

Pope Asks Spiritual Crusade To Avert 'Ruin'

Pius Says World Needs Awakening To Grave Danger

Reds Grab Orphanage In China, Lie About Nuns and Children

Hong Kong—Two versions concerning the seizure by Communists of the American Orphanage in Yungkong, operated by American Maryknoll Sisters, arrived at Maryknoll Mission headquarters here at the same time. One reflects Communist propaganda. The other is the truth.



Typical of abandoned children whose lives were saved by American Maryknoll Sisters at the Orphanage in Yungkong are this half-starved three-year-old girl (left) and the young blind girl being shown how to weave baskets by Sister Beatrice Meyer of Iowa.

and crippled girls when the last two nuns at the orphanage were forced to leave China.

Under a Yungkong dateline the Communist newspaper published a libelous attack on the Catholic orphanage founded 30 years ago by American Maryknoll Sisters.

From Father Reichstetter comes word that the 20 afflicted children have resisted all blandishments offered them by the Reds to accuse Catholic missionaries. Though the priest has not been permitted to visit the orphanage since the Communists took over, he has kept in contact with his charges through friends.

Here is the way the stories came to Maryknoll headquarters in Hong Kong:

WEN HUI, the Communist daily, said: "The corrupt and depraved nuns who ran the orphanage were utterly indifferent to the fate of the infants and children in their charge."

"The orphanage, a veritable slaughterhouse for infants and children, was taken over by the People's Government on December 26 and now is operated by local authorities."

"One of the inmates remarked, in profuse gratitude to the People's Government. 'Formerly I was deceived by the American devils. I knew nothing at all.'

"Now I know there is a People's Government and that it is so good. We now see the light."

Putnam Okayed As Stabilizer

Washington (NC) — The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Roger L. Putnam as administrator of the Economic Stabilization Agency. Putnam has been serving in the post for several months under a temporary appointment.

The Springfield, Mass., business executive, convert and former Navy officer, was approved unanimously for the post by the Senate Banking Committee. In his appearance before the committee, he gave the assurance that he is confident he can "hold the line against inflation in the very dangerous year ahead."

Mr. and Mrs. Putnam were guests of honor at a reception tendered by the Catholic Interracial Council of Washington in the Newman House of Howard University. Mrs. Caroline Jenkins Putnam is one of the 1951 Hoey Award medalists for her work in behalf of the betterment of racial relations, through Catholic Scholarships for Negroes, Inc., which she founded.

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CWV Asks 142 Prelates Victims of Red Change In War on Church; 15 Murdered

(Compiled by NCWC News Service)

The shocking magnitude of Communism's war on the Church was thrown into bold relief this week with the compilation of an exhaustive list of 142 Bishops and other heads of Sees who have fallen victims of the Reds.

This modern martyrology includes two Cardinals, 27 Archbishops, 81 Bishops, 16 Prefects Apostolic, six Administrators Apostolic, six Vicars General and one Visitor Apostolic.

THEY HAVE been either murdered, imprisoned, expelled, or otherwise impeded in the exercise of their offices. The Vicars General included are those who suffered persecution after becoming the acting heads of Sees.

The shocking catalogue of victims is anew at the plight of millions of the Catholic laity and clergy — from Prague in the West to Peking in the east — who have been deprived of their religious leaders. They have been left "without shepherds at a time when their Christian faith is under the most concerted, wide-spread and systematic attack in history."

The compilation includes the names of victims of persecution released last week by the Vatican Press Office, which it said comprised "the Church of Silence."

The phrase is taken from the recent Christmas message of His Holiness Pope Pius XII. However, the NCWC list goes beyond this, and catalogs victims established from other sources.

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McQUADE, in his message to Congress members, enclosed a copy of his statement before the House Armed Service Committee last March, giving the CWV plan for national security and defense.

Salient features of this plan are: 1. A course in military drill and tactics should be required in all high schools and colleges, and be conducted by personnel of the Armed Services.

2. All youths would receive a 12-week field training period for each of two consecutive years at a time when it would least disrupt the youth's educational or economic status.

3. Youths not participating in the above program should be required to serve an equivalent time period at units of the Armed Forces engaged in the program.

4. Government scholarships would be made available in vocational and trade schools for training in specialist branches of the Armed Forces.

Dispensation On Feb. 22nd

The Most Reverend Bishop by virtue of an Apostolic Indult dispenses the faithful from the law of abstinence on Washington's Birthday, Friday, February 22.

Vatican Issues Decree on Holy Saturday Liturgy

Vatican City — (NC) — The faculty to transfer the liturgy of Holy Saturday from the morning to the evening hours of the same day has been granted to Bishops for an additional three years.

Dioceses Map Bishops' War Relief Drive

New York (NC) — Through the work of War Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference in aiding the needy overseas, the non-Catholics of the United States are becoming increasingly aware of the urgent need for help. His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, declared here.

The Cardinal, along with Msgr. Edward E. Swanson, executive director of WRS-NCWC, addressed a meeting of more than a score of regional directors for Collection in the Diocese of Rochester for the work of the War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference will be taken on the first Sunday of May, it was announced at the Chancery today.

the Bishops' Fund for Victims of War at a luncheon meeting in the New Weston Hotel. The Bishops' Fund campaign for \$5,000,000 will be conducted in most dioceses throughout the nation on Laetare Sunday, March 23.

"AMERICAN Catholics through their charity are yearly saving thousands of lives in Europe and Korea," Cardinal Spellman said. Recalling experiences on his re-

(Radio-NCWC News Service)

Vatican City — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has called for a "mighty reawakening" to save a world threatened with disaster.

The Sovereign Pontiff said it is the duty of every man of good will to "re-examine, with a courage worthy of the great moments of human history, what he can and must do personally, as his own contribution to the saving power of God, in order to help a world which is started, as it is today, on the road to ruin."

His Holiness warned that there persists "a general condition which, we do not hesitate to say, may explode at any moment."

He said the origin of this condition is to be sought "in the religious lukewarmness of so many, in the low moral tone of public and private life, in systematic efforts to poison simple minds."

He added that poison is administered to these minds "after their understanding of true liberty has, so to speak, been drugged."

The Pope was speaking by radio to the people of Rome, but he was calling upon them to take the lead, saying the pattern they set in his own diocese "shall be

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Immediately initiated in other dioceses, near and far, so that our eyes shall see not only cities, but nations, continents, the entire race return to Christ."

IT WAS clearly evident that the Pontiff has a definite plan in mind for the great rejuvenation of the world. He did not give details. But he said he entrusted its execution to his Cardinal Vicar for Rome, His Eminence Clemente Cardinal Micara.

The Pope chose this time, he said, because it was the eve of the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, commemorating the Blessed Virgin's intervention in a "century of rationalistic aberration and religious depression." He called Our Lady's apparition "an irrefragable summons back to the supernatural and the first step back towards progressive, renaissance."

IT IS NOT KNOWN what further steps may be taken. But in Vatican circles it is expected that the nature of the campaign will be revealed in the spiritual crusade being opened in Rome by

the Rev. Riccardo Lombardi, the noted Italian Jesuit preacher, which was arranged in connection with the Pope's address. It also remains to be seen what Cardinal Micara will direct for Rome's faithful as a first step and an example for the rest of the world.

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Supreme Court Hears Released-Time Issue; Atheistic Aim Exposed

Washington — Arguments involving a challenge to the released-time program in New York State were heard by the Supreme Court here last week.

The attack upon the program is being made in the name of two Brooklyn women, Mrs. Tessim Zorach and Mrs. Estia Gluck, against the New York City Board of Education, the State Commissioner of Education, Francis T. Spaulding, and the Greater New York Coordinating Committee on Released Time of Jews, Protestants and Roman Catholics.

The program was upheld through the New York State courts, but its opponents, through the two women, brought it before the Supreme Court. The attorney for the appellants, Kenneth W. Greenawald, told the court that "the power of the State should not be used to help religious people get pupils for their religious classes."

During the hearing, Justice Felix Frankfurter asked attorneys defending the program if they would oppose the dismissal of all pupils, leaving them free to do whatever their parents directed.

The attorneys opposed this and pointed out that the opponents of the program for an hour of released time for religious instruction had not objected to the release of pupils for whole days for religious observances. The plaintiffs said there was a distinct difference between the two cases.

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NCWC Resigns From 'Crop' Organization

New York (NC) — War Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the Lutheran World Relief have withdrawn from the partnership which has operated the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) since 1947. The program will be carried on by Church World Services.

Monsignor Edward E. Swanson, executive director of WRS-NCWC, said that his organization withdrew from the program because of the "mounting costs involved." He said that after careful consideration officials of the NCWC decided the cost was too much for the amount of good realized from the program.

Since 1947, CROP has distributed some \$11,000,000 worth of farm commodities.

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