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Moscow Orders Soviet Youth to Attack Religion

New York—(NC)—The Komsomol (communist youth organization), at the opening of its 11th congress in the Great Palace of the Kremlin, was told that it "must not remain neutral toward religion," according to a Moscow broadcast heard here.

"OF LATE there has been noticed in certain places some revival of the activity of churches seeking to strengthen their influence over youth, too," said the broadcast, quoting Komsomol secretary Nikolai A. Mikhailov in a report to the congress. "Certain Komsomol organizations let such manifestations pass by. This is not permissible. The Komsomol must not remain neutral toward religion. Its duty is to propagate advanced science, and all religion is a direct contradiction of science."

CONCERNING THE Komsomol strength, the congress was told, according to the broadcast: "The Komsomol embraces at present 9,000,000 members, boys and girls. . . . The whole work of the Komsomol ideological education . . . must be subordinated to one end: The preparation of active builders of communism."

At the same time, a Moscow dispatch said that the Soviet trade union newspaper Trud denounced the U. S. Catholic Church as one of the most active instruments of Americans seeking world domination. The newspaper charged that Catholic emissaries in various parts of the world were helping the U. S. unite "local reactionary forces."

A CHURCH FOR REFUGEES



Cardinal Von Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich, blesses a young refugee in the refugee-camp at Munsburg, near Munich, following ceremonies laying the first stone for a new church there. The construction of the church was made possible by funds sent from America to Pope Pius XII. (NC Photos)

6 Native Priests in Mukden Killed, Chinese Priest Says

Washington—(NC)—All six native Chinese priests who were ministering in Mukden have been killed by Chinese Communists since the Manchurian capital was occupied, freedom of religion "Teach as before," the Red conquerors say.

But then, he said, the Communist administrators make it clear that the Catholic clergy must not interfere in the "material life" of their people, and they narrow the missionary activities until they render them ineffective.

FOR EXAMPLE, he said, with regard to the mission schools, the Red officials even urge the Catholics to keep on teaching. But then soon new textbooks are supplied, filled with communist doctrine and communist interpretations, and the Catholic schools must use them or shut down.

The Nanking priest said that the Catholic clergy in China will stay at their posts, and that they are prepared to go underground, moving constantly from village to village, if necessary, bringing the Mass and Sacraments to the people under all kinds of conditions. He declared that he himself will return to China soon, after he completes his efforts on behalf of Chinese students in this country.

THE AMERICAN people now know, Father Mao said, that the widely held idea that "the Chinese Communists are not true Communists" is wrong. But Americans, he added, have acquired two new erroneous notions about China. These are:

- (1) That the Communists can never conquer China because the great mass of the Chinese people will simply swallow them up;
- (2) That the Red leader, Mao Tse-tung, is first of all a nationalist, and, like Tito in Yugoslavia, will eventually break with Moscow.

It is to America's interest to correct these instances of "wishful thinking," declared Father Mao.

WHILE IT IS true that the Chinese had eventually absorbed their Mongol and Manchu conquerors, and seemed likely to do the same with the Japanese, the process would have no effect on the communists, the priest said. The vital difference, he pointed out, is that this time there is no race problem involved.

"You cannot intermarry the Communists," he said. "If the Chinese actually do absorb the Communists, that will indeed be tragic because what it will mean is that the Chinese will all become good communists."

In general, he explained, the Communist policy toward the missionaries has been a surface politeness at first and an avowal that the Communists respect

Prelate Abused 4 Million Catholic Refugees In Siberia Camp Paper Reports

Paris—(NC)—Archbishop Joseph Slipy of Lwow, 57-year-old Ukrainian Metropolitan, has been so brutally treated by the Soviet police in a Siberian labor camp that his arms and several ribs have been broken, La Croix, Paris Catholic daily, reports.

The eastern-rite Catholic prelate was deported from his see to Yeniseisk, Siberia, and condemned to eight years of hard labor when the Soviets forced Ukrainian Catholics to unite with the Russian Orthodox Church a few years ago. Yeniseisk is north of the Arctic Circle near the mouth of the Ob River.

ALSO DEALING with the plight of Ukrainian Catholics is the pastoral letter made public here of Bishop John Bucko, Apostolic Visitor to Ukrainian Catholics living in Western Europe.

"Your priests and bishops who remained at home have been imprisoned and sentenced to hard labor," the Bishop told his flock. "The enemy of the Catholic Church and of Christianity has done them violence. Hence they cannot speak to you. But do not their very chains speak to us more eloquently than their sermons?"

"We thank God for having given us such courageous priests. They fear neither torture nor death, and remain faithful to the Holy See. Their example spurs all our clergy and all our people to give the same evidence of their faith."

Japanese Postulant Enters Sisterhood

Kyoto—(NC)—Though the pioneer contingent of the Notre Dame Sisters from St. Louis arrived only last November, they have already received their first postulant in Miss Gemma Yoshie Kaitoku. The Sisters aim to establish a middle school in Kyoto as soon as they have a working knowledge of the Japanese language.

When the Maryknoll Sisters announced a half-day retreat for girls to be held at their convent here for a recent Sunday afternoon, they expected about 25 to attend and had the happiness of seeing 64 present.

Priest Explains Symbolism of Wedding Ring

New York—(NC)—In Christian tradition the wedding ring was not highly ornamented, but the important thing was rather that it be of pure, unalloyed metal, symbolizing true marriage, according to the Rev. Dr. Edgar Schmiedeler, S.S., of the Family Life Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Dr. Schmiedeler delivered the first in a series of six talks on "Your Wedding Ring" on the program produced by the National Council of Catholic Men in cooperation with the Mutual Broadcasting System. Speaking on the "Faith in Our Time" Radio program, Dr. Schmiedeler said:

"To some in our day the wedding ring seems primarily to be looked upon as a sort of gift to the bride from the loved one, and the more decorative or ornate it is the better they are pleased. But it may be well to note that in Christian tradition the ring was not highly ornamented. To the contrary, it was a plain circlet of gold or silver. The important thing was that it was pure, unalloyed metal. That is really to say that—in the Christian tradition—the wedding ring symbolizes true marriage, unadulterated marriage, marriage as God Himself constituted it, not a marriage in some adulterated form, prompted, for instance, by the whims and wishes of man."

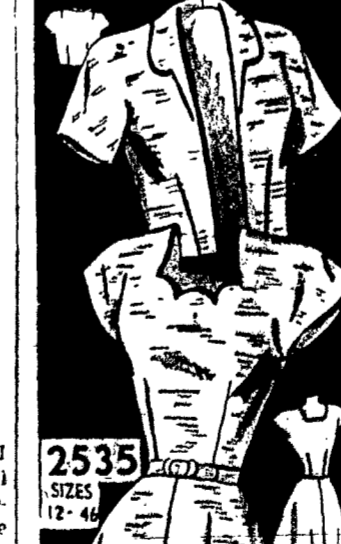
Ex-Klansman Tells Story of Conversion

New York—(NC)—A former national chaplain of the Ku Klux Klan who was converted to the Catholic Faith is the author of an article which appears in the spring issue of The Epistle magazine, published here quarterly by the St. Paul Guild, a national organization devoted to the work of aiding converts.

The writer, Dr. Joseph Alton Young, says in his article: "Today I can say that I would not give up my experience for all the world. At the age of 66 and after 40 years of uncertainty and searching for God, I have found Him in a Catholic Church."

Germany's Oldest Bishop (Cologne)—(NC)—Archbishop Franz Rudolf Bornemann, Bishop of Trier, Rheinland, the oldest member of the German Hierarchy—the second oldest being Cardinal Faulhaber of Munich has just observed his 83rd birthday. He was ordained 55 years ago and consecrated as Bishop 28 years ago.

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Pope Gives Jubilee Bonus To Employees

Rome (CIP)—Pope Pius XII has given instruction to pay all employees of the Vatican an special bonus in connection with the 50th anniversary of his priesthood. CIP has just learned. The distribution of the bonus has already started.

Before Easter, the working hours of all Vatican employees were shortened temporarily to enable them to take part in retreats.

Viet Minh Forces Wound Two Priests

Rome—(NC Files)—Father Guidon of the Paris Foreign Mission Society was hit in the legs and hands by bullets fired from ambush by communist-inspired Viet Minh forces in the region of Sonla in Indo-China, according to word from Hanoi, Tonkin. At about the same time Father Quang, a Basco priest, was wounded during a Viet Minh attack.

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Americanism of Catholic schools was also issued last week in Chicago by the Committee on Religious Liberty (sic) of the National Association of Evangelicals.

HOW CAN WE reconcile with democratic tradition the Protestant secularist bloc which opposes federal aid legislation giving any equitable recognition to the immeasurable contribution which Catholic schools are making to our country?

The conclusion is forced upon us that the Protestant-secularist bloc is aiming at destroying Catholic schools and establishing in this country a monopoly of public school education.

Catholic school education has a habit of talking about public schools as if they alone are American schools and the only schools that we need.

This viewpoint ignores our American tradition of freedom of education. It attacks the cherished right of American parents to educate their children in the schools which they as parents select.

Establishment of public schools is the apparent objective of the Protestant secularist bloc of the Catholic schools. Such an objective spells the establishment of an educational monopoly and a serious blow to our American heritage of freedom of education.

THIS IS precisely the danger that Cincinnati's Archbishop Mc Nicholas warned against last week in his message to the Catholic Education Convention. The Archbishop stated: "Our Supreme Court, our Federal and State courts, our legislators our statesmen, our