

Church Faces Final Stand In Poland

WARSAW (NC)—The last stage in the long and bitter struggle between communism and the Catholic Church in Poland has now been reached, according to a correspondent of The Times, reflecting national opinion daily.

"There seems little left for the Church leaders but to make their final protest, accept the martyr's role and call on the outside world as witnesses," he adds in a summary of the position. Events of the past few weeks suggest that the April agreement between the communist government and the Polish hierarchy is no more than a "paper truce," he writes.

"The Poles know that agreement has failed, and faced by an adversary whose disruptive tactics have liquidated opposition in all other fields, it would seem that the Church in Poland must make itself for the final stand."

Compromises having failed, the hierarchy today faces the inevitable, he added. The Polish Church, already stripped of its material possessions through the nationalization of its lands, revenues and welfare agencies, made the April compact with communism on condition that it retained the vital freedom to run its own schools, but, he went on, the communist government has been dishonest and the government is systematically setting up schools where religious education is excluded, he adds.

"The Catholic answer must not be the Polish people," the correspondent writes. "In view of the avoidance of Marxism and the avoidance of propaganda, the church must be prepared to stand up to the government. They will stand up to the government on Sunday, while the government and the Communists of a new age may succeed in alienating the youth, but the other generation Catholics is still a living force."

Bishop Of Seoul Weeps On Return To City Ravaged, Burned By Korean Communists



Cooking rice amid the ruins of her home in Seoul, this Korean woman is one of the more fortunate citizens of Seoul where countless women and children were killed or captured by the North Korean Communists.

Bishop Paul M. Ro of Seoul wept when he returned to the war-ravaged capital of South Korea following the liberation from North Communist forces.

The Seoul Bishop was on a Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome when the Korean war started and thereafter escaped death or imprisonment at the hands of the Reds.

In a letter to the Rev. Peter Ryan, his representative in this country, Bishop Ro describes the widespread destruction which faced him on his return to Seoul on October 6.

"The greater part of the city," he writes, "was destroyed or burned, but in spite of such desolation I am consoled because the Cathedral Church and the Bishop's residence, which I had believed were destroyed, were untouched, thanks be to God!"

Almost nothing remains in the Mission, His Excellency notes. "Therefore, whatever you have, send it immediately."

"I have no certain information about the outlying parishes," the letter states. "It is reported that the buildings remain, but everything else was taken by the Reds. Indeed, they are robbers, arsonists and murderers."

When the Reds took Seoul, Bishop Ro writes, "they arrested Bishop Patrick J. Byrne, Apostolic Delegate, Father Booth, his secretary, eight other priests, seven nuns and five catechists. We have no knowledge where they are or whether they are alive or dead."

Bishop Byrne, as a boy,

MISSIONERS SLAIN BY REDS



News of brutal murder of three missionaries of the Society of St. Columban has been reported from Korea. Taken prisoner near their mission in Mokpo, it is said they were interned in Franciscan Monastery at Taejon and murdered there. They are, left to right: Magr. Patrick T. Brennan, of Chicago, Prefect Apostolic of Kwangju, and two Irish priests, Rev. Thomas O'Connell and Rev. John O'Brien. (NC Photos)

lived in Auburn, N. Y., attended grammar school there, and his relatives in that city.

Bishop Ro's letter continues: "On July 3 Father James Ri was killed in Taejon, eight Missionaries in Chuchon and Kwangju Monsignor Quinlan and Monsignor Brennan with five or six Columban Missionaries disappeared. Their fate is not known."

"THE BODY of Father Mollard has been found shot in the head, and Father Polly's strangled by the Reds. On the Feast of the Korean Martyrs, Sept. 28, fifteen laymen were executed at the door of the church in Ryusan.

"According to the reports of captured Red soldiers, it is believed that all the priests (123) in the North have been killed."

Prisoners Await Missionary Lectures

WARSAW (NC)—Religious lectures for the rehabilitation of the inmates of the city prison have just been given by representatives of various religious communities. A recent report on its activities states that the Rev. George Connelley, R.V.D., lecturer in an average of 500 lectures. Attendance average of the entire are: Protestants 450, Catholics 300 and Shinto 100.

CWV Head Urges Arms For Chiang

Toledo (NC)—The national commander of the Catholic War Veterans has called on the U. S. Government to make immediate delivery of arms and financial aid to Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, leader of the Chinese Nationalists, "in full support of his policy."

Donald J. McQuade, CWV commander, said this aid "would form a solid bulwark against the all-out aggression of the communists and offer a stone wall of defense for our own American armed forces who are fighting the same opposition that Chiang Kai-shek attempts to overcome."

ARMED AND financial aid "already committed by the Congress of the U. S." would go to the Chinese Nationalists under the Catholic War Veterans leader's urgent plea.

In a telegram to President Truman sent from his home here, Mr. McQuade also asked immediate deportation of communist China's representatives at the United Nations.

FOLLOWING is the text of Mr. McQuade's telegram to the President:

"Reiterating our loyalty and cooperation to you as our Commander-in-Chief, as previously pledged, the Catholic War Veterans of the U. S. A., Incorporated, in light of the critical situation in the Orient and the whole of the Far East, urge that the United States offer to Gen. Chiang Kai-shek the arms and financial aid already committed by the Congress of the U. S. in full support of his policy."

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"We urge immediate delivery and request mechanics for such be set in motion now. We further urge that representatives of communist China having made a grandstand play to the hordes of infamy throughout the world, be immediately deported whence they came."

PLAN RETURN TO KOREA



Planning to return to Korea to assume the duties of his new position as Premier of the Korean Government, Dr. John Chang, present Korean Ambassador in Washington, is a prominent layman to the Catholic faith. He is shown in New York with a noted missionary, Bishop Raymond A. Lane, M.M., Superior General of the Maryknoll Fathers, who hopes to reopen the missions of Pyongyang Vicariate. (NC Pictures)

Hospitals Told To Solve Health Care Cost Problem

Lincoln, Neb. (NC)—Hospital and their associations must redouble efforts to provide a solution for the high costs of health care, or a compulsory governmental health program will be the alternative.

THIS WARNING was sounded by Magr. John R. Mulroy of Denver, president of the Catholic Hospital Association of the U.S. and Canada, at a meeting of the association's Nebraska Conference here.

"If our voluntary social insurances fail, then compulsory insurance must be used," Monsignor Mulroy declared. "What is not done by voluntary effort will be done by the Government, either by a system of social insurance or even by direct taxation, he said."

THE CATHOLIC Hospital Association head urged redoubled efforts in solving the cost problem in the medical hospital field and its allied specialties, X-ray, pathology, anaesthesiology, and general hospital and nursing fields.

He urged Sisters from Nebraska's 20 Catholic hospitals to bring their employees under the national Social Security program when that becomes possible for non-profit hospitals and similar institutions January 1.

Temporary Hospital Jerusalem (NC)—The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition, who used to conduct the French Hospital of St. Louis here, have opened a temporary hospital at the Church of St. Peter, pending repair of the other hospital.

Boston HNS Protests U.S. Aid To Tito

Boston (RNS)—A resolution protesting American aid to Yugoslavia "until that country adopts a policy of religious freedom," was approved here by the sixth annual officers' convention of the Archdiocesan Union of Holy Name Societies.

The resolution said that a new Yugoslav religious freedom policy should be "evidenced in part by the unconditional release of Archbishop Stepinac," who is serving a long prison term.

Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston in an address to the convention assailed the policy of giving aid to Marshal Tito's Communist regime while refusing help to Spain or to Free China.

"It is an appalling piece of hypocrisy which talks of relief to starving Yugoslavia and yet seeks to starve Spain," he said.

"It is contemptible politics, contemptible morality, contemptible diplomacy, and contemptible patriotism, to subsidize the Communist regime of Tito and to refuse the hand of friendship to the one nation (Spain) in Europe which has been resisting Communism for 20 solid years, years during which some of our leaders were ready and willing to appease the Reds."

THE ARCHBISHOP said that the Congressional action of giving "token aid" to Spain was "a tardy recognition of our debt to Spain."

In another action, the convention called upon the television industry to clean up its programs, saying that "indecent and highly objectionable matter has crept into both script and pictures."

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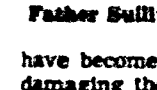
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