

# Communists Flood United States With 'Stockholm Peace Appeal' Petitions

## False Impressions Of Support Exposed

Washington (NC) — The United States is being flooded with petitions seeking signatures for the communist-inspired "Stockholm peace appeal."

Terms of workers have been sent in "shocktroops" into rural areas. Groups work among crowds at sporting events and other large gatherings in the cities. People are button-holed, written to, or called on the telephone. Prepared copies of the petition, stickers, mailing slips and all the usual aids to the promotion of "pressure" mail are made available to those who can be induced to take part in this drive.

**NEWS DISPATCHES** from Europe appearing in the Catholic press in recent months have long since exposed the almost unbelievable lengths that have been gone to circulate this "peace appeal" in Europe. Now that it has appeared in the United States, it is sought to give the impression that many leaders and notables — both ecclesiastical and secular — already have expressed themselves as sympathetic to the Stockholm manifesto and have signed the "peace appeal." With only a cursory inspection it is possible to expose the fallacy of the impression created in an impressive number of these "endorsements."

The "Stockholm peace appeal" was adopted in that Swedish city last March by the communist-inspired group called the World Committee in Defense of Peace. The "appeal" says: "We demand the outlawing of atomic weapons as instruments of intimidation and mass murder of people. We demand strict international control to enforce this measure. We believe that any government which first uses atomic weapons against any other country whatsoever will be committing a crime against humanity and should be dealt with as a war criminal." It is clear now that even while this "appeal" was being circulated in Europe, intensive preparations were being made for the invasion of South Korea.

In June, *Osceola* magazine, Vatican City newspaper, denounced the appeal, saying that the communists do not want non-hostility to work

## Czech Monk Describes Red Concentration

Vienna (NC) — Another eyewitness account of the rounding up of Religious in Czechoslovakia and their mass evacuation to "concentration monasteries" has reached this city. The *Wiener Kirchenblatt* (Vienna Church Paper) publishes the letter of one of these interned monks, who is being held at the concentration monastery of St. Benedikt in Slovakia.

This interned monk writes: "Exactly at 12:45 a.m. on the night of May 3-4 a hellish noise and knocking took place at both of the entrances of our house. We looked into the street: four large buses and a large number of autos stood there. We had not even time to slip into our trousers when 70 gendarmes, militia men and secret police stormed into our monastery.

"The first thing they did was to search us during which we were robbed of our cash. They left each of us only 100 kronas (about \$2) with the cynical remark that from now on we would have only honestly earned money. Then they hurried us into packing only the most necessary laundry in trucks. As we finished and they ordered us to sign a declaration that we voluntarily left the monastery—which, of course, we could not do. Then they packed us monks into a bus with eight gendarmes, and at a 100 kilometer per hour speed we chased off to St. Benedikt."

"There are about 130 Religious here: among them there are 75 Franciscans, 13 Divine Word Fathers, 13 Lazarists, 11 Florians and 14 Capuchines, half of these priests. Of three acute priests only five are permitted to say Mass each noon and from 2 to 6 p.m. we work in the garden and in the house. From time to time we must attend readings out of Frava and political lectures and hear various orders and bans."

Treatment of the inmates is described as hard and brutal: "We are in the monastery of the Salesians which has room for only 30 to 40 persons. And there are 130 of us! Among us there is a priest who was a prisoner at Dachau. He says that it is a hundred times worse here than it was there."

## Father Cleary Aids GP's On Battlefront In Korea



MONIGNOR QUINLAN



FATHER CLEARY

Tokyo (NC) — Msgr. Thomas Quinlan, Irish-born Prefect Apostolic of Choonchun, Korea, has been reported wounded by gun fire when the North Korean forces took Choonchun. The city lies only ten miles south of the 38th parallel, north-south dividing line.

No further report has been received on the condition of the missionary.

At the same time another missionary, the Rev. Patrick H. Cleary, Maryknoll priest of Ithaca, N. Y., was reported comforting wounded American troops after their first skirmish with North Korean forces. Father Cleary spoke to wounded GIs as their wounds were dressed at a first-aid station. The Maryknoll is assigned to a mission at Seochung, about 50 miles below Seoul.

Monignor Quinlan has been in the Far East since his ordination in 1920. He was in the first mission group that the Columbian Fathers sent to China. He was transferred to Korea in 1934 and appointed the first Prefect Apostolic of Choonchun in 1939. After spending the greater part of the war years in internment, he returned to his missionary territory only to find that he and his fellow missionaries were refused admittance to a great portion of his prefecture north of the 38th parallel.

An American reporter covering the retreat of south Korean forces recently stumbled on evidence of the help supplied Korea's needy by American Catholics. He saw a can of American vegetable soup in a Korean village. He picked it up, examined it and found this label: "Jeanette Kazal, first grade, Immaculate Heart Academy, Tucson, Ariz."

War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference conducted several annual drives in which canned foods for the needy were stressed. Some 25 million cans were collected in 1948 and a similar amount in 1949.

## Red Vengeance Seen In Polish Clergy Arrest

London (NC) — The arrest of numerous priests and Religious in Poland is regarded here as communist vengeance for their refusal to sign the communist-inspired Stockholm "peace" manifesto.

Among those most recently reported arrested is the Rev. Zenon Dancz of the Franciscan monastery at Lodz. He was accused of "war propaganda." It was previously reported that Red police had raided and made arrests at the Jesuit, Salvatorian and Michaelite monasteries.

THE RED PRESS has threatened other religious communities for refusing to endorse the communist "peace" maneuver. It said: "The Ursuline and Nazareth Sisters from Mokotow, Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, the Jesuits from the Bobola street and those of Narbutta street (Warsaw), the Franciscan Sisters and the Missionary Sisters, under the aegis of their superior, Countess Szepczyka, all stated: 'We do not want to sign.'"

"This is tantamount to stating: 'We do not want peace. We want an imperialist war.' No priest or monk or nun who opposes peace has a right to educate Polish children. Whoever is against peace is against the Polish nation. He places himself on the side of the enemies of Poland and of humanity."

AT THE SAME time there was indication that new trials of priests and Religious would be staged with the purpose of destroying the prestige of the Church. A defendant in a recent trial of seven members of the former Home Army, resistance group under Nazi occupation, was a student at the Cracow seminary. The group was accused of having fired on Soviet soldiers when the latter entered Poland during the war and of having later joined the underground against the Polish Red regime.

At the insistence of the Red authorities the seminarian, Stefan Majewski, was obliged to stand trial dressed in a cassock. Throughout the trial the prosecutor used such expressions as "the cynical murderer in a cassock" and "the cutthroat bandit from the fascist clergy."

## Moscow Uses Peace As Weapon Of War

Washington (NC) — Peace as being used by the communists as a military weapon. This is a realization that has burst full upon the United States with the invasion of Korea. Fortunately, the exposure of this incredible and unconscionable fraud may have come in time to prove its undoing.

It cannot be doubted any longer that the invasion of South Korea was inspired and called for by Soviet Russia, which supplied the arms and the training for it. It cannot be doubted, either, that it was long in preparation. Nevertheless, as far back as March, agents and friends of Soviet Russia began to circulate the infamous Stockholm "peace appeal." By fair means or foul, they tried to write signatures out of the people of Europe, and recently they introduced it into the United States.

THIS IS the resolution drawn up at a Red meeting in Stockholm. It calls for outlawing the atom bomb, a thing hardly anyone would oppose under proper circumstances. But then it goes on to condemn the nation first to use the bomb (obviously meaning the United States), and ends up by being propaganda for Moscow and against the democracies of the West. Quite apparently, it was intended to have millions of endorsements to this "peace" appeal when the time came for South Korea to be invaded and overwhelmed.

A sinister thing about the Stockholm manifesto is that its outrageous character becomes wholly apparent upon only slight reflection, but in order to speak against it, you have to use the word "peace" to identify it, and that is seized upon by the Reds all over the world to make it look like you're against peace and are a "warmonger."

Those who have been obtaining (in some cases writing out) signatures for the "peace appeal" have not always been too choosy in the means they have employed to get endorsements. Their aim, obviously, has been to fetter people to a paper "peace," while they ran over them with the steel chariot of war.

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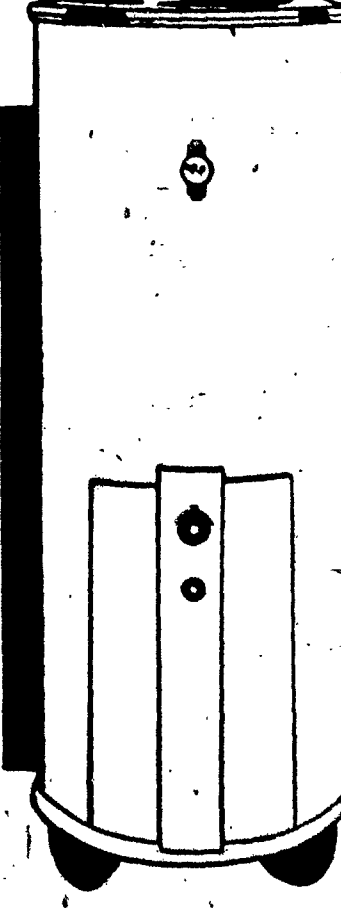
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