Form of 'Mass' Suggested For Those In Priestless Germany

By MAX JORDAN

Frankfurt — (NC) — A "Mass" without a priest, without altar, but with a congregation just the size suggested in the discussion in the Soviet Occupation by "Tag des Herrn" (The Lord's Day), official German bi-weekly now issued in the zone, Catholic publication in Western Germany.

The paper is published under the responsibility of the Chancery of Bamberg, Bavaria, and the episcopal districts of Magdeburg, Gorlitz, Erfurt, Meiningen and Thuringia. The editor is the Rev. Josef Overdick, member of the Oratorian Order, who lives in Leipzig.

"THOUGHTS OF YOU," says the paper addressing itself to its readers, "live in places where there is no Catholic Church and no priest. Many of you live in places where Mass is never said. Nevertheless Sunday can be observed as the Day of the Lord."

The paper suggests that Catholic families, or all the Catholics in a village or town, get together to share from a distance in the spiritual benefits of a Holy Mass said elsewhere. A family altar is mentioned as "the suitable center of such observances." And this is the opening prayer recommended:

"O Lord in Heaven, how much we would like to join with other faithful in thy temple of worship to praise Thy name. But we are alone, so it must be Thy will that we seek refuge in Thee here. Everywhere Thou lookest down on us with Thy infinite Mercy, at home as well as in church, and everywhere we are allowed to call Thee Father. Everywhere may we adore Thee and sing our hymn of thanks. Thy help may not be encompassed within building walls, and not in confined to any given place. Whoever seek-eth Thee, will find Thee. None of Thy Graces is kept from us, if only we approach Them in charity.

"Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thou has said that Thou will be in their midst wherever two or three are assembled in Thy name. Fulfill this promise with us, we beg Thee! Come into our midst, give us Thy divine message, pray with us, sanctify us, strengthen and comfort us, who with the name God the Father and Holy Ghost live& and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen."

The community is then to read the Epistle, the Gospel and the other parts of the Ordinary of the day, while a spiritual reading, which the paper carries on another page of the same issue, is to replace the sermon. Then prayers are to be said for all those in need, followed by the Creed. Finally all share in spiritual Holy Communion while saying this prayer:

"Deliver us, O Lord, of all the evils of the body and the soul, and grant us communion with the Saviour. Thy salvation flow. We can celebrate Holy Mass from a distance only, but we can offer ourselves to Thee, as a sacrifice together with Christ. We cannot approach the Communion rail, but we can be recipients of Thy Graces, for we long for the bread of life . . . May Thy will be done."

A hymn sung by the whole group concludes the impressive ceremony, which no doubt is being adopted widely by thousands of the readers which "Tag des Herrn" now has throughout the Communist domain of Germany.

The eight-page tabloid-size paper carries the text and score of the hymn, while the front-page editorial stresses the thoughts of the Sunday Gospel. It thus provided a vital link for the faithful with the outside world.

LEADS PILGRIMS IN CANADA

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, led a group of 500 pilgrims from twelve states to two of Canada's famous religious shrines, St. Anne de Beaupre, Quebec, and St. Joseph's Oratory, Montreal. He is shown carrying the pilgrim's cross, with Very Rev. J. Gilbert Morin (left), provincial of the Redemptorist Fathers and Archbishop Maurice Roy of Quebec, as they ascended the steps to St. Anne's Shrine.

Czech Reds Rule Death for 2 Priests as 'Terrorists'

Linz, Austria—(Radio, NC)—Two Catholic priests were among seven "terrorists" sentenced to death following "trial" before the state court at Jihlava (Iglau) in Moravia, according to reports received here. Two others received life sentences while five were condemned to prison terms ranging from 20 to 25 years.

In connection with the "trial" the Red propaganda has voiced new threats against all Czechoslovak priests refusing to cooperate with the regime.

THE DOOMED priests were identified as the Rev. Vaclav Drbohlav, 38 years old, parish priest at Babice, in the district of Maravske Budejovice, and the Rev. Frantisek Paril, parish priest at Horni Ujezd.

They were accused of sheltering "terrorists" who are said to have killed three and injured a number of other Communist officials. The "terrorists" were reported to have been under the direction of a Ladislav Mali, who as an "agent of the U.S. imperialists" was trained in "terrorist" tactics "to lead our working farmers away from socialist reconstruction by methods of intimidation, blackmail, murder, robbery and acts of sabotage."

ACCORDING TO the Prague Communist broadcasts, the two priests have "confessed" their guilt, as has become routine in all Communist-staged trials. The proceedings were exploited by the Communist regime for new vituperative attacks on the Holy See. The priests were said to be "adherents of the policy of the Vatican hostile to the people and acting in the interests of U. S. imperialists."

The priests "did not hesitate to give their blessings and spiritual assistance to the accused murderers in the same way as the Pope gave his blessing to the arms of the Hitlerites and fascists," the broadcast said.

Prayers Said for Prelate Shelos

Philadelphia — (NC) — Special prayers during and after Mass to implore the Light of the Holy Spirit in the choice of a successor to the late Archbishop of Philadelphia, His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, have been ordered by Bishop Hugh P. Lamb, Administrator of the Archdiocese. Bishop Lamb, who was Cardinal Dougherty's Auxiliary, directed that the prayer "De Spiritu Sancto" be added to the Mass every day when the Sacrifice permits. Congregations are to be asked to recite the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary after the late Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation.

Priest's Brig Helps In South Sea Parish

Honolulu, T. H. — (NC) — Fellas who don't believe there's any "romance" in the life of a missionary should acquaint themselves with the story of the Rev. William Eugene Rively, 35-year-old Jesuit.

Father Rively sailed into port here in command of a sleek, 45-foot brigantine and a crew of six. The trim-bearded Jesuit will use the brig in getting about his Caroline Island mission parish — a parish that takes in 25 islands spread over 100,000 square miles of ocean.

The name of the brig — you guessed it—is "Romance."

Czech Reds Order Priests To Aid Spurious 'Seminaries'

Linz, Austria—(NC)—The Czechoslovak Communist regime has issued instructions to parish priests throughout the country calling on them to recruit candidates for the government's spurious "seminaries" at Prague and Bratislava.

The instructions, issued by the regime's Office for Church Affairs, call for two things: 1. the pastor must preach from the pulpit on the advantages of entering the government "seminaries"; 2. he must recruit at least one student from his parish for the "seminaries."

AT THE same time the Red government has decided to publish a pamphlet dramatizing the advantages of a "priestly" career in a "people's democratic republic."

These measures by the Czech regime are seen here as reflecting anew its difficulties in attracting young men to the spurious seminaries. The exact number of students at these "seminaries" is a secret closely guarded. However, informed sources state there are only 15 at the Prague "seminary" and 20 at the one in Bratislava.

Among the "attractions" publicized by the regime for a "priestly" career is the promise of comparatively good pay, use of a car and option regarding celibacy.

THE REGIME has also demanded that parish priests begin a training course for "lay catechists" in each parish. These "catechists" are to be trained "in the spirit of a people's democracy. It also has decreed that each priest should promote the sale of the regime's spurious Catholic News in his parish.

In a new effort to vilify the Church hierarchy the Czech regime has completed a film called "Unmasked Treason." The leading figure in the picture is portrayed as a Cardinal who is a ruthless politican and has an insatiable thirst for power. To attain his ends he stoops to various crimes.

Pope Gets Medal for Fluent Portuguese

Vatican City — (Radio, NC) —His Holiness Pope Pius XII has been presented with a gold medal from the Brazilian Academy of Letters for having been the "first among the Roman Pontiffs with perfect knowedge of the Portuguese language and designing to use it in discourses and writing, in which there is the mark of traditional wisdom, Catholicism and the splendor of his personal intellect."

Pay Rise Asked For Workers In Sugar Fields

Thibodaux, La. — (NC) — An immediate wage increase for sugar field workers of "whatever the present traffic will bear" and organization of the workers into unions were recommended by Dr. Raymond P. Witte to representatives of the U. S. Department of Agriculture at the annual public hearing into sugar prices and wages here.

Dr. Witte, chairman of the New Orleans unit of the Catholic Committee of the South, represented Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans and the Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C.O., general chairman of the Catholic Committee.

IN LINE with recommending "whatever the traffic will bear," Dr. Witte said: "If it takes an increase in the price of sugar to do it, let's do it."

After the government representatives had been reminded of the higher wages paid in Hawaii and Florida, Dr. Witte referred to the 1940 statement of the U. S. Hierarchy, "The Church and Social Order," and quoted:

"Bad management, want of enterprise, or out-of-date methods do not constitute a just reason for reducing the wages of workingmen . . . The first requirement therefore is that the poorest paid workingmen be the first to receive an increase of wages and simultaneously that prices be not raised but excessive profits be reduced . . ."

DR. WITTE, who cited the $3.10 basic daily wage of cane cutters established through legislative approval, told the assembled sugar plantation owners: "Gathered here today are the leaders of the sugar industry. You are the people who can give the solution: certainly you can figure out a way to pay a decent family wage to those on the lowest rung of the economic ladder."

Fraud Charged In School Tax Issue

San Francisco — (NC) — False statements by professional petition-circulators, made while they sought signatures for a proposed referendum on the recently-enacted State law extending tax exemption to private non-profit schools, have inspired a move to make it a criminal offense to secure such signatures through "fraudulent misrepresentations."

This was reported by the political editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, who said Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan will ask the next Legislature to take action.

At the same time an Episcopalian minister denounced the proposed referendum as likely to stir up "bigotry, controversy and ill will."

THE VERY REV. James M. Malloch, dean of St. James Episcopal Cathedral, Fresno, declared "the policy of exempting non-profit, private schools from taxation is thoroughly consistent with our good American principle of relieving such institutions as churches and hospitals from a tax burden which they cannot bear while rendering public service."

The California Taxpayers Alliance has hired a professional concern here to secure 189,000 signatures in an attempt to reverse the legislation, signed by Gov. Earl Warren May 3, which declares Catholic and other private schools exempt from taxation. The exemption bill received unanimous approval in the State Assembly and passed 33-3 in the Senate.

This legislation brought California into line with the other 47 States of the Union in exempting non-profit elementary and secondary schools. Colleges and universities had been exempted from taxation since 1914.

The San Francisco Chronicle writer said some of the misleading statements made by signature-solicitors, who receive around 14 cents a signature, were:

"THIS WILL not tax religious schools — just the big private schools that are making lots of money."

"Sign this petition for labor, the AFL and CIO have endorsed this petition to tax schools." (C. J. Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, said this action did not have the approval of his organization and that the Federation had supported the tax exemption measure.)

"This will not hurt Catholic schools — just Seventh Day Adventist schools."

Earl C. Behrens, political editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, said that in some areas the solicitor covers the section of the petition reading, "A referendum against the act of the Legislature." This, he explained, gives the voter the impression he is endorsing the tax exemption, rather than demanding its recall.

Detroit To Honor Pioneer Priest

Detroit — (NC) — The remains of Father Richard, pioneer priest of Detroit and the only priest to serve in the United States Congress, have been enshrined in a crypt beneath the high altar of St. Anne's Church here.

The crypt is a tribute from the priests and people of the city of Detroit, now celebrating its 250th founding anniversary. The crypt and commemorative plaque will be blessed by His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, at ceremonies on July 26—the Feast of St. Anne.

The pioneer Detroit missionary served in Congress as a delegate from the Michigan Territory in the early 1830's.

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