

Card. Sapieha's Return Noted In Polish Press

Warsaw—(CIP)—The return to Poland of Adam Cardinal Sapieha, Archbishop of Cracow, was reported in the Communist and pro-Communist press of Poland without any comments.

The Cardinal's trip to Rome for his "ad limina" visit to the Holy See had also been mentioned without favorable or unfavorable remarks.

THE 81-YEAR-OLD Cardinal left Poland towards the end of June, spent a few weeks in Rome and then went to Brittany, France, where he took a rest. He left France August 25 to return to Cracow.

Although no official statement has been made about the matter, it was generally believed that Cardinal Sapieha's trip to Rome was connected with the violent reactions of the Polish press to the Pope's recent letter to the German bishops deploring the plight of the millions of Germans who have been expelled from the East.

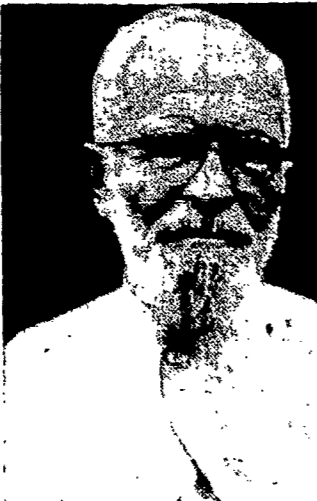
COMMUNIST papers and organizations used this letter as a pretext for attacking the Catholic Church, calling the Vatican and the Polish Hierarchy "Pro-Germans."

Cardinal Hlond, Primate of Poland, issued a pastoral letter declaring that the Pope had not mentioned or criticized the Oder-Neisse border between Poland and Germany.

In Germany, the Auxiliary Bishop of Munich, Bishop Johannes Neuhäusler, issued a statement declaring that the Pope had never, directly or indirectly, recognized the Oder-Neisse border.

The Polish press campaign against the Vatican has been discontinued in recent weeks.

Padre of Lepers Regrets Recall From Molokai



FATHER DUBOCHET

Fairhaven, Mass. — (NC) — Most folk, no doubt, would jump at the opportunity to retire after serving for a period in a leper colony, but not so this 76-year-old French priest, who has given 21 years of his life in ministering to the unfortunate at the famous colony of Molokai in Hawaii.

Father Peter DuBochet, DuBochet was stopping at the Sacred Hearts Monastery here when they broke the news to him that he would not return to the islands but had been assigned to the chaplaincy of a convent school in a Montreal suburb. The tanned bearded missionary, a decorated veteran of World War I who gave 27 years to mission work in France before going to Molokai was heartbroken.

"IT'S A GREAT sacrifice," he said, "but I obey I accept with full resignation, but it is not easy. After 21 years of service to the lepers in that beautiful island, I am told that I am now too old."

Before coming to the monastery here Father DuBochet had completed a year's furlough in France.

Survey Scores British Press For Secularism

London — (NC) — "No single secular newspaper in what is still described as a Christian country is unmistakably, integrally a Christian newspaper, specifically Christian in its basic philosophy, in content and in selection of content," the Royal Commission on the Press now sitting in London was told in a report on the religious aspects of the British press.

THE REPORT WAS signed by Tom Driberg, Labour party Member of Parliament, Fleet Street columnist and a well-known Anglican layman who has very pro-Catholic leanings.

"The dominant motive in newspaper publication being what it is, public morals as such (i.e. for their own sake) are not the concern of most newspapers," the report added.

"Still less is the defense or propagation of the Christian religion, though many leader writers (editorial writers) find its more picturesque aspects (e.g. the story of Christmas) an emotional asset at seasons at which 'hard' news is scarce and the desire to purchase well-advertised consumer goods needs stimulating."

"SPORT IS SOMETIMES described as the religion of the English people, but the extreme disparity between the space lavished on sport of all kinds, even in small newspapers, and the jealously guarded and often inaccurate treatment of religious news of any kind is noteworthy at a time when even secular leaders (including editors) are constantly telling us that the loss of religious faith is the great tragedy of the age and its revival a prime necessity."

"It is hardly too much to say that millions of newspaper readers are only made aware of the existence of the churches when a clergyman is involved in a scandal or when a pungent or ludicrous episcopal comment on, say, women's fashions is lifted from its context in a diocesan gazette."

"The religious essays published in some newspapers are excellent of their kind, but that kind is often too 'other worldly' to seem to most readers relevant to their everyday social and political problems."

"The distance between modern society and Christianity is now so wide that most people, certainly most journalists, would expect such a newspaper as a really Christian newspaper: if it existed, it would be solemn, unambiguous and limited in its range of interests. No existing newspaper staff could produce it."

"To say this is not to imply censure on existing newspaper staffs; they merely share the attitude of almost complete lack of interest in religion, or at best of faintly amused tolerance, endemic in modern society, and they are in addition probably somewhat more cynical than most people."

"The report complains of loopholes in the present ban on publication of divorce details and hints that some modifying ban could be imposed on gambling as injurious to public morals."

Negroes at Shrine
Ste. Anne De Beaupre, Que.— (NC) — Among recent groups of pilgrims to the internationally known shrine here recently was one of 81 negroes from Asbury, New Jersey.

TO 'INTER-RACIAL JUSTICE'



"Catholics are leading the way toward inter-racial justice in this country," declared Catherine Doherty, founder of Friendship, in Milwaukee where she stopped over last week after the close of sessions of the Summer School of Interracial Living at St. Joseph's Farm, Marathon City, Wisconsin. The former Baroness de Hudec was in Milwaukee to discuss her biography, "Tumbleweed," written by her journalist husband, Eddie Doherty, and just published by the Bruce Publishing Company. Mrs. Doherty (center) is here shown as she photographed personal copies of "Tumbleweed" for William Reid of Belle, British Honduras, a volunteer worker in Chicago's Friendship House who is a pre-med student at Creighton University; and Miss Lorraine Schneider, director of St. Joseph's Farm. (NC Photos.)

'Sister of Parachutists' Visits Canada and States

Montreal — (NC) — Sister Marie Chantal of the Dames Hospitalieres, "Sister of the Parachutists" who helped hundreds of Allied airmen to escape the Germans, is on her way home to Belgium. She will sail from New York Sept. 13, after long months of convalescence from her ordeal in concentration camps, to enter a Brussels convent where the poor and sick are cared for.

The story of this frail little nun is one of the epic of the war. From 1940 to 1944 she harbored hundreds of American, French, Belgian and other Allies in her convent near Louvain, furnishing them with false passports and civilian clothing and passing them on to the next station of the Belgian underground.

In February, 1944, she was wanted by the Germans and she and her convent were raided. She and her co-workers fled before the raid. The Germans expecting strong resistance from the Belgian Partisans, machine-gunned the empty convent before entering it.

The next day Sister Chantal was arrested and questioned for hours. She was slapped and kicked but told the Germans nothing. For several months she was shut in a cell.

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Pontiff Pleads For Faith Of Working Girls

Vatican City — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII appealed Sunday to 150,000 young women gathered before him in St. Peter's Square to go forward and win other young women to Christ.

The address was part of the 30th anniversary Young Women's Catholic Action Congress, which drew delegates from all parts of Italy and 19 other countries.

AT THE OPENING Mass at St. Mary Major's Basilica, 40,000 were present, inside and outside the Church; a stadium spectacle drew 70,000 girls, and Sunday morning 500 priests distributed Holy Communion to 100,000 persons. The congress concluded with a Mass at St. Peter's which brought together 200,000 young women in the Basilica and in the huge square outside.

As the Pontiff faced the sea of maroon berets and white blouses at St. Peter's, the heavens seemed to open in a driving down-pour. At the same time a great rainbow formed in the sky directly opposite the Basilica. But the rain continued and the wind blew in sporadic gusts.

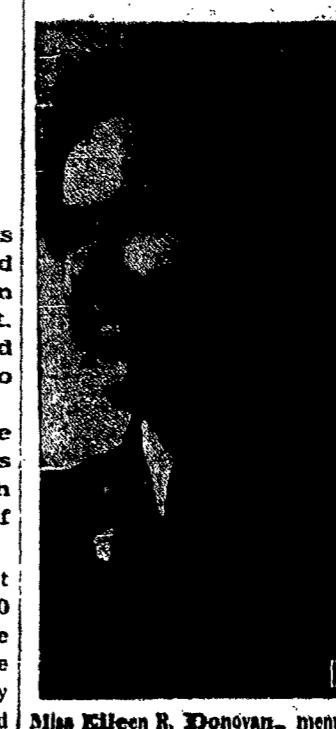
A few persons on the fringes of the throng hurried to shelter, but the great mass of persons and the high Vatican personages on the platform held their places to the end, and were thoroughly soaked.

HIS HOLINESS congratulated the women's organization on its impressive work, but noted that many others are outside the fold, and said: "How many are deceived by erroneous doctrines and illusions and are hostile because you are united with God, Christ and the Church? How can you have peace until you have won them over?"

His Holiness encouraged all to go forward in this conquest, particularly working girls and the daughters of working people. "Bring back your sisters to Christ," he urged.

The Pontiff said that great manifestations have importance in that they supply the inspiration for action, but when they pass then it is necessary to "continue the march of conquest day by day at the cost of great sacrifices and persevering fidelity to daily duties to God, neighbor and self; through prayer, good example and the practice of charity — always with a smile — to lift up hearts, spirits and souls through self-renunciation."

Overseas



Miss Eileen R. Donovan, member of a Catholic family of Boston, who has been named to assist William J. Sebald, U. S. political adviser to Allied headquarters and chairman of the Allied Council for Japan, Miss Donovan who held the rank of captain in the Women's Army Corps, now is one of the few women officers in the foreign service of the U. S. State Department. (NC Photo.)

Benedictine Head Will Tour U. S.

New York — (NC) — The Abbot Primate of the Benedictines, The Most Rev. Bernard Kaulin, O.S.B., arrived at La Guardia in a TWA plane from Geneva. He is the first Swiss citizen ever to be elected to the supreme office of the Benedictines and he is on his first visit to the United States.

His purpose in coming, he said, is to visit the 29 Benedictine abbeys and priories and the 33 Benedictine convents in this country. He will make the tour in an automobile, which has been presented to him by the Benedictine Abbots of the United States. The Rev. Hugh Farrington of Conception Abbey, Missouri, will act as his chauffeur and his secretary while he is in this country.

The Abbot Primate was met by Very Rev. Matthew Hoehn, Prior of St. Mary's Abbey, Newark, N.J., Father Farrington and a number of other priests. He went directly to the Newark Abbey where he will remain until his departure for St. Anselm's Abbey, Manchester, N.H.

The Abbot Primate was elected a year ago at a congress of Benedictine Abbots held at St. Anselm's College, Rome. International headquarters of the order, previously he was Abbot of Montegrotto, near Bolzano, Italy.

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Catholic Labor Program Urged In Germany

Cologne — (CIP) — "The architecture of a Christian social order must be founded on a sober understanding of reality," Bishop Johann Joseph von Diering, Bishop of Aachen-Chapelle (Aachen), declared at a three-day conference of the Catholic Labor Guilds (Katholische Arbeitsvereine) at Muenchen-Gladbach, British Zone of Germany.

The Labor Guilds are not labor unions but educational, religious and cultural organizations which train their members for active participation in the life of the labor unions and for an effective use of their rights and duties as citizens, similar to ACTU in the United States and AGLU in Italy.

"NO CATHOLIC WORKERS," Bishop von Diering declared, "should shirk the duty of active participation in the labor unions and regard personal comfort as more important than labor union action."

"Catholic workers should carry into their labor union the strength of their conviction, a sense of true social responsibility, and a Christian spirit of brotherhood. They should distrust slogans and refuse to be swayed by banners and high-sounding phrases... They must also play a constructive role in politics," he advised.

"Some people seem to be afraid that their hands might become dirty when they do this. But they must not be mistaken... Religion and life cannot be separated. If we are Christians, we must be Christians everywhere. He who realizes this is the apostle of our day," he said.

MONSIGNOR HERMANN Joseph Schmitt, General Sociological Adviser of the Catholic Labor Guilds and a former inmate of the Dachau concentration camp, gave a historical survey of the Christian social reform movement, comparing the situation today with that of a hundred years ago, when Bishop Wilhelm Emmanuel von Ketteler of Mainz advocated workers' rights and social reforms.

The Church and Christian principles were not recognized at that time as important factors in social and economic life, and many Catholics considered the role of the Church at that of a "brake-block" slowing down revolutionary developments, he stated.

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