

# Religious Freedom Farce In Rumania

Paris — (NC) — A face-saving bow to "freedom of religion" is made in the new draft constitution for Rumania published in all papers of that country.

The new constitution is modeled on that of the Soviet Union and concentrates power in the Presidium (small communist governing body) of the National Assembly.

RUMANIA IS the second Iron Curtain country which is treating itself to a new constitution. In Poland, the enactment of a new constitution — which is also patterned after the Soviet charter and essentially similar to the Rumanian draft — has just been celebrated with official pomp.

The Rumanian draft constitution consists of ten chapters with 105 articles. It will replace the constitution adopted in April 1948 shortly after the communists seized complete power in that country. Since that time all other political parties have been eliminated, leaving only the Rumanian Workers' (communist) party.

ARTICLE 88A, which deals with religion, states:

"Freedom of conscience is guaranteed to all citizens of the Rumanian People's Republic. All religious denominations are free to organize and function freely. Freedom of religion is guaranteed to all citizens of the Rumanian People's Republic.

"The school is separated from the Church. No religious denomination, congregation or religious community can open or operate institutions of general education, but only special schools for the training of their ecclesiastical staff. The mode of organization and functioning of all religious denominations are provided for by law."

This promise of religious freedom and that all religious denominations may "function freely" appears here highly incongruous with the record of the Rumanian regime.

The government has in the past few years used intimidation and violence to force the Byzantine-Rite Catholics to join the state-controlled Orthodox Church. It has ousted all Bishops from their sees and either murdered, imprisoned or deported them.

## Democrat Platform Quotes Bishops

Chicago — (NC) — A sentence from the 1951 Bishop's Statement, "God's Law the Measure of Man's Conduct" is incorporated in the Democratic Party platform adopted at the national convention here.

The original sentence read: "Dishonesty, slander, detraction, and defamation of character are as truly transgressions of God's commandments when resorted to by men in political life as they are for all other men."

As the sentence appears in the platform the phrase "political life" is changed to read "public life."

This excerpt from the Bishops' Statement appears in the platform sentence under the subheading of "Strengthening Democracy."

The sentence was part of a paragraph from the Bishops' Statement which Senator William Benton of Connecticut had proposed to the platform committee should be incorporated in the platform.

"I commend the entire Statement (of the Bishops) to the committee but the particular paragraph I suggest for our platform is headed 'Morality and Politics,'" Senator Benton said.

## Attorney Donates Farm To Brothers

La Crosse, Wis. — (NC) — A 200-acre farm, complete with two houses and other buildings, has been donated to the LaCrosse Diocesan Brothers of Blessed Pius X for a motherhouse.

Situated on rolling bluffs near the Mississippi, the farm was donated by Richard P. Loftus, New York attorney, and his mother, Mrs. Anna McCormick Loftus, long time resident of DeSoto, Wis. The farm is on the outskirts of DeSoto.

Mr. Loftus came here from New York to personally handle the transaction. He also donated \$1,000 to the Brotherhood for renovation of the buildings.

# New Film Depicts Blessed Pius X Life

Henry Vidon, an English actor, takes the part of Pope Pius X and two U. S. seminarians from the Propaganda College, take minor roles in the new Italian film: "Men Do Not Look Heavenwards." Although entirely filmed outside the Vatican the film is noted for its excellently prepared props, such as the reproduction of the Sistine Chapel scene (right photo) showing the conclave which elected Giuseppe Sarto Pope, Pius X, and his secretary (left) are shown during the last Mass said by Pius X before his death in his private chapel (left photo). (NC Photos)



## Nun's Shoestring Project For Making Rosaries Produces 100,000

Cincinnati — (NC) — A nun who four years ago began a rosary-making project on a shoestring reports that her group has turned out nearly 100,000 Rosaries.

"And there is a Bishop in New Guinea," smiled Sister Mary Imeldine, "who has given us a standing order for one million."

The shoestring was a bit of cable cord. Sister Imeldine showed the girls at Good Counsel High School, Chicago, how to knot it into a rosary.

TAKING THE name of "Our Lady's Crusaders" the girls began mastering the art of knotting and soon were producing rosaries by the thousands.

At "Our Lady of Mercy Hospital here, where she is taking a refresher course in dietetics, Sister Imeldine knots four or five rosaries every evening. She has taught some of the other Sisters the technique.

Meanwhile, orders are piling up at the high school, and letters from chaplains in Korea and missionaries in all parts of the world continue to pour in.

## Reds Hinder 'Catholic Day' In Germany

Berlin — (RNS) — The East German Communist government has withdrawn a promise, to make available sixty special trains to bring Soviet Zone delegates, at reduced rates, to the 70th German Roman Catholic Day observances to be held here August 19 to 24.

Premier Otto Grotewohl of East Germany made this known in a personal talk with Bishop Wilhelm Weskamm of Berlin.

The Catholic Day Committee said the new Communist action "constitutes additional hardships for East German Catholics," but it urged that the faithful in the Soviet Zone make every effort to attend the observances anyway.

A chaplain in Korea pointed out approvingly that the cord rosaries "don't rattle"—a merit he considered important in the front lines. Other chaplains have approved them because they are light and practically indestructible.

A MEMBER OF the Felicians, Sister Imeldine teaches religion and home economics at Good Counsel High School in Chicago. A part of the home economics department has been set apart as "Our Lady's Workshop," where much of the rosary-making is done.

## Surprise Party

# Auto Industry Pioneer Gives \$400,000 To Two Catholic Institutions

Cleveland — (NC) — The Gabriel horn for autos honked at many a pedestrian in its day. But few of these were more startled than representatives of two Catholic institutions here when the horn's inventor unexpectedly presented them with more than \$400,000.

Claud H. Foster, who also invented the first practical automobile shock absorber—the Gabriel snubber—the first practical automobile shock absorber—invited representatives of some 16 Cleveland institutions to attend a dinner party at the Hotel Statler. Then he passed out nearly four million dollars among them.

The former auto shock absorber manufacturer did nothing to cushion the blow for his guests—they had no advance tip on the gifts whatsoever.

St. Vincent's Charity Hospital received \$208,645, and the Children's Village of St. Vincent de Paul, known as "Paradise," \$172,400. Both are operated by the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine. The village, in suburban Parma, cares for several hundred young boys and girls from broken homes.

St. Alexis Hospital, operated by the Poor Sisters of St. Francis Seraph of Perpetual Adoration, was given \$238,645.

Herman C. Neff, taking the gifts for St. Alexis Hospital and the children's village, said "I'm so nervous I don't know what I'm doing."

ST. VINCENT'S Charity Hospital's quarter-of-a-million gift made a handsome present for the hospital's centenary, which it will observe Sunday, August 3 by dedication of a new 22-million-dollar building built with general contributions.

Mr. Foster, 79, said in announcing his gifts that "Too many institutions get their money from dead men. I wanted to see them get it." His only restriction was that the gifts be used for capital purposes—buildings or equipment—or to pay debts incurred for capital purposes.

The auto industry pioneer's first successful product was the Gabriel horn for autos, named for the horn-blowing Archangel. It was a four or six-toe job attached to the exhaust, and made \$150,000 for Mr. Foster before it

gave way to the pushbutton horn.

In 1910 he invented the famous Gabriel snubber, the first practical automobile shock absorber. His trademark became one of the best-known advertising symbols in the world. It showed a farm boy holding a rampaging bull by snubbing its lead rope around a tree.

IN HIS TIME Mr. Foster manufactured 75 per cent of shock absorbers used by the auto industry. For six years before he sold out, he earned a net of more than \$1,000,000 a year. He distributed \$600,000 in incentive pay and, when he quit, gave large blocks of stock to me who had helped him build the business.

He lives during the summer and fall in an unpretentious cottage on Sandusky Bay. In winter and spring he travels through the West and South visiting friends.

## Catholic University Given Grants For Naval Research

Washington — (NC) — Grants of \$51,110 to carry out scientific work for the Navy have been made to the Catholic University of America here, the Office of Naval Research has disclosed.

The research awards began last September when Dr. Francis O. Rice, chemistry department head, was given a contract for \$2,200 to carry on a study of the "Stabilization of Free Radicals."

Last January 1, the Navy renewed a contract involving a total of \$43,540 for Dr. Hugh T. O'Neill, of the botany department, and his associates to do special research.

On June 1, the Office of Naval Research contracted with the University to study "Chemical Kinetics of Manganese Waves," with Dr. Virginia F. Griffiths, of the chemistry department, directing the research.

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