

### Church Faces New Pressure In Soviet Zone

**By Max Jordan**  
Frankfurt (NC) — Paris recently through a Soviet influence asserts itself to a growing degree in Russian-occupied German territories.  
The latest measure illustrating this trend is a directive of the communist-controlled department of education of Berlin whereby religious instruction may no longer be given in hours immediately following the other classes. From now on one full hour must be kept open before a class in religion may be held.

THE RESULT is a serious inconvenience for the children, especially those living at some distance from the school. The department attempts to justify its measure by saying that Church and state are strictly separated in the Soviet zone, and that this separation must clearly come to light in school curricula as well. At the same time "Friede Demitche Jugend," the communist youth organization, openly spurs anti-religious propaganda, a resolution attacking Christian youth groups organized under parish auspices for "introducing an element of dauntiness" into youth activities.

REPRESENTATIVE BERLIN discussion weekly, has refused to accept these changes. It insists that freedom of worship is guaranteed under the provincial statute and that youth activities come under this heading. Not even under the Nazi regime, the paper points out, were parish groups interfered with.

Engelke Rundschau, Berlin daily and normally reflecting Soviet views, takes note of this stand of the Church and attacks the clergy for lack of cooperation because they allegedly refuse their support to such measures as agrarian "reform" and political control of industry.

WHILE THIS criticism may shed new light on the measures against the churches, observers here consider it unlikely that open persecution like that in the countries behind the Iron Curtain will be resorted to in the Soviet zone of Germany, as long as the communists feel that they can achieve their ends by intimidating and juggling people to sleep.

A new phase should not be anticipated in this "cold war" until Western Germany has adopted the constitution and separation between East and West has been formalized, these observers declared. Soviet power is held sufficiently antithetical in the Soviet territories of Germany to leave a certain amount of precarious freedom to the churches while at the same time Church influence is strictly eliminated in public life. Throughout the Soviet zone religious instruction is permitted outside school hours only, and only communist youth groups are recognized.

### A 'Vocation Month' Interview



At a house throughout the United States observed March as Vocation Month, these Cathedral High girls in Trenton, N. J., climaxed their part in Vocation Week with an interview for their school's monthly paper. They are shown listening to Bishop William A. Griffin emphasize a point to his interviewees. The girls: Joan Kelly, editor of "Blue and Gold"; Kathryn Hillman, news editor; and Mary Ann Davie, literary editor. (NC Photos).

### Notre Dame Sets Maritime Lecture

Notre Dame, Ind.—(NC)—Dr. Jacques Maritain, internationally prominent philosopher, will give a lecture and an address here on March 23 under the auspices of the Medieval Institute and of the Review of Politics, a political science quarterly.

Formerly a member of the faculties at the Catholic Institute of Paris and at the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies in Toronto, Dr. Maritain is currently teaching at Princeton University.

### Convert Jewish Poet Buried in Basilica

Paris (NC)—Funeral rites have been held at Saint-Benoit-sur-Lore near Orleans, for the poet and composer, Max Jacob, who died during the German occupation at the internment camp at Drancy.

MAX JACOB was a Jewish artist who became a Catholic and went to live at Saint-Benoit-sur-Lore, near the magnificent basilica which contains the tomb of St. Benedict. He lived there in the company of several Benedictine monks who had come to make arrangements for the reconstruction of the ancient abbey, which work is now proceeding.

He lived there quietly during the occupation until the Gestapo arrested him because he was Jewish and took him to the camp of Drancy, where he died from exposure.

### Catholics Reprimanded For Rushing Away From Mass

London—(RNS)—St. Mary's Roman Catholic parish at St. Helen's, Lancashire, has challenged what it charges is a growing bad habit among parishioners—leaving Mass just when the priest begins the last Gospel.

An article in the parish bulletin assailed the practice as indicating bad manners and lack of reverence.

### 'Pastoral Clergy' Expression Urged

London—(NC)—To call priests "secular" has never seemed correct, writes Clement Dane, in the Universe, British Catholic weekly.

"Some of us have tried to get over it by calling them 'diocesan' priests—priests who belong to a diocese as distinct from the 'regulars,' members of religious orders," he adds.

Mr. Dane was commenting on the fact that Bishop Thomas L. Parker of Northampton said in his Lenten pastoral letter that "seculars" should more aptly be called "pastoral clergy."

The writer points out that the word "pastor" as used in the United States, is given almost exclusively in Britain to Non-conformist clergy, as the word "vicar" is given almost exclusively to Church of England ministers, the only instances of the latter used by Catholics being in the cases of Vicars General and certain Franciscans.

This is extremely odd when you consider that the Holy Father is the Supreme Pastor and the Vicar of Christ he adds.

### Reds Threaten Professor At Marquette U.

Milwaukee—(NC)—Dr. Roman Smal-Stocki, associate professor of history and political science at Marquette University, said here that he is not personally worried by the promise from an official Soviet magazine that "Soviet justice" will find him and other anti-Red leaders "in whatever place in the whole world they try to hide themselves and will punish them severely."

BUT THE statement, Dr. Smal-Stocki warned, "must be considered as the decision of the Russian Communist party to use terror in the United States against all witnesses regarding the Soviet Union."

A witness of considerable experience, the Marquette professor was vice premier and foreign minister of the short-lived Ukrainian Republic before it fell victim to the Soviet aggression. He was the organizer and president of the Prometheus League which worked to keep alive the democratic ideals of subjected nationalities within the USSR.

DR. SMAL-STOCKI, before World War II, was a professor at the Universities of Prague and Warsaw. Throughout the war he was held in a Nazi internment camp in Poland, and his release after the German defeat was followed by a narrow escape from Russian police.

Whatever the Soviet magazine may think, Dr. Smal-Stocki has made no effort to "hide" since he joined the Marquette University faculty in 1937. On the contrary, he writes continuously of the Red menace in American Ukrainian publications and believes it was his article in the November issue of the Ukrainian Bulletin which prompted the recent attack on him in "Present and Future," official journal of the Union of Writers of the Soviet Ukraine.

### Czech Sport Clubs Must Wipe Russian

Prague (CIP)—The Czech Minister of Education notified all sports organizations that correspondence with "people's democratic" countries must be written in Russian. Russian is to be the official language of all international organizations in which Slav countries are represented, the Minister declared.

### WAR'S RUIN IN HOLY LAND



Typical of the havoc wrought by civil strife in the Holy Land are these views, upper photo: The once-magnificent Hospice of Notre Dame, Jerusalem, photographed from St. Saviour's Monastery, a stone's throw from the heaviest fighting, the sand-bagged City Hall at left. Lower photo: partial view of the Reparatrice Sisters' Convent, one wing in ruins and (not visible) center of building in front was blown up. (NC Photo)

### Priest Forces Newstand Ban On Obscene Pocket-Books

Jersey City, N. J.—(RNS)—Protests by a Roman Catholic priest against four "objectionable and obscene" pocket-size reprints of novels led to their removal from 300 newsstands here.

Sales were stopped by the Hudson County News Company, distributor of the volumes, after police had ordered newsstand owners to remove the books from sale.

AUTHOR OF the protests was the Rev. Albert P. Monney, administrator of St. Aloysius church here. Father Monney said he and other church officials read the books after a parishioner complained of their contents.

He said he had called a meeting of the Holy Name Society of the parish and asked its members to request dealers to stop handling the four books. Members of the society were also asked to boycott stores continuing to sell the novels.

"This is not censorship," Father Monney said. "We are simply exercising our right not to deal with stores where objectionable matter is available to children. It is my duty to protect them from such obscene matter."

### British Paper Poses Queries For Candidates

London—(NC)—The Catholic Herald, British weekly, has proposed 15 questions that Catholic voters should put to candidates for parliamentary election. The journal pointed out that the Catholic population of Britain, roughly two million, is a decisive factor in any general election and, reinforced by the votes of sincere and serious Christians of other communions, could form a formidable Christian vote. General elections are expected to be held in Britain next year.

FOUR OF THE questions concern foreign affairs:

(1) Will you support the inclusion of Germany, Spain and Portugal in a United Europe?

(2) Are you prepared to oppose the recognition of and trade with such countries as break their peace treaties, deny basic personal and religious liberties, express by words and actions direct hostility toward Christian and democratic countries?

(3) WILL YOU insist on qualifications for inclusion in the United Nations, the qualifications being a readiness to practice or aim at the practice of the moral and social ideals laid down by the United Nations? Will you press for the expulsion, or such other methods as will insure effective expulsion, of such members of the United Nations as consistently flout these ideals in practice?

(4) Will you support the international control of Jerusalem and the Holy Places?

The other 11 questions deal with domestic problems of education, nationalization, remaining Catholic disabilities here, attitude to family life, private property, a decent standard of living, the rights of labor and capital and anti-Christian legislation that would approve sterilization, abortion and euthanasia or otherwise offend the sanctity of the human person and the home.

N. D. has Radio-Rosary

Notre Dame, Ind.—(NC)—Notre Dame students are led in the radio recitation of the Rosary by their president, the Very Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C. Just before they turn in each night Sunday through Friday. The community prayer is made possible through use of the campus radio station WND.

### Alert Student Spots Poisonous Holiday Favors

New Orleans—(NC)—Quick thinking and the alertness of a senior student in the School of Pharmacy of Loyola University of the South, William Grace, may have prevented the fatal poisoning of children. It was learned here, when Grace discovered that novelty necklaces and bracelets, supplied by local dealers and distributed from Carnival floats to children, were found to consist of poisonous arsenic seeds, deadly when chewed and swallowed.

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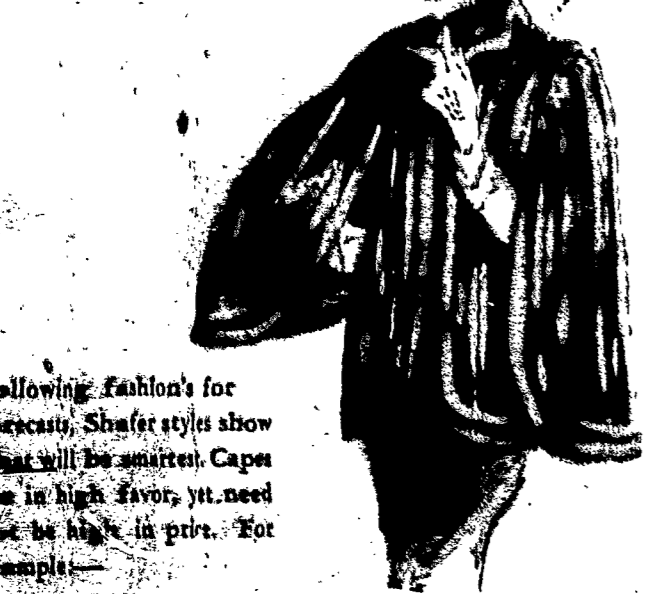
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