

Prelate Names Red Leaders In Canada

Vancouver (NC) — A Canadian prelate has given his people a blunt description of the Communist Party as it is operating in his locality.

In Canada, declared Arch-bishop William Marx Duke of Vancouver in a sermon here, the two most important enemies of communism are Toronto and the headquarters of the Communist Party in Canada is the Labor Progressive Party.

THE LEADER in Vancouver is Nige Morgan, assisted by Harvey Morgan, the Archbishop continued and he named four other people a publication and a civic association in the work of the party.

An example of how communism leads to the people and causes confusion, while working for the Reds, he went on, was shown at the so-called Peace Assembly, which was arranged for Vancouver and other points during the past week.

The so-called peace assembly brought here Father Duffy, a discredited priest, presumably to show how the Catholic Church is in favor of the Vancouver Peace Assembly Council. Behind the scenes, said Father Murphy, who traveled with Father Duffy to Trail, Power River, Nanaimo and in other points where he spoke in favor of peace.

ARCHBISHOP DUKE declared that communism as a three-point program first that man is no more than matter and that there is no soul and no God second that there is no private property because all property belongs to the State, and third, that class distinction and class hatred is to be fostered.

He said also that three things have helped to spread it abroad first, the distress of unemployed workers, second, unscrupulous and clever communist propaganda and third the silence of the world press not so much now as formerly.

Stamp Honors Saint Madrid (RNS) — The Spanish government has authorized the issuance of a special postage stamp to commemorate Blessed Antonio Maria Claret, Spanish born founder of the Claretian Fathers who will be canonized in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Sunday, May 7.

BLESSING OF THE PRESSES



Auxiliary Bishop Roman R. Atkilewski of Milwaukee, blesses the printing presses and other equipment at the dedication of the new nine-story building of the Bruce Publishing Company, 90-year old Catholic publishing firm of Milwaukee. Shown with the Bishop are Frank Bruce, Jr., secretary of the company and Rev. J. M. Hausler, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Waukesha. Staff members of the firm are in the background. (NC Photos)

Students Take Collection For Trappist Fire Victims

Winooski Park, Vt. — St. Michael's College students passed the collection basket Sunday for the Trappist monks at Valley Falls, N.Y. who lost their monastery by fire.

Rev. Maurice Boucher, moderator of the Mission Crusade reports that Ed Daly, New York freshman asked if the Michael men could help the Trappists. Daily once made a retreat at the Our Lady of the Valley monastery in Valley Falls and was so impressed that he wanted to help in some small way. The Trappists who are Cistercian monks of the Strict Observance are a cloistered order currently in the news because of the great popularity of "Fathers of Silence and Seeds of Contemplation" by Thomas Merton, one of their members.

U.S. Nun-Doctors In Oversea Missions

Philadelphia — (NC) — The number of people treated in the hospitals and dispensaries of the Medical Mission Sisters leaped 38 per cent during 1949, according to a report released at the society's headquarters here. A grand total of 151,000 patients were treated in India, Pakistan, Africa, Indonesia and the United States.

The founder and superior general of the 25-year-old society, Mother Ann Dengel, recently returned from a visit to the Sisters' missions in India, Pakistan and Africa. She verified the report with her own account of crowded dispensaries, overflowing nurseries and ever-present lines of patients waiting to be admitted to the hospitals.

DURING LAST year the Medical Mission Sisters performed 1,340 major and 3,565 minor operations. Some 4,000 babies were born in the mission hospitals last year and 3,146 baptisms were recorded. A new mission was opened in Solo, Java, and 17 Sisters left here to work in the missions.

At Rawalpindi, the Society's largest mission, located in the far north of Pakistan, all efforts were concentrated during 1949 on the completion of the new, larger 300-bed hospital. This is the only Catholic hospital in the Punjab, a region of 28,000,000 people, predominantly Mohammedan.

IN THE OLD hospital, at Rawalpindi, 2,860 patients were admitted to the hospital, while 53,745 were treated in the dispensary. Sister M. Alma, M.D., the physician-in-charge and Sister M. Lucia, M.D., her assistant, performed 1,202 minor and 187 major operations. Visits to camps outside the city where thousands of refugees are still quartered were made weekly by the Sisters.

Holy Family Hospital, Patna, located in the most densely populated diocese in the Church, recorded 47,566 out-patients, 20,000 more than last year. A total of 3,654 patients were cared for in this 13-bed hospital. Sister M. Elise, M.D., and Sister M. Marcella, M.D., performed 500 major and 1,130 minor operations. Babies, 100, figure largely in the Patna Report—601 were born there last year. In the Nurses training school, 52 nurses are enrolled. Five Indian nurses, graduates of Holy Family Training School, are now working in the hospital as staff nurses.

COMMUNISTS Train Special Leaders Rome — (CIP) — The Italian Communist Party has now issued instructions to the various provincial federations ordering that many local leaders must be replaced by new men. The latter, according to reliable information, have undergone special training in Communist "seminaries" before being assigned to the new posts.

These changes come as a result of the recent Communist failure to plunge the whole of Italy in chaos. Some leaders who have proved less effective than Minister Scelba's police must give way to better prepared ones.

LEADS BLIND CHORISTERS



Totally blind, Mrs. Thompson, Director of the Choral Group of the Catholic Union for the Blind, Diocese of Brooklyn, N. Y., is pictured with some of the 31-voice group during a recent concert. The Choral Group will provide the musical portion of the Catholic Hour over the NBC network during the last Sunday of April. The program is produced by the National Council of Catholic Men. (NC Photos)

German Monks In Korea Feared In Red Slave Labor

Seoul, Korea — (NC) — The conviction that the large number of German Benedictine missionaries arrested by the North Korean communist regime last May are now being held in a Red slave labor camp here by a refugee from North Korea.

The refugee reported seeing Europeans who speak Korean fluently laboring in the coal mines there. They worked side by side with interned Korean citizens, he said.

The Benedictines were arrested at their abbey at Tokwon. They were headed by Bishop Boniface Sauer, O.S.B., head of the Abbey Nullius of Tokwon and Administrator Apostolic of the Women (Kanko) vicariate. A previous report stated that the Bishop died last fall at the age of 72 while imprisoned by the Reds.

The exact number of Benedictines arrested is not known. Some Koreans say priests and seminarians were merely ordered to return to their homes by the Red officials at the time. One report stated that more than 120 priests, brothers and Sisters have been jailed by the Reds. There is still no news available about 45-year-old Bishop Francis Hong, Vicar Apostolic of Pyongyang, who was arrested at the same time. He is a native of Korea.

Soviet Spy Discovered In Spain Seminary

Washington, Ind. — (RNS) — A Soviet spy was recently discovered as a student in a Spanish seminary, according to a report in The Frank magazine, published here.

The information was received in a letter from Spain and relayed to the magazine by Rev. Federico Lorenzini, S.M., a missionary at Madrid, Spain.

THE LEARNING objective in the story was a youth who had "escaped" from the Russian zone of Germany and had found a warm welcome in the Seminary of Madrid.

"The break in secret spy lines for the 'Reds' was followed by Lorenzini, who said that the behavior inside the seminary led him to believe that they had in their midst another St. John the Baptist. Great opportunities lie with simply spy. As an occasional how did religion live under Red regime, he would sort of casually answer that as far as he knew and knew the Russians did not see either with respect to a great secret and it was under these conditions that the seminary thought that the spy had had not been long enough under the Reds to know the real truth.

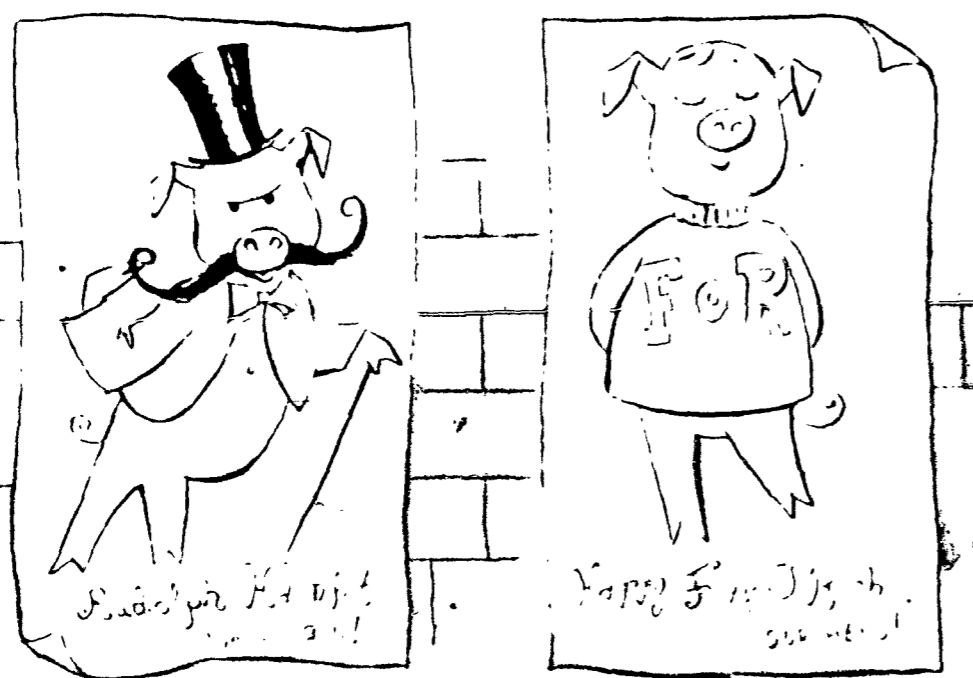
"JO AND BISHOP" the report continued, "The Russian police, in a surprising manner, of undecipherable signs and signals, walked right into the front of the German 'Reds' in the Seminary. Under circumstances that the young man admitted that he had been planning to go to the purpose of being 'legally' ordered and then, according to the report, he was arrested and being sent to the seminary, thus spreading confusion and telling the world what he was like to be free again from papal tyranny.

"It could happen somewhere else, too," Father Lorenzini concluded. "The enemy does not sleep and labor as victims."

CONGRESSMAN'S Kin Gets Religious Habit New York, N.Y. — (NC) — Miss Mary Clare O'Toole, daughter of New York Representative and Mrs. Donald L. O'Toole, has been invited in the religious habit of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Christian Doctrine, here, and has taken the name of Sister Mary Laurence.

Sister Mary Laurence entered the convent here as a postulant in September, 1948. Upon inventory she received congratulatory messages from President Truman, many of her father's colleagues in Congress and Government officials.

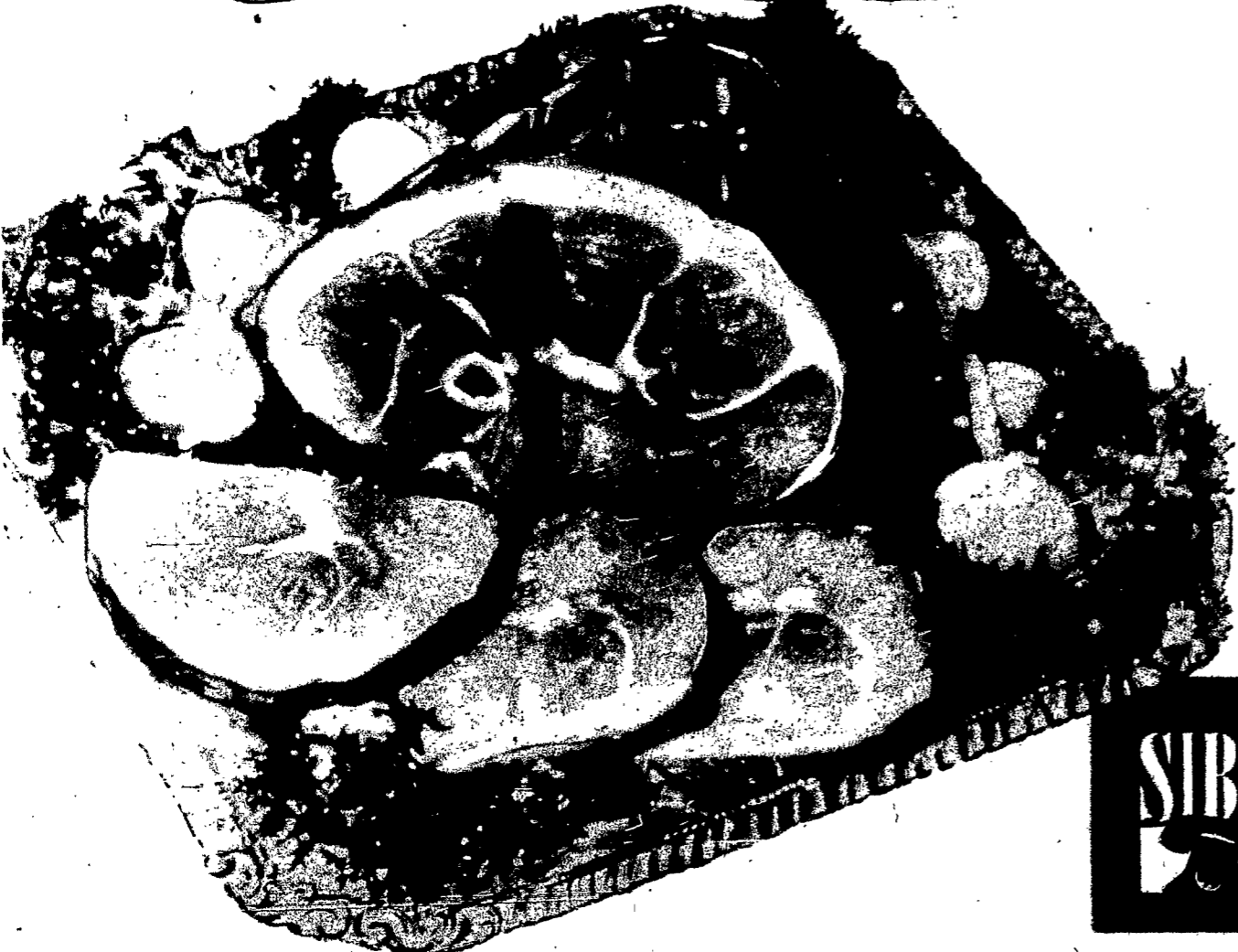
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