

Two Popes, Saint Shown In Redecorated House Chamber

Washington — (NC) — Two Popes and a Saint are represented among marble reliefs of 23 lawmakers in the newly refurbished House chamber in the Capitol here.

The other Catholics are represented in the House of Representatives by plaques, but historians have been quick to notice similarities of two Catholic figures who have recently influenced the current legal system and a third who has been called by "founder of the modern law of nations."

These in charge of redecorating the congressional chamber decided that the plaques adorning the walls of the House should be set aside for makers of law and those who have influenced the American legal system. It was decided that the plaques should be regarded by the committee as the great law-givers of history.

When the House of Representatives is included among the plaques, a non-Catholic whom many Protestants and North Europeans consider the father of international law is this lawmaker. He is Hugo Grotius, Dutch statesman.

Senators and Cardinal Spellman had indirect effects upon the U. S. legal system through their influence on the White House, who in turn influenced the founders of our Republic. Spellman was overlooked also in selection of subjects for the plaques.

Another notable Catholic lawmaker left out was Gratian, regarded as the founder of the science of canon law.

Catholics whose likenesses appear in the redecorated House chamber are:

SAINT LOUIS, France's King Louis IX, recognized by all of 19th century Christendom as an international jurist.

INnocent III, one of the greatest Popes of the Middle Ages.

Gregory XIII, 16th century pope, noted in law for his part in the enactment of the papal decretals.

Justinian, Roman Emperor, famous for his codification of laws.

Edward I, 13th century King of England.

Simon de Montfort, one of the authors of the "Provisions of Oxford," who founded the House of Commons. He died in 1265.

ALFONSO THE WISE, King Alfonso X of Castile and Leon, noted for his codes Fuero Real.

Doubt Cast On Tito's Church Peace Move

Venice, Italy (NC) — Reports that Marshal Tito is making a new "concession" to religion by proposing to respect the seal of confession in his "people's courts" are being greeted with a well-and-see attitude.

According to Belgrade reports, this "major concession to Roman Catholics" is being made in the new penal code being drawn up by a Yugoslav legal commission. The code reportedly will be presented to parliament in February. It deletes the Soviet-inspired practice of ordering priests to reveal in court secrets learned in the confessional box.

DEFENDING THEIR skeptical attitude observers here point out that Marshal Tito had reportedly initiated a "religious peace" policy several months ago; but the persecution of religion did not cease.

They note that after this "religious peace" program was widely publicized the regime continued to arrest priests. The more than 400 clergymen in prison, many without formal charges against them, were not set free. The communist-controlled press kept up its attacks against the Church and the Holy See, particularly at the time the dogma of the Assumption was proclaimed in Rome.

Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac of Zagreb, Yugoslavia's ranking Catholic prelate and the hero of all Yugoslav Catholics, it is noted is still behind bars, despite Marshal Tito's declarations that he is willing to free the prelate.

NUNS OUSTED from their convents have still not been granted the right to live a community life dedicated to God in accordance with their religious convictions. Catholic schools, orphanages, hospitals, homes for the aged and seminaries, confiscated by the Tito regime, have still not been returned to their rightful owners. Priests and seminarians still live under harassment and pressure and experiencing great difficulty in getting food ration cards.

Quebec Hierarchy Warns Catholics On Jehovah Witnesses' Tactics

Quebec City — (RNS) — In a joint statement, the Roman Catholic archbishops and Bishops of Quebec warned Catholics against "the acts and propaganda tactics" of the Jehovah's Witnesses.

Prepared at a general meeting of the Quebec hierarchy here, the statement also urged the faithful to pray for peace and for the solution of "international problems."

As regards the Jehovah's Witnesses the statement denounced the "acts and propaganda tactics of certain pseudo-religious sects which are a serious danger to the faith."

"These sects spread error by means which aim to find at the good faith of our faithful," it said. "The Bishops alone are the guardians of the faith and they ask their faithful to be vigilant and never to listen to those pedlars of errors who call themselves 'Witnesses of Jehovah' or 'Ministers of the Pentecost'."

Clergy 'Exhortation' Now In Pamphlet

Washington — (NC) — The Apostolic Exhortation, "Menti Nostrae," issued by His Holiness Pope Pius XII to the clergy of the world, of holiness in the priestly life, has been published in a 7-page pamphlet by the Publications Office, National Catholic Welfare Conference, it has been announced.

The Exhortation is dated September 25. The translation by the N.C.W.C. News Service facilities in Rome, with additional editing by the Very Rev. John P. McCormick, S.S., rector of the theological college of the Catholic University of America, is used in the pamphlet.

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Communists Backtrack On Campaign To Stop Christmas

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — Communist forces in the satellite countries backtracked this year in their campaign to de-emphasize Christmas. State Department observers who have been watching the situation closely report.

The Voice of America in 1949 broadcast the charge that the Communists were using Josef Stalin's birthday which falls on Dec. 21, as an attempted substitute for Christmas.

THE CHARGE apparently hit home with more force than the Communists expected. The celebration of Stalin's birthday was no artificial expedient in Czechoslovakia where "rememorative effort was put into it by party workers, that it became the heart of ritual.

This year the communists drastically changed their tactics. They apparently decided they will have to live with the status at least for a little while longer. The Marxists greatly underestimated the depth to which Christmas customs and tradition have permeated the life of Czechs, Poles, Hungarians and other satellite peoples.

Typifying this attitude was the news item carried in the most recent issue of the Polish Information Bulletin published by the Polish Embassy here.

UNDER THE title "Holiday Preparations" it reported that the first consignment of 100,000 Christmas trees were placed on sale in Warsaw on Dec. 6 as cop stores announced a plentiful supply of festive foods was ready for shoppers.

This was a far cry from the attitude a year ago in Poland when the regime discouraged the making of traditional Christmas sweets and cut the sugar rations of shops which featured them. In Prague last year nationalized department stores discontinued all Christmas decorations and virtually all Christmas merchandise.

PREMIER STALIN'S birthday, while it was observed this year, was the occasion of far less pomp than marked the spectacle a year ago when satellite lands sent huge trainloads of presents as gifts to their "socialist liberator."

Indonesian President Raps Moslem Anti-Catholic Bias

Djakarta, Indonesia (Flides) — Revisiting scenes of his political exile during pro-republican days on the island of Flores, President Sukarno of the Republic of Indonesia has reiterated the republic's constitutional guarantee of religious freedom for Catholics. He spoke out on the point in an address at Ende, on Flores Island, after he had noted anti-Catholic sentiment among Moslem inhabitants.

THE ISLAND of Flores is one of the larger in the Indonesian chain and about 350 miles east of Java. It is one of the most heavily Catholic of Indonesian islands, with 430,000 of them making up about one-half of the population. The Indonesian Constitution guarantees religious freedom.

Peron Donates Madonna To Japan

Nagasaki — (NC) — City and provincial leaders were among the thousands of Catholics who greeted the arrival of the Statue of Our Lady of Lujan, gift of President Juan Peron of Argentina, to the bombed-out parish of Usakami just outside this city.

Atoll Missioner Rides Outrigger

New York (NC) — The Rev. Thomas C. Donohue, S.J. of Omaha, Neb., was once a broncho riding missionary among the Sioux Indians of South Dakota. Today, as one of the pioneer American Jesuits in the Marshall and Caroline Islands of the Pacific, he resorts to an outrigger canoe to make the rounds of his missionary faithful.

But the old skill at keeping in the saddle still serves him well, for riding a wave tossed outrigger demands something of the same technique.

Near East Missions

Francis Cardinal Spellman, President of the Near East Missions, said that the Rev. Wm. Keller Dunn, Rev. Andrew M. Rogosh, Rev. Joseph F. Conoffy.

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"TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?"

"We can put off repairs on the house and continue patching our clothes, but we cannot go on without food." Just that serious is the plight of clustered Maronite Nuns of the Visitation in Amrouk, Lebanon, whose Superior wrote us those words. These Oriental Christians were the first to establish devotion to the Sacred Heart in Lebanon. We hope many of His clients will send \$10 to keep them alive and praying now that the world needs prayers so badly.

BLANKET CLUBS

are popular in the U.S. and so are blankets in the Middle East, now that winter has rolled over the Refugee Camps where we are caring for war victims. \$5 buys one. Maybe your card or blanket club will help.

PETER AND PAUL FARE IRON CURTAIN

Less than 50 miles from the border of Yugoslavia the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul bravely serves 1,000 Greek Catholics at Janina, Macedonia. Military operations damaged the building and the vibrant townspeople have collected the equivalent of \$400 to repair their beloved House of God. Almost 5 times that is still needed. Will your \$20 help them?

BOMBS AWAY!

And weeks later ruin came to an orphan home run by the Sisters of Our Lady of the Passion on the Island of Corfu in the Ionian Sea. With total devotion the poor of the place have raised about \$500 but the nuns need another \$1,000 to get started in a new home. Can you make it \$25, or perhaps \$50?

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ARTEMIO KORIATI, a lad who has just started the 8-year course at Our Saviour's Seminary in Sidra, Lebanon, needs \$100 a year for the 8. Would you have a part in this? You'll be justly proud.

REGINA HELOU is a Novice of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in Syria. She asks for adoptive parents who will help her with training expenses. \$300 in all, at \$150 a year.

Our Christmas Film, "Holy Land," May Be on Your TV. Phone Them!

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DEC. 31

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