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Reds Denounce Czech Bishops With Threats of New Crisis

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The hierarchy. The letter, however, was a short one for some priests to be incensed and they were able to settle it to their congregations. Since the first police move against Catholic parsons stirred with pitch forks have been standing guard over their priests threatened with arrest.

Meanwhile both Messrs. Gennaro Verolino, Charge d'Affaires at the Papal Nunciature in Prague, and French Ambassador Maurice Dejean, dean of the Prague diplomatic corps, have been organized by suspended priests and with the pro-government Catholic Action organization.)

Judging from the composition of the crowd, most of the usual Catholic pilgrims boycotted these pilgrimages sponsored by the government's "Catholic Action." Although workers were brought in by trucks and buses from the factories and other national enterprises, priests said the crowd was smaller than last year.

In spite of the blazing sun the crowd, including factory girls in slacks and men who appeared dressed for "work brigades," cheered in the right places under the guidance of practiced cheerleaders. Occasionally they broke into a chant of "Long Live President Gottwald."

The night before the "Catholic Action" supporters had arrived a priest advised the faithful to "watch your pockets and watch your mouths." When many Communists were present, he repeated: "Watch your pockets and remember what I told you yesterday."

TEN VICARS of the area was more outspoken. After the 7:30 A. M. Mass he said: "Provocateurs are present who may try to stir up trouble. The people should not let themselves be pro-

800 Preparing as Lay Teachers of Religion

Manchester, N. H. — (NC) — More than 800 men and women of the Manchester diocese have completed the first of a two-year course of a teachers' institute aimed at preparing lay teachers of religion in the State, it has been announced.

Began last January by Bishop Matthew F. Brady of Manchester because of an insufficient number of Sisters and to train the laity in the latest catechetical methods, courses were conducted by priests and Sisters in 16 centers throughout the diocese.

New Delegate



It is Excelesis Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, new Apostolic Delegate to the Philippines. Archbishop Vagnozzi, who was counselor at the Apostolic Nunciature in Portugal at the time of his appointment, was formerly Auditor of the Apostolic Delegation in Washington.

Police Beaten In Czech Violence

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matic corps, made strenuous protests to the Czech regime over mistreatment of Monsignor Verolino. During a five-day tour in Slovakia, the Vatican diplomat was taken into custody at the Kosice police station and questioned for several hours.

HE ALSO charged that he was denied hotel accommodations and gasoline. The protests were later rejected on the grounds that he committed "grave interference in internal affairs."

Earlier Monsignor Verolino had been the victim of a caustic attack by government officials who accused him of masterminding the Catholic Church's "sub-

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Dubuque — (NC) — Appointment of the Rev. William J. Menster, as director of Catholic Charities for the Dubuque archdiocese has been announced by Archbishop Henry P. Rohlfman of Dubuque. Father Menster, a Navy chaplain during World War II, served as chaplain with Admiral Richard E. Byrd's Antarctic expedition and is the author of "Strong Men South."

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Mail Flood May Kill Barden Bill

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which would give most of the money to the public schools and at least token recognition to non-public school pupils.

ANOTHER MEMBER of the House committee, Representative Richard Nixon of California, declared he supports the bill taken by Rep. Dwight Eisenhower, president of Columbia University and Harold Stassen, president of the University of Pennsylvania, who went on record as opposed to Federal aid for all states because "it is pure pork barrel" when Federal aid is given to states already able to support their schools.

Former President Herbert Hoover also advocated elimination of the "pork barrel" features from Federal aid to education legislation and warned against the danger of Federal control in such an undertaking.

Representative John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts, also a committee member, said he could see no chance of breaking the deadlock and ventured that "maybe next year it can be done with a bill limited to aid the poor states."

Legislators who did discuss the situation publicly seem agreed there is little chance for any Federal aid to education to pass the House this session, but there are a few who view as the only possible compromise a measure which would give aid only to the low income states.

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Other Real Estate	None
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Red Terror Rises In Czech Nation

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hitherto so cleverly concealed, became painfully obvious. Church property was taken over, all Catholic societies were suppressed and Catholic periodicals were barred.

When the communist, Klement Gottwald, became President of Czechoslovakia, he requested Archbishop Beran to sign a Te Deum to invoke God's blessing on the new "popular democratic republic."

"Knowing that refusal would make matters even worse, the Archbishop agreed, explaining in a pastoral that he could not refuse a request for prayers from anyone; indeed, God's blessing was especially needed in such troubled times.

Shortly afterwards, Archbishop Beran was bitterly attacked for not permitting priests to take part in politics. Following suspension of two priests who disregarded the Archbishop's instructions, he was expelled from the "Society of Political Prisoners Under Nazi Occupation" in punishment for his "anti-government attitude."

SINCE THEN, all pretense of the so-called "protection" of the Church has been dropped and replaced by open war on the clergy, and especially the Bishops. In the beginning, this open war was not waged directly by the government but through "the people." Newspapers and radios, under complete communist control but pretending to speak in the name of "the people," demanded "loyalty" of the priests and denounced the "reactionary attitude" of the hierarchy. Signed "protests" attacking the Holy Father and the Bishops were forwarded from trade unions and other bodies, all of which had been thoroughly purged of non-communists.



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