

# Brooklyn Priest Wins Fight To Lift Negro Bowling Ban

Brooklyn, N. Y. — The five-year fight of a persistent Brooklyn priest has caused the American Bowling Congress to deny membership in the ABC to Negro bowling teams and Father Carow at that time called attention to the post-World War II illegality of the ruling.

## HAVE A DOUGHNUT!



Helping herself to the doughnuts left in a basket by a Red Cross worker on the pier, 9-month-old Helena Strohlin registers her pleasure upon sampling her first food in America. She arrived in New York with her parents, Ukrainian DP's, on the U. S. Navy Transport, General Muir. Through arrangements made by War Relief Services National Catholic Welfare Conference, they will live in New York City. (NC Photos)

# Japanese Bishops Approve Expansion of Social Action

Osaka (RNS) — Plans for the development of Catholic social action in Japan were approved here at the annual meeting of the Japanese Roman Catholic bishops and superiors of missionary orders operating in Japan. The meeting was presided over by the Most Rev. Peter Don Arch bishop of Tokyo and was attended by the Most Rev. Maximilian de Furstenberg, Apostolic Delegate to Japan. In particular, the hierarchy approved the creation of a special section on labor, one function of which will be to promote the Young Christian Workers Movement in Japan. The first Japanese unit of the movement was established in Kokura last year by the Very Rev. John Murgue, of the Paris Society of Missionaries and 14 additional units are expected to be functioning by the end of 1950. The meeting also urged that more emphasis be placed on the development of social study clubs and the creation of a Christian social literature in Japanese. The bishops also called for the development and expansion of the Catholic Boy Scout movement throughout Japan.

THE AMERICAN Bowling Congress meeting at Columbus, Ohio, has just ended the restriction against Negroes by a vote of 518 delegates after less than a half hour of discussion. A few delegates advocated "rays." The end of the restriction is effective August 1.

After the CIO of Brooklyn had been denied ABC membership because of its Negro teams, Father Carow, who is a director of the New York Bowling Association, a unit of the ABC, appealed to its annual convention in Los Angeles in 1947 and proposed an amendment of the organization's constitution. Again in the ABC conventions at Detroit in 1948 and at Atlantic City in 1949 he spoke for the amendment to the ABC constitution. He was voted down on both occasions.

DURING THE past few months his campaign was taken up widely. States Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein announced in New York last January that he had filed a request for a permanent injunction forbidding the ABC which, he said, sets the national standards for bowling from operating in New York State because of its discrimination against Negroes and other nonwhites.

Other actions followed. As pointed out at the Columbus meeting by Michael J. Dunn of Milwaukee counsel for the ABC, the organization since then had become involved in litigation in four states over the restriction. New York, Wisconsin, Illinois and Ohio. He said that it also faced threats of suits in Michigan and Minnesota. He said that \$10,000 had been spent in fighting these suits. He declared the "white male" restriction a threat to the entire supervisory structure of the great American game.

IN BROOKLYN Father Carow said that the ABC decision would enable that organization to become "American not only in name but in practice."

The part of the Catholic Youth Organization of Brooklyn, he said, "was to call attention to the injustice of such a limitation on racial grounds. We always were sure that, in time, honest consideration would result in such a conclusion as happened in Columbus."

## Honored



George W. Strake of Houston, Texas, whom His Holiness Pope Pius XII has made a "Supernumerary Private Chamberlain of the Cape and Sword," one of the highest papal honors conferred upon a layman. Mr. Strake, a leading figure in the oil industry in the United States, is noted for his interest in and benefactions to Catholic institutions and works.

# \$1,500,000 Donor To N. D. Revealed

Notre Dame, Ind. — J. A. O'Shaughnessy of Golden Beach, Fla., President of the Globe Oil and Refining Company, St. Paul, Minn., was disclosed today as the donor of the \$1,500,000 for the construction of a liberal and fine arts building at the University of Notre Dame.

Four buildings are scheduled to be erected in the two-year program. Besides the liberal and fine arts structure, they include a Notre Dame Inn, for which Ernest M. Morris, of South Bend, Board Chairman of the Association Investment Company, is giving residence hall, for which \$750,000 was contributed by Mrs. Fred J. Fisher, of Detroit, Michigan, widow of the founder of the Fisher Body Company.

Also on the construction list is a \$1,750,000 Science Building, expected to house one of the leading research centers in the country. All but \$500,000 of the estimated cost has been received from alumni and friends of Notre Dame all over the United States.

# Bishop Haas Urges Labor Union Growth

Grand Rapids, Mich. — (NC) — Bishop Francis J. Haas of Grand Rapids urged delegates at the CIO state convention here, to use every legitimate means to extend the benefits of union organization into industries where such organizations doesn't exist or is not beyond the embryonic stage.

Declaring that if U.S. industrial workers do not exercise the right of organization they will be taken advantage of and made the victims of injustice, Bishop Haas said: "Clearly, it is for you who have some degree of organization to help those who have none at all."

"The whole history of unorganized industries in our country is a history of degraded and enslaved men and women," he told the CIO members.

"Lack of organization is a disease that spreads," the Bishop continued. "You may not be indifferent to the absence of organization, either in your own industry or outside of it. I sincerely hope that you will use every legitimate means to extend its benefits into the industries where it is either absent or only in an embryonic stage."

Bishop Haas assailed the Taft-Hartley Act as designed to hamstring and destroy labor organizations, and called it "a tyrannous usurpation by government of a worker's God-given rights."

THE MICHIGAN CIO also heard Bishop Haas call for a revival of tripartite industrial committees like those set up during the last war. These committees, he said, are "the challenge for workers' organizations in the future, and one, I believe, that with the extension of general education, workers' organizations will be able to meet."

"What is there but common sense in having organized employees sit with organized employers and government guides and direct but does not dictate—to fix wages and hours and everything else pertaining to the perplexity of the industry?" he asked.

# Swiss Invoke Constitution To Gag Famed Preacher

Basel, Switzerland. — (NC) — The only country in the world, except those under the sway of Soviet domination, to refuse permission to the Rev. Riccardo Lombardi, S.J., to speak publicly in Switzerland.

Upon his arrival here from Germany the famed Italian preacher and Jesuit leader told that the provision of the Swiss Constitution restricting the Jesuit Order from engaging in any kind of public activity, including sermons in churches, is still in force. He therefore had to cancel numerous potential engagements.

ONLY A CLOSED meeting could be arranged here in a building adjoining the local Church of St. Mary. In the church itself Father Lombardi could only say Mass in the morning, but he was not allowed to speak.

"Yes," said the priest afterwards, "I only meant to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Father Lombardi had just completed his "crusade of clarity" in Germany which included no less than 35 large cities, among them such important centers as Frankfurt, Hamburg, Bremen, Cologne, Dusseldorf, Nurnberg, Stuttgart, Heilberg and Munich. Huge crowds streamed into churches and public auditoriums to hear him.

BISHOP ALBERT J. Muench, Regent of the Apostolic Nunciature in Germany and His Eminence Michael Cardinal Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich, were among his listeners.

Often meetings had to be arranged outdoors as church space was insufficient to accommodate the overflowing audiences. Father Lombardi also addressed numerous press conferences and spoke on the air to spread his message. In mid-May he expects to be in Berlin at the very time when communists are planning their "invasion" of the city by means of organized youth marches.

ON REPEATED occasions the Catholics of Switzerland have made attempts to bring about a revision of the Constitution in order to restore complete freedom of action to the Jesuit Order, but so far Protestants have been adamant, the prejudice against the Jesuits, still being widespread in this predominantly Protestant country.

Three years ago a Jesuit speaker was not even permitted to deliver a Christmas sermon on the air. Jesuits of Swiss nationality maintain various centers in the country, but officially they are not supposed to express their faith of the Holy Family.

# Pact Fails To Halt Red Drive Against Church

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (RNS) — Despite the signing of an agreement with the Polish Government the Warsaw communist regime is persisting in its anti-church campaign according to reports received by the Inter-Catholic Press Agency in New York.

The campaign is proceeding at least three places in Poland, the theater and through continued pressure on the clergy.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER the first announcement of the agreement, the press agency reported the Polish Government had issued an attack against the Holy See in which the Vatican leaders were called the "agents of Satan."

At the same time one of the largest churches in Poland, the Warsaw Holy Family, was surrounded by communist troops, forcing a priest to leave the church and to sign a statement of resignation.

Written by a newspaper correspondent, Stefan Mly, the story had a sensational quality and was reported by the press as a "shock" of national importance. It was a typical example of a "red" propaganda piece.

INTER-CATHOLIC Press Agency also reports that the Red regime is continuing to prepare the trial of many priests accused of "anti-state activity." Only in recent weeks, the agency reports, a number of priests have been arrested for alleged collaboration with the church's activities.

Several other priests, it is said, have been arrested for their refusal to sign a statement endorsing the regime's attack on the Church. Inter-Catholic notes that the government is a "moving target" in its anti-church campaign.

According to the agency, the regime is continuing to put pressure on priests through threats and inducements to join the communist-led organization of "patriotic priests." Creation of the high church authorities has been to be a "double-edged sword" of the many measures held under the sponsorship of these "patriotic priests," it adds.



FATHER LOMBARDI

Views publicly in any shape or form.

That no exception was made in the case of Father Lombardi is the more surprising as the Italian priest carries a message which meets with the approval of the overwhelming majority of the Swiss people. He meets the challenge of communism by pointing out that in the long run communist doctrine cannot satisfy the human soul, and that as a social and economic system communism is bound to fail.

At the same time he voices strong criticism of capitalist practices and stresses the likable values of the Christian Gospel which, he says, is the only answer to the problems of modern society because it respects the dignity of the individual and brings about a synthesis between God and man, between justice and charity. Also, Father Lombardi implored his message by urging Catholics everywhere to mend their own ways and set an example for others.

## Family Communion

New York — (NC) — The practice of family group Communion was recommended by the Rev. Robert J. Gannon, S.J., director of Mount Madonna Retreat House, Staten Island, during a retreat for a group of physicians. The movement, it was explained, is to encourage family unity and personal sanctity through participation of the Holy Family.

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