

Irish MP Backs Catholic School Position

London, (NC) — Support for the Catholic campaign for a better break for their schools has been given here from a non-Catholic member of the British parliament.

The Labor MP, E. M. Lever, made one of the strongest speeches yet heard in the House of Commons in support of Catholic education by a 45-year-old Member of Parliament and a member of the British religion.

"It is a tragedy," Mr. Lever said, "that millions and millions should have to go on in hand and foot, and to be treated as inferior to other sorts of people, in order to raise funds for what ought to be a state responsibility."

He said that an estimated total of between 50,000,000 and 60,000,000 people, (15,000,000 in the United Kingdom), are in need of educational funds under present legislation, he stated.

"This is a burden which ought not to be borne when it is in fact borne by those who are not the cause of the difficulty," he said.

He said that the Catholic school system had to be collected from the poorest section of the community, who are determined that all their children shall be educated. He continued, "The burden has grown immensely, not due to the teaching of the faith in a particular school but because of the greater demands of secular education and because of the vastly increased cost of materials and labor."

"I believe that included in a good education is a sound religious education according to the views and principles of the faith in which the child is brought up," he said. "I hope that this tradition, which we have built up after many years of agitation, will continue in full force, and I hope at the same time that it will be reflected in our attitude towards the voluntary schools."

"Never was this more necessary than it is today in maintaining the present and the future."

Budenz Tells Why Workers Support Communist Cause

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begins to answer a question sometimes put to me: Why do workers and men and women from the so-called poor become attracted to communism? The thought of the questioner is that Soviet Russia has been proved so definitely to be a slave state, with no right to strike and with terror as a law, that workers should appreciate that there is no hope for them in communism.

Now, in truth, that is what the majority of workers in every country do understand, instinctively even though sometimes vaguely. The communists have seized power in every country through small, armed minority groups, and have never had the full cooperation of the workers in imposing the Soviet dictatorship over the people. But our concern is with this Red minority—the how the Kremlin came to win certain adherents from among the poor and the workers as they have also done among the wealthy. With that consideration goes the question of how the Soviet rulers have been able to imbue these agents of their with the fanaticism which marks them.

"While a communist, I knew several Mexican-American agents of Stalin. Their stories are illuminating. One of them, Manuel, was first attracted to the communists through the unemployed councils in California, worked with other Reds among the migratory workers, was sent to a communist training school, and eventually became an organizer. Moved deeply by the discriminations against his people, his indignation was molded into the Red philosophy of hatred. Through the systematic education which the communist schools and leaders carried on among men such as he, Manuel was hardened in bitterness against the Yankee nation which one hundred years before had defeated Mexico in war.

"It was this bitterness, now organized and given foundation, which drove him on to his work. To top it off, he was systematically nurtured in the belief that Stalin is the savior of all oppressed national groups and the chief source of all 'national liberation.'"

"This is what is wrong with me, the color of my skin," another communist of Mexican descent said to me. It was much the same wording, with the same gesture of displaying his forearm, that a Catholic Mexican used a few years later in explaining his people's plight. But a first irritation at the signs in certain restaurants, "Mexicans not served," had been developed by the communists into acceptance of every order that came from Moscow.

THROUGH SUCH people, the Reds were able to attract almost 10,000 Mexican-Americans to hear Henry Wallace speak in Spanish at Los Angeles during the 1948 election campaign. They were also to form the organization known as Amigos de Wallace—'Friends of Wallace'—headed by Isabel Gonzalez who had done much work among Spanish-Americans for the communist front; the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born. What was considered real progress was made among the young people of California and New Mexico. But the approach was made in the approved Red pattern of deceit and disguise, through an alleged union, general youth organizations, and other devices not bearing the communist label.

A New Service Club In Okinawa



It was a happy crowd attending the opening of a new club for service folk in Okinawa, under the auspices of the National Catholic Community Service. Left to right: Pvt. Clarence J. Wilde; Miss Helen Beam; Sgt. Charles A. Hill; Sgt. Howard K. Keenan; M/Sgt. D. J. Fitzgerald; Pfc. J. R. March; Major General J. R. Rheets, Commanding General of the Ryukyus; Capt. J. L. Felling; Richard Fisher, NCCS Field Director and Miss Thea Bennett, Assistant Club Director. (NC Photos)

Scientists Microfilm Old Gospel Documents in Egypt

Cairo, Egypt — (NC) — The scientific group of the American Foundation for the Study of Man has been micro-filming ancient documents from the library of St. Catherine's monastery on Mount Sinai since last December has completed its study. The scientists will return to the United States soon to develop the 1,600,000 pages and 200 Arab and Turkish manuscripts (royal decrees) that were studied and filmed.

Complete copies of the microfilm will be given to the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C. and to King Farouk of Egypt. The complete work cost more than a quarter million dollars.

AMONG THE group's discoveries is said to be the first Arab translation of the Gospel, written on the skin of a gazelle, an ancient Greek and Syrian version of the Gospel, a tenth century manuscript dealing with the treatment of eye-diseases and many ancient manuscripts on theology, history, philosophy, literature, medicine and geography.

Dr. Wendell Phillips, president of the American Foundation, who headed the mission to Mount Sinai, has left here for Paris and New York to reorganize plans for archaeological excavations west of Aden, where another American mission is searching the remains of the Kingdom of the Queen of Sheba. Excavations in this area have cost \$500,000 and have uncovered two ancient bronze statues of lions of great archaeological value.

Missioners Report Korean Convert Work

St. Columbus, Neb. — (NC)—The South Korean people were showing a remarkable interest in Christianity prior to the invasion by north Korean communists, the U.S. headquarters here of the St. Columban Fathers reports.

Among the 1,421 Baptisms reported by Columban missionaries for the past year '49 were those of converts, headquarters points headed the mission to Mount

Irish Medical Nuns Come To Boston

Boston — (RNC) — Two nuns of the Medical Missionaries of Mary arrived from Ireland to establish the first American Foundation of their 15-year-old order here.

They are Mother Mary Martin, the order, and Sister Mary St. superior general and founder of St. Mary's, one of the order's 10 provinces. They came at the invitation of Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston.

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Indeed, the general atmosphere of appeasement, so prevalent in American opinion-making circles, has aided the communists immeasurably in advancing their positions in labor. When the active communists see men in high places rally to Alger Hiss. It gives them a sense of Stalin's invincibility. When they note a great newspaper defending the man who stated that Soviet Russia represents the democratic forces in Asia and the United States only brutal imperialism, they are stimulated to renewed building of Red cells.

And this appeasement springs from "that moral and religious destitution" which, Plus XI so well stated, has caused leaders of our current society to prepare thousands of workers for communism. The successful fight against Red influences in labor has to begin with the ending of appeasement.

Next Week: The third and last article of this series will answer the question: WHAT CAN CATHOLICS DO TO COMBAT COMMUNISM?

China YMCA Backs Red 'Peace' Appeal

Shanghai — (RNC)—Endorsement of the Communist-sponsored Stockholm Peace Appeal was voted by a national conference of YMCA general secretaries held here recently. More than 80 secretaries from all parts of China attended.

Two leaders of the Communist government were among the principal speakers. Both saw a promising future for the "Y" movement in China provided that it "recognizes clearly the signs of the new age" and adapts itself to changed conditions.

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