

Shortage of Priests, Funds Cripples East German Church

FARGO, N. D. (NC) — A shortage of transportation such as automobiles, motor-cycles and even bicycles, a shortage of clergy to take care of the faithful of the vineyard of the Lord. Of these not quite 600 are expelled priests. On account of the density of population, some parishes cover from 20 to 50 communities, towns, villages and hamlets," the report continued.

Bishop Muench wrote that most of the priests have no other means but bicycles to get around and service the needs of the faithful. Had roads or no roads at all, plus bad weather, interfere with the completion of priestly duties. Very rarely do they have motor-cycles or cars and they have little source of supply of the necessities of life. "There is indeed a heroic apostolate," said the bishop.

"On account of the scarcity of priests and because of distance and lack of transportation to neighboring communities, many of the faithful are unable to attend Holy Mass," Bishop Muench continued. "Good Catholic men and women have been treated by priests for such emergencies to assemble these people to some suitable place and lead the faithful in prayer. The fires of faith are kept alive in this manner."

The Russian zone covers an area of approximately 46,000 square miles, only a little more than 10,000 square miles larger than the Diocese of Fargo. In this area there are about 22,000,000 people and of these not quite 3,000,000 are Catholics. Expelled Catholic missionaries and native Catholics.

"A LITTLE MORE than 1600 priests labor in this difficult part of Germany."

Train For Iron Curtain Areas

BRUSSELS (RNS) — A training center for Roman Catholic priests who hope some day to carry on religious ministry in Soviet Russia and Iron Curtain countries is being conducted at Chovetrogne in the heart of the Belgian Ardennes mountains.

Operated under the auspices of the "Ouvrier des Eglises," the center is located in the ancient abbey of Chovetrogne, a Benedictine institution. The prior of the abbey and one of the heads of the new center is Dom Delapatre, a vigorous and scholarly priest.

Little has been disclosed concerning the methods of training at Chovetrogne. However, it is known that the priests, many of them of Slav origin, are being given special "Russianizing" courses to adapt them to the special missions to which they may one day be called.

Chovetrogne is about 30 miles from the winding valley of the Meuse and is close to Gray, an ancient town on the Namur-Luxembourg road. During the war it was engulfed by the German offensive in the Battle of the Bulge.

Patron



Mr. Kennedy

By special proclamation of Pope Pius XII, Saint John Baptist de la Salle (above), founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, has been named "Patron of all teachers and student teachers." In the same brief the Holy Father has appointed Cardinal Clemente Micara, Professor of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, which this year celebrates the 300th anniversary of the birth of its founder. (NC Photos)

Balancing The Books

Budenz Names Faceless Men

By **MR. JOHN S. KENNEDY** here by Moscow and under the surveillance of members of Stalin's secret police operating without hindrance in this supposedly sovereign land. These "political tourists" get their orders from Moscow through the Soviet embassy or consular officers. In turn they pass them on to the American party officials who then transcribe them to the rank and file.



Mr. Budenz

His purpose, in the present volume is to make the American people understand the extent and character of the Communist conspiracy for world conquest and "to demonstrate the state that the Soviet dictator ship and its fifth column in this country constitute a clear and present danger to the existence of the United States. There are still those who need to have their eyes opened, and that is what 'Men Without Faces' is calculated to do.

FOR THE MOST part there is nothing joltingly new in this. There is no unmasking of Communist secrets, no disclosure of hidden evidence. But the book is a weaving together and a clarification of more or less familiar data. A pattern emerges, connecting happenings which previously seemed unrelated.

A deadly design is hatched and carried out without raising a voice or furrowing a brow. Mr. Budenz is able to make your blood chill and your flesh creep. For he shows not merely that the Communists are bent on destroying this country, but also that they have been, and are being, materially aided by thousands of non-Communist Americans.

The man who for ten years was a leader of the Communist Party in the United States is at pains to establish that this is not a political party in the accepted American sense. There is nothing remotely democratic about it. It has one object: to effect the ruin and subjugation of this nation as quickly as possible.

Now the Communist conspiracy is organized and operates. Mr. Budenz indicates in a series of fact-packed chapters, in which the assertions appear not in a single statement that cannot be supported by documentary evidence.

THE AMERICAN Communist Party is absolutely controlled and run by "political tourists" that is, alien communists.

He recounts the genesis of Communist headquarters in the so-called Independent Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, and of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee which was set up for the specific purpose of bringing useful European Communists to the United States.

He instances many other "front" organizations and used scientists, writers, actors, clergymen, while the Red bosses were astounded at ease with which they lined up celebrities in a Communist cause, and physically coerced at these celebrities for their stupidity.

The sections of the book dealing with this subject are extremely valuable, for they give the inside story, factual and psychological, of a scandalous phenomenon.

AN FOR RED infiltration of government departments of agencies. Mr. Budenz repeats charges previously made and indicates some which I at least had not heard of. The war of the USA during the war and of the USA right now.

Famed names like Harry Hopkins, Wendell Willkie and Henry Wallace are introduced with prophetic though not at all conditionally stated comment.

Considerable space is given to tracing the changing of American opinion and policy on China, so that these greatly facilitated Soviet conquest of that vast and incalculably important country where Stalin's satrap now rules supreme and, for the first time in generations, the American flag no longer flies anywhere on the mainland.

Enough has been said to convey the importance of Mr. Budenz's work which every thinking person will want to read and reflect upon. He urges a non-partisan effort by all Americans to rid our country of a very present peril. "America," he says, "is more than powerful enough materially to check Soviet advances in other countries and here." But he is not so sure about our "intelligence agencies and our weapons and techniques."

MEN WITHOUT FACES by Louis Francis Budenz. 303 pages, with index. New York: Harper, \$3.50.

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REARRANGEMENT THAT'S TOPS

CU Plans 10-Day Writing Course

WASHINGTON (NC) — A 10-day Workshop on Creative Writing will be held at the Catholic University of America beginning Aug 7. Morning and afternoon sessions will be held, with lectures, discussion and private manuscript consultation. Participants may attend on a full or part-time basis. The staff will be prepared to handle every phase and angle of the creative writing field.

Dr. Leo V. Jacks of Creighton University, Omaha, will be the workshop director. The staff will include Walter S. Campbell of the University of Oklahoma, who writes under the name of "Stanley Yehli," and is the author of more than 25 "Robots on the West," Shirley Selfert, magazine writer and novelist, George S. Brooks, former reporter and editor, who is also a generalist and short story writer, and The Rev. James J. Donahue of Lorain College, Dubuque, Ia.

Catholic Party Sweeps Election

BRUSSELS, Belgium (NC) — A narrow four-seat majority in the Lower House has placed the Catholic Christian Social party in a position to form the first one-party government in Belgium since World War II.

The Socialists captured 77 a gain of 11 over last year. The Communists won only seven, a loss of five.

The chief election issue was whether or not King Leopold III should be returned to the throne. He was barred from rule by the Belgian legislature in 1935 because of the surrender to the Germans in 1940. The Christian Social party favors the King's return, while the other parties oppose it.

Foremost among other issues is the question of whether the government should encourage state schools only or parochial schools as well. Socialists in the government have so far vigorously opposed any government favors to parochial schools and have proposed an inhouse development of state schools.

Belgian Workers (RNS) — Eight hundred thousand members of Roman Catholic workers' organizations staged mass meetings and demonstrations throughout Belgium in commemoration of the Encyclical on the Condition of the Working Classes issued by Pope Leo XIII in 1891.

Author Fowler To Join Church

DENVER (NC) — Gene Fowler, celebrated author, editor and journalist, is preparing to enter the Catholic Church. It is disclosed in a copyright story in The Denver Catholic Register.

Fowler has taken instructions from Father Duane Theobald, director of the convert classes at the cathedral here. Fowler is a native of Denver and worked for a number of New York newspapers as well as for several motion picture studios. He now lives in Los Angeles.

Among his books are "The Great Mouthpiece," based on the life of William J. Fallon, New York attorney; "Good Night, Sweet Prince," a biography of John Barrymore.

Boys Elude Iron Curtain With Candle For Madonna

BERLIN (RNS) — A lighted candle of the Madonna of the German Catholic Youth League was smuggled by youngsters through the East German Iron Curtain and then brought to the Bogaya church in the U. S. section here.

THE EVENT marked a high light in the tradition relay race in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary which saw boys between the ages of ten and 14 lighting candles at the Altmuegg cathedral near Cologne and setting out to carry them through all the Roman Catholic dioceses in western Germany.

Residing in an international bus with the lighted candle placed in a lantern and hidden in a brief case, a small group of Catholic boys managed to get the burning light undetected through the Soviet checkpoint at the zeta border.

LATER ON, the light was taken over by boys of various headed for Berlin. Von them route through the eastern zone surprised priests hurried to gather their congregations for special ceremonies in honor of the Virgin in whose name the candle was being carried.

At the western section checkpoint the light received a jubilant reception by a delegation of Catholic youth groups western police and American soldiers. Finally forty Berlin young stars carried the lighted candle to the Rosary church at Berlin-Steglitz.

160,000 Seek Admission To Canonization Ceremony

ROME (RNS) — One of the major events of the Holy Year will take place on Sunday, June 25, when Blessed Maria Goretti is canonized. The twelve-year-old peasant girl from Nettuno near Rome was stabbed to death by a young man whose love she refused to return.

A special train will leave Rome for St. Peter's Square on the day of the canonization. The body of Maria Goretti, which now rests in the cathedral of Nettuno, will be brought to Rome a few days before the canonization and escorted to St. John and Paul titular church of Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York. Subsequently it will repose in the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, where Holy Year pilgrims will pray before it.

Along those who will witness the canonization rites is Blessed Maria's 85-year-old invalid mother, Assunta, who saw her daughter beatified by Pope Pius in 1947. Also present will be Maria's brother Angelo of Phillipsburg, N. J. and her sister, Theresa, who is a nun.

War Hero's Son Follows Advice Of Father's Letter

BOSTON (RNS) — The son of a World War I hero has followed the advice of his father's letter to join the Navy. The young man, who is a member of the Varsity Club at Boston College High School and finished ahead of 700 other students studying especially in English and mathematics with an average of 85 per cent.

COMMANDER WHEA was an aviator of Boston College graduate at the age of 19 with the rank of lieutenant in the U. S. Navy.

In the famous letter, the Commander also advised Jackie to be a good Catholic and to become a good American.

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