French Hierarchy:

Urge End to Strikes; Justice For Workers

Paris — (NC) — Members of the French hierarchy have issued several important statements on the current strike situation in France, calling for social justice for the strikers.

For the past several weeks large numbers of industrial and public service workers here have been on strike for higher wages. In addition to playing a major role in calling the strikes, the Communist Party has also taken advantage of the confusion they have caused to campaign against the Atlantic Pact and the policies of the present French government.

AT THEIR meeting in Paris **the Cardinals and Archbishops of France issued the following statement on the situation:**

"The Cardinals and Archbishops do not wish to separate without expressing their feelings in regard to the current social situation. They ardently hope that the strikes, which are bringing poverty to many working class homes and seriously disturbing the economic life of the country, will be brought to an end as soon as possible. They insist, as several Bishops have just done, that while there are certain economic realities that no one may disregard without peril, it is just as important that social justice not be overlooked. Social justice demands that a man earn from his work a wage sufficient to meet his living expenses and the honest requirements of his family. It also demands a reciprocal effort at understanding and wisdom.

"A LABOR DISPUTE that is solved only by the impoverishment of the workers leaves behind it a bitter animosity that opens the way to violence."

Achille Cardinal Liénart, Bishop of Lille, wrote in a pastoral letter:

"Work has as its primary and natural end the assurance of a livelihood to the worker and his family. Profits may be legitimately sought only as a secondary end and never to the detriment of the worker's livelihood. This principle being admitted, the claims which aim at raising the lowest wages to a minimum subsistance level may not be included in other claims, such as those that seek to raise all wages in accordance with the usual scale. There is no contesting the former claim. A system that does not assure a living wage in exchange for work condemns itself."

Chaplain Need

There still is a serious shortage of Catholic chaplains in the U. S. Army, according to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Cornelius H. Henninger, USAFR, priest of the Chicago Province of the Franciscans, who has been appointed Assistant Commandant of the Army Chaplain School, Carlisle Barracks, Pa. He succeeds Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Robert J. Sherry, USA, who was transferred to Headquarters, Eighth Army, Yokohama, Japan. (NC Photos)

Holy Father To Speak At Easter Mass

By REV. JOS. SULLIVAN

Rome—(NC) The solemnities of the Holy Week liturgy from Palm Sunday through the entire commemoration of Christ's Passion reaches a fitting climax on Easter, with the Supreme Pontiff personally celebrating a Pontifical High Mass at the papal altar in St. Peter's Basilica. Following the Mass he will give the traditional blessing "Urbi et orbi" from the central balcony above St. Peter's square.

HIS HOLINESS Pope Pius XII will deliver a short homily during the Pontifical Mass on Easter, it was made known. Such a homily is normally a part of the ceremony of the Pontifical Mass during a canonization, but not necessarily connected with any ordinary Pontifical High Mass which the Pope celebrates.

Although there is no change this year from custom, according to which the Holy Father does not take part in lengthy ceremonies in this week's liturgy, the countless pilgrims at St. Peter's and the other basilicas and famous churches create the impression that a whole city is either going to or coming from church.

AT ST. PETER'S as at the other basilicas, the canons of the chapters are carrying out ceremonies in all fullness, enriched by excellent renditions of all that is best in church music for these occasions. The famous Capella Giulia, named for its founder, Pope Julius III, which is the choir of St. Peter's Basilica, is performing in all ceremonies from Palm Sunday through Holy Saturday morning.

On Easter, when the Pope pontificates, the Sistine Choir, which is the Holy Father's own, will sing Palestrina's "O Admirabile Commercium," under the direction of the famous composer-conductor, Msgr. Lorenzo Perosi.

Plan National Lay Retreat Meet

The Franciscan, Jesuit and Passionist Retreat Houses of Southern California, under the patronage of Archbishop J. Francis A. McIntyre of Los Angeles will be hosts to the 13th National Catholic Laymen's Retreat Conference, to be held in Los Angeles April 21, 22 and 23. Shown discussing plans, at a meeting in Chicago are, left to right: (seated) Rev. Lucian P. Ducic, C.P., Brighton, Mass., moderator; Rt. Rev. W. H. Schulte, Dubuque, secretary; David J. Askin, Jr., K.S.G., of Brooklyn, president; C. A. Pfeffer, Detroit, vice president, (standing) Joseph P. Goergen, Sr., Chicago, treasurer and Francis A. Crolly, Boston, trustee.

Rabbi Rebukes Denying Bus Ride To Parochial Pupils

Boston —(NC)— Speaking at the dedication of a chapel and other buildings at Boston University, Rabbi Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York, urged that while the problem of building spiritual values in American education is being worked out "each of us should approach other groups with the utmost charity and understanding."

"Certainly we cannot hope to approach a solution to the problem of American education," he asserted, "so long as we take the position that a child will be denied a free lunch or a free bus ride to school, because his parents want him to be raised as a loyal and devout spiritual-minded child of his own faith."

Economist Babson Commends Catholic Retreat Movement

Chicago (NC) A sincere "hope that the Protestants will actively commend the Lay Retreat Movement" of the Catholic Church was expressed by Roger Babson, widely known statistician and economist in an article in the current issue of The Bulletin, publication of the National Catholic Laymen's Retreat Conference.

MR. BABSON observed that "most of the progressive movements of the Protestants, during my life time have been copied from the Catholic Church," but added he "feared that if some of his Protestant friends went on retreats "they would unfortunately give much time to discussing business conditions and stock market movements, rather than their own spiritual welfare."

"In this general connection," Mr. Babson wrote, "the Catholics are to be commended for the way their churches are kept open at all times for personal, quiet meditation and prayer. The Episcopal churches have, to some extent, followed this important custom, but few of the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and other denominations have yet awakened to the importance of this practice.

"If Jesus should come back to earth on a Monday afternoon," the statistician continued, **"He would need to use a burglar's 'jimmy' to enter most Protestant churches. Unless He could find a welcome at a Jewish Synagogue, I believe He would be found in a Catholic Church. This may be heresy for a former moderator of 5,000 Congregational Christian churches to say; but I believe it to be true."**

Mr. Babson said it is "a pleasure to commend the National Catholic Laymen's Retreat movement to young business men."

The same issue of The Bulletin directed attention to the 13th convention of the NCLRC to be held from April 21 to 23 in Los Angeles under the patronage of Archbishop J. Francis A. McIntyre of Los Angeles.

BESIDES THE Archbishop principal speakers at the sessions will include Bishop John J. Wright of Worcester, who is Episcopal Advisor for the Conference, the Very Rev. Augustine Habrioht, O.F.M., Franciscan provincial, and the Rev. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., founder and director of the Family Rosary.

Catholic Girls Stage Modesty Style Show

Akron, O. (RNS) Hundreds of teenage girls who are putting on a modesty in dress campaign held a mass meeting at St. Vincent's High School auditorium here.

They made plans to demonstrate their ideas for the public in a style show to be staged May 2. Special targets of the girls are strapless and extreme gowns and dresses, tight fitting sweaters and skirts, immodest and brief swim suits.

THE MODESTY crusaders, banded together to "Supply the Demand for the Supply of Modest Clothes" (SDS), also made preparations for a Holy Hour for young women of Akron to be held on Apr. 23 in St. Bernard's Roman Catholic church.

Msgr. Edward B. Conry, pastor of St. Vincent's church, addressed the rally, saying "We will do anything we can to forward this movement that has modesty as its purpose."

ANOTHER SPEAKER was the Rev. S. J. Wernagar of St. Paul's church. Some people, he said, have the idea that this campaign for modesty in dress is just for Catholic girls. It's not. It's for everyone. Encourage others to join us."

Problems Hit China Diocese

Hong Kong, China (NC) According to reports received here, the new diocese of Yingkow, Manchuria, which was established in October 1949, faces many difficult problems.

Bishop Andre Verineux took over direction with the establishment of the diocese which has 12 civil territorial divisions contained within it.

More than 20 churches in the 12 districts are being utilized by government public bureaus or occupied as private residences at the present time.

Yingkow is one of the larger cities in Manchuria but when the large war time factories were stripped and removed the population of the city diminished by half. Disastrous floods last summer served to add further misery and contributed largely to an increase in banditry.

Report Bishops Won't Take Oath

Vatican City (NC) Osservatore Romano the Vatican City daily has reprinted a report from France Presse that the Hungarian Catholic Bishops have refused to take the oath asked of them by the communist government of Hungary.

Red Propaganda;

Spreads Story On Vatican-U.S. 'Pact'

By MAX JORDAN

Berlin (NC) — A secret agreement has been negotiated between the Holy See and the United States government, says a report of the Soviet-controlled news agency ADN for Eastern Germany allegedly originating in Rome. The story is being carried by all newspapers in the Soviet zone of occupation and is typical of the incredible nonsense dispensed to the public there through the communist propaganda machine.

ON THE STRENGTH of this agreement, says the report, His Holiness Pope Pius XII has instructed all Cardinals, Nuncios and other representatives in Europe "to support the policies of the United States." This instruction, it adds, is "the result" of the efforts of Myron Taylor, former personal representative of President Truman at the Vatican." Under the agreement, the Red press says, the Vatican is to be in charge of the "spiritual influence in the American sphere of the world while Wall Street is to take care of the economic exploitation."

To implement this "new agreement Msgr. Giovanni B. Montini, Vatican Substitute Secretary of State whom the report calls "the director of the Vatican Information services," is said to have announced that special courses will be held for priests who are to be trained as secret espionage agents in Eastern Europe" while "American specialists experienced in this field will be in charge of these courses." At the same time the report goes on "the Vatican will cooperate in the training of American diplomats."

IN A PRETENSE at backing up this allegation, the ADN report offers the "information" that Rev. Dr. Edmund A. Walsh, S.J. who, it adds, "is a known supporter of fascist theories" is the chief executive of Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. which trains officers in the American foreign service.

(The Rev. Dr. Walsh is vice president of Georgetown University and rector of its School of Foreign Service.)

THIS FANTASTIC report is headed: Papal Brotherhood with Wall Street for the 3rd War."

Crosses Fly From Buildings In Philadelphia

Philadelphia (RNS) Holy Week in Philadelphia will see more than 50 large purple crosses on white banners flying from the highest office buildings, hotels, radio stations, department stores and from the four sides of City Hall, 548 feet above the street.

TO ENCOURAGE a general closing of stores, movies and taprooms the Citizens Good Friday Observance Committee has distributed 50,000 placards and posters inscribed in purple lettering "Closed Good Friday 12 to 3 p.m."

For the second year it also erected a large plain cross with stage and lighting effects contributed by the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees. Mayor Bernard Samuel, a member of the Committee, attended the raising ceremony and issued a Good Friday proclamation.

TEN RADIO stations of the general area pledged to support all of them agreeing to use spot announcements through Holy Week and most of them to carry from one half to three hours of religious broadcasts on Good Friday.

More than 50 large buildings scattered through the city including those of the Philadelphia Electric Co. and Pennsylvania Railroad, planned where possible to have them lighted all night in the form of crosses.

Irish Want Cross In National Flag

Dublin (CIP) Groups of people in Ireland are circulating a petition in which it is requested that a cross be introduced into Eire's national flag. "The whole world should thus be made to understand," the petition says, "that Ireland is a Catholic nation."

Near East Missions

France Cardinal Spellman, President

Msgr. Thomas J. McMahon Nat. Secty. — Rev. Andrew H. Rogosh
Rev. Harry M. O'Connor — Rev. Joseph F. Connolly
Rev. Wm. Kaier Dunn

Rabboni!

As our new [illegible] the eyes of Mary Magdalene as she recognized her Risen Master in the Garden on Easter Morning. That Easter Morning of the risen Christ brings great hope to the people of Christ. Our home and the other great [illegible] the Holy Land [illegible] Easter Morning [illegible] the Master and the peace that is the great gift of Easter. [illegible] Easter messages and our own Easter blessings.

MISSING BODY

The greatest mystery story ever told is found in the twentieth chapter of St. John's Gospel — the mystery of the missing Body of Christ. It's a true story and the mystery could be solved only by a miracle, the miracle of Resurrection. Out in Eritrea the Lazarist fathers have a problem with a body. They have the body of the great Apostle of Abyssinia. But they have no fit place of repose for the body. They plan a worthy crypt. Right now they'll be happy to get the means for a beautiful marble altar for the relics of this pioneer of Christianity. $500 is the cost of this altar-tomb.

FOOTRACING

Hardly an activity we associate with the Apostles. But their burning love of The Master sent Peter and John literally racing to His empty tomb on Easter Morning. The same love of Christ has put the Bishops, successors of the Apostles, to strange tasks in times of crisis. Out in Palestine among the stricken refugees the missionary Bishops are running food kitchens, provisional schools, refugee camps anything to relieve the suffering of the poor. They need your help. $5 will buy a blanket and basic supplies. $10 will buy a food package. No sum is too great or too small.

AGE BEFORE BEAUTY

John won the footrace but waited for Peter to enter the tomb first. But it had nothing to do with age and beauty. We do have a problem concerned with age and beauty. Right now another batch of youngsters in the missions have reached the age when they may receive their First Holy Communion. It should be an event of beauty in every respect, external and internal. Each year we try to supply fitting dress for these children for this great day. An outfit can be bought for $10. Will you dress a child?

EMPTY TOMB

That's what the Apostles and the Holy Women found when they went to Christ's Sepulchre on Easter. Something similar is to be found in the town of Kerak in Transjordan, a tomb without Christ. The Church out there has been built. That's all. Until some essential furnishings are supplied Christ cannot dwell therein. $250 will supply altar vestments, and linens. We asked before and failed. How about it this time?

MISTAKEN IDENTITY

That was Magdalene's trouble when she thought Christ was the gardener near the tomb on Easter. To assert clearly the identity of those whom we worship or venerate in our churches we decorate the walls with pictures of Christ, Our Lady and the Saints. For $20 you can have a special picture, for $10 a simple picture of a favorite subject for some mission church.

BRUTAL

Perhaps that's the way Thomas thought of himself after Christ had given the cold proof of identity that Thomas asked for. But the warm declaration of faith that burst from Thomas is what we like to remember about him. We have a few needy seminarians who share the name Thomas and the burning faith of their namesake. You might honor him and help them by giving something of the $600 needed for their tuition.

CORPUS DELICTI

That's really what Christ showed Thomas, His Own Wounded Body, which had been killed by our sins. The leper has scars to show, too. We have not been their cause. But we can be their relief. Our LEPER FUND seeks to bring help to the lepers. $1 monthly makes you a member.

Send all communications to:

Catholic Near East Welfare Association

480 Lexington Ave. at 46th St. New York 17, N. Y.

You and your family will enjoy

EASTER DINNER AT RUND'S

48 SOUTH AVE.

There is always a wide variety of entres to choose from

RUND'S
Full Course
DINNERS
and
PLATES
AT POPULAR PRICES
Dinners from $2.00

Seafood
shipped to us fresh daily
The Finest Quality
STEAKS
CHOPS
CHICKEN
DUCK
TURKEY
As good as you ever enjoyed

Sunday and Holiday Dinner Service from 11 a. m.
Daily Luncheons and Dinners
We Specialize in Live Nova Scotia LOBSTERS — The Best

RUND'S
48 South Ave.
(one block from Main St.)
Telephone: HAmilton 1750

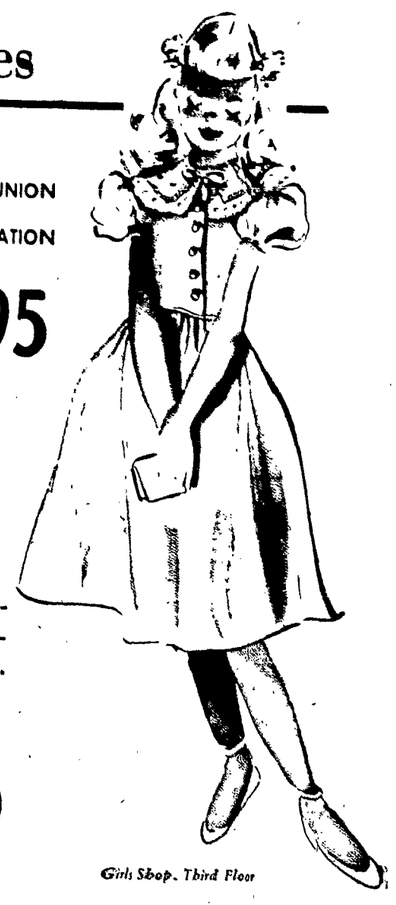
THE NATIONAL GIRLS SHOP THIRD FLOOR

MARGARET O'BRIEN

white dresses

FOR FIRST COMMUNION
AND CONFIRMATION

$5.95



Her First Communion or Confirmation dress! It must be sparkling white, demure yet elegant for this day of days! The National's Girls' Shop has selected the perfect style — a delicate rayon brocade with a face-framing organdy collar and an elasticized waistband. Sizes 7 to 14.

The NATIONAL
Main at Stone

Girls Shop, Third Floor