

Vatican Press Advises Fuchs New Approach To Use Imprisonment For Good To St. Peter's Nears Finish

Rome — (NC) — In a front page article which appeared in the Sunday edition of Osservatore Romano Dr. Klaus Fuchs, the British atom scientist, is urged to use his talents for the good of the world despite the fact that he is in prison.

The editorial is directed to the young atom scientist who was found guilty of supplying secret atom information to the Russians by a British court and sentenced to jail.

Entitled "There is need of you Dr. Fuchs," the article written by Andrea Lattuada asks him to forget the false message of the past and during the years of imprisonment to devote his mind and heart for doing good for mankind.

"LAWS OF MEN" have separated you from society, reads the article "but on the other hand the law of love gives you an opportunity if you only use it to re-enter immediately and forever into communion of spirit with society and to give mankind some beneficial discovery, cure or device of your making."

The article that Fuchs is handling over the atom secrets to the Soviet was "not bewitched by femmes fatales" as seduced by the mirage of false hopes, but was prompted by an ideal which he himself has recognized as false.

"FOR SUCH" usefulness Dr. Fuchs deserves a respect which is all the greater in these days when it has been rare to see someone ready to do for nothing not only evil but even what is good.

The article continues that Dr. Fuchs merits the esteem of men for "his repentance, his confession and his sorrow," but repentance is not complete and valid unless man devotes himself wholly to undoing evil by producing good.

"Fuchs has suffered" the article says "and his tears resulted from a sudden breakdown of the false Bolshevik idea of humanity which for many years he had accepted as full truth. With nothing but a dark abyss" left, all too famous scientist, now become a poor human being, finds himself faced with the desperate question of what to believe in now to whom to dedicate his heart and brain will be to re-

search the light of his intellect? "THE ANSWER" should not be long in forthcoming," continues the article, "on the part of him who believes in the power of the spirit. There is need of you Dr. Fuchs."

"There is so much work for you, and this time is for doing

good. You have before you 14 years which for anyone would be imprisonment, but for you they can become years of study, research and who knows, even experience. . . the world needs even you Dr. Fuchs. There is so much good to do for men, and this is the year of the "great return."

Canada Knew About Fuchs In '46, Catholic Paper Says

Montreal — (NC) — Canada told the U.S. and Britain four years ago that Dr. Klaus Fuchs was spying for Russia, according to an exclusive story in The Ensign, Canadian national Catholic weekly. The story was reprinted and headlined in secular papers across the continent.

Without revealing the source of its information, The Ensign said it had positive proof that the Canadian Royal Commission on espionage had ample reason to suspect the atomic scientist in 1946, and had passed on its suspicions to the United States and Britain.

The Ensign was started in October, 1948 by Robert Keyserlingk, former managing director of the British United Press and Murray Ballantyne, one of the editors of the Canadian Register. Although it is Catholic in tone and caters to Catholic news, it is not an official paper. It is published in Ottawa and its editorial offices are at the Canadian Press here.

The Ensign stated that it learned that the Canadian Royal Commission knew in 1946 that Col. Vaasil M. Rogov, director of espionage at the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa, had told Fuchs's spy role to Igor Gouzenko, the embassy code clerk who broke the story of the Soviet spy ring in Canada several years ago.

"Why British authorities did not inquire into Fuchs' activity in 1946 and prevent him from passing atomic secrets to Russia during the last four years remains a mystery," the paper commented.

Work on the approach was started by the Italian government before the war, when it cleared away tenement areas and narrow winding streets to construct the broad thoroughfare to St. Peter's square. It was at this time that the broad drive was named the "Street of Conciliation" to commemorate the Lateran pacts between the Vatican and the Italian government. Its completion, however, was interrupted by the war.

AFTER MONTHS of work the final prospect emerges of a beautiful avenue leading from Castel San Angelo to St. Peter's square; namely, its obelisk and fountains, is preserved along the avenue as a preparation for the square itself.

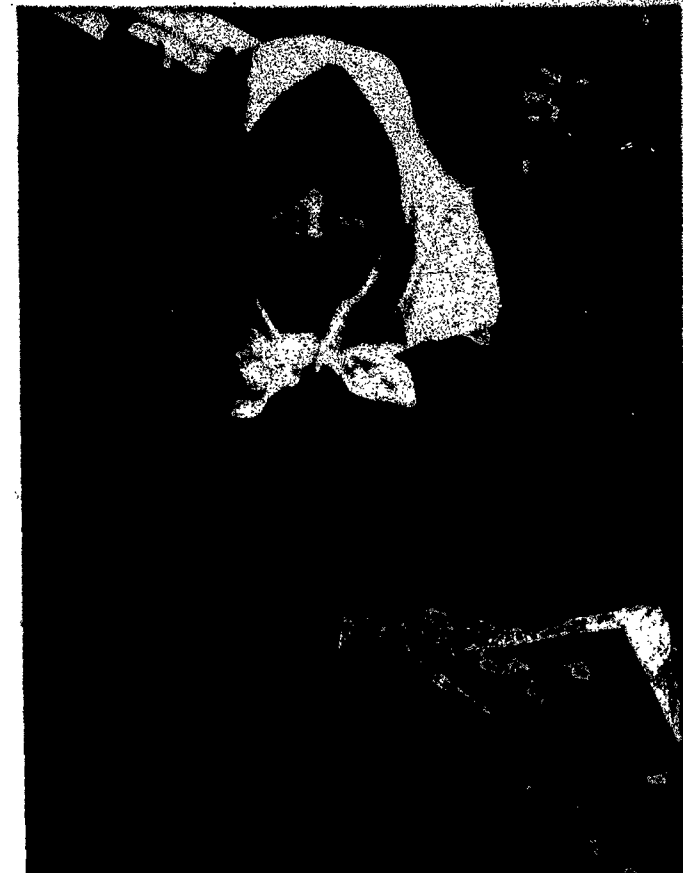
Two large fountains dominate the lower entrance to the Via della Conciliazione. The main broad avenue is separated from lateral driveways by raised walks of travertine, a mineral, on either side. Along these walks, at a distance of 100 feet apart, street lamps in the form of obelisks are being mounted.

THE BUILDINGS along the avenue are of uniform four-story height and well set back, but even in this feature there is a touch of artistic taste and a bow to tradition. Two new buildings constructed opposite each other at the entrance to St. Peter's square extend into Via della Conciliazione at one end and recede on an angle at the other end, opposite the outer ends of Bernini's famous colonnade in St. Peter's square.

In this way is recreated the historic Piazza Rusticucci, which formerly offered pilgrims who had traversed the narrow winding streets to St. Peter's a brief respite before stepping into the great broad warmth and brilliance of St. Peter's square.

The new buildings at the entrance to the square were built to house Holy Year exhibits before being put into permanent use.

Theresa Neumann Stigmatic Gives Answer To Non-Believer In Wounds



Munich, Germany — (NC) — After examining the stigmata on her hands, a non-believer asked Theresa Neumann, the famed Bavarian stigmatic, "I suppose Miss Neumann, you just imagine all these things, don't you? That's why you have the stigmata."

Theresa quietly looked at the man and then replied smilingly, "May be so. You just imagine being an ox. Perhaps then you will grow horns."

New Jersey Maps Drive Against Obscene Literature

Trenton, N. J. — (RNS) — A state-wide drive to rid newsstands of obscene literature is being mapped by Attorney General Theodore D. Parsons.

COPIES OF booklets bought by Deputy Attorney General Nelson Sandler at New Jersey newsstands were presented at the conference here. Officials agreed they were "a definite harmful influence on adolescent youth."

Others attending the meeting included Education Commissioner John H. Boshart, Institutions Commissioner Sanford Bates and Douglas MacNeil, director of the state bureau for the prevention of juvenile delinquency.

Bavarian Bishops Protest U. S. Aide's School Law Views

Munich — (NO) — The Bavarian Hierarchy considers the recent criticism of the new school law of Bavaria by Charles D. Winnig, American public affairs officer here, an "insult to the Holy Father."

Mr. Winnig had referred specifically to article 135 of the Bavarian Constitution, which provides that parents have the right to choose the type of schooling they desire for their children, and that the schools can be either confessional or non-denominational. The latter are admissible only upon the explicit demand of communities made up of members of various religious denominations.

IN MR. WINNING'S view that the application of this provision does not provide sufficiently for the needs of parents who do not belong to any of the Christian churches, and that it expressed favoritism for the non-confessional schools, either Protestant or Catholic.

Also, the law failed, according to Mr. Winnig, to provide for the right of parents to choose the type of schooling they desire for their children by disregarding the constitution in granting the privilege of parents to turn over schools to religious communities if two-thirds of the parents favored such a move, and in providing for teachers belonging to the denomination of the majority of the pupils.

THE BAVARIAN Hierarchy Disclaims Hoeds 'Apparitions' Frankfurt, Germany — (NC) — Mgr. Otto Lieschinger, Vicar General of the Diocese of Odenwald, has issued an official statement that no proof exists regarding alleged apparitions in the village of Hoeds just before the war.

He stated that Archbishop Wilhelm Berning of Odenwald has given no authority for the publishing of a recent brochure on the alleged visions of the Blessed Virgin, and the clergy were advised not to promote its distribution.

CLARENCE M. BOLAN, United States Land Commissioner for Bavaria, said that Mr. Winnig's comments were merely meant to state the American position clearly.

The residents of Bavaria accuse Dr. Hunschammer of "being unnecessarily sensitive" and attempt to ignore "Catholic domination upon the state."

A typical Catholic press account is that of the Protestant newspaper: "Catholicism is not during the very busy time of preparation of the American occupation should be in a statement offensive to the Pope. They also regret that under the pretext of democratic sentiment the will of the overwhelming majority of the Bavarian people is to be ignored in favor of an insignificant minority."

African Bishop Sees First Lion -- In American Zoo!

Maryknoll, N.Y. — (NC) — An African Bishop had to come to the United States to see his first lion.

Bishop Joseph Kiwanuka of Masaka, Africa's first native-born Ordinary, came to America to raise funds for a badly needed seminary and a hospital and a Catholic college in Uganda. He visited Maryknoll Major Seminary here to tell the students what the Dark Continent is really like. Some of them may be assigned some day to Maryknoll's missions in Tanganyika, British East Africa.

"Forget the popular but false picture of an Africa teeming with wild animals and savages,"

said Bishop Kiwanuka. "I never saw a lion until I crossed the seas and visited a zoo in the United States. And Uganda has a higher percentage of Catholics than America. Of its four million people, one million are Catholic."

"But remember Africa's need for missionaries. In my diocese of Masaka, there are 100,000 Catholics but only 50 priests and 200 Sisters. The true picture of Africa shows unprecedented opportunity for the Church, providing we can build seminaries to train native priests and Catholic colleges to educate our youth."

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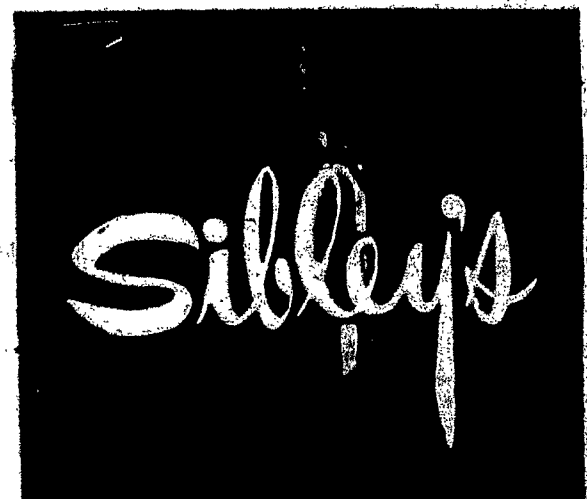


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