

UN Promise To Make Jerusalem 'International City' May Be Side-Stepped

Observer Charges Christians Denied Access To Holy Shrines

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Jerusalem — One begins to hear quite a lot nowadays about the "principle" of internationalization in reference to the fate of Jerusalem. The Feast of the Holy Sepulchre this year marked the 800th anniversary of its consecration by the Crusaders. And this is just what is meant by the "principle" of internationalization.

Some, for example, wonder if that is merely a convenient term for "whittling down" the United Nations and United States pledges to assure freedom of access to the Holy Places, if not, indeed, for watching on them enviously.

COULD IT BE, they ask, that the opponents of creating out of the Holy City of Jerusalem an international city are trying, under cover of this sound-sounding expression, to side-step this provision of the U.N. decision of November 29, 1947? Better known as the Partition Plan — to safeguard the Christian Holy Places? But, "internationalization" of the Holy Places is not "internationalization" of Jerusalem.

With no little enthusiasm, the Jews embraced the Partition Plan — all of it, including the international provision. They have since expressed their readiness to accept the Partition Plan and internationalization. The U.N. itself, of course, accepted what it then sponsored and reiterated in December, 1948. What, then, has happened since November, 1947, and December, 1948?

If the internationalization of the Holy City is carried out as voted by these same nations who voted to partition the Holy Land, then it means that the present situation in Jerusalem will continue. And that is something to be proud of. The only thing to be proud of is that there are no Holy Places in the present situation in Jerusalem. It is only the Holy Places in the Holy Land that are the Holy Places. The Holy Places are the Holy Places in the Holy Land. The Holy Places are the Holy Places in the Holy Land. The Holy Places are the Holy Places in the Holy Land.

Then, for instance, the East Syrian Rite, now in Jewish hands for the past 11 months, is in full Jewish hands. The Holy Sepulchre, under the control of the Jews, is now in Jewish hands. The Holy Sepulchre, under the control of the Jews, is now in Jewish hands. The Holy Sepulchre, under the control of the Jews, is now in Jewish hands.

Then, the Benedictine Abbey of Our Lady's Death (called "The Death") is in the same area, and by the same token is also inaccessible to Catholics. Near by, too, is the Shrine of the House of Calphas, where Our

Lord was crucified. In the custody of the Armenian Orthodox Christians; but neither they, nor the Catholics, nor any other Christians, are allowed to visit this endangered Shrine today.

BUT THE DIFFICULTY cuts both ways — meaning that Christians in the modern "new Jerusalem" cannot go to the Shrines of the Old City. Thus, a Catholic living in the vicinity of the Franciscan Terra Sancta College, or the Zion Fathers Ratsibonne School, or the St. Charles School, or the St. Joseph School, or the Poor Clares' convent, cannot go to the "old Jerusalem" to pray at the Stations of the Way of the Cross along the aged Via Dolorosa, trodden by Our Lord. No more can he go to pray at the Savior's Tomb, or on Calvary, for that Holy Sepulchre is in the "old Jerusalem" and he is in the "new Jerusalem."

That is not all. Even Biblical students who have sought to visit the Holy Places, about which they have studied for years in Rome, have not been allowed by Israeli authorities to make a tour of Galilee and its Holy Shrines, nor those in Judea, before returning to the United States to teach about them, although such has been the cherished privilege of Christian scholars through the years — even in Turkish times.

Similarly, the case of the recently Protestant "American Christian Palestine Committee," whose members were refused permission to enter the Old City, while visiting Israel on a study tour.

It will be remembered that the Custody of the Holy Land had to wait more than four months before it could get permission for

six of his Friars to assume vacant stations to which they had been assigned on the Jewish side of the lines, and for one of his religious to come back from Nazareth to Jerusalem, while the Arabs promptly granted these requests for their area. This could hardly be called "free access to the Holy Places" in any language.

THE LITTLE TOWN of Ain Karim, included in the U.N. plan for the internationalization of Jerusalem, lies about three miles west of the Holy City; it is the charming town in the hill country of Judea to which Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. In that town, nestling among the Judean hills was born the Precursor of Our Lord, when, there, St. John the Baptist first saw the light of day.

Those same hills once echoed two of the canticles of the New Testament, when Mary there, uttered inspired words of the Magnificat and Zachary sang his Benedictus. Holy as this town is, no Christian from "old Jerusalem" can visit its Sacred Shrine, for it is in present-day Israel — three miles behind the Jewish lines "where there are no Holy Places."

The situation outlined above by no means exhausts the shameful condition in which Jerusalem with its Holy Places finds itself today. If the future partition of Jerusalem is the idea of some, the present-day actual partition of the Holy City is more than enough example of what such a plan would perpetuate.

THE ONLY SOLUTION is that of internationalization, advocated by His Holiness Pope Pius XII and by Christian leaders — Catholics, Protestants, and Orthodox — throughout the world. Only by fulfilling the promised plan of protecting Jerusalem by internationalization can and will the solemn pledges of the nations to preserve access to the Holy Places be carried out.

Then, a Christian living in "new Jerusalem" will be able once more to walk the few blocks from his home without crossing any "frontiers," enter through the ancient walls, and say his prayers as of yore at Christ's tomb.

Only then can I, for instance, walk the few minutes from my Monastery of Terra Sancta, past the "Tower of David," then through St. Gate (without being stoned or spat upon after I leave the protecting walls) to kneel in the hushed peace of the Crypt, which marks the place where Mary slept in the Lord, near beside the Room where He gave the world Himself in the Blessed Eucharist that First Holy Thursday night — which could not be kept this year "because there are no Holy Places in the "new City."

The Archbishop Goes To Bat



Visiting Camp Mishanock, Kingston, Mass., Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston went to bat in girls' softball game. He proved he could hit by lining out one. But his base-running lacked zip. He was out at first. Camp is conducted by Sisters of Divine Providence, shown enjoying game.

Japan Birth Control Endorsement Blamed On Two U. S. Occupation Force Officials

(Continued from Page 1) as a result of the Thompson-Whelpton campaign. This officer, who apparently believed that the division could not escape responsibility for the contraception drive, did not succeed in finding another post in the Occupation and is now on his way home.

WHEN THE 11-nation Far Eastern Commission, which frames general policies for the occupation of Japan, was holding sessions on the U.S.S. Mt. McKinley in Tokyo harbor during January, 1946, one member proposed artificial birth control for Japan. The proposal failed to obtain majority support. It was informed that most of the representatives feared that it would outrage a large section of public opinion in their home countries.

A birth control lobby has long existed in Japan, but there has also been strong sentiment against it. A GHQ officer told me once that some Japanese officials were anxious to obtain a pronouncement that would enable them to claim authoritative American endorsement of birth control — enough to overcome opposition on the Japanese side.

In an occupied country, and with the ingrained docility of the Japanese, any statement from a GHQ officer favoring birth control, would be a powerful aid to the contraception lobby. The chief of the Natural Resources Section of the Occupation, N. W. Roche, has told me that a Catholic field-grade officer on the staff of the Plans and Policies Division felt himself bound in conscience to resign

Church Fights Red Slavery, AFL Told

Boston — (NC) — The place to fight despotism is where it first finds a friend; where it first ensnares a fellow-traveler, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston told the 33rd annual convention of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor. The Archbishop made the statement in bringing to the attention of the Federation the Vatican decree barring all contact with communism.

As an example of the danger of the virus of communism, the prelate recalled the documented charge of Corley Smith, British delegate, before the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations at Geneva, that Red fascist regimes are responsible for an "organized enslavement of workers on a scale probably never attempted before."

ESTIMATING The number of enslaved at 10,000,000, Archbishop Cushing declared that "they are doing the work which in a state genuinely devoted to the interests of labor would be done by paid workers."

"All of them," said the Archbishop, "constitute the secret strength of the Soviet system which is in competition with free workers in the world. . . . On the practical level, the trade union movement in the free part of the world cannot possibly stand up under competition with slave labor in the other half of the world."

"Ten million slave workers in one-half of the world today means your enslavement once the inevitable effect of their existence sets in on the world markets, on world standards of living and on the thinking of mankind concerning the dignity of labor and the worth of its work."

Those who truly seek the interests of organized labor will continue to raise their voice against Red fascism, Archbishop Cushing declared, adding: "It is a strange fact, but apparently an undeniable one, that disease is much more contagious than health. Vice comes to see: the place to combat despotism is where it first finds a friend, where it first ensnares a fellow traveler. By the time it comes to power it is already too late for free men collaboration with Christians or to survive."

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