

Czechs Cold To False Charges Of Prague Reds

(NC) — There are but few in Czechoslovakia who were deceived by the cry of "persecution" which the bosses of the formerly pro-Catholic, now communist-dominated Czech People's party have raised against the Church in connection with the disciplinary measures taken against the Rev. Josef Plojhar, a Catholic priest serving as Minister of Health in the Prague government.

Reports received here from Prague declare it to be "the talk of the town" that people who have not been seen inside a Church for years are loud in their proclamations of "sympathy" for the "innocent priest" who they charge is being "victimised" by "church dignitaries" subsiding on the "total kind of slavery" to the state.

EVAN MON-CAHILL, when speaking privately and sure of not being overheard by the increasingly active police, made fun of the "persecution" suffered by the suspended priest, who was often seen going about town and driving through the country in his luxurious official car.

The communist-dominated Czech youth organization, Mladá Fronta, in a statement broadcast by the Prague radio and monitored in the U. S., exploited the suspension of the Rev. Plojhar to launch a bitter attack against the Holy See.

The statement charged the Vatican with violating the modus vivendi concluded with Czechoslovakia, with playing "the main part in the action against Father Plojhar" and with "inciting the Church to the popular democratic movements against the legal government."

ASSERTING that the attitude of the Prague government toward the Church was "more than consistent" with the statement of the Vatican would probably be quibbled if it could announce to the world that the Church in Czechoslovakia had been driven back into the outdoors.

The events since the revolutionary coup last February have taught Czechs how easy it is to extract statements from the puppet leaders of purged parties and groups. They are not deceived by the similarity of names. They know that the Czech People's party today is not what it was in the past. They can see through the communist-directed maneuver aimed at raising a suspended priest who has openly disregarded the orders of his ecclesiastical superiors to the status of a national martyr.

10th in Cabinet



Maurice J. Tobin of Boston, who has been sworn in as Secretary of Labor in President Truman's cabinet, is the tenth Catholic to serve in a Presidential cabinet. An eleven Catholic, Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana, was nominated as Attorney General by President F. D. Roosevelt, but died before taking the oath of office. Mr. Tobin, former Boston mayor and governor of Massachusetts, is the first Catholic in the Labor post, and the second member of his faith nominated to the cabinet by President Truman. Former Postmaster Mannog was the other.

Boy's Faith Led Woman to Church

Milwaukee — (NC) — The words of a young Catholic stressing the lesson of resignation to God's will in adversity started a Boston newspaperwoman into the Faith. Dorothy G. Wayman of the Boston Globe tells the story in her book, "Like the Bells," published here by Bruce.

At a time when one of Mrs. Wayman's children was seriously ill, apparently a hopeless case, others tried to console her by sending flowers, etc., she recounts. But the errand boy in the office where she worked came to her one day saying: "I had Mass offered for you this morning."

Not knowing much about Catholicism, Mrs. Wayman asked if he meant that he had "lit a candle" for the boy's recovery.

The errand boy replied: "No, it might not be God's will for him to recover. I just said a prayer for you both."

This was the first time in her life that anyone had suggested that her will and her interests were not of paramount importance. Mrs. Wayman acknowledges. As her boy recovered, she began to wonder about the Church, which put one "in tune with a God who willed the same thing I willed so passionately. It was the first step toward her ultimate conversion.

Cologne Cathedral Marks 700th Year

Cologne, Germany—(RNS)—With more than 250,000 persons jamming surrounding streets, the 700th anniversary of the founding of Cologne Cathedral was observed here.

Seven cardinals and over 35 Archbishops and Bishops participated in the rites, which got underway with a mile-long procession from the Church of Maria Lij, located on the bank of the Rhine, to the great twinned cathedral, sixth largest in the world.

AS THE MARCHERS neared the cathedral, the sound of the pealing bells mingled with organ music and the voices of more than 100,000 persons raised in hymn-singing. The procession entered the side door of the famed Gothic edifice, since the main portico has not yet been restored.

Clemente Cardinal Micara, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Rites in Rome, who was named Papal Legate to the septenary, sang the Mass. Joseph Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, gave the sermon.

Following Mass, Cardinal Micara led a procession of prelates outdoors to the steps of the cathedral where he imparted the Papal blessing to the huge throng gathered in the church square. Among those with Cardinal Micara were Emmanuel Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop of Paris; Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, England; Joseph Cardinal van Roey of Malines, Belgium; Theodore Cardinal Imtizer of Vienna; and Michael Cardinal Faulhaber of Munich.

OTHERS INCLUDED Prince Giulio Pacelli, nephew of the Pope, who accompanied Cardinal Micara here from Rome; Bishop Aloystius J. Muench, of Fargo, N. D., who is acting as liaison officer between German Catholic authorities and the American Military Government, and Bishop John M. Gannon of Erie, Pa.

An open-air rally held at Cologne Stadium attracted 100,000 persons. They heard Bishop Gannon extend greetings from American Catholics and voice the hope that "the great German people, whose culture and whose outstanding achievements are known and appreciated throughout the civilized world, will not sink in hopeless bitterness but will instead take their honorable, shining place among the people of God."

Absent from the colorful ceremonies which marked the reopening of Germany's greatest cathedral was Joseph Cardinal Mindzenty, Primate of Hungary. Reports from Budapest said the Communist-dominated government had refused to give him a passport to travel here.



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Oberammergau Plans Passion Play In 1950

By MAX JORDAN

Munich—(NC)—As a preliminary to the Oberammergau Passion Play which is again to be presented two years hence, a votive play by Leo Weismantel, famed Catholic poet, is being enacted on the stage of Oberammergau during this summer.

The play describes the origin of the Passion Play in 1633 when the plague struck the village and, as a result, the inhabitants made the vow to present Our Lord's Passion on the stage for all generations to come.

THIS VOTIVE play had previously been presented in 1933 and 1938 and left a deep impression, since the emphasis of the plot was less on the historical background than on the deep religious significance of the vow.

The Passion Play itself, according to Mayor Raimund Lang, will again be enacted in 1950. "Unless arrangements can be made whereby the large number of refugees now crowding our village can be accommodated elsewhere, at least temporarily, we may be unable to welcome a large number of visitors for the occasion," Mayor Lang added.

This means that the Play may go on the stage only once in 1950 for the Oberammergau community exclusively, with perhaps a few special performances in neighboring villages.

MAYOR LANG, who is an architect by profession, is now making plans to build some 50 homes for the expellees who came to Oberammergau from the Eastern German provinces. There is hope, too, that the American authorities who have requisitioned some 40 of the best homes in the village may be willing to relinquish at least some of them.

On a City Street



"St. Francis of the City Street" is the title of this statue of the Little Poor Man of Assisi, which stands at the corner of 12th and Los Angeles Streets, Los Angeles. It is the work of sculptress Gemma d'Auria, author of many radio scripts for "The Hour of St. Francis." Archbishop J. Francis A. McIntyre of Los Angeles recently blessed the statue and addressed some 2,000 persons at a dedicatory service.

Card. Griffin Greet 1,000 Olympic Stars

By JOHN A. GREAVES

London — (NC) — "In these dark and difficult days it is a great experience for us to see before our eyes such a stirring reminder of the universality of the Church." His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, told nearly 1,000 athletes and officials of the Olympic Games from about 50 nations at a Benediction service in Westminster Cathedral.

The service followed a reception given for the Catholic athletes by the Cardinal in Westminster Cathedral Hall.

"IT GIVES ME great pleasure to welcome you as athletes who are determined to live your lives as true Christians and bring both the power and the principles of Christ into your sport and recreation," the Cardinal stated. "If this spirit of Christian sportsmanship permeates the Olympic Games a tremendous contribution will have been made towards the settlement of the present world discontent."

In receiving the Olympic stars Cardinal Griffin was introduced to each of the athletes and spoke to them individually through interpreters. He congratulated those who had won laurels, among them Emil Zatopek, Czech winner of the 10,000-meter race, and Austria's Helen Baume, javelin champion.

One group of the estimated 100 American Catholic athletes at the Olympics was present at the reception, but another group got lost while driving from camps at Uxbridge just outside London, and finally landed at Westminster Abbey, medieval church now in Protestant hands.

THE TWO unofficial Catholic chaplains with the American Olympic team, the Revs. Francis A. English of Paterson, N. J., and Joseph A. McMahon of St. Louis, who were at the reception, were distressed that the other group never got to it at all. A group of Canadians also got lost and missed the reception. The largest representation present was the Irish team. Italians, Czechs, and Austrians were also well represented. The Pakistani contingent wore national costumes complete with green turbans.

Mission Prayers Concern India's Catholic Schools

New York (NC) — Commenting on the September mission intention of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, "For the Defense of Catholic Schools in India," Bishop Thomas J. McDonnell, Auxiliary of New York and national director of the society, said that with her recently won independence, the question of education "assumes ever-increasing prominence" in India.

He pointed out that prior to the withdrawal of the British, certain rulings were enacted which created difficulties for the Catholic Church — such as provisions that in Catholic Schools of India and Ceylon the religions of the different pupils attending them, should be taught.

"As a result of such rulings," the Bishop continued, "the need for the establishment of Catholic institutions of learning independent of governmental grants became a necessity. However, the funds required for such a project were enormous and the Church in India, which is one of the oldest in Christendom, was unable to meet such an outlay."

Bishop McDonnell pointed out that there are some 300,000,000 followers of Hinduism in India and some 80,000,000 Mohammedans. He added that there are 4,000,000 Catholics in the country and the future for that minority "may constitute the turning point in a long history marked by tragedy and bloodshed."

"True Christian education," the Bishop asserted, "is the sole answer to the riddle of Hinduism; Christian charity is the only weapon strong enough to overthrow the prejudices of the Moslems, Sikhs, animists and thousands and one other Indian cultists."

Asks Release Of Passion Players

Oberammergau, Germany—(RNS)—With tentative plans being discussed for the 1950 Oberammergau Passion Play, officials of this historic Bavarian village have sent a petition to Marshal Sokolovki, Soviet military commander, for release of 50 Passion players still being held as prisoners of war by the Russians.

The Soviet Union has announced that the remaining 400,000 German POWs are to be returned by the end of 1948, but the present rate of release makes this almost impossible. The total number of Oberammergau players still in captivity is 91.

Swiss May Get Irish Short-wave Station

Dublin — (RNS) — It has been reported here that UNDA, Catholic broadcasting association in Switzerland, may seek to lease the Dublin short-wave radio station on which work was started under the former de Valera government, but suspended by the present administration for economic reasons.

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