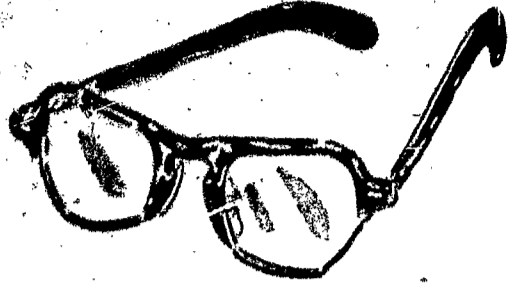


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Reds Plot To Bring Division Among Czech Clergymen

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moves brought quick reaction from Archbishop Beran who announced that priests have been instructed to preach in all churches on Sunday, June 26...

Red Pressure

The Hague - (AP) - All mail addressed to Archbishop Joseph Beran of Prague and all letters written by him are opened by the police...

It is known that for a long time the Archbishop's telephone has been tapped and that his visitors have been closely scrutinized.

All Catholic priests in Czechoslovakia have been ordered by the Government to promise under oath that they will not read from the pulpits any statements of Church dignitaries without permission from the Communist-controlled Provincial Committees...

On this occasion also, priests presumably will reply to press campaigns characterizing Pope Pius XII as an agent of western "imperialism and reaction."

The Archbishop gave his instructions in a circular letter signed by him in the name of the Bishops' Council which met some days previously at Olomouc.

At this meeting, the new Catholic Action organization, the formation of which had already been predicted by Minister Petr, was denounced as a "schismatic" movement with which no Catholic could lawfully be associated.

"Never forget," Archbishop Beran wrote, "that the Pope and the bishops are your rightful Church superiors, and that, according to standing laws, no one has the right to interfere with their jurisdiction in all matters of religious and Church life."

THE ARCHBISHOP described the formation of the Catholic Action organization and the recent inauguration of the government-sponsored Catholic Church Gazette as attempts to "evade Church authority and misinform the clergy."

At the same time, the Archbishop officially disowned Caritas, a charitable organization, as a Catholic group so long as Father Frantisek Flaha, well known for his pro-government attitude, remains as national chairman.

Simultaneously with the announcement of Archbishop Beran's circular letter came a report that Dr. Anton Mandl, 30-year-old priest-secretary of the Catholic Church's Catholic Action Organization had been arrested by security police.

Another Catholic official declared that priests are being arrested every day and that "more than 100" are now in prison.

INAUGURATION OF the "Catholic Action" group took place at a four-hour meeting here of "priests and laymen" allegedly from every diocese of the country.

According to the official Czech news agency, a number of priests delivered speeches pledging loyalty to the government and urging a "quick and tranquil" solution of Church-State problems.

In his interview announcing plans for the "Catholic Action" group, Minister Petr challenged the Church's right to punish the group's adherents, declaring that excommunication on such grounds "would be recognized by neither the individuals concerned nor the government."

He added that neither he nor

any other member of the government considered himself to be excommunicated by Archbishop Beran's recent announcement that any Catholic who collaborated with the government in anti-Church measures was "excommunicated ipso facto."

Another critical development in the Church-State situation was the announcement that the Ministry of Education has appointed special political instructors to Catholic seminaries to teach compulsory "social progress" courses that priests must pass before they are ordained.

This move is similar to one launched recently by the Romanian government.

THE MINISTRY said the move had been made necessary because inspections had shown that "education in the theological seminaries is not being carried out in accordance with the people's democratic ideals of our State."

It warned that any attempts by Church authorities to "disagree with the lecturer or persecute his person will be considered an attempt to interfere with the fulfillment of this ordinance."

BARDEN BILL CALLED UNJUST

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The States that the only education which merits public support is public school education. Its title is the "Public School Assistance Act of 1949."

Even in those States which provide some help to nonpublic school children, the bill stipulates that all of the Federal aid must go to the public schools.

To make this certain, the measure carries a detailed "Judicial Review" section which gives a taxpayer the right to go into Federal courts on one count: if he believes that some of the money is being spent for school children other than those in public schools.

THE BARDEN BILL provides that its \$300,000,000 aid shall be spent for "current expenditures" such as bus service for Catholic school children, which might slip into the Federal aid program because the school affiliation of bus passengers does not always appear in expense ledgers, is strictly ruled out.

Health services for parochial school pupils are similarly kept out.

On the other hand, the North Carolina Congressman's measure follows the "no Federal interference with the States' pattern with regard to aid to Negro students. Most other Federal aid bills contain a provision that "separate" or Negro schools shall receive the same amount of aid within a State as the white schools, but this safeguard is lacking in the Barden Bill.

The bill despite its highly restrictive outlook on aid to nonpublic school children, still counts these children in its allocation formula. All children from 6 to 17 years of age enrolled in every school in the States are considered in determining the amount of aid to particular States.

Finally it is a "pork barrel" measure giving the wealthier States at least \$5 per child regardless of need. Under this formula \$100,000,000 of Federal money, it is estimated, will be distributed outside the areas of real necessity.

IN HER statement to Mr. Barden's committee, Miss Ruth Craven, executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women, said that her organization, representing 6,000,000 American women, had reached the conclusion that Federal help should be given to the needy States, but to all school children in those States.

She stated "We ask respectfully: Since when has the public school become the only school in the U.S.? We hope that we have not yet forgotten that in this country we respect the natural right of parents to send their child to the school of their choice."

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