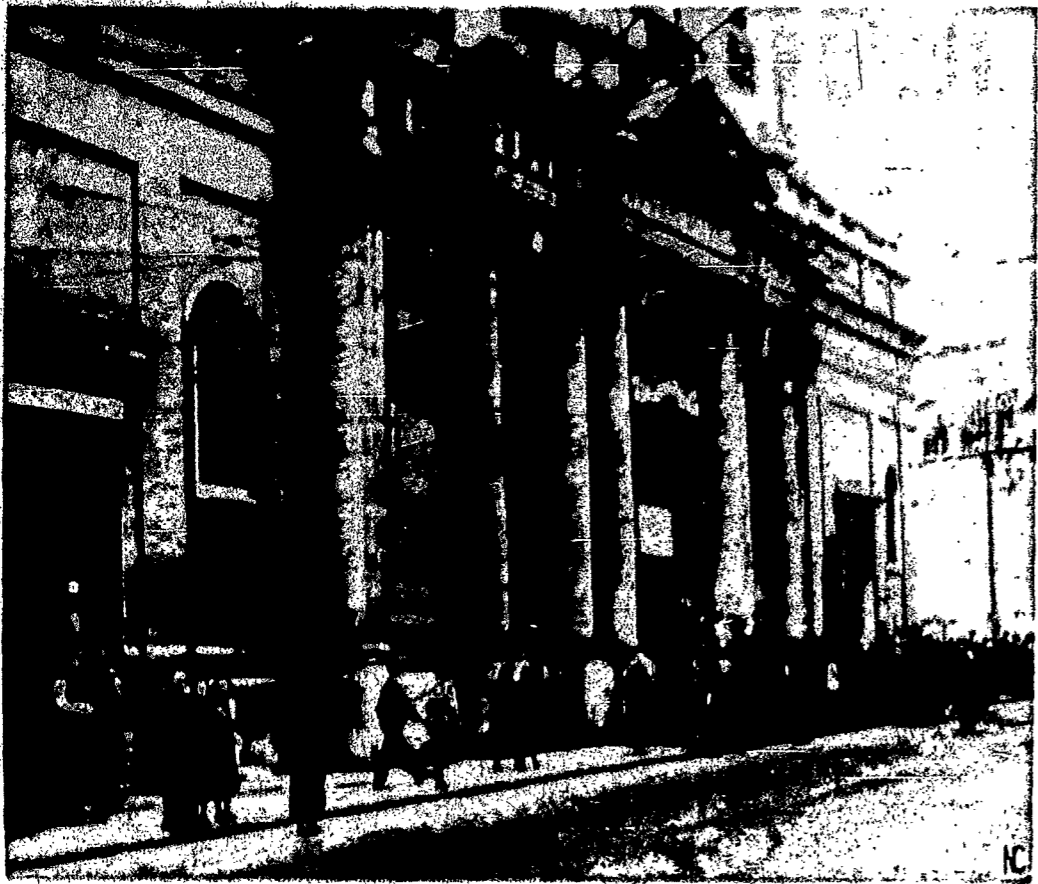


Center For American Pilgrims



Holy Year pilgrims from the United States continue to throng the American Church of Santa Rosanna and the Catholic Information Center (left) set up there by the Paulist Fathers for the American pilgrims to Rome. Very Rev. Edward H. Peters, C.S.P., is rector of the church, which is located only few blocks from Vatican.

Church Fights

Communist Bid To Corrupt Italy Youth

By REV. JOSEPH J. SULLIVAN

Rome - (NC) A concerted drive is being made by Church authorities to combat what is charged is an organized communist effort not only to de-Christianize but also to demoralize Italy's youth.

His Eminence Alfredo Cardinal Schuster, Archbishop of Milan, has joined all the Bishops of the Emilia region and the Rome Catholic Action daily *Il Quotidiano* in warning the Red attempt to "take Italy by storm" and its "elite" had taken the Red of Italy as a "carried out" chiefly through the boys' organizations called "Pioneers of Italy."

Il Quotidiano charges that the Red demand of the Pioneer applicants that they be able to blaspheme and curse for five or ten minutes and that they stage parties and dances for boys and girls between seven and 14 where kissing and petting are encouraged. The Red strategy the paper says is to alienate Italian youth from the Church and religious practices and to inculcate the materialistic ideas of communism.

The Emilia Bishops have issued a joint pastoral calling to the attention of the public this shameful attempt to pervert the young tearing from their souls all faith in God, teaching them contempt for Christianity and above all, uncovering and cultivating the too ready but fatal instincts of sexuality.

Cardinal Schuster stated that the program of the Communist party, the communist Union of Italian Women and the Pioneers of Italy constitute a "thoroughly diabolical attempt to effect the complete ruin of Italy and to send her children to hell through the demon of impurity."

The Cardinal called on not only Catholics but all Christians and respectable people to form a barrier to prevent "this pestilence from entering the territory of St. Ambrose." He directed that Catholic parents who allow their children to join the Red organizations be denied reception of the Sacraments.

THE COMMUNIST press has reacted with wholesale denials of all charges, protesting that the Red organizations are merely interested in "wholesome activity" for the youth of Italy. However, *Il Quotidiano* asserts that its knowledge of the Pioneer activities came from the organizations' "own father" as well as other unimpeachable sources.

As part of the battle against the Red, Catholic Action has proclaimed May 21 as a national day dedicated to youth to be observed in all 24,000 parishes in Italy with demonstrations, meetings and conferences on ways and means of solving the problems of youngsters and of assuring them of a more wholesome Christian life.

Industry Parley Can Beat Slump, Priest Tells CIO

Atlantic City, N.J. (NC) — Joint councils of business and labor in major industries to prevent another depression were urged here by the Rev. R. A. McGowan, director of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference in an address at the national convention of the CIO United Steel Workers.

Father McGowan also proposed that President Truman call a conference of representatives of business, finance, agriculture and government to work out a plan of attack on unemployment. This proposal, he said, had been advanced by President Philip C. Murray of the CIO before the war when Mr. Murray headed the steel workers and should be acted upon now or at the first hopeful moment.

The industry council plan Father McGowan declared is the necessary means for the prevention of another depression, an evil second only to war for the solution of the problem of government having to try to do too much a danger to the world over in our time and for the spread of world justice and through that the prevention of war," he said.

"I do not see how unemployment, stagnation and world war can be avoided unless the union advances beyond ordinary collective bargaining into a place of partnership in the conduct of its industry and of all economic life," Father McGowan declared.

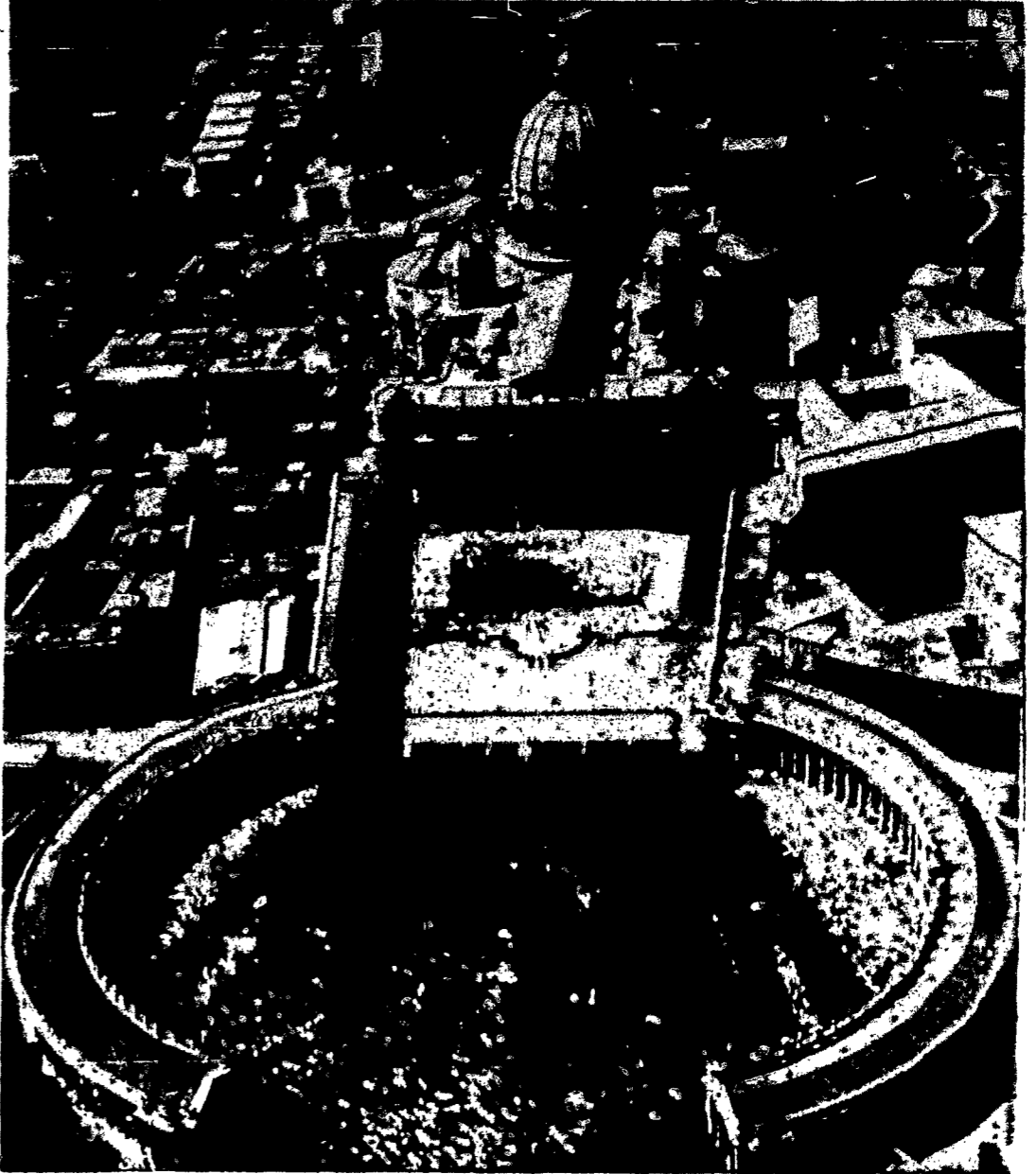
Altar Boy Stars in British Musical

London (NC) Britain's latest film star, 12-year-old Jeremy Spenser was at one time a choirboy at Westminster Cathedral and now serves Mass every Sunday at London's West End Church of the Holy Apostles, Pimlico.

Jeremy made a sensational debut in the leading role in a film, "Prelude in Fame," in which he plays the part of a gifted Italian boy with a genius for conducting who is exploited by an ambitious woman.

His part includes the task of conducting a full orchestra for an entire, uninterrupted performance of Weber's "Oberon Overture" an effort which the film critics themselves applauded at a London press preview.

Pilgrims Gather To Hear Holy Father



This striking view of St. Peter's Basilica and St. Peter's Square, taken during Holy Year ceremonies, shows what happens on a day when the Pope is expected to appear on the balcony to give his blessing to the faithful. The crowds are shown beginning to flow into the Square from all directions beginning in early morning. This picture was taken three hours before the expected appearance of the Holy Father.

Blessed Strambi Canonization June 11; Gave Life To Save Dying Pontiff

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Blessed Vincent Maria Strambi, C.P., whose offering of his life in place of that of Pope Leo XII led to the miraculous recovery of that dying Pontiff, will be canonized in Rome on June 11. His will be the sixth canonization of the Holy Year.

LATER, WHEN Bishop Strambi resigned from his diocese, Pope Leo XII invited him to live at the Quirinal, then the Papal Palace. When the Pope fell seriously ill, the Bishop called to his bedside and he assured the dying Pontiff he would recover. At midnight the Bishop celebrated Mass at a nearby altar and begged God to take his life in place of the Pope's. His oblation was accepted by God. The Pope miraculously recovered and eight days later Bishop Strambi died on the date which he himself had predicted, January 1, 1824. The Pope lived more than five years longer, until February 2, 1829.

BLESSED STRAMBI was one of the outstanding Passionists of his time. Born at Civitavecchia on the Tyrrhenian coast in 1745, he attended the best schools of that day and studied for the priesthood at the Dominican Diocesan Seminary at Viterbo. Even as a deacon, he was prefect and later rector of the seminary. He was ordained in 1767, at the age of 22.

Blessed Strambi was one of the great missionaries of Italy for more than half a century, preaching Passionist missions and retreats even after becoming a Bishop. He composed a "Treatise on Sacred Eloquence" and gave three retreats to the College of Cardinals. For over 25 years he held high office in the Passionist Congregation.

POPE PIUS VII gave him a difficult assignment as Bishop of Macerata and Tolentino, where the ideas of the French Revolution had wreaked particular havoc. He was consecrated in the Basilica of St. John and Paul in 1801.

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French Hierarchy Forms Priests' Insurance Society

Paris (RNS) An autonomous State recognized insurance society for the French Roman Catholic clergy has been organized here under the name of La Mutualite St. Martin. It will be under the control of the hierarchy and will function through local diocesan committees.

Social security was extended to the clergy in 1947, but the categories of French citizens but the clergy decided to approve the establishment of a society as professional workers and decided to organize a special health and beginning of the State.

Asks Scots Return Catholic Cathedrals

Edinburgh - (RNS) - A suggestion that Scottish Presbyterians might, "with dignity and honor," return Roman Catholic Church cathedrals and abbeys taken from that Church during the Reformation was made by Oliver Brown, a non-Catholic who is prominent in the Scottish nationalist movement.

Mr. Brown questioned the right of Presbyterians to retain old buildings which he said were erected for Catholic services.



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