

# Bishop Wright Talks To Protestant Clergy

Worcester, Mass. — (RNS) — In a meeting believed to be without precedent here, Roman Catholic Bishop John J. Wright of Worcester told 50 Protestant clergymen at the Y. M. C. A. that the "fences" between his faith and theirs must be faced "fearlessly and honestly."

"Among refined and religious people," he said, "such fences do not create enemies nor do they prevent social action in behalf of our common concern, the improved moral tone of the community which we all so sincerely love."

IN THE DOMAIN of dogma and in the realm of worship, Bishop Wright said, there are many, supremely important "fences" for conscience's sake which would remain as long as God's kingdom on earth is divided.

The Bishop said there were not two standards of morality but only one and that God's standards preclude "that duplicity which led man into thinking he could lead his life on two levels."

Such a "two-faced way of living," he said, explains the "scandalous anomaly" evident at times in our national life of paying lip service to God while failing to honor His claims in daily life.

Citing the Communist taunt that "religion is the opiate of the people," the Catholic prelate told his Protestant listeners that the "new unfortunate fact is that to a disturbing degree opiate has become the religion of the people."

BISHOP WRIGHT said that despite "occasional more obvious and even painful differences of position," there has been "gratifying evidence that the most recent collective pastoral of the Catholic bishops and the vote of Protestant witnesses concur with one another, and both with the dictates of enlightened conscience."

An hour-long question-and-answer period following the Bishop's talk touched on such points as inter-creedal cooperation, religious education in public in all churches and universal military training.

The Protestant clergymen

**Rome Thieves**  
For the second time within a year, thieves climbed up the roof of the ancient Basilica of San Sebastian to remove a "large quantity" of lead from the roof of the dome over the Alban chapel of the basilica.

## Minister Named GOP Chaplain

San Francisco, Cal. — (RNS) — An Oklahoma minister was unanimously elected chaplain of the Republican National Committee for 1952.

The Rev. W. H. Alexander, pastor of First Christian church of Oklahoma City, said he would take a leave of absence from his pulpit because "it is impossible to do two full-time large tasks well."

The Disciples of Christ clergyman was the Republican candidate for U. S. Senator for Oklahoma in the 1950 elections, running against the Democratic incumbent, A. S. "Mike" Monroney. He was defeated in the November balloting.

adopted a resolution expressing gratitude for the bishop's visit. "We appreciate his frankness and honesty expressed in a spirit of Christian brotherliness," it said.

## President Truman Hails Catholic Press Month

New York — (NC) — President Truman wishes the Catholic Press "all success" in its "noble aspiration to uphold the torch of truth in its dissemination of news through every state in the union."



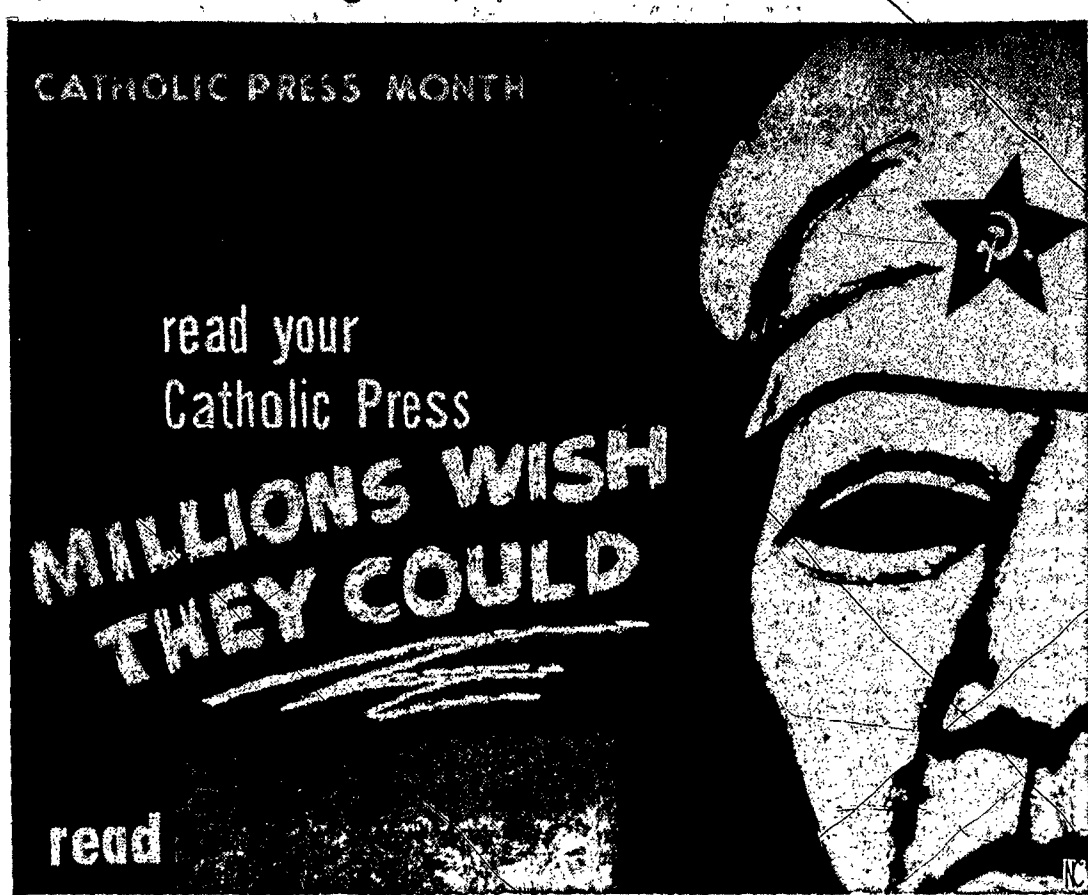
This personal message of the Chief Executive was received in the headquarters here of the Catholic Press Association as preparations were going forward for the observance of February Catholic Press Month.

The President's message recalls how St. Paul, "who was one of the truly majestic figures of the New Testament," brought "Courage and vision to his great work." He adds that he considers it appropriate that the CPA, "Whose mission is to spread the light of truth to the American people," take guidance for its press month observance from St. Paul's words to the Colossians (2:4): "So that no one may deceive you by persuasive words."

## Londoners Crowd Novena Service

London — (NC) — Londoners crowded into Westminster Cathedral for the opening of a perpetual novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal for the preservation of Britain's Catholic schools.

## February Catholic Press Month



"Read Your Catholic Press—Millions Wish They Could," is the slogan for the official poster issued by the Catholic Press Association of

the United States. Catholic Press Month will be observed throughout the nation during February. (NC Photos)

## Catholics Fight Segregation Of Negro In School

Covington, Ky. — (NC) — Petitions opposing any change in the state's Day Law which requires segregation of Negro and white children in public and private schools, are being circulated in two counties of Northern Kentucky, it was learned here.

THE PETITIONS refer to the proposal made by the Catholic School Board in Louisville to end segregation in Kentucky's non-public schools. That proposal has been approved by the Louisville Mayor's Legislative Committee.

The petitions now being circulated ask: "Are you opposed to having Negro children sitting side by side with the white children in schools?" The petitions, bearing no identification of their sponsors, request members of the legislature to oppose any changes in the law.

## National Council Of Catholic Women Women Told To Combat Reds

Washington — (NC) — The three steps employed by communists in taking over a country were described by Archbishop



Archbishop Cushing

Richard J. Cushing of Boston, at the three-day meeting of the board of directors of the National Council of Catholic Women here.

The Archbishop asserted that Catholic Action must be brought to the level of counteraction. He said: "Catholic women must infiltrate just as the communists are doing. Accept all the invitations that come your way; present the Catholic viewpoint. Be friendly with people who don't know us, among the poor, among the needy, among

those who don't like us, don't understand us."

Archbishop Cushing is Episcopal Chairman of the Department of Lay Organizations, National Catholic Welfare Conference, of which the NCCW is a part.

Archbishop Cushing said the first step employed by communists is infiltration. He said it is estimated that there are 50,000 card-carrying communists in this country, but about 500,000 sympathizers.

HE OBSERVED: "That gives us an idea of how they have infiltrated. Despite all the troubles that unions have caused or been identified with, it is true that in most respects they have driven communists out. They saw themselves being crushed by the communists. They have done a fine job, but others have not taken that active procedure."

Polarization is the second step of the communists, Archbishop Cushing said. The communists spread confusion and bewilder-

ment between capital and labor, racial groups, and religious groups, the Archbishop said. He pointed out that communists infiltrated by the hundreds of thousands in China, brought on all kinds of inflation and weakened the whole internal life of the country.

"THE THIRD step is the kill," Archbishop Cushing said. "They take over. Then they start liquidating. People are soon decimated. They liquidate this person and that person. They then start to liquidate a whole people. Over 1,000,000 have been liquidated in China."

The Archbishop advised Catholic women to spread the Gospel "not of hate but love" in the counteraction program, and as the final step "instead of liquidating people, bring people to love one another through the common love of the Father Who made us all."

## Who Will Get Stalin's Job?

# Stalin Successor May Hold Answer To Peace Or War

Notre Dame, Ind. — (Special) — The possibility of an eventual successor to Stalin who "would ponder the possibility of coming to terms with the United States and its allies" looms as one of the major hopes of world peace, according to an article in the current issue of the "Review of Politics," political science quarterly published at the University of Notre Dame.

THE ARTICLE in the Notre Dame publication, "Political Power in the Soviet Union," is written by Dr. N. S. Timasheff, Professor of Sociology at Fordham University. Dr. Timasheff also is the author of "Religion in Soviet Russia."

Dr. Timasheff points out in his article that "the political power center located in the Kremlin is the most dynamic of all the existing ones—and this provokes the impression of immense strength . . . but historical experience shows that highly dynamic power structures based on coercion finally break down under the weight of circumstances for which they prove to be no match."

## Baptists Reprint Anti-Envoy Booklet

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — A printing of 100,000 copies of "An Ambassador to the Vatican," by Dr. J. M. Dawson, executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here, has been exhausted and another 50,000 copies have been ordered, Dr. Dawson said.

The booklet was published to outline Baptist opposition to President Truman's appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican. The committee made the publication available to members of the four major Baptist groups in the United States.

Dr. Dawson said that the second printing of 50,000 copies was ordered by Protestants and Separation of Church and State.

HOW COULD the Kremlin center go under? First the system

contains an insoluble problem—that of succession. The Russian writer explains: "The day will come when Stalin will be no more. Who will succeed him to bring into motion the levers activating the power machine? He could leave a last will. But the last wills of dictators are rarely executed; Lenin explicitly warned his lieutenants against giving supreme power to Stalin—but they did."

"There could be a clandestine election amidst the inner circle. But there is among them no person whose authority would be in the inner circles acknowledged by the others. The merger of the supreme offices in the hands of one man could be discontinued; but thereby the motive power of the machine would disappear."

DR. TIMASHEFF also cites the hope there might be among the pretenders to supreme power one who would ponder the possibility of coming to terms with the United States and its allies.

"This would cause at least partial disarmament and, as a consequence, a substantial increase in the satisfaction of the consumer's needs. Such a program would be most popular among the Russian people. In a thousand ways, informal and perhaps intangible, they would support that pretender against his rivals. A struggle could ensue which would shake the system from top to bottom, with entirely unpredictable results," he states.

Dr. Timasheff also points out the further possibility that Soviet Russia might become too ambitious in their military program.

## Church 'Lamp' Burns For Exiles

London — (NC) — A lamp to the "Great Absent"—the millions of Catholics living behind the rope's Iron Curtain—was solemnly lighted in London's Polish Church in the presence of Archbishop William Godfrey, Apostolic Delegate to Britain.

The marble lamp had been brought from Rome, where it was first lit by Pope Pius XII himself in St. Peter's Basilica at the end of the 1950 Holy Year.

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