tolodano's CTAL—called a general strike. Even before the general strike, the Bogota press had voiced suspicions about the convention held by the CWC just at the time of the Inter-American meeting.

The march on the Capitol by the rioting mobs did more than disrupt plans for an Inter-American defense program. It was aimed at the basic principles of Christian Democracy.

A few days earlier, the Apostolic Nuncio at Bogota, Archbishop Jose Beltrami, had said that the Pope "turned his eyes with hope to America and to the Bogota Conference."

Communists In Italy Seen Losing Ground

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the Popular Democratic Front bracket. The Nenni party appears struck by a serious crisis: the events in Czechoslovakia and the attitude of the coalition raise, even among the socialists closest to communism, a perplexity occasioning frequent desertions.

For the rest, the Trieste stand taken by the Allies has caused profound repercussions in the middle classes.

It can be said that while the Communist Party itself has been holding up fairly well, the Popular Democratic Front which it had promoted to attract the middle classes seems in a far from happy position. It appears difficult, judging today, for the PDC to win the struggle for an absolute majority in the Camera, or Senate.

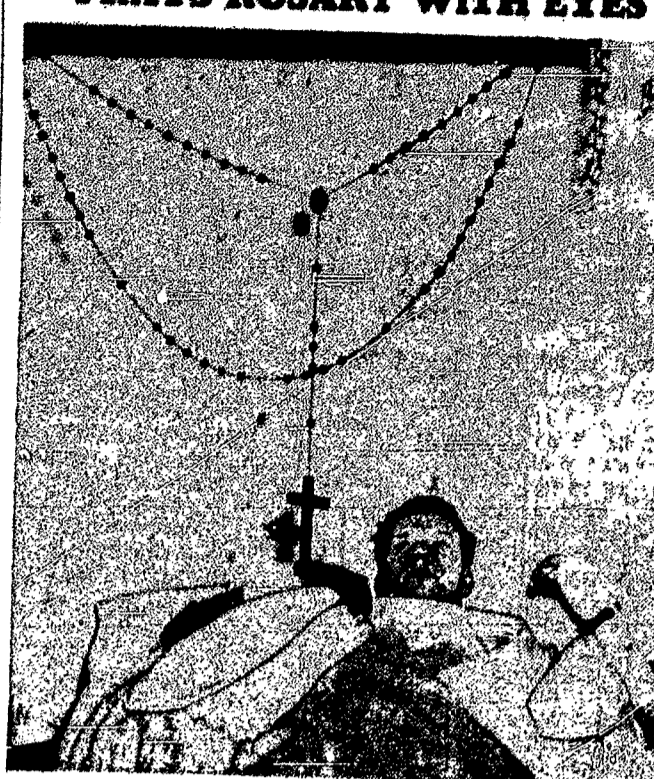
For its own part, Christian Democracy progresses. In recent weeks it has noticeably bettered its position, above all through greater awareness which Catholics have shown to face their responsibilities.

IT IS LEGITIMATE to believe that the results of this campaign are the exact opposite of what Togliatti planned.

On the right, the National Bloc can hope for a showing through conservative groups and salvage from discredited Quinquists.

During these days there is growing a phenomenon which could have a decisive weight—the end of the disinterestedness which led many Italians to refrain from voting before. This abstention huns the democratic parties of order more than the others because the Marxists are perfectly organized.

PRAYS ROSARY WITH EYES



On May 20, 1945, a Nuremberg sniper found his mark in Jimmy Wallace, 23, who is pictured here in his bed of pain, at Illinois Veterans' Hospital, Chicago, where he lies paralyzed, unable to move. When a daily Chicago newspaper learned that he was unable to practice his favorite devotion—the Rosary—because of difficulty in counting the conventional beads, he was presented with the special large rosary shown hanging from a rail above his bed. Unable to finger the beads, he prays the rosary with his eyes. INP Photo. (NC Photos).

Christianity Faces Reds in Italy

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Against this strength is the power of the Church and her ageless doctrines that man is not being endowed with the right of freedom and happiness. There also is the power of prayer which the Pope has called forth time and again.

BACKING UP the Christian Democrats in addition to the Church are the people and government of the United States. Secretary of State Marshall has announced that all aid to Italy will be cut off quickly and completely should the Communists gain control.

THE STRENGTH of the Communist lies in the utter poverty of the people, the destruction of war, a weak government which has not made good on its pledges, moral and intellectual confusion inherited from two decades of Fascism and an American foreign policy which Italians feel is vacillating and unpredictable.

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Italy Calm On Vote Date

By REV. F. X. MURPHY, C.S.S.R.

Rome — (NC) — Once more, as in the days of the Caesars, or the crusade-conscious Medieval Popes, Italian politics and international affairs are on a converging parallel.

The Romans themselves seem to be quite lulled to such epoch-making events. Here there is hardly an inkling of impending doom, or of a glorious liberation and the Italian finds it difficult to convince himself that the fate of European civilization hangs by a thread upon his vote on April 18.

The press and the political posters on the walls of churches, residences, office buildings and ancient ruins throughout this city on the stone-bounded banks of the Tiber, reflect violent and diametrically opposed opinions.

The cunning and humor of each side is at once astute and crude. Every morning finds the populace of Rome scuffling along the

walks, amused or angered by the propagandistic posters put up during the night.

COPIES OF the Communist L'Unita, the Avant of the socialists, the Christian democratic Popolo and a host of shifting or apparently indifferent journals are seen side by side, being eagerly read by Italians on the way to and from work.

In the war of cartoons and posters, Communists and Socialists are very much in evidence, using a Garibaldian motive and calling to task Bidault, Truman and Bevin in vividly green notices as protagonists of mercen-

motif of the American dollar buying up the freedom of Europe with the fell purpose of destroying the whole in capitalistic warfare, while peace, bread and liberty are guaranteed through a vote for the "Popular Democratic Front," with the red star and Stalin in the background.

The Christian Democrats and representatives of other parties are not asleep. Posters answers appropriated almost entirely by the Christian Democrats. Its converging arms carry a warning to all of the necessity in conscience to vote; then of voting in accord with one's conscience.

Complementary thereto rather garish reminder that "Stalin cannot see you in the ballot box; but God will."

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