

Priest Scores 'Un-Christian' Ban On Japanese Immigration

Washington (NC) — It is un-Christian to continue America's discriminatory immigration policy toward the Japanese, and that policy is also bad from a practical standpoint, a Maryknoll missionary declared to a Senate Judiciary subcommittee. The priest, the Rev. Everett F. Briggs, M.M., of Maryknoll College, Lake Wood, N.J., testified in support of legislation which would end racial discrimination in the granting of U.S. citizenship and exclusion of immigration quotas to people of Asiatic origin. He represented the National Catholic Welfare Conference, in addition to his religious community.

FATHER BRIGGS, who nearly died of malaria in a concentration camp in Japan during the war, is the author of the recently published, "New Dawn Over Japan."

"Elemental justice clamors for the elimination of discrimination against the people of Japan. It is not right to deny an individual the boon of American citizenship simply on account of his racial origin. The assumption that the color of a man's skin is the test of human merit is preposterous," Father Briggs said.

A MORE JUST immigration policy would be an act of hard-headed statesmanship," Father Briggs further declared. He said the prestige and influence of the United States throughout the whole Far East is bound to be affected by our present discrimination. He pointed out that anti-democratic forces are probing this "sore spot" quite successfully in their psychological warfare against the United States.

"If our responsibility in Japan cannot demonstrate practicality—what we mean—what we say about the good things of democracy, let us not be surprised if the Japanese people succumb to the blandishments of communism. There is one thing we have to say for communism: it certainly is not characterized by any racial discrimination. Communism is out to win all people, no matter what may be the color of their skin," he warned.

"We have worked wonders in Japan, but it now remains for us to secure what we have accomplished here," Father Briggs stated. "This legislation will go far toward accomplishing that end. On the other hand, failure to enact this legislation would almost surely wreck the democratic edifice which we have been building in Japan at the cost of so much sacrifice."

Pope Declines Crisella Masses — (RNS) — Motocyclists from towns all over Italy were received in a special audience by Pope Pius XII in the St. Damasus Courtyard of the Vatican here.

The Pope blessed the victors as well as a large votive lamp the motocyclists will present to the Sanctuary of the Holy Virgin at Castelluccio di Stabia, in northern Italy.

BROTHER BIOLOGIST



Brother Edward Asoel, S.M., member of St. Joseph College, Yokohama, Japan, is shown busy with an experiment in cross-pollination of cabbages carried on in out-of-way corner of the college campus. Brother Asoel, a Luxembourg by birth, and by adoption a citizen of Belgium, has spent 25 years in the Orient and will soon come to the United States on his way to Europe to visit relatives. (NC Photos)

U. S. Rapped for Sponsoring Birth Control Plans in Japan

Rome — (NC) — A student of international law has written a letter to the headquarters here of International Peace Service, in which he says that since the beginning of American occupation propaganda for birth control has known no restraint. His letter follows in part:

"Since the end of the war I have been alarmed at the serious problem of birth control and population limitation in Japan. Before the war the family traditions of this country effectually related a certain anti-conception propaganda, which, on the other hand, was not permitted to overstep some rigorously defined bounds.

"BUT SINCE the American occupation (I am a friend of America and do not at all underestimate her merits in other fields) this propaganda has known no restraints; all means are used in the attempt to destroy the vitality of a people which, year after year, sees its population grow by about 1,000,000 because of the enormous excess of births over deaths.

"We know that a law authorizing legal abortion for therapeutic and economic reasons has been passed and also that the Japanese Diet has recently approved the manufacture and sale to the public of contraceptives.

"WHO IS IT that bears the responsibility for this propaganda and for these votes? That some Japanese accomplices have been found can hardly be doubted; wherever there are occupation forces one finds collaborators. No matter who is responsible for these laws, our Christianity cannot tolerate this barbarous manner of solving a problem, no matter how crucial it be.

"It is not by barbarism that the white race will be saved. Do the whites expect to eliminate the 'yellow peril' by going against nature this way? This is racism which cannot be allowed to the super-civilized.

Communism Is Fr. Lombardi Austrian Issue Studies English For U. S. Trip

By DR. FRIEDRICH FINDER
Vienna — (NC) — Will Austria, the outpost of democracy against communist progress, hold against the red menace or will it suffer the fate of its neighbors, Yugoslavia, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia? This question will find its answer in the Austrian elections on October 9.

It will be of great importance not only to Austria, but for all Europe. Austria and Italy, both strongly Catholic, have formed a barrier against the communist westward pushing storm flood of communism. These pillars of order in central Europe are so closely linked that the fall of one would endanger the other.

THE CATHOLIC population of Austria, which comprises the bulk of the voting strength of the Austrian People's party, awaits the issue with confidence. In the last election in 1945 for the Austrian parliament 325,339 voters went to the ballot box. About one-half of the votes — 1,602,237 — were for the People's party candidates. The Socialist party drew 1,434,848 votes and the communists 174,257.

However, there is a powerful and more or less unknown factor in the coming October 9 election — 1,000,000 new voters, whose sympathies are a matter of speculation. Of these new voters 450,000 are "minderbelästigte nazis" or minor accused nazis who have regained their right to vote. Another 220,000 are prisoners of war returned mostly from Russia where, it is feared, they were well inoculated with the virus of communism.

The present cabinet is a coalition between the People's party and the socialists. Both of the major parties are said to be aware of the duty of fighting off communism after they merged their efforts to reconstruct this country, which suffered so much under Nazi domination and devastation during the war.

THIS UNWRITTEN alliance has stood up against the test of electioneering differences in the past few months. Austrian socialism nowadays is an entirely different socialism than exists in neighboring countries. It has a strictly defensive attitude toward communism. There is not one socialist leader in Austria who is not a foe of Moscow and the system of "people's democracies," which have become the communist idea of democracy in Russia's satellite nations.

Rome — (CIP) — Father Riccardo Lombardi, S.J., organizer of the "Crusade of Love" and one of Italy's most famous and popular preachers, declared here that he will begin the study of English in preparation for a tour of the United States. He plans to leave for America in the middle of August.

FATHER LOMBARDI has been invited to lecture in Italian on the "Crusade of Love" before groups of Americans of Italian descent. He is scheduled to deliver the first of his talks in California in early September. He will visit San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sacramento, and San Jose, among other cities. He plans to speak in Chicago and New York on his return to the East Coast.

Father Lombardi also stated he hopes to continue his study of English while in the United States so that, at the end of his series of talks in Italian, he may be able to talk to Americans in their own language.

A TOUR of Asia is in preparation for 1950. Father Lombardi said.

Father Lombardi recently visited France, Belgium, and other European countries, emphasizing everywhere that "social charity" is the answer to "the plague of Communism." The "Crusade of Love," he declared at Brussels two weeks ago, aims at bringing this about. "I am certain that we are approaching the finest hour in the history of the world since the beginning of the Christian era," he stated on this occasion.

Communist Paper Suspended In Rome

Rome — (CIP) — Rome's pro-Communist afternoon newspaper, "La Repubblica d'Italia," has suddenly discontinued publication, announcing to its readers that "financial circumstances" are responsible. The paper, which claimed to be "independent" but supported consistently the Communist party line, was in existence for less than two years.

"La Repubblica d'Italia" was particularly known for its anti-Catholic campaigns.

First Fatima Shrine — Hobart, Tasmania — (NC) — The first Tasmanian shrine to Our Lady of Fatima was dedicated at the Church of the Holy Ghost, Sandy Bay, by Archbishop Ernest V. Tweedy of Hobart.

Police Turn Fire Hoses On Throng At Polish Cathedral

Lublin — (CIP) — Communist police turned fire hoses on the throngs that traveled to Lublin Cathedral Sunday, July 17, to see the picture of the Blessed Virgin Mary which was said to have shed tears.

The police also arrested two railroad officials who had arranged for special trains to bring many of the faithful to Lublin to view the "miracle." An official statement issued

by Communist authorities in Lublin concerning the reported tears charged Catholic clergy men with spreading "false" and "fantastic" rumors with the aim of inciting "fanaticism."

By insinuation, the Communists also blamed the clergy for the panic at the Cathedral Wednesday, July 13, when a crowd of several thousands broke through a wooden barrier erected at the entrance to the Cathedral. Some 20 persons were injured in the rush of pilgrims to enter the church, and one woman, Helena Babczuk, died of suffocation.

The official statement of the Communist authorities declared that an inquiry will be held to determine the persons responsible for the panic, and the death and injuries that resulted.

Although Bishop Kalwa of Lublin asked the faithful to halt the pilgrimages to the Lublin Cathedral Sunday, July 18, Communist officials have launched a campaign against him. He is accused of "misusing" the faith of the Polish people, and of failure to prevent "hysteria and psychosis" among them. One paper charged him with "arranging the pilgrimages for reactionary purposes."

Bishop Kalwa supported an ecclesiastical committee to investigate the "miracle" of the tears when it was reported in the first week of July. Since that time news of the country spread throughout the country by word of mouth. It is estimated that well over 500,000 persons filed through Lublin Cathedral to view the picture.

In his message of July 10, Bishop Kalwa stated that the ecclesiastical investigation had not yet established that anything extraordinary had taken place, and that in his opinion there were no definite signs of a miracle.

Observers here have noticed a large number of young people among the pilgrims who have flocked to Lublin. This is considered significant because of the intensive drives conducted by Communist organizations to enroll the younger people.

'SING A-A-A-H'



Eugene Conley, internationally known tenor, shows three ambitious young Catholic songsters how to open their mouths. The little ones are being brought up in Saint Joseph's Infant Home, in Cincinnati, where Mr. Conley has been singing in that city's Summer Opera. (NC Photos)

Archbishop Keeps Long Fatima Vigil

Lisbon — (NC) — Archbishop Paul Yu Pin of Nanking prayed all night for peace in China during his visit to the Fatima shrine in Portugal while en route to China in the morning he offered Mass in the chapel of the Apparitions.

During his Portuguese stay Archbishop Yu Pin met with Premier Antonio de Oliveira Salazar. It was believed that conversation centered about the off southern China. As he left

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