

Red-Ruled Germany Schools Stalinized

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Every pupil in the schools of communist-ruled "German Democratic Republic" must know by heart a poem entitled "The Wise Friend," it praises Stalin as "the wise friend, leader and teacher of the people."

Presbyterians Protest Envoy To Vatican

Philadelphia — (RNS) — Top officials of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. have called upon the denomination's entire constituency to take part in a protest campaign against President Truman's appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican.

MATERIAL MADE available by the West German government shows, for instance, that of 324 "official" examination questions for East German eighth-grade pupils, 46 concern "Germany's best friend," the Soviet Union, 51 deal with the "enlightened" policy of the East German Red regime, and of the remaining questions only a few can be considered free from pro-communist tendencies.

Here are some questions that must be answered in the eighth-grade history classes by pupils who are about 14 years old: (1) Tell us about the importance of the (communist) "Free German Youth" rally in Berlin; (2) describe the establishment of the (communist-ruled) German Democratic Republic; (3) what do you know about the life of our president, Wilhelm Pieck, and his struggle for German unity? (4) Why do the progressive workers in Western Europe refuse to unload ships carrying German war material? (5) Why are the imperialist powers seeking to acquire as many colonies as possible? (6) What do you know of the Chinese people's struggle against their foreign oppressors?

ALL TRACES of religious thought have been eradicated from text books. Instead, idolatry has been introduced in a barely disguised form. One of the "carols" now sung in primary schools is entitled "Party, Thou Art Peace on Earth!" It prates what appears to be the new god-head—the great WE, the people's will, personified by the party, whose four "evangelists" are Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin.

The call, signed by Dr. Harrison Ray Anderson of Chicago, moderator of the Church's General Assembly, and Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Stated Clerk, was sent out here to all the synods and presbyteries and to all parish pastors.

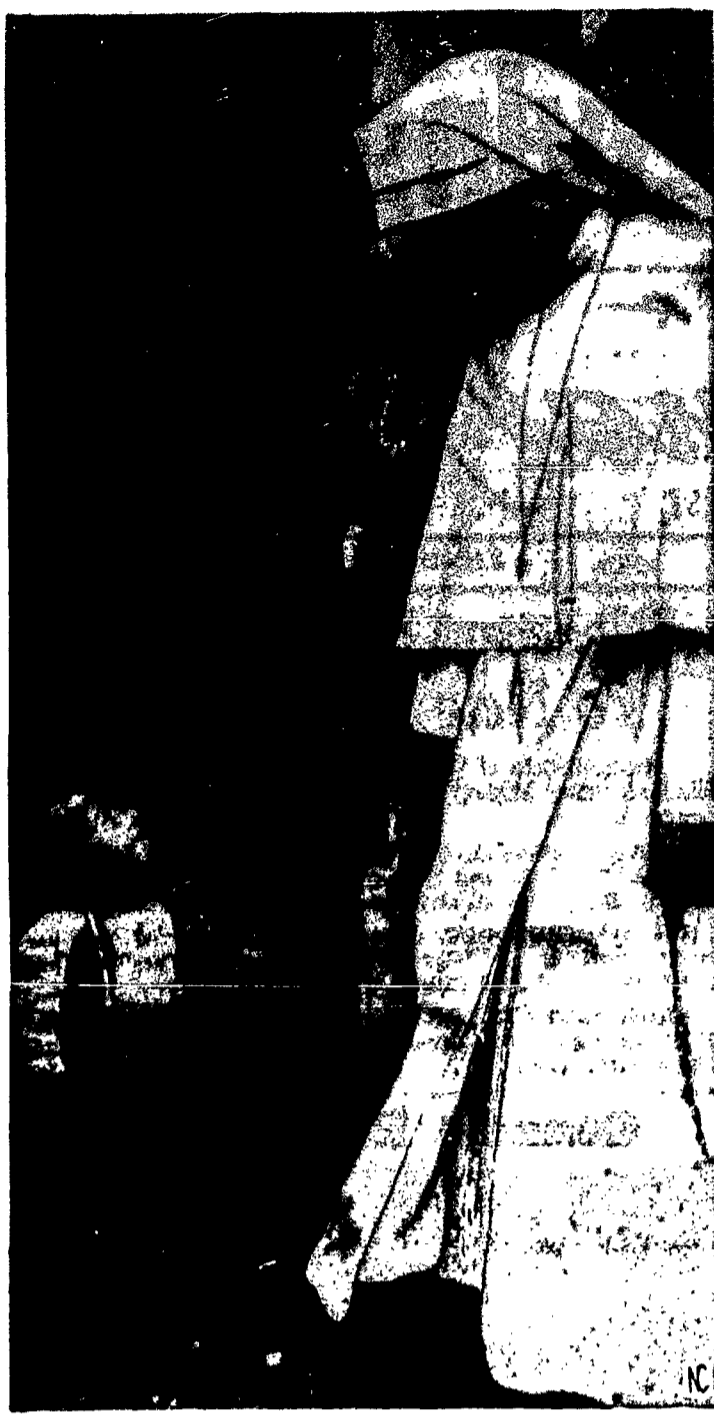
In urging participation in the campaign, the Presbyterian leaders stressed that they were "not motivated by any ill-will toward our fellow-American members of the Roman Catholic Church or by any criticism of General Clark."

Presbyterians were called upon to take the following actions: (1) To wait upon the Senators and Representatives of your state personally, by letter, and telegram, to make clear your opposition to the diplomatic recognition of the Roman Catholic Church by the subterfuge of its being treated as a sovereign State.

(2) To write or telegraph the President your opposition to and disapproval of his action. (3) To report to the Office of the General Assembly any attitudes expressed to you by your Representatives or Senators, so that this information may be correlated for effective use when Congress returns to Washington after the first of the year.

Mission in Egypt
Giza, Egypt—(NO)—The Rev. Pancratius Ceccherini, O.F.M., has been appointed Supervisor of the Franciscan Mission of Upper Egypt, one of the most ancient and important Franciscan Missions in the Near East.

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Mukden Prelate Jailed; Native Clergy Coerced

Tokyo — (NC) — Archbishop Ignatius Pi Shushih of Mukden, Manchuria, is reported to have been arrested by the communist government. The actual date of his arrest and the pretext for his seizure are not yet known.

The 55-year-old Archbishop was consecrated in Shanghai two years ago and then returned immediately to his See, one of the earliest to fall to communism.

THE ARREST of Archbishop Pi is seen here as re-emphasizing the fact that the persecution of the Church in China is not limited to foreign missionaries. Three other native Ordinaries have been imprisoned and more than 200 Chinese priests are in communist jails.

A dozen or more priests have faced the firing squad during the past year on trumped up charges that attempt to represent their ministry to the Christians as counter-revolutionary activities. Others have died in prison or after their release as a result of the treatment received in jail.

Father Kiang of the Nanning diocese in Kwangsi died, it has just been announced, after four months' imprisonment. Contracting an illness from sleeping on the damp floors, he was released on the point of death in reporting the death his Archbishop told him "another martyr for the true faith."

THE CHINESE hierarchy and clergy are accused by the communists along the same lines as the foreign missionaries. Their loyalty to the Church is represented by the Reds as "imperialism" and their apostolate and preaching as "reactionary."

The ever increasing pressure which the authorities are bringing to bear for adoption of a "reformed" state-controlled church is primarily on the Chinese priests. Under the guise of patriotism they are forced to attend daily meetings and discussions at which they are definitively instructed to "reform" their church, or else.



Mao Maps New Purges

Tokyo — (NC) — China's Communist leader Mao Tse-tung has delivered a speech to the National Committee of the People's Political Consultative Conference which is regarded here as forecasting new difficulties for the Catholic Church.

IN THE FIRST major political speech since June, 1950, the Red leader declared that liquidations and purges in China will continue. He warned that the movement of "self-education," "self-reform," "thought reform" and "brain washing" will be intensified.

This movement, it is believed here, will be directed particularly against the native clergy of China. The "reformed" church is a political objective of the communist regime and the "thought-control" and "brain-washing" of priests will be undertaken to force them to adopt the puppet church. Failure to comply with the regime's wishes will bring imprisonment for the priests.

A further indication of the type of pressure awaiting priests and bishops was seen in an incident in central China where 15 "progressive Catholics" usurped control of the diocese with the help of local Red authorities. The "progressive" Catholics comprised one percent of the diocese's 1,500 Catholics.

When the "progressives" were refused the Sacraments, they had the bishop brought before a mob "trial" and punished.

The report continues: The judge asked Bishop Borisovicius if he was now ready to confess his guilt.

"I am not guilty," the Bishop said. "Citizen Borisovicius, the judge shot back, you see we have your good times are over. You were respected and you thought you had influence. Now where are your professors? We communists are victors and we prevail. You shall die."

The Bishop replied: "This is your day of victory. But the future is God's victory. Christ prevails even in the death of His servants."

The Bishop was led back to his cell and executed the same night, the report says.

Cordell Hull, Sumner Welles Wanted Envoy In Vatican City

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whatever his creed may be, can deny that the Vatican constitutes one of the most powerful moral forces in the world of today, and that Pope Pius XII has been an outstanding leader in the battle for the abandonment of policies of cruelty and of aggression, and for the adoption of such standards in the relations between nations as can make for enduring peace.

The realization that "the Vatican would be a factor in obtaining peace," played an important part in the deliberations leading to the appointment of Myron C. Taylor as the President's personal representative, according to former Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

In his memoirs, published by the Macmillan Company, Mr. Hull makes it clear that the appointment of Mr. Taylor did not arise from a personal whim of the late President Roosevelt but was taken because of the top-ranking men in American diplomacy, including the then American Ambassador in Rome William Phillips, thought it a very good idea.

His sources of information possessed by very few, if any other governments.

SINCE the President of the United States is constitutionally entrusted with the conduct of the country's foreign relations, he must be free to utilize the services of such agents as he may require whenever necessary in order to obtain the information he may require whenever that is not available through normal sources," Mr. Welles argued.

He said "an even more compelling motive" for President Roosevelt's sending a representative to the Vatican in the President's conviction that the Vatican represented a great moral force, and that it was to the advantage of the American people to cooperate with every world agency which was striving for the creation of a peace based upon principles of a better international order and for justice and morality."

"NO UNPREJUDICED American citizen," Mr. Welles wrote, "can deny that the Vatican has been a factor in obtaining peace."

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Red Firing Squad Killed Bishop In 1946

Seattle, Washington — (NC) — Details of the "trial" and death of Bishop Vincent Borisovicius of Telatal in 1946 have been revealed in the Catholic Northwest Progress, Seattle diocesan paper.

Bishop Borisovicius was reported several years ago to have been sentenced to death and to have

been in prison. The latest Pontifical Yearbook still lists the Bishop as "in prison for the faith."

QUOTING REFUGEE sources, the Northwest Progress states that Bishop Borisovicius was executed by a Soviet firing squad on February 22, 1946. The Bishop was taken from his residence at Telatal on February 6, 1946, at midnight by Soviet secret police. The Progress refugee report states: He was hauled to a prison in Vilnius where he was "interrogated" for two weeks. The Bishop was then "tried" on charges of "conspiracy to overthrow the peo-

ple's government and being an enemy of the people."

Witnesses at the "trial" included several Jews, the report says, who testified that the Bishop had not been their enemy but had shown them a heroic charity during the Nazi occupation. He had risked his life to shelter them from the Nazis.

THE JUDGE dismissed this testimony saying "That will not help the defendant. The commissar of interior affairs asserts he is the enemy of the people and a traitor to this country."

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