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### Catholic Paper Backs Canada Mine Strikers

By J. F. WILLIAMS

Montreal, Que. — With more than 3,500 members of a Catholic labor union out on strike for nearly two months in the world's largest asbestos mining area in eastern Quebec province, a Catholic newspaper has suggested the appointment of a royal inquiry commission to help end the strike and avoid possible "grave social disorder."

The newspaper holds that the labor demands for higher wages, the elimination of lung-irritating asbestos dust and other matters "seem legitimate in most points."

THE LARGEST company affected in the strike is the U. S.-affiliated Canadian Johns-Manville Company, Ltd., which employs 2,500 workers in its own mines at the town of Asbestos, buys much of the production from the nearby locality, Thetford Mines, and ships some 40 carloads daily to the U. S.

L'Action Catholique, French-language daily Catholic newspaper of Quebec City, points out that hitherto emphasis has been placed almost exclusively on the legality or illegality of the strike, and that there must be consideration of the union's claim.

THE WORKERS' four main demands are:

- 1) A 15-cent an hour increase, plus for days of enforced idleness, paid holidays and premiums for night work.
- 2) Elimination of asbestos dust from the industry and the immediate area.
- 3) Social security measures in the form of life insurance, health insurance and hospitalization.
- 4) Adequate union security under the Rand formula. (The Rand formula was established by Mr. Justice Rand in a Ford company strike in Ontario. Under this formula a man is not obliged to join the union but must pay regular dues to the union which is recognized by a company for the privileges which he enjoys because of the union agreement with a company.)

L'Action Catholique suggests that the company grant a pay increase similar to that given by another company in the asbestos area, and that the other matters be submitted to a Royal Commission of three judges of the Superior Court of Quebec, thus restoring the principle of authority and avoiding possible grave social disorder.

### FROM CHILDREN OF ROME



A happy occasion during the observance of the 60th anniversary of the ordination of His Holiness Pope Pius XII was the gathering of some 50,000 boys and girls in Belvedere Court-yard of the Vatican. In the photo, a little Roman lad kneels before the Holy Father to explain his gift to him. Following the audience April 2, children were given "martelloni," a lenten sweet loaf. (Wide World Photo.)

### Madrid INS Head Says Spain News Exaggerated

Peoria, Ill.—(NC)—"All recent stories from Spain tending to give the impression that are greatly exaggerated," declared H. Edward Knoblauch, head of the Madrid Bureau of the International News Service since 1945, in an interview given at the office of the Peoria Register.



There have been some fantastic outbursts against Protestant chapels, but they were more political than religious," he declared. "They were committed when England was blocking every Spanish effort to enter the Marshall Plan, and the mobs attacked the British embassy at the same time."

STORIES OF political persecution are also grossly exaggerated.

### UN Votes Probing Of Clergy Trials

Lake Success, N. Y.—(NC)

The trials of His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty and the Bulgarian Protestant leaders will get full discussion in the United Nations General Assembly.

This was assured here last week by a vote of 11 to 2 in the U.N. Steering Committee. The negative votes were cast by Poland and Russia, whose representatives protested vehemently against putting the cases on the Assembly's agenda.

AUSTRALIA and Bolivia took the initiative in asking consideration by the world body of the two trials as they related to the buttressing of human rights everywhere under Article 55 of the U.N. Charter.

The Australian representative asked for a study of "observance of fundamental freedoms and human rights in Bulgaria and Hungary." The Bolivian delegate sought to have a "study of the legal proceedings against Cardinal Mindszenty" placed on the agenda. The items were later combined.

THE UNITED STATES, Britain and Canada recommended that the trials be brought before the garran and Bulgarian peace treaties, but in the end agreed to the U.N. as violations of the Hun-Bulgarian-Bolivian proposal.

Dr. Julius Katz-Suchy of Poland, arguing against the inclusion of the cases, said that they were purely matters for settlement within the countries concerned; that there was no question of human rights involved, but only the prosecution of individual criminals, and that the U.N. had no jurisdiction over the activities of non-member nations (neither Hungary nor Bulgaria is a U.N. member).

ANSWERING THESE statements, Dr. Herbert V. Ewart of Australia said that the trials were a proper concern of the U.N. because that body has the obligation under its Charter to promote human rights and freedom, and to see that they are respected universally.

Naturally, he said, the U.N. would not interfere in cases of criminal acts or treason. But the question here, he added, was whether the trials were, in truth, trials belonging to criminal jurisdiction as generally understood, or whether they were simply "pretended trials for another purpose."

Dr. Ricardo J. Alfaro of Panama stressed that the General Assembly as the "forum of humanity" could discuss any matters within the scope of the Charter. He held that the recent happenings in Hungary and Bulgaria were flagrant violations of human rights, and added that if the U.N. could not take them up, then the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights was not worth the paper it was written on. This Declaration, he said further, was the answer of the U.N. and of international conscience to the outmoded idea that the individual has no rights under international law.

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### Benedictine Monks Start New Interracial Monastery

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The priests, Father Harvey W. Shepherd, New Orleans-born Negro, and Father Alexander Korte, a native of Farming, Minn., were sent to St. Dennis by St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn., at the invitation of Bishop Francis R. Cotton of the Owensboro, Ky. diocese.

THEY ARE being assisted by two lay brothers—Brother Stephen Theil, of Krain Town, Minn., and Brother Henry Young, of Charlotte, N. C., a Negro. The brothers will do manual work in the new monastery, the institution expected to be built on a farm at St. Dennis.

### Australian Census Shows Large Catholic Increase

Canberra, Australia.—(NC)—In the 14-year period between 1933 and 1947 the Catholic population of Australia has increased by over 21 per cent, according to the Commonwealth Census taken June 30, 1947.

In 1933 Catholics numbered 1,288,997; in 1947 they numbered 1,569,726, an increase of 280,729. They are the second largest religious body in the dominion, comprising 20.7 per cent of the population.

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