

Reds in Cold War On German Church

Berlin—(RNS)—Berlin Catholic sources say the church storming, priest-baiting and blood and thunder methods of combating religion are a thing of the past so far as the Communist forces of the Axis-occupied zone of Germany are concerned.

Ex-Duce Ranch A Monastery

Genoa, N. Italy—(NC)—An ex-convict's ranch on the Italian coast, the Villa Marconi, has been converted into a monastery. The villa, built by the ex-convict, was used as a hideout for the Italian Fascist leader, Benito Mussolini, during his flight from the Allies in 1945. The villa is now owned by the Italian government and has been converted into a monastery for the Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

Senator Pledges DP Bill Change

Washington, D. C.—(NC)—Assurance that the House bill on the Displaced Persons (DP) bill would be amended to include provisions for the relief of displaced persons has been given by the House majority leader, Charles McNary, in an open letter to Senator Farguson and Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan.

CARDINAL GREET'S K. OF C.



His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, greeted national officers and directors of the Knights of Columbus meeting in his city for the first time in the 66-year history of the organization. Photo shows, (left to right) Judge John E. Swift, Supreme Knight and member of the Massachusetts Supreme Court; Cardinal Dougherty and William M. Lenoir, Pennsylvania State Deputy and member of the national board of the K. of C. (NC Photos)

K. C. Asked To Oppose UMT

Philadelphia—(NC)—Receiving the national officers and directors of the Knights of Columbus, who are in session here, His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, reiterated his stand against Universal Military Training, and urged the Knights to be more vocal in opposing it.

Judge John E. Swift of Boston, Supreme Knight, told Cardinal Dougherty that the K. of C. are strongly in support of his opposition to UMT. He recalled that this is the first time in the 66-year history of the Order that the supreme officers and directors of the Knights have met in Philadelphia.

Cardinal Dougherty said there is no need for a large military force because of the rapid advance in scientific weapons. He told the supreme officers and directors that the Knights should become more emphatic in voicing their opposition to UMT, and that, if they did, the political and civic leaders who count votes would see why they oppose the plan.

Battle Cancels Ascension Rites

Jerusalem—(NC)—Because of the fighting that has raged in Jerusalem since the truce proposal was made to the Arabs and Jews, the traditional Ascension Thursday services on Mount Olivet have been cancelled.

The sisters of the community of the Franciscan Missionaries of Egypt evacuated their settlement on the Mount of Beatitudes, near Capharnaum on the Sea of Galilee, and sought refuge in Nazareth. Their convent in Jerusalem was forcibly occupied a few days ago by a terrorist group.

Tiberias, on the Sea of Galilee, has been evacuated by priests and sisters, and students of Emmaus Seminary have fled to Jerusalem.

Korea Bishops Urge Catholics To Vote May 10

Seoul, Korea—(NC)—The heads of the various Vicariates and Prefectures Apostolic throughout South Korea have issued pastoral letters urging Catholics to vote in the national elections on May 10.

The prelates have placed before their flocks their obligation as good citizens and Catholics to choose men who will uphold the principles of democracy and whose integrity is unquestioned. Their pastors warn that unless such men are elected, the God-given rights they now enjoy will be lost.

Meanwhile Koreans are eagerly preparing for the elections. More than 90 per cent have already registered to vote. The balloting will be supervised by a United Nations commission, which has been refused permission to enter the Soviet zone in North Korea and must therefore limit its supervision to the American zone, bounded by the 38th parallel.

At the end of the war there were approximately 18 million people in the American zone and about eight million in the Soviet zone. Since then almost four million have crossed the zonal boundary to seek refuge and liberty in the South.

RESIDENTS in the South are showing a most encouraging interest in the great question of their future government. While geographically only comprising half the Korean territory, the great preponderance in population gives the South a far better claim to speak for the nation than could be made by the reduced population of the North.

There is perfect liberty in the preparations for the elections. Communists have not had any occasion to complain of discrimination. The general eagerness of women to share in the vote has astonished many. It is said that in many places more women registered than men.

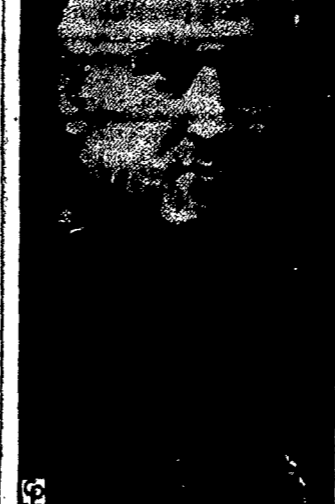
The May 10 elections will establish a popularly chosen constituent assembly which will take up at once the matter of a constitution for Korea. When this is adopted by the people there will follow the election of a president and the completion of a constitutional body.

Refugee Trappists Seek Monastic Life

Peking—(NC)—Twenty-eight Trappist monks survivors of a ruthless persecution by Chinese communists, welcomed two abbots of their order to a makeshift monastery here.

The two visitors, Abbots Joseph Marquis of Briquebec monastery, France, and Benedict Marvan of the Hakodate monastery, Japan, have come to study means of restoring monastic life to this community of Our Lady of Consolation monastery, Yangkiaping, destroyed by Reds last fall with loss of life to at least 25 of the monks.

Repentant Polish Heretics Return to Church



CARDINAL HLOND

Thirty Priests Flee China Reds

Peking—(NC)—Thirty Catholic priests from the Diocese of Siwanan in northern Chahar province sought refuge at Kaigan while a horde of Red troops thrust southward into the mission territory. Scout mission headquarters here has reported.

Other missionaries, including eight hospital Sisters, Franciscan Sisters of Mary, fed to Kweisui from the diocese of Taining in eastern Szechuan, where Communist bands likewise ravaged unprotected villages.

At Tienchen, between Kaigan and Taining, the Catholic church and school are said to have been set afire by the Reds. The preparatory seminary at Taining was disbanded as a precautionary measure, because the Red raids aimed chiefly at gathering army recruits and provisions.

Three Chinese priests, the Revs. Joseph Chin, Paul Yao and Anthony Hsu, who were taken captive by the Reds on that occasion, are now given up for dead by mission authorities.

Released-Time Ruled Legal in California

San Francisco—(RNS)—California's system of released-time religious instruction was upheld here by State Attorney General Frederick N. Howser. He said the fact that students, with parental consent, were permitted to attend religious classes in churches rather than on school premises, brought the practice within the Constitution.

The attorney general's ruling ran counter to an opinion expressed here recently by Irving G. Breyer, attorney for the San Francisco Board of Education. Breyer held that released-time was a "utilization of the tax community of Our Lady of Consolation monastery, Yangkiaping, destroyed by Reds last fall with loss of life to at least 25 of the monks."

Warsaw—(RNS)—Much rejoicing has been caused among Polish Catholics over the return to the Roman Catholic Church of the Rev. Wladyslaw Faron, head of the Old Catholic Church in Poland, and two other leading priests of the dissident Church, Bronislaw Jeger and Antoni Kafel.

Between them the three clergymen formed the Supreme Council of the Old Catholic Church, known also as the National Catholic Church of Poland, which at one time claimed 15,000 followers. Faron, who is 57, had the title of Metropolitan Archbishop in the sect to which he belonged for over 20 years. Jeger and Kafel were his assistant and secretary, respectively.

By special authority of Pope Pius XII, Faron has now been appointed to a minor post in the Catholic Church as the assistant vicar of a small village near Lodz, a few miles from the headquarters he occupied as supreme head of the Old Catholic Church. He was given the appointment after the Pope had agreed to grant him pardon for his heresy.

AS A RESULT of Faron's submission to Rome, all property of the Old Catholic Church, including several houses in Lodz and land in various other localities, estimated to be worth several million dollars, has passed into the hands of the Catholic Church.

In a statement published in the Polish Catholic press, Faron and his two associates recanted their acts of heresy, pledged allegiance to the Pope, and acknowledged the supremacy of the Roman Catholic Church. The three penitents, all of whom had once been Catholic priests, declared:

"Regretting our mistake from the bottom of our hearts, we return with contrition and joy to the Holy Roman Catholic Church and we beg God Almighty to forgive us our apostasy. We commit ourselves to the mercy of the Holy Father, and we deeply apologize to the clergy for the scandal wrought. We are deeply confident that the Holy Church, our Mother, will look upon us like erring and penitent children and will again accept us."

Born during 1891 in Nowy Sacz, southern Poland, and ordained a priest in 1917, Faron joined the Old Catholic Church in 1923 after having first come into conflict with his local ecclesiastical superior and later with the Polish hierarchy.

IN 1937, Prime Bishop Francis Hodur of the Polish National

College Degree For Reuther

St. Mary's, Calif.—(NC)—Walter F. Reuther, president of the CIO's United Automobile Workers of America, has been selected to receive an honorary doctorate of laws because of his record in American labor and to deliver the address at the graduation of the annual commencement exercises of St. Mary's College on May 30.

The selection was made before Mr. Reuther was wounded by a shotgun blast of a sniper in his Detroit home. College officials have expressed the hope that the labor leader will be recovered sufficiently to come here for the graduation rites.

Catholic Church in America appointed Faron chief administrator of the Old Catholic Church in Poland, in recognition of his "missionary zeal" and his success in winning thousands of adherents to the Old Catholic Church in many towns and villages.

Subsequently, differences arose between Hodur and Faron, and the latter broke away from the American jurisdiction to form a new Old Catholic branch known as National Catholics who refused to render obedience to Prime Bishop Hodur.

About a year ago, Faron approached August Cardinal Hlond, Primate of Poland, and submitted a request for his reinstatement to membership in the Catholic Church. As Faron had been excommunicated as a heretic, it was necessary to send his application to Pope Pius XII, as well as those of his two co-penitents.

Following their pardon, the three clergymen paid a penitential visit to the Paulist monastery at Czestochowa where they made an eight-day closed retreat, praying before the famous image of the Virgin preserved in the national shrine.

Catholic leaders described Faron's reconversion as a "sensation" and hailed it as a blow against sectarianism. They declared it was the first time such an event had occurred in the history of the Catholic Church in Poland, and said it represented a victory for the Church.

Reds Forced Into Ve

Washington politics become religion, religion becomes enemy of politics in explanation of the determined stance of the Communists in the electoral campaign, which was commented on the elections, this country.

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