

Today's Events Pointing Up Russia's Hold on Initiative

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Washington, July 13. — (NC) — While the world waits anxiously to see what will be the final outcome of the "hot-line" talks in Geneva, two things are becoming increasingly clear here this week. First, Soviet Russia is able to maintain a steady pressure on the United States and to influence events in the American way of life, while the latter is unable to make any impression on the Soviet Union and its people. Second, the struggle between Communism and totalitarianism is being thrown into sharper focus, and may be leading to a show-down.

Communism everywhere now is in a world-wide, and the United States is reduced to the position of trying to maintain its position in the world. It is not clear where our interests will be attacked next, and when? The "hot-line" talks in Geneva would not have come even to this stage, if Moscow had not wanted them. And there, Moscow had spoken, we were in a position where the United States and the United Nations were fighting with it had to accept the Russian proposal, or be regarded as warmongers.

WHAT IS AN example of how Russia has the initiative. It can be multiplied many times in different parts of the world. We have to try to guess why Russia would not talk about a "cessation" at this time, and whether she will grab the initiative some other time. It has been suggested that Moscow wanted the "cessation" talks because she finally realized her aggression in Korea was a mistake. It has been said the issue in material suffered in Korea was production potential, and was something her economy. It has been said she wanted the Korean campaign to test out new equipment, and now has learned what she wanted to know. It has been said that she has "second thoughts" and is now trying to gain her objective in Korea.

It is possible that some of these suggestions are in the true sense. At the same time, signs of

the explanation heard to date offers much hope of a permanent peace. We are always back to the starting point. Russia is "waiting the shot" and we are only guess what she will do next.

While this state of affairs continues, our leaders warn us, the United States must not relax its efforts at rearming. Thus, by keeping a constant pressure on this country, Soviet Russia is influencing very directly the everyday life of the American people.

While the Communist pressure is on there must be compulsory military service, high taxes, shortages in certain lines of consumer goods, and numerous other regulations and inconveniences that are alien to the American way of life.

AT PRESENTLY this time, some of the top Communists in the United States have undertaken a course of action which underscores the difference between the democratic and totalitarian way of life. Eight of them have disappeared, apparently go-

ing underground. Four of these refused to appear in court to surrender themselves for the start of all sentences. The others disappeared when faced with indictments.

Such a thing could not happen in Soviet Russia or any of its satellite countries. These individuals would not have been able to engage in the activities for which some of them were convicted—not for long anyway, and certainly not openly. Most likely they would just have disappeared.

If there had been trials at all, they would not be the long, drawn-out affairs such as the eleven top communists had in New York. They would not have been permitted to keep vituperation upon the judge day after day. They would not have been out on a bail after their convictions.

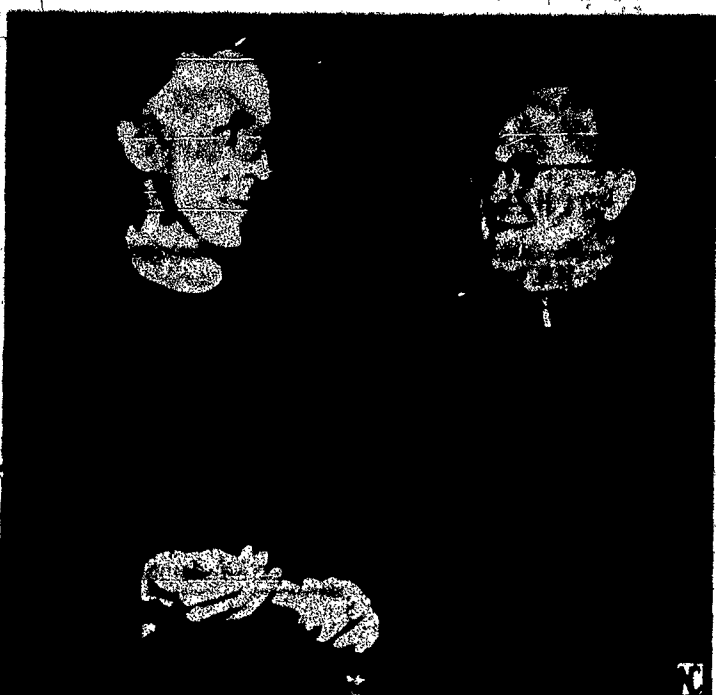
And, once they had disappeared, it would not be too much of a problem to recapture them, if they were in Russia, or any Red country. With seven out of 11 in prison, the Reds would have been able to make at least one of the seven tell where the other four were. The so-called "trials" of Cardinal Mindszenty, Archbishop Groes and Robert Vogeler — with their "confessions" — illustrate well the means of persuasion the totalitarian can employ.

That raises the question: Why were these leading Reds told to defy the law of the land so flagrantly and to go underground just at this time? Could it mean that Moscow foresees, or plans rather, another and larger crisis?

'Letters to the Martyrs' Selected by Book Club

Milwaukee — (NC) — "Letters to the Martyrs," a new book by Helen Walker Homan, former executive secretary of the Catholic Free Association, is the August selection of the Catholic Literary Foundation here. Among the martyrs she writes about are Cardinal Mindszenty, Saint Maria Goretti, Father Miguel Pro, Father Maximilian Kolbe, and Archbishop Stepinac.

WILL HEAD THEOLOGIANS



Several hundred priests of the United States and Canada attended the sessions of the sixth annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America, in Detroit. In the picture, Rev. Edmund D. Bernard (left), of the Catholic University of America, new president is telephoned by Rev. John J. Galvin, S.S., of Baltimore, outgoing president. (NC Photos)

Ohio City Reverses Ban On Charitable 'Gambling'

Springfield, O. — (RNS) — Reversing an earlier policy, the City Commission announced that hereafter it will not enforce a municipal ordinance prohibiting so-called charitable lotteries.

The commission voted to allow games of chance \$2-\$100 as they are sponsored and operated by "bona fide, recognized and established charitable, benevolent and other similar non-profit organizations."

Its move came after half a dozen Protestant ministers arose and told the lawmakers they thought games of chance should not be allowed to operate again.

Islanders To Train As Native Clergy

New York — (NC) — When six young men sailed recently from the Palau Islands for the Philippines, the event marked the initial stage in the training of a native clergy for the Western Carolines, according to Jesuit missionaries here.

The islands, which form part of the Vicariate of the Marshalls and Carolines in the south-west Pacific and were liberated by American troops during the recent war, are served by American Jesuits of the New York Province.

Two of the pioneer islanders will enter the Jesuit Novitiate at Novales, the Philippines, as novices. The remaining four will enter the Jesuit-conducted seminary of San Jose in Manila as candidates for the priesthood.

KC Donates Fund To Microfilm Vatican Library

New Haven, Conn. — (NC) — The Supreme Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus has voted a fund of \$150,000 to establish the K. of C. Foundation for the preservation of historic documents at the Vatican Library.

The fund is needed to enable the Saint Louis University library to begin its 25-month project of microfilming the complete manuscript collection in the Vatican library. The manuscript materials represent the world's richest collection of the intellectual, spiritual and cultural heritage of the West.

Recently the Very Rev. Paul G. Reinert, S.J., president of the University, announced that the task will involve some 42,000 manuscripts, with an estimated 10,000,000 pages.

THIS WILL mean that American scholars in the United States can have access to this material for linguistic, literary and classical studies, for jurisprudence, philosophy and history, the history of science and the general history of the Western world.

"In effect," said Father Reinert, "this project will bring the Vatican Library collection right into our midst."

CWV Urges U. S. Effort To Free Archbp. Stepinac

Albany, N. Y. — (NC) — A resolution urging the United States to demand that Yugoslavia abandon its Communist tactics and liberate Archbishop Alojzius Stepinac as well as all other imprisoned religious as a condition to further aid from this country, was adopted at the 16th annual Catholic War Veterans convention here.

IN OTHER resolutions the CWV reaffirmed its contention that the nation's military training program should be integrated with the American school system; endorsed American Bar Association action calling for expulsion of members affiliated with the Communist Party or who adhere to its beliefs; advocated legislation to deny the Communist Party legal status; urged continuous denial of Red China's admission to the United Nations and urged UN members to refrain from shipping materials to Red China.

Delegates also recommended withdrawal of the United States from the UN until that body recognizes God as the Guide in its determinations; protested the curtailment of the low rent housing program; approved activities of the Voice of America but urged more careful attention to material so the American way of life

may be explained fully; urged adequate price and wage controls to stabilize the economy and prevent inflation; and advocated Federal legislation to combat the narcotic traffic in the nation.

DONALD J. McQUADE of Toledo, was selected CWV national commander. Other officers are: Thomas J. Cuite, Brooklyn, N.Y., first vicecommander; Richard McCusker, Baltimore, Md., second vicecommander; Martin G. Reilly, Philadelphia, third vicecommander; Joseph F. Reilly, New York, treasurer; A. J. Weisbacher, Pittsburgh, judge advocate; Francis D. Skelly, West New York, N.J., welfare officer; Edward Peters, Washington, D. C., historian; Thomas J. Kremer, Chicago, officer of the day; Dr. Erwin H. Erney, Philadelphia, medical officer, and Edward J. Meagher, Detroit, and William Sudawski, N.Y., trustees.

Man, 101, Prays Two Hours Daily

London — (NC) — Britain's oldest Catholic, James Funtun, aged 101, of St. Joseph's parish, North St. Albans, Northamptonshire, still says his morning prayers kneeling — and he spends 45 minutes saying them.

He kneels for another half-hour of prayer at midday and for 45 minutes again at night. His one companion for his age is that he says his daily rosary in the evening sitting in his arm chair. He recites it always at 8:30 p.m. because it is at that time that a close friend of his, the Rev. Thomas Laidler, is preparing to say Mass in Ayrshire.

Mr. Funtun, who became a Catholic when he was 17, has lived in the parishes of six Popes. He claims to have worn out three books of devotion to St. Nicholas of Tolentino, Saint of the Holy Book, who is his favorite.

Priests Told of Need To Go 'To Streets' To Reach Youth

Boston — (NC) — Priests may have to go to the street corners to reach youth between the ages of 18 and 25, a Priests' Workshop on the Lay Apostolate here was informed.

The Rev. William J. Quinn, chaplain of Catholic Action in the Chicago archdiocese, told 75 priests from New England dioceses and Catholic men's colleges that this age group "seems to be the most difficult element to reach, and yet these fellows have acute problems that we priests must help them to solve."

"THEY HAVE problems in connection with their home life, their jobs and their leisure-time activities," he declared. "And the truth of the matter is that as young fellows help one another to solve these problems of their everyday lives, they are the lay apostolate in action."

Order Devoted to Priests Marks 50th Anniversary

Three Rivers, Quebec — (NC) — Nine members of the Canadian hierarchy joined in a triple observance at the Cenacle of the Sacredotal Fraternity at Pointe du Lac.

It was the 50th anniversary of the founding of this order in Paris by a French-Canadian priest, the Rev. Marie Eugene Prevost. The order is devoted to the aid of priests, and directs homes for aged priests, priests who are ill, and priests who wish to retire for a period of special reflection. Its members preach retreats and also issue publications of special interest to priests and their works.

Sisters Serving Poor Establish House in Suez

Suez, Egypt — (NC) — The first Near East mission of the Little Sisters of the Assumption — nursing Sisters of the poor — was recently opened here with the arrival of four Sisters and the Provincial Superior of Tunisia.

The Suez house is dependent on Tunisia. The new Community is composed of one Belgian, two French and one British Sister.

Priest, Son of Earl and Former Minister, Dies

London — (NC) — The son of an earl and for many years a Protestant clergyman, the Rev. Edward Reginald Lindsay has died at the age of 75.

Father Lindsay, who held the "honorable" title as fourth son of the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, was pastor of Stone, Staffordshire. He was received into the Church 25 years ago.

Near East Missions Yields Ocean Trip For God

Francis Cardinal Spellman, President
Mons. Thomas J. McMahon, Nat'l Sec'y
Mons. Joseph F. Connolly
Very Rev. Andrew Regash
Rev. Wm. Keiler Dunn

"If I had bought the newspaper a day later, I would have bought passage to Italy. I wanted to see the Eternal City before entering a monastery, but feel I can do more for God's glory by helping Anthony become a priest. If you have gotten help for him, use the money for another worthy young man."

Let him who would know American Catholic loyalty ponder this excerpt from a recent letter!

Anthony has been secured his expenses. But there will be other poor boys in Middle East Seminars in the next School Year. \$400, or \$100 a year, is needed for each. Will you join our correspondent and "do more for God's glory" by adopting a future priest in old boy?

TO REAP ONE MUST SOW
Catholics do not practice their religion or defend it, if they do not KNOW THEIR RELIGION. Jesus knew that, so He sent His Apostles to TEACH ALL NATIONS. On the Missions THE SCHOOL CANNOT BE NEGLECTED. We beg you to share the burden by our easy \$1 a month plan. Won't you send BASILIAN CLUB dues today?

"YOU SHALL RECEIVE"
Our Lord put only 1 condition on His promise—"Ask." If what we ask will not do us harm, God will grant it. How better ask for improved health, a conversation, success over temptation, happiness in your home, eternal rest for a dear one than thru the MASS? Let our Missionaries help you.

"UNCLEAN!"
With this ancient cry of horror ringing in his ears, the LEPER in tropical India must wander alone unless heroic souls offer him shelter and care. Such Angels of Mercy as the St. Joseph Sisters of Charity, however, welcome him to their hospital. Will you furnish food there for \$10 or send \$10 for medicine and bandages? Our Savior will surely bless one who opens a pitying heart to those stricken in this way.

BABY SISTER
Latest addition to the Near East Missionary family is an order called the "Sisters of Nazareth," founded St. Joseph's Day, 1948. "Growing like a weed," they now have 18 professed, 8 Novices and 8 Postulants. Sisters Jacinta, Vincenza and Philomena are studying Pharmacy at Karakatty, India. Over 3 years each needs \$300 expenses. Help our "BABY SISTER."

TEENERS NEED YOU!
"Is an orphan child whom we have sheltered ready to live all alone in half-pagan Egypt at 17?" Aware of teen-age needs in both the educational and moral fields, Cairo's Sisters of Charity say "No." To open another department, then, for their teener alumni, they write for our help. A \$20 gift to this Fund will avert many a tragedy in lives which have barely begun.

"OLD ST. MARY'S ON THE NILE"
Zealots Fr. Konstantin Strive heroically to carry on his work at the ancient Shrine in Egypt's GIZA where he feeds the ragged and the homeless and his worn-out vestments, cracked shoes and tattered shawl a severe handicap. Bishop Ghoros asks your help in restoring the church. A new High Altar (\$200), vestments (\$25), cushions (\$25), oil could be furnished on you wish. \$400 would buy the materials needed to bolster the walls and roof.

HE LOVED THE POOR
If St. Vincent de Paul were to visit Palestine today, he'd ask God for extra years on earth to work among its pitiful war victims. As ours is the privilege to aid them, we invite everyone with the Vincentian spirit to send us the pay he makes on July 19, the Saint's Feast, to help in the Holy Land.

Every Catholic in Bilbas, Egypt, is a Convert. With characteristic enthusiasm they've been building the Church we donated. What with the rise in costs, just a few items are still needed. Altar (\$75), Confessional (\$50), Baptismal Font (\$40), Statue (\$30). Dedicate one to your dead.

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