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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 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 claims.

THE WORKERS' four main demands are: 1. A 15-cent an hour increase for 100 days of extra work; paid holidays and premiums for night work. 2. Elimination of asbestos dust from the industry. 3. Freedom of movement for the union. 4. The right to strike.

The form of the demand is similar to that presented by the union in a letter to the U. S. Justice Dept. in Ottawa. This formula is a main part of the program of the union but must be regular dues to the union. It is recognized by a company for the privileges which it enjoys because of the union's contract with a company.

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FROM CHILDREN OF ROME



A happy occasion during the observance of the 50th anniversary of the ordination of His Holiness Pope Pius XII was the gathering of some 50,000 boys and girls in Bolzano, Italy, before the Holy Father to explain his gift to him. Following the audience April 2, children were given "maritozzi," a lenten sweet loaf. (Wide World Photo.)

Madrid INS Head Says Spain News Exaggerated

Peoria, Ill., (AP) — All recent stories from Spain tend to give the impression that non-Catholics are persecuted, declared H. Edward Knoblaugh, head of the INS office here.

Mr. Knoblaugh, who added "There is much more freedom of speech in Spain than in any people suspect," General Franco assured him in a personal interview that the Government does not punish people for what they think or say, but only when their activities are directed into overt acts against the penal code — sabotage, assassination, etc.

Mr. Knoblaugh, home for a short visit with his parents, has again returned in his post as head of the INS office in Peoria. After graduating from St. Victor's College he began his newspaper work on the Peoria Star, joined the Associated Press in 1928 and was sent in 1933 to Madrid as head of the AP bureau there to cover the civil war. He joined the INS foreign staff in 1942 and after a tour of duty in South American countries was sent to Madrid in 1945 to expand the bureau there and establish 24-hour operations.

MR. KNOBLAUGH foresees the eventual disappearance of the Falange as a political power and claims to see indications that Franco is gradually taking the ground from under it to turn into a social welfare organization.

He also denied the fantastic estimates of the number of political prisoners in Spain asserted there were about 40,000 prisoners of all kinds in a population of 28,000,000 while the prisons of the pre-civil war Republic held 15,000 prisoners, when the total population was only 24,000,000.

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THE CHURCH of England leads with 30 per cent; Methodists are third with 11.3 per cent; and Presbyterians fourth with 9.8 per cent. Slightly over ten per cent of the Australian people admitted no religious affiliation.

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 UNITED STATES, Britain and Canada recommended that the trials be brought before the general and Bulgarian peace treaties but in the end agreed to the U.N. as violations of the Human Rights Charter.

ANSWERING THESE statements, Dr. Herbert V. Evatt 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 protected universally.

Naturally, he said, the U.N. should not interfere in cases of internal law or treason. But the question he added, was whether the laws were, in truth, laws belonging to a criminal jurisdiction as generally understood, or whether they are simply pretended trials for other purposes.

Dr. Ricardo J. Alfaro of Panama stressed that the General Assembly as the "forum of humanity" could discuss any matter 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.

IN VIEW of the situation in the United States," he declared, "the foundation in Kentucky is intended not only as a means to bring the teaching of the Church to the Negroes, but also as a means of rapprochement between the races in the spirit of the Gospel."

Benedictine Monks Start New Interracial Monastery

Fancy Farm, Ky. — (RN) — The first interracial monastery initiated by the Roman Catholic Benedictine Order in this country is being planned at St. Dennis near here by two monks, one Negro and one white.

According to the Rt. Rev. Alcuin Deutsch, Abbot of St. John's Abbey, the interracial monastery is being established as a practical example of race-problem amelioration.

Choose Book About Books Milwaukee (NC) — A book about books entitled, "How to Improve Your Personality by Reading" by Francis B. Thornton, is the May selection of the Catholic Literary Foundation. Father Thornton is the editor of the anthology of the Catholic literary revival, "Return to Tradition," published last year.

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MAGDALENE'S TEARS

The tears of Magdalene were wiped away at the open doors of the House of the Good Shepherd. Saint Mary Magdalene who had been a sinner became the friend of Our Lady. Who had been a sinner became the friend of Our Lady. Who had been a sinner became the friend of Our Lady.

IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD

One of the most important events in the life of the Christian is the breaking of bread. It is a time when we remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and renew our covenant with Him. It is a time when we are united as one body and one spirit.

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