

REPORTS ON WAR RECOVERY



Reporting "excellent progress" in her country towards recovery from war damage, Mrs. Remedios Forlich, first congresswoman in the Philippines to be elected to the U. S. House of Representatives, is pictured with Mrs. John G. Abelle (right), wife of the Senator-elect from the Philippines to the United States, during their visit to the headquarters of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in Washington, Mrs. Forlich, who has just returned from an audience with Pope Pius XII, was accompanied by the U. S. Government for her aid against the Japanese invasion in Mindanao. (NC Photos)

Philippine Woman Leader Reports Islands' Progress

Washington — (NC) — The first congresswoman of the Philippines, here on a trip that took her to a papal audience in Rome and which will include visits to Argentina and Brazil, reports "excellent" progress in her country towards recovery from war damage.

Mrs. Remedios Forlich, who also the "Guerrilla Queen" of the Philippines, the Rev. Edward Sheehy, S.J., during the trip to Rome to see the Pope, she said that her trip to the Western Hemisphere is largely connected with the reconstruction effort.

WHILE IN EUROPE she also visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal, between a busy round of international conferences which took her to Berlin, England, Holland, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark, and France, she flew to Europe via India and the Near East. The Liberal Party congresswoman, the widowed mother of two girls and a boy said that the United States was "just what she expected."

For her work with Father Haggerty, who acted as liaison officer between the U. S. Army and the Philippine guerrillas, Mrs. Remedios Forlich was decorated by the American Government. She helped supply food to many of the guerrillas during the conflict. Her husband, who had been governor of the province of Bukidnon, was killed during the war and received an American decoration posthumously. Her older brother, a senator from Mindanao, was executed by the Japanese.

ASKED IF SHE had held any official positions before the war, the Philippine legislator, who is from a family of nine girls, replied that she had been "just a housewife" at that time. However, she explained, "our family was always in politics, and since we lost our men the women have had to grow up."

Highlight of her trip to the United States was a call on His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, who during his Pacific tour earlier this year had invited her to visit him in New York. The woman legislator has inspected U. S. cattle in Maryland and New Jersey, but the major portion of her visit to the United States, including her projected journey to Texas and the Midwest will follow her trip to South America. There she will visit two missionary brothers of her father — her father was the only man in his family who did not become a missionary.

Grateful for Aid Prague — (NC) — James J. Norris, director of European projects of War Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference, has called on Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague who expressed to him his deepest gratitude for the work done in Czechoslovakia by the American Catholic agency.

Bishop Blames Youth Faults To Parent Neglect

East St. Louis, Ill. — (RNS) — Bishop Albert R. Zuroweste of the Belleville Catholic Diocese declined to join in a campaign of the East St. Louis Ministerial Alliance against vice in this city.

The bishop gave as a reason that the move might be interpreted as a political endorsement of certain candidates in the Nov. 2 election. He did, however, condemn gambling and other vice, and criticized parents as the root of many evils.

BISHOP ZUROWESTE was approached by the Rev. A. A. Anderson of the First Assembly of God church who is chairman of the Alliance's Action Committee. The committee planned to get the views of the various candidates on the vice problem before the election and to give an opinion on them.

Bishop Zuroweste's reply, issued by his secretary, the Rev. Gregory Holtgrave, said, in part: "The bishop is of the opinion that the action of any group calling upon politicians or city officials to do this or that is a political endorsement or rejection of certain candidates."

"WE SURELY condemn the evils that exist in modern society today and we must unite our forces in attacking the causes rather than the results of this modern moral breakdown."

"When mothers send their little children for cigarettes to the corner tavern, one can hardly blame the tavern operator. When parents permit their teen-aged sons and daughters to enter taverns and stay away from home until 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning, the guilty parties are the parents. When father and mother remain away from their home several nights a week until the early morning hours, again we say it is the parents who should be taken to task."

'Red Dean' Visit To Canada Opposed

Ottawa — (NC) — Dr. Hewlett Johnson, the "Red" Dean of Canterbury, will speak in Ottawa under sponsorship of a local People's Forum during a tour of Canada which has been sponsored by the Canadian Soviet Friendship Council of Toronto, but already there is some indication that he is not altogether welcome in the Canadian Capital.

One Anglican minister and one Baptist minister, who were invited to help the local sponsoring committee, have withdrawn their support. The meeting will take place here on November 8.

The "Red Dean" was refused entry to the United States for a tour which was to have been sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, because the council was listed among subversive groups.

Card. Hlond Dies; Two Cardinals Left Behind Red Curtain

Vatican City — (Radio, NC) — The death of His Eminence August Cardinal Hlond, Primate of Poland, at the age of 67, removes from the world scene one of the staunchest foes of atheistic communism east of the "iron curtain" and leaves only two Princes of the Church in countries now under Red domination. They are Their Eminences Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, and Adam Cardinal Sapieha, Archbishop of Cracow.

THE PRIMATE'S death also reduces the Sacred College of Cardinals to 56—14 short of its maximum complement of 70. There are now 21 members of Italian nationality and 35 of non-Italian nationality in the Sacred College.

The Cardinal died in St. Elizabeth's hospital in Warsaw after complications developed following an appendicitis operation. He received Extreme Unction from Bishop Zygmunt Choromanski, his Auxiliary in Warsaw.

AS PRIMATE of the Church in Poland, Cardinal Hlond for the past nine years has borne the brunt of the attacks first of nazism and then of communism on the Christian aspirations of the Polish people.

At the beginning of World War II the Cardinal escaped from Poland, with nazis strafing his fleeing car, to report personally to the Vatican on the ruthless destruction of the Church by the then onrushing German forces. After Poland collapsed he was refused reentry into his native land and spent most of the war years in France, where he became a house prisoner when that country was completely taken over by the nazis.

He refused every overture of the nazis to grant leniency for himself at the price of cooperating with them. Though a long-time foe of communism he rejected nazis pressure to issue for propaganda use a public denunciation of the Soviets.

AFTER LISTENING to a nazis proposal in 1944 that he would be permitted to return to Warsaw if he consented to head a "national Polish Committee," the Primate answered: "You have not found a single traitor in Poland. You are mistaken if you think the Cardinal Primate would be the first."

When the Allies invaded France the Germans deported Cardinal Hlond to Germany. He was released from captivity on Easter Sunday of 1945 by the American Ninth Army at Wiedenbrueck near Paderborn in Westphalia.

UPON RETURNING to Poland in the later part of 1945 the Cardinal met with new opposition from the Polish regime. His meaning of religious freedom, he told newsmen, was quite alien to the concept in western countries. Pastoral letters were censored before being published, he related; the Catholic press was restricted, and Catholic youth organizations ceased to exist.

While the Primate repeatedly warned his faithful of the methods of slow strangulation being used by the communist-dominated Polish regime against the Church he never gave up hope for the Church's final victory in Poland. "The Church has survived a whole apocalypse of suffering and persecutions," he told the faithful, "and will suffer until Christ obtains victory. In Poland we will see the triumph of God's work." Poland will emerge from its bitter, current crisis and build the future "wholly in the spirit of Christ," he said confidently to a N.C.W.C. News Service correspondent.

The Cardinal was born on July 5, 1881, in Przekocin in Upper Silesia. He entered the Salesian Congregation of Don Bosco and was ordained in 1905. Pope Pius XI named him first Bishop of the new Katowice diocese in 1925.

In June 1926 he was made Archbishop of Gniezno and Poznan and Primate of Poland, succeeding the late Cardinal Dalbor. A year later, in the Consistory of June 20, 1927, he was created a Cardinal by Pope Pius XI at the age of 45, becoming at that time the youngest Cardinal in the world. In 1946 Cardinal Hlond was transferred to the Archdiocese of Warsaw, remaining also head of the Archdiocese of Gniezno.

ATHENS CATHEDRAL Has Rosary Observance Athens — (RNS) — A special service was held in the Cathedral here to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Association of the Rosary in Greece. The Most Rev. Marcus Sigalas, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Athens officiated. More than 2,000 persons attended the service, with many unable to enter the crowded cathedral.

'Mercy-killing' Condemned By Vienna Doctor

Vienna — (NC) — "Medicine is not a mathematical proposition in which everything can be exactly calculated, but science which always allows for surprising turns," said Dr. Leopold Schoenbauer, Viennese surgeon of Eurog on remon, in a lecture in which he took a pronounced stand against the supporters of euthanasia, who seek to justify the "painless" killing of incurables.

"EVERY MAN'S conscience must rise in revolt against the idea of intentionally killing an innocent person," Dr. Schoenbauer said. "Even more must the conscience of a doctor protest against such an act. Not even criminals are killed; often they are kept alive for many years at the expense of the State. Should it, then, be permissible to kill poor, helpless people because they are 'inconvenient' and cause expense?"

"Let no one say that the incurability of an invalid justifies killing him. Who can affirm with absolute certainty that a patient is hopelessly ill? How often has the condition of most serious cases been changed by an unexpected turn for the better? In recent years, it has even been possible to cure apparently hopeless cases of mental illness through an operation."

"It is the doctor's task to heal. He welcomes the child at his birth. He accompanies man through all the stages of his life, safeguarding him against disease. He is a friend, counselor and protector of the family. And that is his profession. Never may he be a party to killing a human being."

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MR. MARSHALL AND POPE



A United States Secretary of State and a former Papal Secretary of State met when His Holiness Pope Pius XII received in audience Gen. George C. Marshall, U. S. Secretary of State. The two conferred at the Papal summer residence, Castelgandolfo, near Rome. Informants said the 50-minute audience was a "long and cordial one, touching upon matters of interest to the peace of the world." As Papal Secretary of State, Pope Pius XII visited the United States in 1936. AP Wirephoto. (NC Photo)

Pontiff-Marshall Meeting Cited As 'Comforting Omen'

Vatican City — (Radio, NC) — The meeting between His Holiness Pope Pius XII and U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall, during which they discussed "various questions concerning the good of humanity and the cause of peace," cannot but be interpreted everywhere "as a good omen," states an editorial in Osservatore Romano. The paper warns that a third world war would mean suicide for the world.

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