

# Romania Church Hit By Red Persecution

Paris (NC)—Acts of violence in Romania against priests of the Greek-Catholic Church have been charged in a verbal protest by Bishop Gerald F. O'Hara, Regent at the Apostolic Nunciature in Bucharest.

"PRIESTS HAVE been taken, most often by force, to the chief towns of departments administrative areas, to the offices of the national police, the Apostolic Regent said. "They have been threatened with imprisonment, with separation from their families (Eastern Rites priests are permitted to marry), with deportation or death. "Those who persisted in their opposition after the initial threats were imprisoned in underground cells, tortured, made to undergo extended questioning, and have been freed only if, at the point of force and overcome by the inhuman methods of their guards, they agreed to sign."

**New Government Rules Control All Churches**  
Bucharest (RNS) — Far-reaching government regulations of Romania's church groups, ranging from control of their property and funds to supervision of their religious art, was officially decreed here. The decree, published in the government gazette, outlined the

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## Pope Pius Condemns 'Trial' Of Prelate as New 'Outrage'

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took just over twenty minutes to deliver.  
(The consistory was the first of its kind since Pope Pius IX convened the Cardinals in February, 1874 to denounce the German "Kulturkampf" of Chancellor Bismarck. At that time the German government had arrested Polish Archbishop Ledochowski for opposing Germany's attempt to suppress religious teaching in Poland. The archbishop was imprisoned for two years and then ordered exiled.)  
The Holy Father said that disrulers of the Catholic Church in Hungary was the obvious and principal object of the trial. He denounced as "completely false" the assertions made during the trial that the Holy See "gave instructions to oppose the Republic of Hungary and its rulers."  
"Everybody knows," the Pope said, "that the Catholic Church does not act through worldly motives, and that she accepts any and every form of civil government, provided it be not inconsistent with Divine and human rights."  
"But," he added, "when it (civil government) does contradict these rights, Bishops and the faithful themselves are bound by their own conscience to resist unjust laws."  
THE SUPREME PONTIFF noted that "people outside Hungary who asked permission to be present at the trial, were refused permission if they seemed likely to judge impartially or to give a sincere report." He said that the speed with which the trial was conducted, furnished reason for suspicion.  
He also referred to the "physical condition of the Cardinal which is, indeed, inexplicable except as a result of a secret influence which may not be publicly revealed."  
The Pope asserted "it is only the sacred principles of religion which can moderate within the limits of reason the duties and rights of citizens, consolidate the foundations of the state, and make men's lives conform to the salutary norms of morality, restoring them to order and virtue."

## Physician Tells Lima Men How To Combat Communism

Lima — The devout Catholic layman, practical in his Christian charity, is the strongest defense against the advance of atheistic Communism.  
This was the message given 125 men who attended the annual Communion Breakfast of St. Rose Church by Dr. Carl C. Koester, of Batavia.  
Breakfast was held in the Town Hall following corporate Communion at the 8 a. m. Mass in St. Rose Church.  
The Batavia physician was heard in a graphic description of the dangers and threats of Communism. He cited Abraham Lincoln as a teacher and exponent of true democracy.  
Guests of honor included officers of the Holy Name Society of St. Paul's Church, Honeyoye Falls.  
The annual event was under the direction of President, George E. Mix; Vice-President, James E. Kane; Secretary, Bernard Ryan; Treasurer, Edward Hogan, and a committee composed of John Garry, Albert Whalen and James O'Connell who are responsible for the outstanding success of the affair.  
Breakfast was served by the ladies of Court FitzSimons, C.D.A. under the supervision of Grand Regent, Mrs. Gerald Madigan assisted by Mrs. Mary O'Connell, Mrs. George Hanrahan and Miss Jane Leary.  
At the annual election of officers for the Holy Name Society the following men were designated for 1949: President, Albert J. Whalen; Vice-President, Charles Courtney; Secretary, George France; Treasurer, Arthur Brooks.

## McGrath Elected By Cabrini Club

Charles McGrath was installed as new president of the St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Club of St. Peter and Paul's Church at a buffet supper Sunday evening.  
Other new officers who took over at this meeting were: Esther Doyle, vice-president; Catherine Bonn, secretary; and Thomas Mullen, treasurer.  
New committee heads will be appointed by McGrath at the next quarterly business meeting. Rev. Robert Kress continues as moderator and spiritual director.  
Outgoing officers are: Al Gruenzauer, president; Mary Jane Stansell, vice-president; Kay Doyle, secretary; and John Dengler, treasurer.  
After the ceremony a bowling party was held at the Perry Bowling Hall in West Avenue.  
The Cabrini Club is planning a Communion breakfast for the early part of March and a Retreat is scheduled in April. Details will be announced later. No social events will be held during Lent.

## Cardinal Spellman Calls for Continued U.S. Aid to Needy

New York (NC)—An appeal for continued American aid to the needy and homeless abroad was made by His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, at the departure of a shipment of some \$200,000 in food, clothing and medicines for refugees in the Near East.  
The Cardinal blessed the shipment which was placed aboard the SS A. J. Falkland. It is part of the relief program of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, of which the Cardinal is president, and NCWC-War Relief Services.

## Friars To Repair Cook Academy

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dents will be provided on the second and third floors. For the 18 faculty members the third floor will contain nine altars, 13 bedrooms and two guest suites. The fifth floor will house 21 brothers.  
AIM OF THE SOCIETY of the Atonement is to train young men "spiritually, intellectually and physically," the priest explained.  
He outlined the spiritual and intellectual program which the Friars will inaugurate for their new school and described the three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience which underlie their community life. The new seminary will educate students for the priesthood and for work as brothers.  
The Franciscan Friars bought the prominent educational institution and its 40-acre plot in October, 1948, for \$91,000. Wartime conditions forced Cook Academy to close in 1943.  
It was first established in 1857 by Charles Cook, who wished to provide a school under Christian influences. It was sold in 1870 to the Northern Baptist Convention, which operated it until 1943. Among prominent figures in its alumni is the distinguished Chinese statesman, Dr. Wellington Koo.  
The Friars of the Atonement, with headquarters at Graymoor Monastery, N. Y., is represented in the Archdiocese of New York, Washington and Vancouver, B. C.; and in the Dioceses of Amarillo, Ogdenburg, Raleigh, and Nelson, B. C.

## Protestant Building Booms in Progress

Columbus (RNS) — One of the biggest booms in Protestant church building is now in progress in the United States it was announced at the annual meeting here of the International Council of Religious Education. A total of \$8,000,000 in buildings is under way, and construction amounting to \$100,000,000 is scheduled to start in the near future, the report stated.  
The annual meeting was held at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, Feb. 15-17. President, Albert J. Whalen; Vice-President, Charles Courtney; Secretary, George France; Treasurer, Arthur Brooks.

clothing to be distributed principally to children and has sent \$25,000 to Archbishop Gustavo Testa, Apostolic Delegate to Palestine, for purchase of relief supplies.

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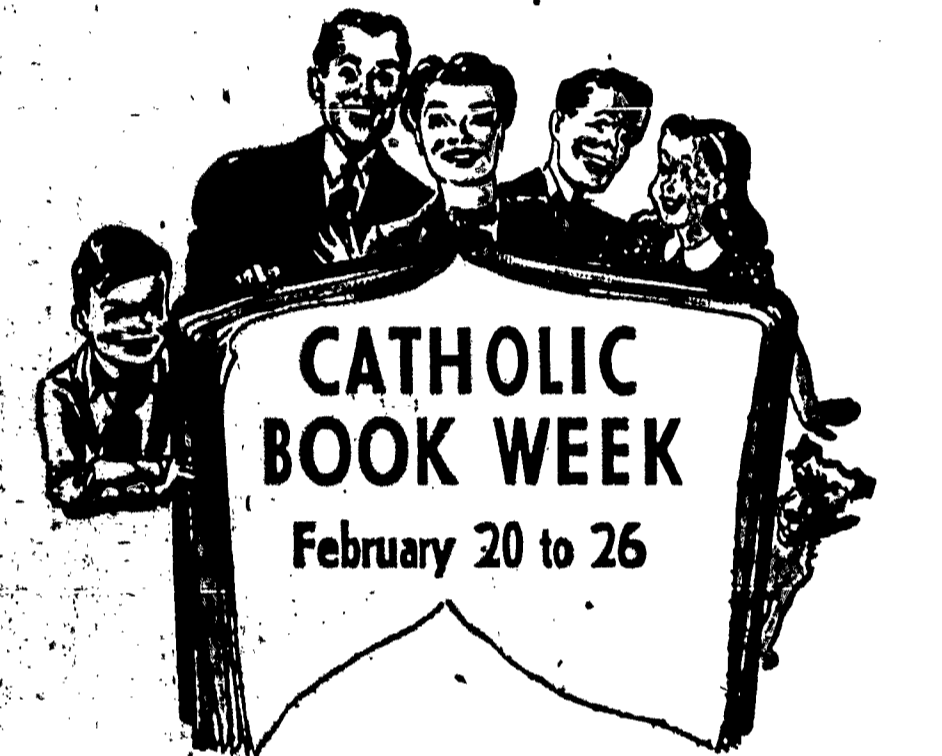
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