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"PAPER REDS" AWAIT PURGE

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 to become good Communists has only started.
 "By signing the form they have become formal members but by fulfilling their obligations intensively and every day, be it at their jobs in the local Party organization or in public life, they had the duty of carrying out what they promised when signing their membership forms."
 "ONE OF the main tasks of the coming check-up will be to find out how this promise is being fulfilled, and how Communists understand membership in the Party."

"Paper Communists" would have an impossible time to show that they make efforts to enlarge their political knowledge. The only real way to demonstrate it would be to purchase and read Party publications. But the Party's publications have no appeal. They must compete with non-Party publications. Even though there is no free press, Czechs still read their favorite pre-February publications. The publications of the controlled non-Communist political parties are more popular than those of the Communist Party. Czechs just naturally like anything that is not directly labelled by the Communist Party.

Since the announcement of the Communist Party's purge some "paper Communists" have been receiving daily copies of *Bude Pravo*, official organ of the Czechoslovak Communist Party. Clerks in government offices and nationalized industries find a copy on their desks or at their places of work each morning. Some receive the paper by mail, while workers are being handed copies.
 Not only "paper Communists" but also all other Party members will be investigated. The Communist Party stated: "Those who sympathize with the policy of the Communist Party are not automatically good Communists."
 "The 'paper Communists' know they have one point in their favor. The Communist Party has admitted that the purge is not identical with mass expulsion. The Communists are just not strong enough. There would be few members left. As one civil servant, who is a 'paper Communist,' said to me, 'Who would be left?'"

Israeli Soldiers Desecrate Sacred Host, Church Statues

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 Image until now has not been returned.
 "The soldiers at the beginning did not permit the Sisters to perform their religious duties except at times fixed by them; afterward they were given freedom."
 This section of Monsignor Vergani's statement concludes with a demand, in the name of the Pope, "for the immediate evacuation of the church, which cannot be put to any profane use, especially for direct war purposes; the immediate evacuation of the hospice and its return to the Sisters, it being impossible for Sisters to live with half-dressed men in the same building."
 "The ancient Synagogue and Hospice of the Custody of the Holy Land":
 "On June 1, the Superior, the Rev. Peter Loy, was taken first to the Italian Hospice (Beattitudes) and after to Fierlas with the Sisters. He protested so strongly that he was taken back in the evening of the same day. Those few hours were sufficient for the intruders. When he came back he found many things stolen, especially the cow, and the house of the servant rummaged and robbed.
 "They (the Jewish soldiers) left him ten days without anything to eat, since they had closed the road with a road-block, and had stolen the cow, from whose milk he was living." At last two men came: "They told the Father that it was a misunderstanding, and since then two loaves of bread were given to him each week."
 Reports of Monsignor Vergani and Father Rizik occasioned a request for a United Nations investigation, filed last month by Magr. Thomas J. McMahon, national secretary of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.
 They also elicited a statement from the Ministry of Religious Affairs of the Israeli government saying that an immediate investigation into these reports had been ordered and that, if verified, those responsible would be punished. It denied any intention of expropriating church property and emphasized the appointment of special liaison officers in the Israeli army to safeguard holy places.

At Boys' Town



New Director of Boys' Town, Nebraska institution for homeless boys, is Magr. Nicholas H. Wegner, chancellor of the Omaha, Neb., diocese. He succeeded the late Father Flanagan, founder of Boys' Town, who died in Germany in May on a War department mission. (N.C. Photos.)

Pope Pius Urges Social Justice

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 ons are placed in "the hands of violent men, of parties that dominate with the brutality of force, and of omnipotent states that oppress people they become terrible means with which to carry out injustice, slavery and cruelty and increase to an intolerable degree the sorrow and anguish of peoples in modern wars."
 On the other hand, Pope Pius continued, when these weapons are "used and managed by a human society that fears God and obeys His laws," the technical advancement may be "subordinated in accordance with Divine will to the dignity, freedom, peace and earthly happiness of men, and especially of eternal happiness."
 During the celebrations, Pope Pius blessed the first stone of a huge new international Catholic Youth center which will be erected behind St. Peter's near the Benedictine monastery of St. Girolamo. The building is being constructed in fulfillment of a promise made by Luigi Gedda, general president of Catholic Action, in 1943, to erect a "Domus Paris" in honor of Pope Pius XII if the pontiff survived the war unhurt.
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U. S. Senators Visit Pope; Hear Plea on Peace Effort

Rome—(RNS)—An appeal that legislators work for peace "without regard to borders or parties" was made by Pope Pius XII during an audience to delegates attending the 37th conference of the International Parliamentary Union here.
 Among the delegates were Senator Alben Barkley of Kentucky, Democratic vice-presidential candidate, who was later received in a private audience during which Pope Pius gave him a message of good will and friendship to President Truman.
 FOLLOWING the general audience, the Pope also spoke to a group of the 16-man American delegation to the conference, expressing "sincere appreciation for what the United States has done for humanity." The group included Senator Scott Lucas (D, Ill.).
 Representing 27 countries, the delegates at the general audience were received by the Pope at his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo. Accompanying them were foreign diplomats stationed in Rome and a group of delegates' wives and children.
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Aids School Fund San Diego (NC)—Royalties from a newly-conceived mechanical kitchen dishwasher will be turned over to the San Diego Catholic University foundation fund by a pair of San Bernardino industrialists Emmett J. Culligan and his son, inventors and manufacturer of the home appliance.

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