

Bring on the Reds', Say Maryknollers

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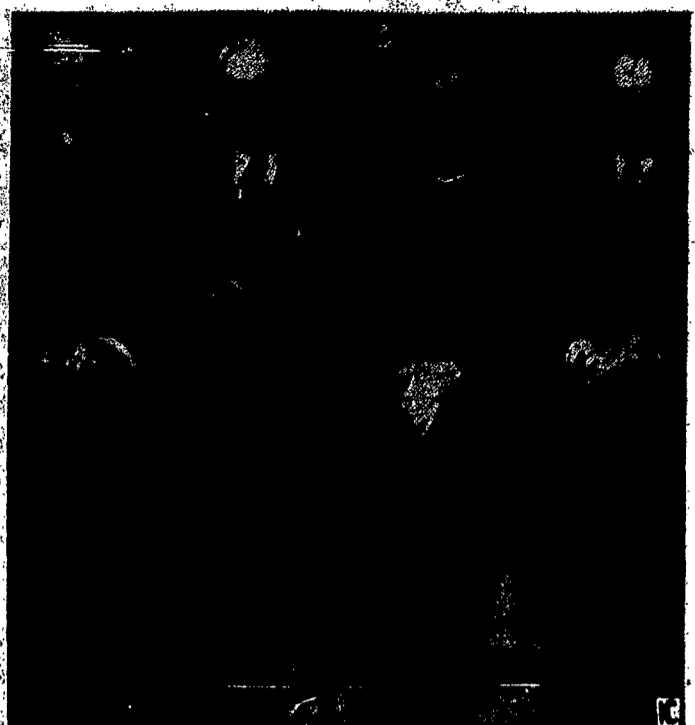
Maryknoll, N. Y. (NS) — "I do not know what will happen when the Communists arrive, but I intend to remain here as long as the Holy See permits. After all, the Communists need to be converted."

This quotation by Bishop Walsh, former Superior General of the Maryknoll Fathers, from a Shanghai, expresses the policy adopted by all the Maryknoll missionaries in China, according to the Very Rev. Thomas S. Walsh, Vicar General of the Maryknoll Fathers.

Father Walsh said: "It is the intention of Maryknoll to continue its missionary work in China with its present personnel unless forcibly obliged to stop."

One million of the Communists, Bishop Walsh said, are in the territory held by Communist forces.

Authoritative statistics on the Church in China show that of 12,783 Bishops, priests, Brothers and Sisters in the country, 4,487 are in the territory held by Communists.



More than 10 per cent of the Catholics in China have been killed or deported by the Communists and 90 per cent of the Protestant churches have been closed or destroyed, according to Monsignor Mykolas Krupavicius, chairman of the Supreme Lithuanian Committee of Liberation, former Minister of Health in Lithuania and condemned to death "in absentia" by the Russians. He is pictured on a visit to Washington, left to right: Leonard Similia, President of the Lithuanian American Council; Povilas Zedelius, Minister of Lithuania in the United States; and Monsignor Mykolas Krupavicius, former Lithuanian diplomat. Chase-Battler photo. (NS Photos).

Priest Counsels By Hitch-hiking

Cleveland — (NS) — Hitch-hiking is more than just a way of getting from place to place for an Ohio priest. With him it is a missionary work.

The Rev. Eugene G. Karch of St. Peter's Church, North Ridgeville, O., has been doing it for 18 years, and during that time he has ridden with thousands of drivers, met people who had never talked to a priest before, straightened out marriages and induced fallen-away Catholics to return to the Sacraments.

Father Karch adopted this mode of travel during the early '30s when he was stationed at Staten Island, New York. Each time he walked about his duties there, cars pulled up and he was invariably offered a lift. He found that he met all kinds of people in this way and that the conversation usually turned to prayer.

In time, he composed a prayer for his benefactors and last May had it printed on numbered stubs with a sticker for each driver attached. As he rides along, he writes the driver's name and address on the stub.

The prayer, which he leaves pasted in the car, reads: "Thank you, my gentle driver. May God reward you with divine blessings." Since May he has given out 260 stickers in commuting between his rectory and downtown Cleveland.

Baptists Oppose Equal School Aid

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — Federal aid to education which would bar funds to private schools was urged here in a resolution adopted by the Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations of U. S. Baptists.

The resolution called on Congress to defeat attempts of any church group to obtain public funds for parochial schools. It specifically urged revision of a federal aid-to-education bill in Congress, to provide that the aid go only to public schools.

THE BILL, introduced by Senators Thomas (D-Utah) and Taft (R-Ohio), calls for expenditure of \$300,000,000 a year for aid to elementary and secondary schools. As now written it would leave it up to the states to decide whether the funds would be used for private and parochial schools in addition to public institutions.

Presently, action bills for federal aid to education is at a standstill.

'Look' Cites Priests For Labor Interest

New York — (NC) — Tribute is paid to nine American "labor priests" in an article in the current Look magazine, with the comment that they are representatives of a new power in labor circles today.

"Without fanfare, the Catholic labor priests have entered wholeheartedly into trade unionism. They have carried their breviaries, onto picket lines, into drab meeting halls, collective-bargaining conferences and Congressional hearings."

"THEY HAVE counseled top labor officials on their struggles with communists and powerful corporations. And with their labor schools, they have educated the rank-and-file union members," it is declared.

There has been strong opposition to the work of the labor priests it is stated, but the LOOK writers' conclusion is that "no one can force them out of the labor movement now — not the suspicious labor leaders, or the Catholic conservatives, or the communists. The labor priests are here to stay."

The LOOK authors, Victor Riesel, labor editor of the New York Post, and Aaron Levenstein, labor editor of the Research Institute of America, single out the following priests for special mention:

THE REV. CHARLES Owen Rice, described as the Pittsburgh "fophouse priest" who has picketed with steelworkers, fed them during walkouts, raised ball for them, and planned strategy with them.

The Rev. William J. Smith, S.J., head of the Crown Heights Labor School in Brooklyn, and "a gadfly to conservative employers and communists alike."

The Rev. George G. Higgins, assistant director of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

(Father Ugrinis is a weekly columnist of the Courier-Journal. His writings always appear on Page 4.)

The Rev. John S. Monaghan, of Staten Island, N. Y., one of the founders of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists.

The Rev. Benjamin L. Masse, S.J., associate editor of the Jesuit weekly, America, a "journalist with a mission: to bring labor and management together without the costly strikes that cut into wages and profits."

ALSO NAMED WERE the Rev. Jerome N. Drolet of New Orleans, Rev. Raymond S. Clancy of Detroit, Rev. Thomas E. Shortell of Boston and Rev. Phillip Carey, S.J., of Xavier Labor School New York City.

The article cites the powerful influence of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists and the National Catholic Welfare Conference as supports of labor.

MENTAL ILLS NEED RELIGION

New York — (NC) — The quickening pace of modern living and the ever-widening abandonment of religion are two factors contributing in large measure to the increasing mental unrest in the world today, the Rev. Richard Glinder, editor of The Priest magazine, declared in an address on the Faith in Our Time program, carried by the Mutual Broadcasting System.

Father Glinder, quoting statistics of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, said there are 700,000 patients in American mental hospitals and another 300,000 awaiting admission. He stressed that 53 per cent of all hospital patients are in mental institutions.

Religion is the one force best suited to adapt people to the problems of the atomic age, Father Glinder said.

He added: "I'm sure that any psychiatrist will agree that a chief factor in many cases of neurosis and psychosis is the feeling of shame, guilt and remorse that follows sin."

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Trial Assaults Human Rights In UN Charter

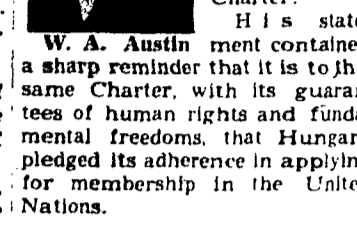
Lake Success, N. Y. — (NC) — Warren R. Austin, chief of the United States Delegation to the United Nations, has denounced the trial of His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty as a "brutal and flagrant disregard" of the United Nations Charter.

His statement contained a sharp reminder that it is to his same Charter, with its guarantees of human rights and fundamental freedoms, that Hungary pledged its adherence in applying for membership in the United Nations.

THE STATEMENT also cited the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Article Nine of the Declaration proclaims the individual's right to protection from arbitrary arrest and detention, the statement recalled. Article Ten safeguards the individual's right to a "fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal, in the determination of his rights and obligations and of any criminal charge against him."

Ambassador Austin's statement also warned that "the persecution of religious groups is not only an offense against the moral conscience of mankind, but is also a warning signal of the spread of tyranny and oppression of all kinds."

At the same time, a spokesman for the United States U. N. delegation said that no specific steps had been decided upon by this country with regard to bringing the case before the United Nations.



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College Atheism Fatal, Ex-Red Warns Students

New York — (RNS) — Lack of religious faith and training and a resultant loss of faith in democracy led to the shrine of this weird god academic freedom. These young students, he declared, have left on their campuses their shattered faith in God and their moral sense their sense of right and wrong.

Liberalists in education, he accused, "have cast aside the magnificent traditions in our education have stolen from the hearts and souls of generations of boys and girls the faith of their fathers."

MISS BENTLEY related that "in high school I found religion smug and superficial and it seemed to have no connection with the problem of social suffering."

At Vassar the professors of religion and religious teachings itself were equally dull and stuffy, she marked. During her university days, she added, atheism "was widespread throughout the country by many atheism clubs."

The speaker declared that when her father and mother died, she "tried to turn to religion for consolation but found none there."

"In 1934, when I met my first Communist, I was an agnostic and a pushover for any kind of a political philosophy," Miss Bentley continued. "It was easy to think I had found the truth and a cause to which I could dedicate myself."

The speaker said that after she had joined the Communist party she attended Columbia University and "for three and a half years I was indoctrinated with all the Communist beliefs."

"During my indoctrination they put blinders on me and I couldn't see anything else," she declared. "They made a fanatic of me."

"SINCE I HAD lack of religious training, I also had a shaky foundation in democracy. For you cannot have democracy without religion right behind it. I believe democracy is founded on religion. As I drifted away from religion to materialism, I also drifted away from belief in our democracy. Since I had no faith in democracy, I could only see the things that were wrong in this country."

Bishop's Entrance To Mexico Denied

San Diego, Cal. — (RNS) — Mexican immigration officials at the Tijuana port of entry denied entrance to Roman Catholic Bishop Charles F. Buddy of San Diego because he wore clerical attire.

Bishop Buddy was enroute to Tijuana to attend a ceremony honoring the Most Rev. Galindo Mendoza, newly-appointed Bishop of Baja California. At the border he was told it was against Mexican law for a clergyman to wear apparel publicly, except while on church property.

The bishop returned to San Diego, after refusing to remove his Roman collar and cassock. He was subsequently informed by phone that permission had been granted for him to enter Mexico.

Converts in Africa Total 600 Daily

Franklin, Pa. — (NC) — The White Fathers of Africa, at work in territory having a population of 22,000,000 persons are steadily increasing the number of Catholics there at the rate of 600 daily, according to word reaching the American headquarters of the community here.

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