

Max Jordan:

Americans Get 'Bum Steer' On West German Elections

Union City, N. J. — (NC) — "Rarely has press and radio given the American reading and listening public so 'bum a steer' as in the case of the recent German elections."

DR. JORDAN, a radio and news commentator in Germany, is a correspondent for the N.C.W.C. News Service there. Observers and reporters made up their minds before the first ballot was cast, predicting apathy on the part of the electorate, says Dr. Jordan in an article entitled, "Church Between East and West."

When nearly 80 per cent of the eligible German voters turned out for their first free election in over a decade, and both socialists and communists, as well as the lunatic fringe parties of the right, suffered a smashing defeat, these self-appointed Gallupsters immediately concocted a new legend — this time that of the "right wing" having won the day in an unprecedented Germany," says Dr. Jordan.

Explaining that the "right wing" is predominately Catholic, "in the sense of the middle of the road," he describes German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer as being "as central as a political leader can possibly be — deeply akin to Alcide de Gasperi in Italy and Robert Schumann in France."

THE CATHOLIC Church in Germany has survived the war as "the strongest single element in the life of the nation," he reports.

"As a living symbol the Church in Germany today stands between East and West on the very threshold of the Iron Curtain, which virtually cuts the country in half," he continues.

"The impact from the East being primarily ideological, it is a question of transcending importance."

Scholarships For Girls Tokyo (NC) Five scholarships covering the full four-year course at Sacred Heart University, will be awarded to Japanese girls beginning with the next school year in April. Competitive examinations will be held late in February.

tance for the world as a whole whether the German Church can be a bulwark sufficiently strong to be rallied upon in the emergency ahead of us... Christian civilization is at stake, and the Christian forces in Germany eventually will tip the scale."

U. S. AT HOLY YEAR



Mr. James S. Mitchell, of Washington, executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Missions, is greeted at Rome's Ciampino Airport by Monsignor Walter S. Carroll, of Pittsburgh, American priest attached to the Papal Secretariate of State. Mr. Mitchell attended the opening ceremonies of the Holy Year as a representative of the United States Holy Year National Committee. (NO Photos)

Native African Bishop Has Unique Papal Commission

Scranton, Pa. (RNS) — The Most Rev. Joseph Kiwanuka, Vicar Apostolic of Masaka (Uganda), central Africa, and the only native African Roman Catholic bishop in the world, is now visiting the United States.

During his stay in Scranton, Bishop Kiwanuka, who is also the sole Negro prelate in the Catholic world, explained why he came to this country.

LAST AUGUST, when he made his ad limina visit to Rome, the Pope gave him a unique commission to go to the United States, Canada and England and "make friends."

Bishop Kiwanuka is carrying out the Pontiff's instructions, and searching out generous Catholics who will help him build

a seminary to educate priests. At the present time, the bishop has only 50 priests in his vicariate all of them native Africans. These 50 must give spiritual care to 137,000 Catholics. The vicariate, in all, contains 385,000 persons.

LAST YEAR, Bishop Kiwanuka had to turn away 50 candidates for the priesthood — because he has no seminary of his own. At present he shares a seminary with a neighboring bishop, and there is not enough room for all the candidates for the priesthood.

Bishop Kiwanuka plans to stay in the U. S. until March. Then he will travel to England and thence to Rome.

Agent Reveals U. S. Red Bid To Win Irish

Washington — (NC) — A drive by the Communist Party to recruit Irish-Americans into its ranks is described in testimony by a man who would be believed to be the party's agent in Ireland.

The witness, John J. Huber, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., said that prior to America's entrance into World War II the party "recruited Irish people for show purposes."

"Irish Catholics are the only people the party has difficulty in recruiting in numbers into the ranks," he declared.

"AS SOON as war was joined the party, it was the duty of the recruiting comrade to break the hold of the Church on him," he further revealed.

Mr. Huber, who said he joined the party in 1938 to help the FBI and ended his undercover activities in 1947, told of private meetings where communists were depicted as sympathizers with Ireland in its fight for independence. Irish Americans were urged to fight against British imperialism and for the freedom of Ireland by keeping the United States out of the war, he reported. This was before Germany invaded the Soviet Union.

"THESE MEETINGS were part of the drive at that time to bring Irish people into the Communist Party," Mr. Huber told the Senate subcommittee. "They needed Irish people for show purposes."

"In August, 1942, all sections of the Communist Party were instructed by the State commission to get their membership to contact as many Irish Catholics as possible, in an effort to recruit them into the party. The reason for this was because a vast number of prominent members of the Catholic Church were expressing their approval of all out aid to the Soviet Union (Russia) by then had been invaded by Germany). The Communist Party felt that such utterances by well-known Catholic laymen would cause people to listen more readily to the comrade."

CHURCH UNITY POSTER



Some young artists look over the original version of the poster which was for its creation the first award given in the National Church Unity Poster Contest, which is sponsored by the National Mission Commission of the National Federation of Catholic College Students, under the patronage of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, Georgetown, N. Y. Left to right: Mary Lou Barrett, who was first prize; Ronald Plummer, second prize, \$500; and John Chapp, honorable mention.

Priests Being Trained For Work Behind Iron Curtain

New Canaan, Conn. — (RNS) — Seven Franciscan novices and a lay brother are being trained here for future missionary work behind Europe's Iron Curtain. The future priests expect to be ordained in about four years.

THEY BELONG to a monastery established in the Jones Ridge section two years ago by the Franciscan Commission of St. Mary of the Angels, of the Byzantine-Slavonic Rite. This is the first non-Latin Rite unit ever established by the Franciscan Order.

In seeking to spread the Christian gospel in Soviet-controlled areas, the prospective missionaries will follow the form and ritual of the Eastern Rite, which is subject to Rome, but differs in customs from the Latin Rite, to which most Catholics belong.

Their training includes not only language studies, but a rigorous orientation in Communist ideology, religion, and the customs and traditions of the Iron Curtain countries.

TWO FRIARS — Father Melchior Wall and Leonard Kelly — were largely responsible for establishing the monastery, which has the approval of the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Churches in Rome. It is located on a 10-acre estate near St. Louis, Mo., being maintained largely through lay-will offerings.

Although aware of the difficulties of working behind the Iron Curtain, the monastery's superior, Father Wall, has declared that "when God sends the Iron Curtain, the Franciscans will be there."

War Loss Payment Cut For Churches

By REV. DANIEL J. O'CONNOR

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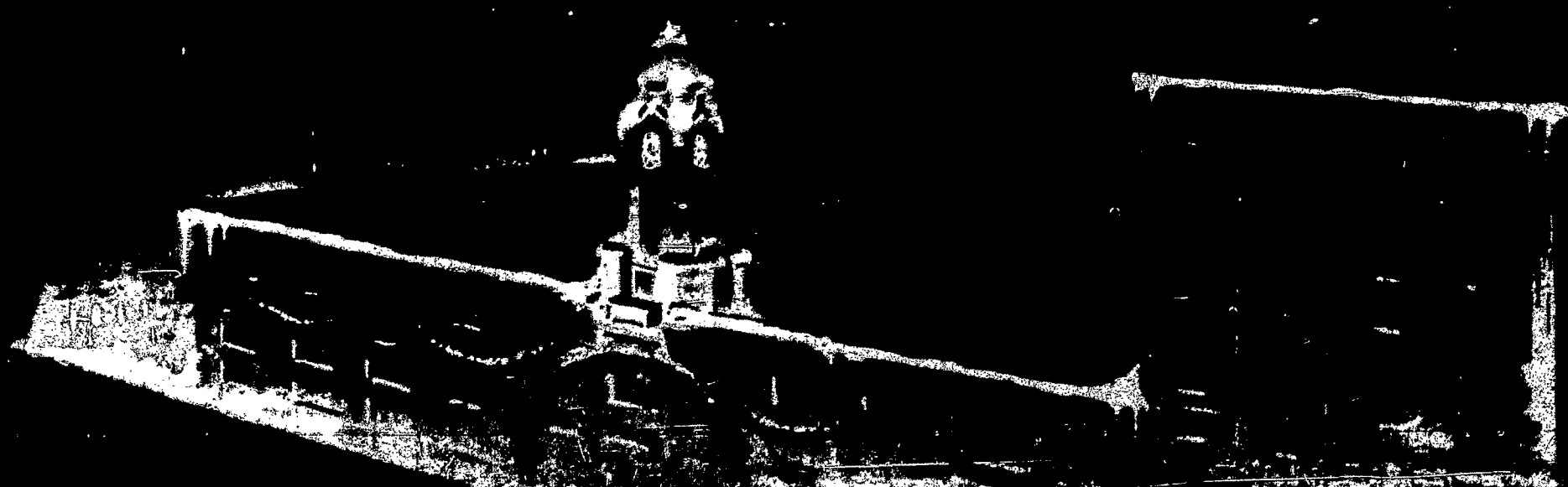
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