

### Catholic Press Told of Deceit Of Secularists

Cleveland—(NC)—The secularist "works under the banner of Enlightenment, Modernity, Realism," but at the same time "he speaks with apparent reverence of God and works to destroy human obedience to God's laws," Bishop Michael J. Ready of Columbus, chairman of the Press Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, asserted today in the keynote address at the 38th annual convention of the Catholic Press Association here.

"Secularism is worldliness wearing the mask of religion," Bishop Ready warned the Catholic editors and writers. "It is not afraid to utter the sacred name of God. It is not slow to admit man's need of what it loves to call spiritual values, or transcendental ideals. It professes admiration for the Faith that it seeks to kill. It breathes of some undefined thing called 'tolerance.' It delights in talk of human brotherhood which it outrages."

The Rev. William J. Smith, director of the Crown Heights Labor School, Brooklyn, appealed to the editors at a luncheon meeting today to adopt a unified set of principles straight from the Papal Social Encyclicals "which neither the Catholic reactionary nor the so-called Catholic radical can ignore and which must be accepted as a standard for action."

These must be hammered home to the readers, week after week, he urged, to convince all that the social and spiritual apostolate of the Church are "two sides of an identical coin."

SECULARISM DEPLORES as un-Christian, Bishop Ready told the convention, "anything antisocial or unsocial. And all the while secularism is trying with might and main to take over the rule of the universe."

"We should hardly call Pravda the 'strong sword-arm of justice,'" Bishop Ready continued. "We should scarcely regard Izvestia as the 'bright sunbeam of truth.'" It would take some argument to convince us that the Daily Worker is pledged to Religion, Liberty and Law. Noting the inexorable centering of our dailies into mergers and chains (chain, indeed, in more senses than one) we would pause a considerable time before dedicating ourselves to the proposition that all these papers are wholly devoted to maintaining 'the People's right' or that they are 'unawed by influence and unbribed by gain.'

Bishop Ready said that the Catholic editors and writers live and speak in the "daylight of truth." He added "You, and you alone of all the millions in your profession, have that wondrous point of vantage your religion, which enables you to see life steadily and to see it whole." We hear much of the overall view. Yours is the only genuine overall view, for it is a view which includes eternity."

IN HIS ADDRESS Father Smith told the editors that it is impossible to present the principles of the Social Encyclicals clearly "if we stubbornly cling to a defense of the status quo. We will always be dealing with of

### Papal Honor



Rev. Paul F. Tanner, Assistant General Secretary, National Catholic Welfare Conference, Washington, who has been elevated by Pope Pius XII to the rank of Papal Chamberlain with the title of Very Reverend Monsignor. Monsignor Tanner, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, was born in Peoria, Ill., and has been with the N.C.W.C. since 1941. (Hass-Stattler Studio. (NC Photos.)

He cited the policy of the Wage Earner, Detroit Catholic weekly, of presenting a seven-point summary of the Industrial Council plan of the Popes in each issue, with a detailed comment each time on some phase of the plan, and added "I can think of nothing which would give to our own social apologists a basis for unity and at the same time inform the outside world of the Catholic position, insofar as it is feasible, adopt the same technique week after week."

### Bishop Defines Catholic Press

Cleveland—(NC)—Bishop Michael J. Ready of Columbus, in his keynote speech at the Catholic Press Association convention here, gave the following definition of the Catholic Press: "In its great work of the Church, the Catholic Press plays a most important part. It carries to all the world the voice of the Supreme Pontiff. It supports and extends the admonitions of Bishops and pastors. It is a powerful bond of unity among the faithful. Its place and work are essential, not supplementary or incidental. In God's wondrous Providence for His children, the Catholic Press today is an instrument required, necessary and indispensable. The Church would be a thing too appalling to contemplate."

Honor Herold Redemptorist, Esopus, N. Y. (NC) The Redemptorist monthly, Perpetual Help is devoting the major part of its June issue to the Rev. Lawrence Edward Lynch, C.S.S.R. heroic chaplain killed on Okinawa in April 1945.

### 'Immorality' Trials Slated By Tito's Reds

Vienna—(NC)—The parallel between Nazism and Communism—in their ideology as well as in their methods—becomes even more obvious in the light of recent news from Yugoslavia which indicates that the Communist regime there is now apparently setting the stage for a series of "immorality trials" of priests and religious. Long the pattern introduced in Germany by Hitler and Goebbels in 1934 and 1935.

These new Communist tactics, as interpreted here by persons thoroughly familiar with the situation in Yugoslavia, are the result of the Communists' complete failure to shake the confidence of the people in their Bishops and priests by means of carefully staged political trials, which aimed at branding the clergy as "collaborationists" with Nazis and Fascists during the war. All these "trials," with their "revelations" and "confessions," produced results utterly at variance with the hopes and intentions of those who instigated these travesties of justice. It is well known that Archbishop Stepinac of Zagreb, now in jail as an "enemy of the people," and scores of priests and religious held in Communist prisons and concentration camps, are looked upon by the overwhelming majority of the people not as "criminals" but as martyrs.

FACED, LIKE THE Nazis after their seizure of power in 1933, with the failure of their attempt to drive a wedge between faithful and clergy, the Communist regime in Yugoslavia is now resorting to an imitation of the "smear" tactics employed by Goebbels.

Like the past master of Nazi propaganda, his Communist successors in Yugoslavia seek to "condition" the people for a campaign of vilification and slander, first hinting at, then openly charging priests and religious with moral transgressions. But for the difference of names and places, the reports reaching here from Yugoslavia could have been copied from the reports that came out of Nazi Germany 13 and 14 years ago. The role of Hitler's Gestapo has been taken over by the OZNA, the secret police of the Communist regime. Particularly in Slovenia numerous priests are reported to have been taken to OZNA headquarters, where they were accused of maintaining immoral relations with female members of their parishes.

In faithful accordance with Nazi precepts, these unfortunate priests were presented with statements by women and girls "confessing to violations of the moral code and implicating members of the clergy. The OZNA agents then threaten the priests with publicizing their alleged transgressions unless they, too, are willing to "confess."

There is not the slightest reason to doubt that these accusations of a moral nature against priests in Yugoslavia are just as baseless in fact as those that were brought against priests and religious in Germany.

### Settlement House Receives Visitor



Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington, following a reception tendered for him at Fides House in the Capital City, meets some of the underprivileged children for whom the Catholic Negro settlement house and recreational center was founded. Dr. Mary Elizabeth Walsh of the Sociology Department of Catholic University of America established the house in 1941, with a professionally trained, volunteer staff. (NC Photos.)

### Chaplains Pledge Fight Against Outlawing Corps

New York—(NC)—The Chaplains' Association of the Army and Navy of the United States will fight any attempt to use the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the McCollum case to abolish the Chaplains corps "in any Congressional hearing or in any court litigation anywhere in the United States."

So declared the Rev. Robert J. White, president of the association, which embraces Protestant, Catholic and Jewish chaplains, at the group's annual meeting here. Father White is dean of the Law School at the Catholic University of America and a Rear Admiral in the Naval Reserve.

"The chaplains will combat any attempts by atheists or communistic fellow travelers who seek to exile God and deprive the fighting men of America of the strength and consolation of Divine religion. I know that our association will take this stand in any proceeding or hearing and from this position we shall not retreat," the priest declared.

The chaplains' leader also touched on the problem of segregation, saying, "We are all sons of the same God Who regards not the color of skin but the fullness of the heart. Of ourselves and our association we do not wish it to be said, 'This people honoreth me with their lips but their heart is far from me.'"

### Vatican Corrects Legate Reports

Vatican City—(NC)—Current press reports concerning the mission of Archbishop Gustavo Testa as Apostolic Delegate to Palestine have been termed "inaccurate" by Vatican authorities here.

The statement refers to an article in Time magazine. The article said in part that "Delegate Testa will do his best to have at least three holy places—Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth—internationalized and placed under U. N. mandate."

Vatican authorities pointed out that Archbishop Testa as part of his mission will naturally do everything possible in order to protect the Holy Places or which might be helpful in reestablishing peace in Palestine. However, regarding the means of obtaining peace it is stated here that they are in the hands of the United Nations, and the Vatican, not being a member of the UN, has no connection whatsoever with these moves.

### Wins College Latin Contest

West Baden, Ind.—(NC)—Marquette University of Milwaukee has won the 19th Intercollegiate Latin contest conducted among the nine Jesuit colleges and universities of the Missouri and Chicago provinces.

### China Reds Offer Freedom to Nuns

Peiping—(NC)—A Chinese Communist radio broadcast heard here offered freedom for 12 nuns—five Americans, five Canadians and two British—detained since last November at their convent in Shienhsien, North China, but at the same time protested against efforts of American authorities who were concerned over the safety of the Sisters, and charged that the Catholic mission at Shienhsien was an espionage center. (Other dispatches quote the communist radio as making specific charges against five priests—three French, one Belgian and one Chinese—who were arrested last October following "confessions" admitting their espionage activity. Previous reports stated that these priests, identified as the Revs. Rene Carvet, S. J., Arthur Baur, S. J., John Motte, S. J., Marcel Lichtenberg, S. J., and Joseph Kia, have been held in solitary confinement since last October.)

AFTER REPEATED radio requests to communist listening posts in North China had failed to secure information as to the safety and the chances for release of the 12 Sisters members of the Shienhsien community of the Adorers of the Precious Blood, American consular authorities here sent letters to local communist authorities and to the Sisters which were dropped from an airplane over Shienhsien last May 3.

One letter, from Edmond O. Clubb, American Consul General in Peiping, voiced concern for the welfare of the Sisters and requested cooperation in enabling them to leave Shienhsien. Other letters, from Mother M. Emmanuel, Canadian Superior General of the Precious Blood Sisters, and Bishop Francis X. Shao of Shienhsien, formally instructed the Sisters to leave Shienhsien, were dropped as well.

late to abandon the convent which they founded 25 years ago. THE COMMUNIST spokesman, presumably a Red Army spokesman, said as saying that the Sisters had been found to be in no way connected with alleged espionage activities in Shienhsien, that they were now under the "protection" of the communist government and were free to leave the area.

Declaring that it was the customary policy of the liberation army to protect the religion of the people and their freedom of belief, the communist spokesman plausibly added that the activities of all foreign missionaries who conform to the laws and policies of the communist government will receive its protection. He offered, however, no explanation for the execution or death in Chinese communist prisons of more than 80 Catholic priests and Religious during the past two years.

The communist spokesman rebuked American authorities for dropping the letters to the Sisters from an airplane without previously obtaining permission from the Red government and declared the flight was a violation of the sovereign air rights of the communist regime.

IN "EVIDENCE" of international espionage activities at Shienhsien the communist spokesman cited an alleged "confession" in which 35 French and Chinese priests and Brothers imprisoned at Shienhsien accused themselves of having had a radio transmitter and receiver of preaching doctrines critical to communism and of fooling Catholics to join the Communist party.

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