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Moscow Orders Soviet Youth to Attack Religion

New York—(NC)—The Kom-somol (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 churchmen seeking to strengthen their influence over youth," said the broadcast, quoting Kom-somol secretary Nikolai A. Mikhailov in a report to the congress.

"Certain Kom-somol organizations let such manifestations pass by. This is not permissible. The Kom-somol must not remain neutral toward religion. Its duty is to propagate advanced science and all religion is a direct contradiction of science."

CONCERNING THE Kom-somol strength, the congress was told according to the broadcast.

The Kom-somol embraces at present 9,000,000 members, boys and girls. "The whole work of the Kom-somol 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 American imperialism and domination. The newspaper charged that Catholic missionaries in various parts of the world were helping the U. S. to "local reactionary forces."

A CHURCH FOR REFUGEES



Cardinal Von Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich, blesses a young refugee in the refugee camp at Mossburg, 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, according to a Chinese priest now in this country.

Foreign-born missionaries in Mukden have been spared thus far, says the Rev. John T. S. Mao, chancellor of the Nanking archdiocese. Father Mao is accompanying 23 Chinese Catholic students to schools in this nation.

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 their narrow mission 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.

Prelate Abused 4 Million Catholic Refugees In Siberia Camp Paper Reports

Paris—(NC)—Archbishop Joseph Silyy 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 by 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 let the very chains speak to us. We speak eloquently through their faith."

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 spur all our clergy and all our people to give the same evidence of their faith."

Priest Explains Symbolism of Wedding Ring

New York—(NC)—In Christian tradition the wedding ring was not highly ornamented, but the important thing was that it be of pure, unalloyed metal, symbolizing true marriage, according to the Rev. Dr. Edgar Schmiedeler, O.S.A., director 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."



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4 Million Catholic Refugees In German Protestant Areas

Frankfurt—(NC)—Of the five and one-half million German Catholics expelled from Eastern areas since the end of the war, over 4 million now reside in western German regions which formerly were predominantly Protestant, according to a survey of the Rev. Paulus Sladek, O.S.A.

Of these, about two and one-half million come from Bohemia and Moravia (Czechoslovakia), 1,800,000 from Silesia, 600,000 from Yugoslavia, Rumania and Hungary, and 500,000 from East Prussia and neighboring territories.

THE PROTESTANT churches count 7,600,000 adherents among the expelled, whose total is estimated at nearly 14 million. German charitable organizations continue to struggle with the unprecedented problem of accommodating these people in the overcrowded area of Western Germany, and say that coping with it is a superhuman task.

They feel that it will remain unsolved and some day may become the most serious handicap to European reconstruction, unless emigration is made possible.

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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 for a recent Sunday afternoon, they expected about 25 to attend and had the happiness of seeing 64 present.

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.

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On Guard

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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 bias 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 bias is aiming at destroying Catholic schools and establishing in this country a monopoly of public school education.

Catholic school opponents have 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 foes 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 Cardinal'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

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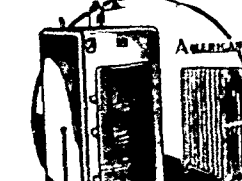
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Pope Gives Jubilee Bonus To Employees
Rome—(CIP)—Pope Pius XII has given instruction to pay all employees of the Vatican a special bonus in connection with the 50th anniversary of his priesthood. CIP has just learned. The distribution of the bonus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

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

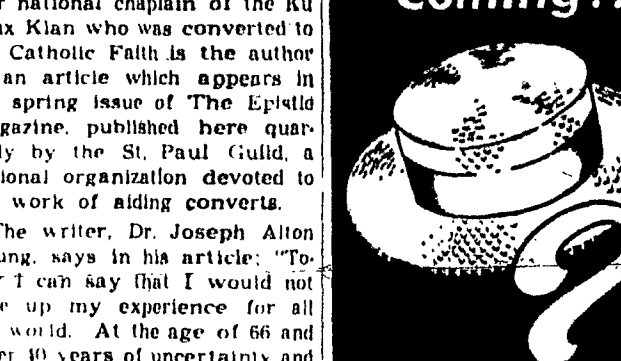
Viet Minh Forces Wound Two Priests
Rome—(NC Fides)—Father Guidon of the Paris Foreign Mission Society was hit in the legs and hands by bullets fired from ambush by communist-inspired Viet Minh forces in the region of Sonla in Indo-China, according to word from Hanoi, Tonkin. At about the same time Father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

Daily Double
We are interested in having our government recognize in its laws that Americans are no less Americans because they attend schools other than public schools.

The Protestant secularist bloc which would exclude Catholic schools from any right to government help is attempting to write off from the American scene not only Catholic schools but all non-public schools.

In writing a federal aid-to-education law Congress should make it very clear that freedom of education demands that all ways there be non-public as well as public schools in the United States.

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