Post Article:

Pope's Divisions' Block Stalin's Bid

Philadelphia — (NC) — The millions of votes which have piled up for the Christian Democrat parties in western Europe in the past five years have become a boomerang answer to Joe Stalin's churlish quip: "The Pope? How many divisions has he?"

This observation is made by James P. O'Donnell in an article "How Many Divisions Has the Pope?", appearing in the current (June 10) issue of the Saturday Evening Post.

The writer cites the tremendous growth of the movement and tries to answer the following questions.

HOW CHRISTIAN are the Christian Democrats? How democratic are they? Are they to the right or left? What are their relations to the Vatican? Do they believe in separation of Church and State?

The successes the Christian Democrats keep scoring at the polls have startled everybody, including themselves, the writer says. During the war, when the political augurs of the American State Department tried to divine the coming shape of postwar Europe, he relates, they saw but three prospects: either a Red wave, sweeping the communists to office, or a neo-fascist wave sweeping them out; the only third force hope seemed to be the socialists. The socialists did emerge but only as junior partners of the dark horse Christian Democrats.

Christian Democrat, the author says, is actually soft talk for Catholic Democrat. The leaders take their philosophy from modern papal encyclicals beginning with the Rerum Novarum of Pope Leo XIII. The story of the Christian Democrat leaders is one where ideas have brought men to power rather than men having brought ideas to power, the article says.

Examining the party's democracy, the author sees them "bitterly opposed to the communists who rule at one end of Europe and the fascists who rule at the other. In the political spectrum the writer finds the movement profoundly centrists," though he admits the statements of different leaders are "bewildering."

HE QUOTES Georges Bidault, leader of the French Popular Republicans as follows: "We are Frenchman of the Center who hope to achieve the aims of the Left with the suport of the Right." Premier Alcide De Gasperi is quoted as describing his Italian Christian Democrats as "a party of the Center moving toward the Left." The German Christian Democrats, according to the author, claim to blend "right-wing economics with left-wing social aims."

The political parties have no links with the Vatican, the writer finds. But using the metaphor of a radio, he points out that no direct lines are necessary when the transmitter and receiver operate on the same frequency: Catholic social doctrine.

"Millions of voters in Europe have given the Christian Democrats a dramatic first endorsement at the polls," the author concludes. "On this momentum they have done valiant work in blocking the communist thrust for power. But now the long haul begins."

Body Of Monk, Dead 52 Years, Still Intact; Exudes Bloody Sweat

By SELIM MOUALLEM
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Beirut, Lebanon — The case of a saintly monk, dead 52 years, whose body remains intact and continually exudes perspiration mixed with blood has attracted wide attention in this country.

A crowd of some 20,000 pilgrims of all creeds flocked to his tomb at the St Maron Convent at Anaya recently. During the preceding week a daily average of 3,000 visited the place.

Cases of allegedly miraculous cures of both Christians and non-Christians have been reported in the secular press. Church authorities have so far given no official judgment in the cases. However, the monks of the Maronite Order, to which the priest belonged, have called upon the people to confine their devotion to prayers and to avoid displaying any veneration of the priest until a verdict on his saintliness is given by Rome.

The deceased monk is Father Abdallah Charbel Makhlouf. His process for beatification is now being considered by the Vatican.

The priest was born in 1828 at Bkaa-Kafra, the nearest village to the Cedars of Lebanon. He pronounced his religious vows in 1853 and was ordained in 1859. Later Father Charbel obtained permission from his superiors to retire to the hermitage of Ss. Peter and Paul situated about a half hour's walk from St. Maron Convent. He died on December 24, 1898.

The next year unexplainable phenomena, such as the appearance of a light around his tomb, prompted the ecclesiastical authorities to open the sepulchral vault. The body as well as the garments were found intact. The remains were transferred to a coffin, covered with a glass and placed in a convent cell. It was observed that the body emitted perspiration mingled with blood which was wiped off every three days.

Father Charbel's process for beatification was begun on March 4, 1926. The inquiry commission completed its work on July 24, 1927, and submitted its report to the Sacred Congregation of Rites in Rome.

Pending a verdict from the Vatican, Father Charbel's remains were placed in a tomb dug into the convent wall. The case was revived in February of this year when the faithful, who continued to pray at the tomb, advised the superior of the convent that water was seeping from the wall. The grave was opened and the body was found still intact. The constant flow of sweat and blood had leaked through the wall.

A medical commission was then appointed to examine this strange phenomenon. It began its work on April 22, but so far has not issued a report.

Religious Vacation Schools List 600,000

Washington — (NC) — More than 600,000 children will attend parish vacation schools in the United States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. It has been estimated at the national center of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine here. The great majority of the students, it was said, attend public schools.

China Scholar Joins Church On Deathbed

New York — (NC) — Dr. Chi-Yuan Wang, Chinese educator, journalist and China National Assembly member, has been buried here after a Requiem Mass following his deathbed conversion to Catholicism.

Dr. Wang, 56, an intellectual listed by the Chinese communists as a "war criminal," had been in this country only six months when he was stricken with a tropical disease. He was received into the Church by the Rev. Pius Mueller, O.F.M., chaplain at St. Francis Hospital, and took the baptismal name of Francis.

Among Dr. Wang's personal effects after his death was a message to his wife and six children in Hong Kong, in which he said:

"I am recovered. I am going to Heaven. I want you to follow in my footsteps."

Dr. Wang was the founder and former president of Canton University. He began his career as an educator in 1926 as a professor at the National Sun Yat-sen University in Canton.

Dr. Wang was a delegate to the Chinese National Assembly in 1946, and a signer of the Chinese Constitution. He always advocated educational and cultural relations between the United States and China.

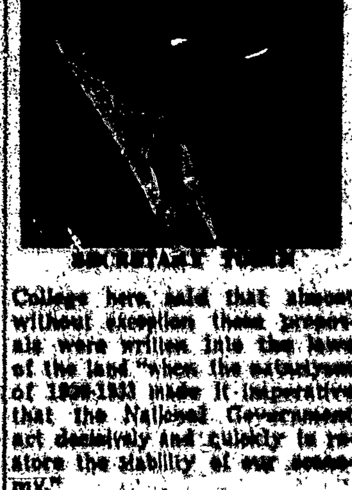
When His Holiness Pope Pius XII accorded a special audience, a few days ago, to a large group of Holy Year pilgrims who had come to Rome from Africa, Bishop Joseph Kiwanuka, Vicar Apostolic of Masaka in Uganda and a recent visitor to the United States, was on hand to present the members of his flock to the Holy Father. In the picture at the left, taken in the Clementine Hall of the Vatican, Bishop Kiwanuka (right) introduces a pilgrim in native dress as the latter kisses the Holy Father's ring. Right, another view of the Clementine Hall shows the pilgrims gathered about Pope Pius as they presented him with a monstrance brought from Africa as a Holy Year gift. Many of the pilgrims are in native costume. His Holiness examines the workmanship of the monstrance as it is held up for him by a priest to his right. (N C Pictures)

Secretary Tobin:

Credits Social Gains To U. S. Bishops

Boston — (NC) — Virtually every social and economic reform enacted in this country in recent years was proposed in the Bishops' Program of Social Reconstruction issued in 1919, according to Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin.

The Cabinet member, commencement speaker at Emmanuel College here, said that almost without exception these proposals were written into the laws of the land "when the cataclysm of 1929-1933 made it imperative that the National Government act decisively and quickly to restore the stability of our economy."



SECRETARY TOBIN

HAD THESE reforms been enacted earlier, the Secretary of Labor emphasized, they "might well have saved this Nation from the bitter experiences of the post-war depression of 1921 and the industrial collapse of the early 1930's."

The 1919 proposals were published by the group of Bishops who comprised the Administrative Committee of the National Catholic War Council, Secretary Tobin said. He added that "in its every recommendation" the Bishops' program applied the philosophy set forth by Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical on the condition of the working classes.

MR. TOBIN summarized the chief recommendations of the Bishops' program as follows:

"1. Minimum-wage legislation;

"2. Insurance against unemployment, sickness, invalidity, and old age;

"3. A 16-year minimum age limit for working children;

"4. The legal enforcement of the right of labor to organize;

"5. Continuation of the National War Labor Board, [illegible] and other purposes affecting the relations of employers and employees;

"6. A National Employment Service;

"7. Public housing for the working classes;

"8. Wartime wages [illegible]

[illegible]

"10. Effective control of monopolies, even by the method of government competition if that should prove necessary;

"11. Participation of labor in management and a wider distribution of ownership through cooperative enterprises and worker ownership in the stock of corporations;

"12. [illegible] the participation in [illegible] methods and in the capacity for cooperation."

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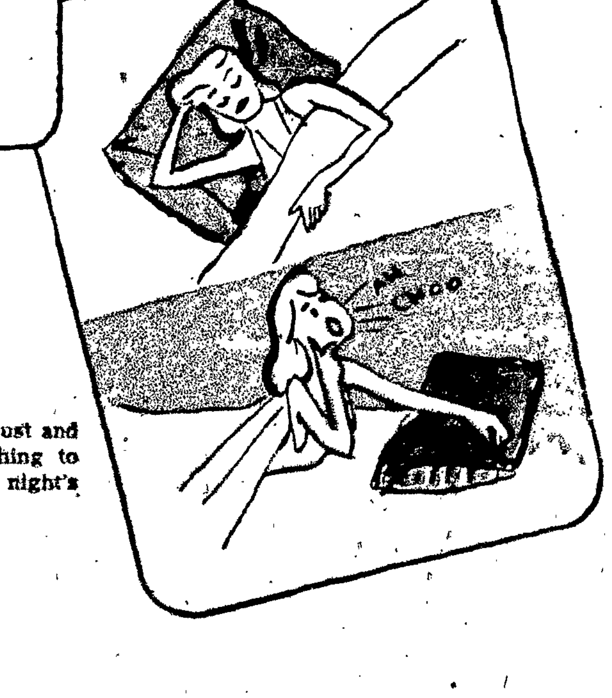

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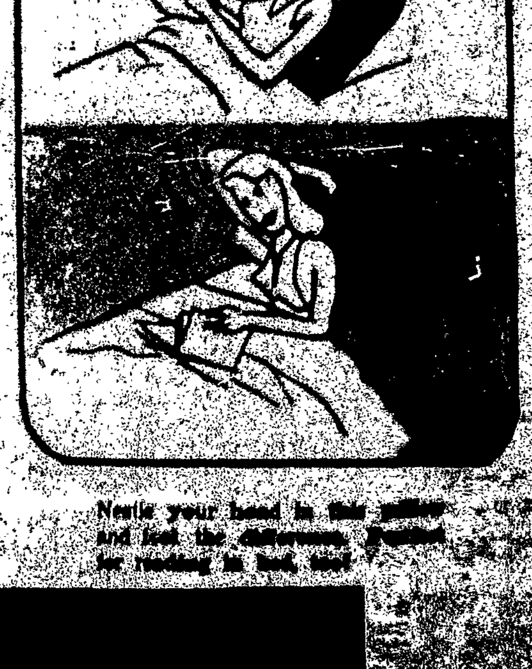

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