

German Bishops' Pastoral On Peace Banned In Soviet Zone

(NC)—Germany's east zone communist government, while professing peace as its principal aim, so far has suppressed a joint pastoral adopted by the German Catholic hierarchy, even though its theme is peace, and nothing but peace.

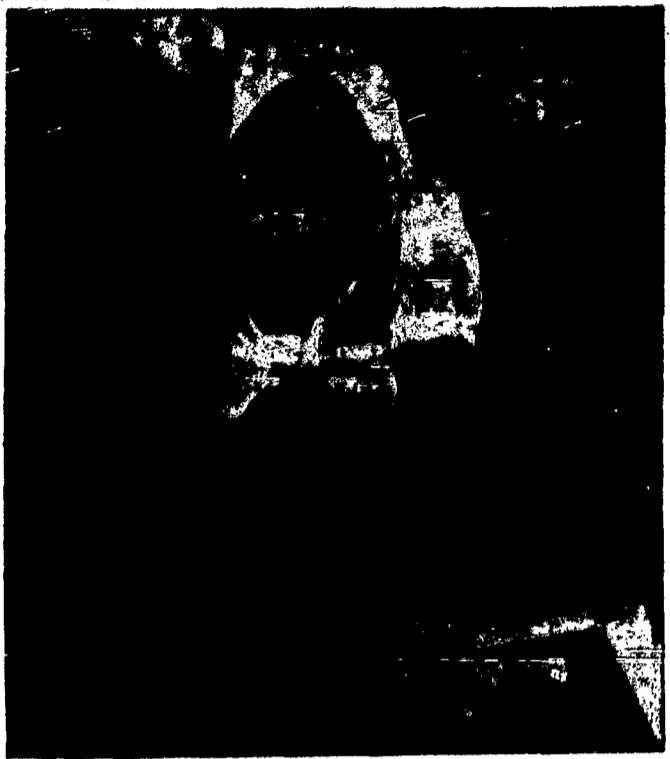
Various objections have been raised by the regime, and an attempt is being made to iron out differences. In the meanwhile, however, the pastoral, which has already been read from all West German pulpits, remains banned in Eastern Germany.

THE PASTORAL urges the faithful to pray for peace incessantly for the world today suffers from a terrible lack of peace and once more there is danger of war. The letter stresses the necessity of preserving peace not only among nations but also among Christians in general, and among Catholics specifically. It appeals for the peace of social justice, too, and urges its accomplishment by calling a halt to all efforts aimed at weakening of the Church's influence in public life.

Passages in the pastoral condemning attacks against parochial schools, promotion of indecent literature and undermining of family life through toleration of divorce are probably the ones causing the principal objection of the communist leaders, who would rather use a document of such importance in the interest of their spurious peace campaigns, but at the same time allude the warnings of the Church in matters of faith and morals.

TRUE INTENT of communist policies is revealed by instructions of the East German secretary of education, Paul Wandel, which urges all teachers to conform to "dialectic materialism and marxism" in their teaching methods. The East German premier, Otto Grotewohl, had complained in a speech that no pressure of any kind was being brought to bear upon teachers. In reality Wandel's instructions reveal the determination to eliminate all Christian influence from the public school system.

Instructions, dated September 8, also that public holidays to be observed in all Soviet zone schools. While the birthdays of Stalin and East zone "president" Wilhelm Pieck, of Lenin and the later German communist leader Thaelmann, as well as the anniversary of the death of Bulgarian communist leader Dimitrov and other communist observances are declared as public holidays, not a single Christian feast is included in the list.



THESE NEUMANN Her Strange Case Debated

German Theologians Plan Rebuttal To Graef Book

By MAX JORDAN

Munich—(NC)—A group of German theologians—all of them long familiar with the phenomena at Konnersreuth—is preparing an extensive rebuttal to the book by Hilde Graef, "The Case of Therese Neumann."

The Graef book purports to show that Therese Neumann, famed stigmatist of Bavarian village, is but a victim of hysteria, and that her mystical experiences are not of supernatural origin. All those German theologians are personally acquainted with Therese and have examined her in her ecstasies over a period of many years.

IT IS POINTED out in this connection that both Miss Graef herself and the writers who has relied upon in support of her thesis, have never made a thorough study of the case in Konnersreuth itself. Miss Graef, it is learned, saw Therese only once for a few minutes. She never had an opportunity to observe her in her ecstasies, which would appear to be essential to form a well balanced judgment.

Miss Graef had planned to devote one chapter of her book to a description of a visit to Konnersreuth. However, it is understood that the publishers asked her to withhold this chapter from the book. The Rev. Dr. Michael Walimann of Regensburg, who is one of Miss Graef's star witnesses, is known to have visited Konnersreuth once only, too, on August 6, 1926, for but a few hours, and never again since.

Likewise, Dr. de Poray Madyek of Paris, whose book Miss Graef quotes extensively has never been to Konnersreuth at all.

THE THEOLOGICAL group which has undertaken to answer Miss Graef's charges in detail and to fully refute them on the strength of their own experience and observations, belongs to both the Regensburg diocese, which is Therese Neumann's own, and the neighboring one of Eichstaett.

Archbishop of U. S.-Born Kaifeng Given Bishop Ousted Prison Term By China Reds

Tokyo—(NC)—Archbishop Gaetano Polio of Kaifeng, Honan Province, native of Naples and member of the Missionaries of Saints Peter and Paul (Foreign Mission Society of Milan), was sentenced to six months imprisonment by the communists at a public trial on Sept. 21, a communist report from China disclosed.

THE 41-YEAR-OLD Archbishop has been under arrest since April 1 of this year, when the local communist authorities failed in their attempt to establish an independent church committee among the population. The prelate, as head of the diocese, was held responsible for the Catholics' loyalty to the Church and their refusal to join a schismatic state-dictated church.

On the last day of March, communist students staged a demonstration before the Kaifeng cathedral while divine services were being held there. Youthful speakers scurrilously denounced the priests and harangued Catholics for their lack of patriotism.

FOR DEFENDING the Archbishop against the slanders of the student mob, the Catholic worshippers were accused of interfering with the liberty of the people. Archbishop Polio insisted on bearing the full responsibility for the affair because, as he claimed, he was the legitimate authority for the Catholic Church in Kaifeng.

The following morning the Kaifeng prelate and two of his priests, the Revs. Edward Piccini and Amelio Crotti, with a lay Brother, Francis Quartieri, were taken off to the prison.

COMMUNIST NEWS releases announced that the Archbishop and the two priests were sentenced to six months' imprisonment and are to be expelled after serving their sentences. Brother Francis was ordered to be deported.

The communist accusations mentioned in the news release admit that the offense of the missionaries was their refusal to allow Catholic students to join the movement for a reformed church or, as the communist newspaper puts it, obstructed patriotic movements among the students of the missionary school.

Appointed Secretary Washington—(NC)—Miss Maryrose Smith of Albany, N.Y., has taken over here as executive secretary of the National Federation of Catholic College students.

Tokyo—(NC)—American-born Bishop William Quinn of Yukiang has been expelled from Red China.

His expulsion on September 22 brings to six the number of Ordinaries who have been expelled by the Reds. He is the second American to be ousted. The other was Magr. Jules Dillon, Connecticut-born Franciscan, who is Prefect Apostolic of Szechuan.

BISHOP QUINN, 45-year-old Vincentian and native of Los Angeles, has spent 17 years in the China missions. He was placed under house arrest on September 17 and taken before a public "accusation meeting" to answer a series of trumped-up charges. Some of them dealt with alleged incidents that supposedly occurred before he arrived in China.

The "accusation meeting" came after a year and a half of restrictions on religious freedom in the Yukiang diocese, located in Kiangsi province. In April, 1950, the communists forbade attendance at weekday Mass in the city and forced the mission to apply for special permission for each Sunday service.

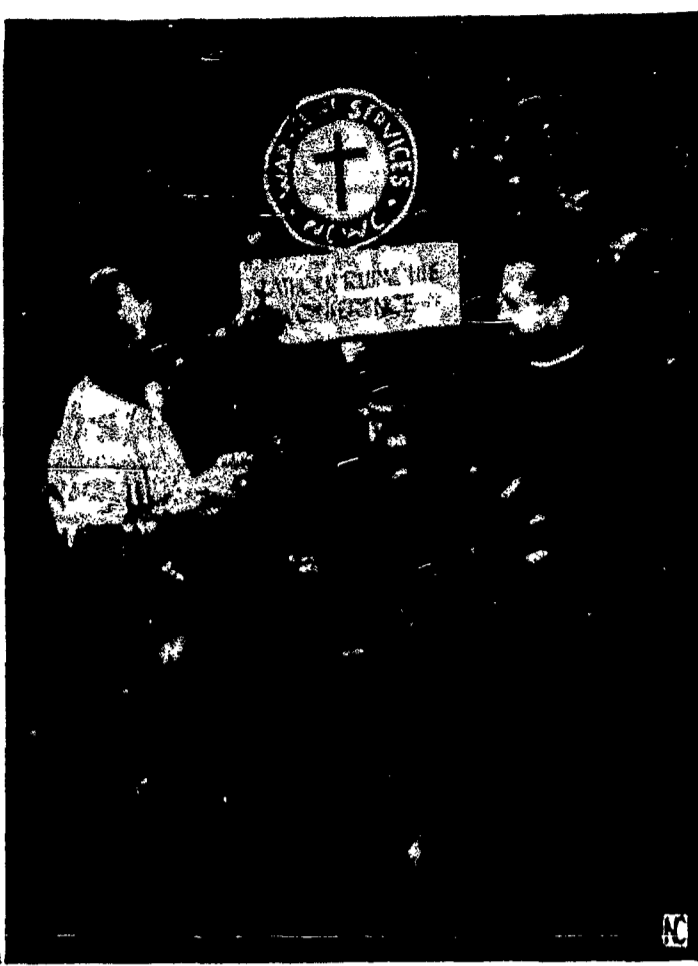
In the summer of that year Catholics were obliged to register weekly for individual permits to attend Sunday Mass. Since last December religious services were completely forbidden. Priests were not allowed to say Mass publicly.

TAKEN BEFORE the "accusation meeting" with Bishop Quinn were the Revs. Thomas J. Smith, Yukiang vicar general and Vincentian from New Orleans, and Robert Kraft, Vincentian from St. Joseph, Mo. The trio stood on a raised dais for three hours as the denunciation meeting proceeded in usual Red fashion.

Stooges periodically interrupted the accusations to lead the mob in shouting slogans, which they read from prepared slips of paper. The "formal" court proceedings were enacted the following day. Each accuser wound up his speech by demanding death or imprisonment of the missionaries. The final verdict was a jail sentence for the trio. But it was commuted to immediate expulsion "because of the leniency of the communist government."

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Rev. Alfred A. Schneider, priest of the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis., and War Relief Service—N.C.W.C. representative in Germany, is shown with Farmer Anton Balzer in Steinfurt, Hesse, Germany, who is praising his crop of corn, the result of more than \$2,000 worth of hybrid seed and corn donated by the U. S. National Catholic Rural Life Conference, in the spring of this year. (NC Photo)

British Election Eyes Housing, School Issues

By JOHN A. GREAVES

London—(NC)—The Catholics of Britain, faced with a bill of about \$300,000,000 to maintain their own schools, will make educational justice their main demand from candidates during the national elections campaign just launched. The elections will take place on October 25.

THIS IS the principal point of controversy in the relations between the Catholic authorities and the Labor Party Government of Clement Attlee.

Britain's 4,000,000 Catholics, the majority of them low wage-earners in the big industrial centers, do not, because of their Faith, receive the same free state education of the other nine-tenths of the population.

Their present schools, built with their own pennies over the years, are mostly overcrowded and ill-equipped, compared with the state's own palaces of instruction and have to be reorganized, some re-erected and some rebuilt under the present compulsory development program.

THE GOVERNMENT now makes considerable maintenance grants to existing schools. It also pays teachers' salaries. But one vital point in the present regulations is that Catholics have to find the initial building costs themselves and a large part of the reorganization charges. These are highest where the population is dense and usually poorest.

Quebec Pastor Dies Delivering Sermon

Quebec—(NC)—As he was completing the sermon at a Mass, the Rev. Ferdinand Cote, pastor of historic Ste. Famille (Holy Family) parish on the Island of Orleans, near Quebec, was stricken ill in the pulpit and died shortly afterwards.

The 62-year-old pastor of the 250-year-old parish had read the Gospel for the 19th Sunday after Pentecost and based his sermon on the parable of Our Lord comparing the Kingdom of Heaven to the king who had prepared a wedding feast for his son. As the pastor uttered the words, "For many are called, but few are chosen," he collapsed in the pulpit.

Cardinal Going To Rio For Thanksgiving Day Rite

Rio de Janeiro—(NC)—An Inter-American Thanksgiving service is to be held here on November 22, under the official sponsorship of the Brazilian government.

Invitations to attend the ceremonies have been sent to leading members of the hierarchy in all American republics by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here. Among those who have already accepted the invitations is His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York. The Thanksgiving service here will consist of a Te Deum in the historic Church of Our Lady of the Candlemas.

The Inter-American Thanksgiving celebration here is part of an effort to extend the custom of Thanksgiving Day throughout the American republics. The feast which originated in the United States

was officially decreed in Brazil in August, 1941. This year will mark the third time that it is being celebrated throughout the Brazilian nation.

Largely responsible for adoption of the feast in Brazil was a women's religious and social association here known as the Brazilian Union of Noels.

Others invited to the Rio de Janeiro celebrations include their Eminences James Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto; Santiago Cardinal Copello, Archbishop of Buenos Aires; Jose Cardinal Caro Rodriguez, Archbishop of Santiago, Chile; Manuel Cardinal Arteaga y Betancourt, Archbishop of Havana; and Juan Cardinal Guevara, Archbishop of Lima, and Archbishop Alexandre Vachon of Ottawa.

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New York—(NC) War Relief Service in bringing relief to

Gifts Built Good Will Among H

Trivandrum, India

Several dioceses of Travancore-Cochin in consignments of powdered eggs and flour

Indian Catholics through relief services—National Welfare Conference.

The food gifts of Catholics created a fund of good will towards the Hindus in the state, which is the critical area in famine. The state of worst hit, Travancore southern India, cur food deficit of 105 has the highest percentage of Christians of all

There is widespread opinion among the people of the state for the practice shown towards the Indian Catholics. They pressed genuine gratitude of the donors of the food.

THE FOOD is distributed to recipients include well as Christians Joseph Attipetty of distributing his gift

ment to several parishes and orphanages. The shipment received being distributed in the city of the diocese and with 1 ple one of the towns on the Malabar coast. At Kottayam, Mr. Abasola of Vjaya tributing the food poorer sections of the supply is expected to last two months.

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