

Catacomb Life Reported From Red Ukraine

By the FREDERICK FUNDING... The Catholic Church exists only in the "catacombs" in what is today the Soviet Ukraine. They say the twentieth century, subterranean, and mountain recesses in the Carpathian wilds.

This is the picture gathered from reports of refugees from this area, which once boasted of a flourishing Church with a number of bishops, thousands of priests and millions of faithful, housing mainly to the Greek rite.

NEW YORK, (NC) — The Catholic Church in both the Latin and Byzantine rites has been of scanty number, with its property being turned over to the Orthodox (schismatic) Church, these reports state that Catholic religious life has actually been annihilated. It is being practiced with a heroic tenacity.

Some people must walk 30 miles to attend Mass. It is also necessary to choose out-of-the-way places because the spies and agents of the Soviet secret police are everywhere and spy on the priest.

German Communists To Check Sermons

Berlin — (NC) — Communist Party members in the Soviet-occupied Province of Magdeburg have been urged to attend church services to check up on the sermons delivered by priests.

Dulles, Lehman, O'Dwyer Express School Aid Views

New York — (NC) — The fall elections in the State of New York have brought the question of Federal aid to education into the forefront.

The candidates for election are Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York for reelection and former Governor Herbert H. Lehman, a Democrat, opposing the incumbent U. S. Senator John Foster Dulles, Republican, for that State seat.

OF THE Federal aid to education, but left the inclusion of parochial schools up the State. Catholic leaders oppose both the Lehman and the Dulles Bills.

Story of Spanish Civil War Leader's Reconciliation with Catholic Church Told

By FRANCISCO M. LUIS... The story of the reconciliation of the Church of Alexander Lerroux, one of the sponsors of the Spanish civil war, is now being told.

The disclosure is made by Nabilis Rivas, in a book he is writing, "My Memoirs." Senior Lerroux was born at La Rambla, Cordova, Spain, in 1884. He died in Madrid this year.

According to Senior Rivas' book, he then Minister of Marine-Oria met Senior Lerroux for the first time when the republican government was proclaimed in 1931.

After the civil war, Monseñor Herrera-Oria became a Bishop of Malaga upon his return from exile in Portugal. Senior Lerroux sent him a note of congratulation, which the Bishop replied with a personal visit.

"We speak of many things, and among other things, with special emphasis, he, the Bishop, stressed that due to my advanced age and my position, he permitted himself to advise me to make political retreat. I expressed gratitude for his kindness, assuring him that deeply in my conscience I was sincerely Christian, and that the only thing that I needed to overcome was a reluctance against submitting myself to the rigorous process of the religion."

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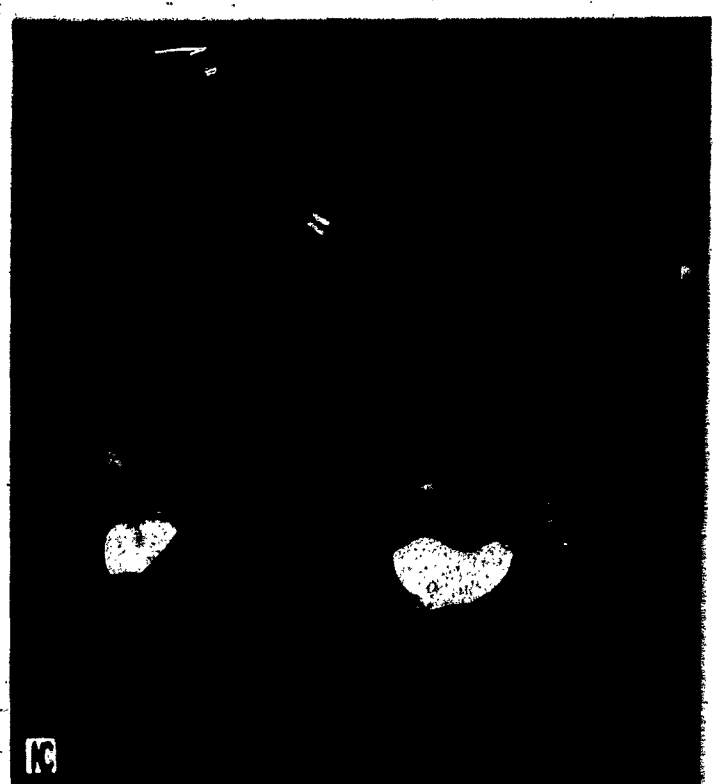
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Paper Praises Plans For Mindxsentry Film

Manchester, N. H. — (NC) — Plans for production of a motion picture, "Gully of Treason," depicting the imprisonment of Hungary's Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, have been commented in an editorial published here by The Morning Union, which stated that it would "serve the good purpose of reawakening the American people to the evils of atheistic communism."

"Cardinal Mindszenty was guilty only of godliness in the face of ungodliness," the editorial said. "That in treason in the warped mind of the Kremlin."

BLIND TWIN SISTER PIANISTS



Sister Johanna Madeline, O.S.F., and Sister Teresa, O.S.F., twins of the family of Cardinal Stritch College, Milwaukee, who have been blind since birth, told of benefits from the braille services of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae during its 19th annual convention in Chicago. "The Gay Sisters," as they are called, were concert pianists before entering the religious life, and have completed an album of piano recordings including world-renowned concert music and their own original compositions.

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Monsignor Romaniello is preparing for the danger of new communist advances by stocking supplies for Maryknoll Missioners in Kwangtung and Kwangsi provinces. Food and Mass wine are most important, since they are restricted when communists take over a region.

"WE ARE on the fringe of the present trouble," said Monsignor Romaniello, "but refugees continue to pour into town by road and railroad. Work at the Maryknoll dispensary has increased because of the number of sick people among them."

"This bleak picture has one bright spot," the missioner said. "The number of converts is growing. In certain sections of this area everyone wants to become a Catholic. The harvest for the second half of this year will be over a thousand souls."

Judge Warns N. M. Teachers On Religion

Santa Fe, N. M. — (RNS) — District Judge David W. Carmody has ordered the principal and a teacher at the Lindreth, N. M., public school not to require pupils under their jurisdiction to attend or participate in religious services.

The order came during a hearing to decide if four teachers actually fostered the teaching of Protestant religious doctrines in the public school.

JUDGE CARMODY issued the order after refusing to issue a temporary writ of prohibition to prevent the defendants from teaching in the school.

Addressing Louis J. Cooper, principal and Theron Anderson, the teacher, Judge Carmody said: "If you have done anything of a religious nature in the past, you had better not do it in the future."

The instructors were accused of teaching Protestant doctrines in a complaint brought by Amerril D. Miller and Paul Brown, members of the district school board. The other two teachers are Ethel Cooper and Lucille Weaver.

Throughout the hearing here, William T. O'Sullivan, attorney for the plaintiffs, sought to establish that religious violations occurred in the Lindreth school last term.

O'SULLIVAN CONTENDED that commencement exercises of a religious tone were held in community churches; that printed religious materials were available in the school to pupils; that prayers were said during school hours; that school music practice was held in a church; and that students were required to memorize Bible verses.

Judge Carmody held, however, that these charges were not proved.

The judge ruled that "holding a graduation exercise in a church where no religion, strictly speaking, is brought into the program is not a violation of law."

He added that "baccalaureate services are services held prior to graduations which, more or less, customarily bring in a religious tenor."

Vatican Chooses New Hymn for Holy Year

Vatican City — (NC) — The Holy Year will witness a change in the Pontifical hymn which is rendered at "non-ecclesiastical" ceremonies, it was announced by the press office of the Holy Year.

The "Marche Pontificale," which the French composer Charles Francois Gounod dedicated 100 years ago to Pope Pius IX on his coronation anniversary, will take the place of the hymn used during the past century, which was originally an Italian regimental march.

FIRST IN PACIFIC ISLES



First American Brother to enter the Caroline and Marshall Islands, in the North Pacific, Brother John J. Walker, S.J., says a prayer before the shrine of his fellow Jesuit, St. Francis Xavier, patron of all missions, before setting out for Truk. (NC Photos)

Spain Restores Religious Building Hit in Red War

Madrid — (CIP) — The Spanish Government's Service for Work, the announcement states, included among the workers are 1,000 political prisoners who are receiving full salary and reduction in sentence for time spent helping with the reconstruction of 1,276 churches, convents and other religious buildings destroyed during the Civil War and the disorders which preceded it.

SOME OF THE churches of historic interest restored thus far, the announcement declares, are the romanesque cathedrals of Sigüenza and Lerida, the gothic cathedral of Huesca and Oviedo, and the celebrated gothic Church of Santa Maria del Mar, at Barcelona. Some of the funds were raised through private donations, but most of the money has been coming from the Government.

Three hundred architects and civil engineers, along with 18,000 artisans and laborers, are employed in the reconstruction.

CWV Protest U. S. Aid To Tito's Regime

Washington — (NC) — All Catholic War Veterans units in the United States have been called upon to protest to the State Department against aid to the communist government of Yugoslavia. The call was issued by Thomas Caffrey, first vice-commander acting under the direction of National Commander Nicholas J. Wagener.

"No aid should be given to Yugoslavia or any other communist country until there is positive proof that these ignoble puppets of the Kremlin demonstrate their willingness to recognize man's dignity and to render to God the things that are God's," Mr. Caffrey told the CWV units.

"The Tito government still proclaims itself a communist regime. We must not forget that Tito has been a Kremlin stooge for decades, having been a leader of communist international brigades in Spain's Civil War."

"Tito's quarrel with Stalin, does not make him a democrat, and his wanton murders of U.S. fliers in Yugoslavia in 1946 stands as evidence of Tito's contempt for America and Americanism. The State Department once again seems to be making the same old mistakes. In the memory of all is the sale of scrap iron to Japan. Is history again to repeat itself?"

Convert Ex-Editor Dies in London

London — (NC) — Ernest James Oldmadow, convert ex-editor of The Tablet, weekly Catholic newspaper and review of London from 1953 to 1956, died here at the age of 81.

Mr. Oldmadow edited The Dome from 1937 to 1950 and was music critic for The Outlook from 1950 to 1954. His writings include "Lady Lehigh," "Great Musicians" and a biography of Francis Cardinal Bourne.

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