

### Atlantic Pact Seen Doom Of 'Soviet Empire'

(NCWC NEWS) London — "If anything in the world can prevent war against the civilized world then this great American undertaking will do so," comments the Catholic Herald, of London, today in a long editorial devoted to the Atlantic Pact.

"Pointing out that the pact must stand as a deterrent from war, as a defensive and not as an offensive structure. It adds, however, that with its signing 'it has now been made as certain as can be that if Russia chooses and provokes war then Russia will have from the beginning to face the almost inexhaustible resources of America.' The Herald goes on

"IF THE WEST can succeed in two objects, one, the prevention of another war, and two, the restraining of any further hostile act by Soviet Russia, then it will surely have created conditions which must sooner or later bring about the disintegration of the Soviet Empire."

"Already in the case of Yugoslavia we have had an example of an internal split which has notably weakened the Communist front. Great empires and especially totalitarian empires cannot stand still. They live by success. Stagnation creates all kinds of internal weaknesses. Itself the products of increasing human jealousies, quarrels, relaxations in vigilance, which must afford the opportunity for successful action by the victims of tyrannies."

THE CATHOLIC TIMES, of London, more clearly, of the pact points out that an indication that the Atlantic Pact is only half the defensive need of the West lies in the fact that even now the name of God is not mentioned, any more than in the charter of the League of Nations.

"We hear much of moral principles, of an identity of culture between the participants, and of the defense of the democratic way of life. All this is true, but more and more insistently the news of the day contains the warning that the struggle is between God and Antichrist."

Mentholated Destroyed London — (NC) — Memorials of Cardinal Newman, leader of the "Second Spring" of Catholicism in Britain in the last century, were destroyed with other priceless manuscripts in a fire at the Fellows' Library, Oriel College, Oxford.

### Speaker



Archbishop J. Francis A. McIntyre of Los Angeles will deliver the principal address at the banquet session June 16 of the 25th annual convention of the Catholic Press Association of the United States, to be held in Denver, Colo., June 16 to 17.

### Adult Religion Text-Book Ready

Washington — (NC) — Final printing of the long-awaited revised edition of the Baltimore Catechism No. 3 for advanced students and adults has been announced at the National Center of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine here.

Publication of this Catechism will mark the completion of a project sponsored in 1936 by the Episcopal Committee of the Confraternity making available a text of Christian Doctrine adapted to the present-day needs of the United States.

The new Catechism will supplement other editions of the Baltimore Catechism now in use. The first Communion edition is used for primary grades; the No. 1 edition for intermediate grades and the No. 2 edition for upper grades of elementary school. The new No. 3 edition will be used for high school and college classes and adult discussion club groups.

Consisting of nearly 300 pages, the work closely correlates the study of Sacred Scripture and the Catechism, making use of hundreds of Bible quotations as a part of the text. A uniform, authorized translation of the prayers after Mass has been included in the book.

### NCCS Enlists Helpers To Aid Servicemen

Washington — (NC) — Volunteer workers in the National Catholic Community Service program are responding in increased numbers to urge the men and women in Uncle Sam's peacetime armed forces and patients in Veterans Administration hospitals, NCCS headquarters here has announced.

WITH THE reactivation of USO, volunteers have assisted in the successful establishment of new USO-NCCS service clubs in areas near recently activated Army, Navy and Air Force bases. During a recent month alone more than 10,000 volunteers offered their services on an average of 8.1 hours, or a total of more than 80,000 hours.

Thousands of present-day NCCS volunteers were active in the NCCS program during World War II.

Junior hostesses make up the largest group of NCCS volunteers. They represent the popular conversationalists and social partners for dances, games, picnics, parties and similar affairs.

HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS are next in number and are the fastest-growing group due to the added impetus received from the rapidly expanding NCCSVA hospital service. Their work runs a wide gamut, including such services as visiting patients, sponsoring ward parties, social affairs and entertainment, arranging Communion breakfasts and retreats, assisting wheelchair patients to Mass, and supplying religious materials.

Senior hostesses, who compose the third-largest group, are largely responsible for the "homey" atmosphere of the NCCS club. Their personal and friendly interest in the welfare of servicemen and women are constant reminders of home and mother.

Among their numerous activities they serve refreshments, check packages, sew on buttons, locate rooms, provide home hospitality, act as chaperons, and bake cookies.

### Catholics Trailing Protestants In New School Expansion

New York — (NC) — Some Protestant groups in this country are building parochial schools at a rate that on a percentage basis greatly exceeds that of the Catholics, according to figures published in a bulletin of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America here.

The figures are credited to the Rev. Clarence Peters, chairman of the Board for Young People's Work of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

1937	
Roman Catholics	2,431,289 pupils (10,080 schools)
Lutherans	74,051 pupils (1,185 schools)
Seventh Day Adventists	22,737 pupils (780 schools)
Reformed Churches	13,747 pupils (85 schools)
Mennonites	125 pupils (4 schools)
Baptists (Los Angeles area)	85 pupils (1 school)

(The figures given for Catholic schools actually are the totals published by the Education Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, for the school years of 1938 and 1946, and thus represent an eight-year period of growth, rather than ten.)

THUS WHILE the Catholic schools continue their steady growth in enrollment, and continue to expand their plant even while consolidating the number of schools in some areas, the increase among the Protestant schools is at a sharp rate. The action in all phases of life. Protestants who feel that a system of education which leaves God out is inadequate turn to religious schools.

In addition, he said, certain benefits would come to the public schools from a growth of religious schools. "Parallel school systems are a safeguard against monopoly and corruption in education. . . . religious schools contribute to a higher community morality. . . . religious schools and public schools are mutually helpful in maintaining a high scholastic standard."

### Archbishop Denies Churchill Claim of Hitler Peace Move

Bern — (CIP) — "The Apostolic Nunciature in Bern never received a peace offer from Hitler via the Vatican Secretariat of State, nor did it ever transmit such an offer to the Secretary of State or any other diplomatic authority," Archbishop Filippo Bernardini, Apostolic Nuncio in Switzerland, declared in a letter to the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung," March 8.

The statement was a denial of one passage in Winston Churchill's "Memoirs," now being serialized in the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung."

### British Oath Said Opposed To UN Stand

London — (NC) — Sir Henry Slesser, former British Solicitor General and Lord Justice of Appeal, and a recent convert to Catholicism, stated in a letter to the (London) Times that in his opinion the British Constitution may offend the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights because it is still illegal in Britain for a Catholic to become Lord Chancellor. The Lord Chancellor is a top-ranking member of the British Cabinet, who deals with legal and judicial matters.

"THE DECLARATION of Human Rights — that no person should be penalized by reason of his faith — should bring to the attention of Parliament and the English people that alone of public offices in this country that of Lord Chancellor may yet prove to be untenable by a Roman Catholic," Sir Henry wrote.

He admitted that the oath against Transubstantiation, relic of bitter anti-Catholic days which the Lord Chancellor should take on accepting office, has not been administered in recent years, but he doubted whether this discontinuance meant that the question had been cleared up.

HE WAS SUPPORTED in this view, Sir Henry said, by Lord Simon, "a formidable constitutional lawyer," who, as Lord Chancellor, gave the House of Lords his view of the position some years ago.

(According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, the oath was prescribed by the Act of 1672, which compelled all holders of office under the crown to make a short "Declaration against Transubstantiation," swearing that "there is not any transubstantiation in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper . . . or after the consecration thereof by any person whatsoever.")

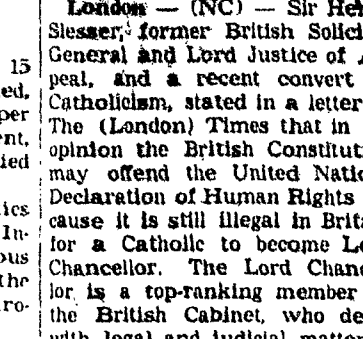
### Released-Time Bill Dies In Washington

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The measure, which passed the Senate, called for a Constitutional amendment to be submitted at the 1950 general election to allow school children to be released from classes two hours a week for religious education. It was backed by various church groups.

Action by the committee thwarted released-time advocates for the third successive session of the legislature. Former Governor Mon C. Wallgren vetoed a released-time bill in 1945. A similar measure was rejected by the legislature two years ago.

### Princess



Minerva Victoria Gallegos, of Albuquerque, N. M., law student at Catholic University of America, who has been selected as Cherry Blossom Princess representing her native state of New Mexico in the annual coronation in the National Capital City.

### Direct Relief Gifts Barred In Red Zone

Frankfurt — (NC) — Relief parcels may no longer be sent directly to beneficiaries in the Soviet zone of Germany, according to a circular of the communist "Volkskassendirekt," an organization formed after Soviet and Nazi patterns. The circular, a copy of which was obtained by this correspondent, is signed by the "Commission for the Distribution of Foreign Relief Gifts."

From now on only "Volkskassendirekt" has the privilege to receive such gifts from abroad and it reserves the right to itself to distribute them to those only who are acceptable to the communist rulers.

### Movies and Recorder Unite Scattered Chinese Family

New York — (NC) — A Chinese restaurant, an aged mother, a Maryknoll priest, a camera, and an electronic wire-recorder composed the ingredients for a mother-and-son "reunion" in two parts of the world.

The story began when the Rev. Arthur Dempsey, a Maryknoll Missioner from Peekskill, N. Y., before returning to his mission post in China after a leave in this country, visited a friend, Sou Chan, owner of a popular New York Chinese restaurant. During the visit Father Dempsey shot several reels of film of Sou Chan and his family, recording the conversation on a wire-recorder.

Arriving in Hong Kong, Father Dempsey went to the home of Sou Chan's mother. The old woman's eyes sparkled when she heard, for the first time in many years, the voices of her son and grandchildren. She made the missioner show the reels and play the spools over and over. Father Dempsey decided that the process would work in reverse. He took pictures of Sou Chan's mother, recorded messages, and threw in a few Hong Kong noises for nostalgic atmosphere. These were delivered to Sou Chan's home in New York.

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### Senate Equal Rights Vote Ignores NCCW

Washington — (NC) — The controversial, so-called Equal Rights Amendment, which long has drawn opposition from Catholic organizations and more than 40 other groups all over the nation, has been reported favorably to the Senate by the Senate Judiciary Committee by unanimous vote.

The National Council of Catholic Women had suggested that public hearings be held on the measure before the committee took action.

IN A TELEGRAM to Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada, committee chairman, before the group acted, Miss Ruth Craven, NCCW executive secretary, stated that the Council, composed of 5,000 local women's organizations with a total membership of 5,000,000 reiterated its objection to the measure and asked the committee to "refrain from taking any action until the opportunity of public hearings is granted."

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**Pontiff Receives French Pretender**

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