

Berlin Cardinal's Memorandum To East Zone Premier Demands Reds Desist

Prelate Charges Red Regime Forces Atheism Upon People

By MAX JORDAN

Berlin (NC) — Underlining the protest against communist mass propaganda, which was voiced in the joint Pastoral 12 prominent Ordinaries ordered to be read from all Catholic pulpits of the Soviet zone of occupation, His Eminence Conrad Cardinal von Preysing, Bishop of this city, has addressed another memorandum to Otto Grotewohl, "premier" of the East zone puppet regime. In his note the Cardinal insists that the Church cannot countenance the continued undermining of her moral influence among the people.

SPONSORED BY THE GOVERNMENT, the Cardinal says, communist teachings based on materialistic philosophies are forced upon the people in the public schools, the press and all other public media while the church is being restricted systematically to the sacristy only.

At the same time the people are being forced against their will to join organizations which promote ideologies alien to their thinking and contrary to their consciences. The church is completely deprived of its own press, which could counteract these vicious and pre-meditated attacks against the Christian faith.

THE CARDINAL reports, too, that he still has received no reply to his memorandum of last December, and he asks that the conditions now existing be corrected in line with the Potsdam agreement of the Four Powers and the constitution of the East German State.

The communist rulers obviously try to gain time. So far they have not dared to take any counter-measures following the publication of the Pastoral letter of the Catholics and the Protestants, issued simultaneously. It is generally understood that the simultaneous publication was purely accidental.

The Catholic move had long preceded those of the Protestants, who had hoped until recently that some sort of compromise could be worked out. Probably the Soviet leaders, on whose orders the German rulers depend, consider it unwise at this time to arouse further antagonism among the people, especially in view of the impending "elections" which



While Monsignor William M. Hart, P.A., V.G. officiates at cornersmen laying of new St. James Church, Inwood, (from left), the Rev. Francis M. Keeney, pastor, Monsignor John B. Sullivan and Rev. Frank W. Mason, pastors of neighboring churches join with parishioners in ceremony.

Vicar General Lays Church Cornerstone

New York Teachers Hit In Red Probe

New York (NC) — In the first action of its kind here eight public school teachers who refused to answer questions regarding their alleged membership in the Communist party, have been suspended by Superintendent of Schools William Janssen.

Suspended without pay were three women, one a high school teacher and the other a grade school teacher. All are members of the Teachers Union local 555, United Public Workers.

DR. JANSEN said he had suspended the five high school teachers on charges of insubordination and conduct unbecoming a teacher. The charges have been placed before the Board of Education.

"In the course of an investigation I have been making to determine whether there are any Communists in the New York City teaching staff, I received sufficient information about each one of these teachers to cause me to call them in for questioning," Dr. Janssen stated. "I asked them questions about their present or past membership in the Communist Party. They refused to answer those questions, despite my ordering them to do so. I have, therefore, preferred charges against them and suspended them."

THE TEACHERS' Union in which five of those suspended hold official positions, has termed the suspensions an obviously vindictive attempt to create hysteria and find a pretext for the miserable ransacking of the Mayor and the school officials of the current salary crisis in our schools.

At the last meeting of the Board of Education, its law committee introduced a resolution seeking to bar the union from official contacts with the school system on the contention that the union is Communist dominated. The resolution was laid over.

Trieste Bishop Accuses Tito State Of Religious Persecution In UN Plea

Rome (NC) — The fierce religious persecution carried on in the Yugoslav zone of Trieste emphasized by Bishop Antonio Santin of Trieste and Capodistria in his appeal to the United Nations for the protection of human rights in that area.

The appeal was made by Bishop Santin shortly after the elections last month in the Yugoslav zone which resulted according to the regime's announcement, in overwhelming victory for the Tito forces. Bishop Santin lives in the U.S. and British zone of Trieste. He has not ventured into the Yugoslav controlled section of his diocese since he was almost killed there in 1947. The full text of his appeal to the United Nations has now become available here.

"RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION continues as before the Bishop's letter states. This is not an ordinary phrase. Day after day I live in that zone and I know of what I speak. I know that these attacks are constantly mounting against my many poor priests. Just recently more than one had to flee. Thus the number of priests is slowly being reduced in that zone which is the precise aim of the administering authorities. They want all priests ousted so they can more easily spread their perverse doctrines among the people."

"In truth, we must look with pride and brotherly sympathy to these poor people who for five years have suffered, suffered and suffered. They cannot resist for relief. They cannot resist for relief because after so much suffering everyone weakens."

"THE CIVILIZED people of the world must understand the plight of these people. Zone B, Yugoslav, together with Zone A, Anglo-American forms the Free Territory of Trieste. Zone B as well as Zone A has been guaranteed free exercise of human rights by the United Nations. The peace treaty creating the Free Territory expressly states that the United Nations guarantees the frontiers of the new territory and the exercise of human rights."

"If nothing is to be said about the frontiers, it must be said about the exercise of human rights. No human rights are rights in Zone B, nor are there any effective guarantees for the fundamental freedoms. All laws, both human and divine, have been violated. The people of the zone are at the mercy of local political chiefs or commissars of the police and they must submit."

BISHOP SANTIN calls the recent election day "frightful" and characterizes them as a "New Calvary" for the people because election was "prepared and carried out in an atmosphere of violence and threats." The people had decided to stay at home and not to vote," the Bishop relates. "But the police aided by thousands of persons brought into Zone B, broke into homes and literally carried to the election booths people whom they had first beaten." As a result of such treatment some people died, the prelate says, hundreds were wounded and injured, some were insane.

The appearance of democratic elections through creation of the parties other than the Tito party was strictly sham. The Bishop declared one of these parties was the so-called "Christian Social party." "I can affirm," the Bishop states, "because I have documented my hands, that this party was the creation of the Yugoslav police."

KING AND PATRIARCH



Making his first visit into Jordan, the Most Rev. Alberto Gori, O.F.M., Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem is shown with King Abdallah who cordially greeted him at the Royal Palace in Amman, Jordan. The Patriarch spent two weeks visiting all sections of the diocese. He offered a Pontifical Mass at the Antman parish church. (NC Photos)

Church Employees To Get Social Security Benefits

Washington (NC) — Employees on a voluntary basis if it so desired. Ministers and members of religious orders would continue to be excluded on a mandatory basis.

Other non-profit employment would be covered on a compulsory basis. It was decided.

THE COMMITTEE also agreed to cover borderline agricultural labor as in the House-approved bill except as to services in connection with the operation or maintenance of ditches, canals, reservoirs, or waterways, not owned or operated for profit and used exclusively for supplying water for farming purposes.

In addition the Committee covered regularly employed agricultural workers on farms including sharecroppers as employees. The revised coverage provisions are to be effective from January 1, 1951 and will provide benefits to an additional 500,000 aged individuals. It was stated.

FATHER KOEPLING (NC) — The likeness of the late Rev. Adolf Koepf, founder of the Koepf Society, appears on a new postage stamp, but issued in the Sarre territory.

Whereas under the previous ruling all employees of religious denominations and organizations were excluded on a mandatory basis, under the Committee's final action these employees would continue to be excluded, but the religious denomination would be afforded an opportunity to obtain coverage for its

Czechs Close Monasteries As Reprisal for Loyalty

Frankfurt (NC) — The exodus of many religious from the Czech regime has met with total failure in its efforts to bring about apostasy among members of religious communities. While other religious houses in the region have been closed, the persistence of the Bishops have taken a pledge of loyalty to the regime and accepted the state seal as the religious priests have seen fit to do so.

It is also noted that victims of communist persecution have given refuge and shelter by the monks as has been the custom of monasteries throughout the ages.

College Plans New Building

Boston (NC) — Construction of a new philosophy building at Boston College with an accommodation for more than 1,200 students which will be ready for occupancy by July, 1951 will be started next month. It has been announced by the Very Rev. William I. Keiseler, S.J. president. The four-story building will contain 20 classrooms, a cafeteria equipped to serve 1,000 persons, lounges, offices and an auditorium.

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