

Religious Persecution Mounts In Soviet Zone Of Germany

Berlin — (NC) — Catholics located in the Soviet zone here continue to face an uphill struggle in safeguarding their religious as well as their physical liberties. Many of them are refugees expelled from their former homes in East Prussia, Silesia and Sudetenland. From Communist dominated areas in the Soviet zone, East Prussia, Czechoslovakia and Poland, a new book entitled "Catholic Fight for Peace" is being widely distributed in the Soviet zone to make known the activities of the churches. The book has been sponsored by the so-called Christian Democratic Union, a political party formerly known as the Free Democratic Movement but has

Hindu Gives Crown For Fatima Statue

Washington, D.C. — (NC) — A prominent Hindu industrialist of this city has presented a gold crown for the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The statue is in a new suburban church dedicated recently by Archbishop Joseph Altopoly

Ten More Czech Clergy Imprisoned

(Continued from Page 1) Pilsa of Hradec, Kralove, 12 years; Josef Mynek, prior of the Redemptarist monastery at Svat Hora, Bohemia, 12 years; Thomas Beranek, pastor at Vodnany, Bohemia, 11 years; and Jina Cerechka, a Prague Benedictine, four years. The condemned priests were also fined 10,000 crowns (about \$200) each, and deprived of all their property. Fathers Pacha, Ryska and Rvrtir were accused of forwarding "espionage" reports from their dioceses to the now suppressed papal nunciature at Prague. Father Hynek allegedly made "subversive" speeches from the pulpit.

Nuns' Right To Teach In Public Schools At Stake In 'Dixon Case' Development

Santa Fe, N.M. — (NC) — At stake in current litigation over the much-publicized "Dixon case" here is whether District Judge E. T. Hensley's decision banning 143 members of Catholic religious orders from teaching in New Mexico public schools should be extended to all such religious in the State. In addition an appeal by a Protestant group aided by "Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State" (POAU) seeks two other objects: 1. A PROHIBITION against the wearing of religious garb in New Mexico public schools. 2. A ruling that payment of State funds to religious or religious organizations is forbidden by the New Mexico and Federal Constitutions. In their brief the Protestants held that the Hensley decision "falls to reestablish in the schools of New Mexico the absolute separation between church and state." They maintained that Catholic religious should be disqualified from teaching in public schools by virtue of their vows of obedience and poverty and the fact that they have peculiarly and exclusively dedicated their services to the advancement of religious faith to the exclusion of all other worldly objects. ATTORNEYS FOR the Catholic Church, in a cross appeal, argued as follows: 1. None of the 143 religious teachers is now teaching in any tax-supported State school. 2. Religious now are teaching only in seven tax-supported schools. 3. Since the Hensley decision 15 schools have been converted from public to parochial schools. 4. No sectarian books are now being distributed in these schools, no sectarian doctrine is being taught even before or after school hours, and no religious pictures or statuary are being displayed. 5. THE CHURCH owns no building now being used for public school purposes. In reply to the Protestant brief, the Catholic document filed by Attorney John A. Danaher, of Washington, D.C., and the Santa Fe law firm of Watson, McIntosh and Lawson, maintained: 1. Religious vows taken by Sisters and Brothers do not infringe on any constitutional rights of school children nor of Protestant citizens. 2. Wearing religious garb is an exercise of freedom of conscience guaranteed by the Constitution. 3. Public schools received full value in services rendered for salaries paid to Sisters and Brothers as school teachers. There is nothing in the Constitution preventing them from giving their salaries to their religious orders. 4. Use of church-owned property for public school purposes is consistent with the Constitution. FREE TEXTBOOKS are now being distributed by the State directly to pupils, the Catholic brief pointed out instead of going to the parochial schools. This system was put into effect under an attorney general's ruling which held the Hensley decision barred distribution to the schools, but not to the children. The "Dixon case" leading to the Hensley ruling arose from friction in the town of Dixon, where a part of the community resisted efforts to hire Catholic Sisters as teachers in a new public school.

POAU Seen On Horns Of Dilemma

Speaker Tells Protestants United To Oppose Protestants

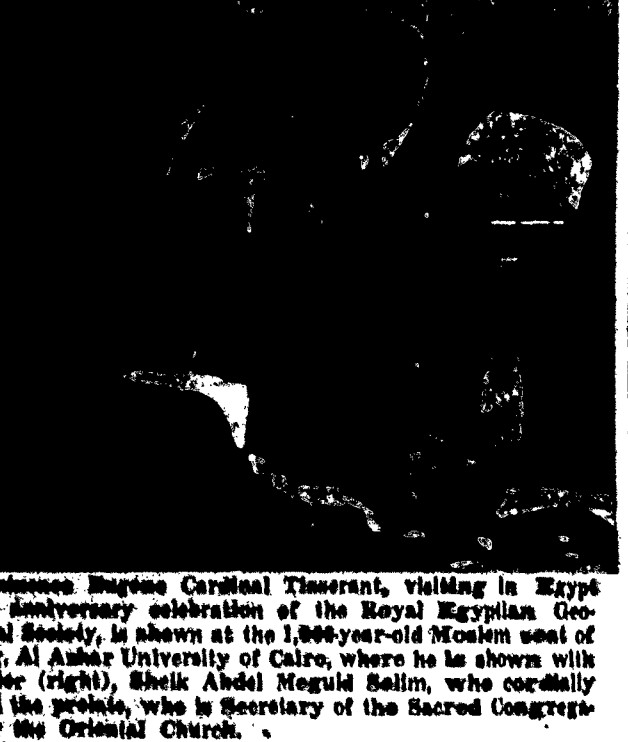
By J. J. GILBERT Washington — (NC) — The future activities of the organization known as Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State might be a matter of considerable concern to sincere Protestants. That is clearer than ever as a result of the conference of that group just held here. A warning was sounded at the meeting that, in order to be consistent, POAU might not be content to limit its anti-Catholic activities, but ought to branch out in opposition to other things, some of which are of direct concern to Protestants who are sincere in their religious practices. Observers said this meeting had a sobering effect on at least some of those taking part in the conference. DR. ROEHMANN'S claim took another beating when Paul Blanchard appeared as a speaker at the biggest meeting of the conference. Mr. Blanchard, running true to form, had some recommendations on U.S. — Vatican relations. One of these was that Catholic Bishops in the United States, being "appointed abroad," should be registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Perhaps the most important single development of the whole meeting, certainly the one that seemed to give the members the most thought, was a talk by Leo Pfeffer, assistant general counsel of the American Jewish Congress. Mr. Pfeffer, who has taken part in POAU meetings before, said he disliked very much to have to make the observation, but the fact was that Protestants go along with movements such as this only so long as it doesn't hurt them. If POAU is going to be consistent, he said, it is going to have to oppose more than a U.S. mission to the Vatican and free bus rides for parochial school children. It is going to have to oppose the whole body of compulsory Sunday observance laws, the relaxed time laws that permit Protestant children in public schools to receive religious instruction, and those who want to keep Christmas programs in public schools. Mr. Pfeffer sat down in a pronounced hush. There was little or no discussion of the point he raised. The faces of those present were longer, and more serious. They had been told what is expected of them by those who want the organization known as Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State to live up to what they think the name implies. The two horns of the dilemma are now clear to sincere Protestants. POAU has been known principally to date for its anti-Catholic activities. This should not appeal particularly to one bent on being a good Protestant. Now it has been brought out that, if POAU is really going to stand for a certain concept of separation of Church and State, it is going to be asked to fight against many things that sincere Protestants do not want to destroy.

Letter Reveals Strange Events

Stuttgart, Germany — (NC) — You would not believe the things that happen here now, writes a Catholic farmer's wife from Hungary to her children in France. The letter was published in the Katholischer Kirchenkreis, a German organ here. "Recently in our village, the communists closed a public school and immediately the church hall began to ring out. As the children's school was being buried, the teacher replied: 'God!'

Young people are recently enrolled in communist organizations. School exercises are planned in accordance with the most orthodox Marxist formulae. The press is strictly censored so that it will conform with communist doctrine. THEATRES AND motion pictures are equally submitted to strict supervision along Moscow-styled party lines. At the same time all influence from the West is ruthlessly eliminated, even to the point where the importation of religious literature, no matter what denomination, is banned without exception.

SHEIK AND CARDINAL



His Eminence Eugène Cardinal Tisserant, visiting in Egypt for the anniversary celebration of the Royal Egyptian Geographical Society, is shown at the 1,500-year-old Moslem seat of learning, Al Azhar University of Cairo, where he is shown with the rector (right), Sheik Abdel Meguid Salim, who cordially received the prelate, who is Secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church.

ARMY SEEKS NURSES



Captain Mary G. Blask, A.N.C. veteran of the European Theater of Operations, and now attached to a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital on the Korean front, spends her furlough in the United States aiding the current campaign to enroll 3,000 more nurses for the Armed Forces. Captain Blask, who is a member of Immaculate Conception parish, New York, received the Bronze Star decoration for her work near the front lines in Korea. She is shown with Anne V. Kosch, Executive Secretary, National Council of Catholic Nurses, at the N.C.W.C. headquarters building in Washington. (NC Photos)

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Mexico City — (NC) — There has been a 35 percent increase in the number of seminarians attending major seminaries in Latin American countries in the past five years. Seminarians Increase

Advertisement for GE Black-Daylite Television. Features a large image of a television set with a woman's face on the screen. Text includes "Lowest Priced BIG 17 inch", "GE BLACK-DAYLITE TELEVISION", "Only \$269.95", and "Rodenhouse".

Advertisement for Arpeako Tenderized Ham. Features a large image of a ham. Text includes "short shank!", "leaner!", "sweeter!", "more tender!", "That's why ARPEAKO Tenderized HAM is your BEST BUY!", and "ARPEAKO THORO-COOKED HAM".

Near East Missions

Advertisement for Near East Missions. Features a photograph of a man in a suit. Text includes "INDIA, LAND OF OPPORTUNITY", "THE 'LA MISSIONARY AUXILIARIES' is a new society, founded in Belgium in 1937", "THANKSGIVING FOR THE REDEMPTION", "VALENTINE DAY", "ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY", "IMMACULATE MARY, OUR HEARTS ARE ON FIRE", "OUR LADY SEEMS TO HOVER over Lourdes", "SHOW THE HOLY LAND FILM", "OUR LENTEN MOVIE", "AT MORN. AT NOON, AT TWILIGHT DIM", "BE A LIFEGUARD!", and "Catholic Near East Welfare Association".