

Senate Group Told 1,500 Reds Once Taught In Schools

New York — (NC) — The former top woman communist in the United States testified here that some 1,500 communist party members once taught in the Nation's schools.

Dr. Bella V. Dodd, who was baptized as a Catholic earlier this year after taking instructions from Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, said Red cells were located on many leading college campuses. She testified before a Senate Internal Security subcommittee on conditions existing before 1949, when she was expelled from the communist party.

DR. DODD is a former member of the party's national and State executive committees, and was legislative representative of the Teachers Union. She said a former president of the Teachers Union in New York City was a dupe of party members planted in key posts in the union.

The former Red said the 1,500 card-carrying communist teachers wielded an influence far beyond their numerical proportion. Many strove for faculty posts in university schools of education where "they affect the philosophy of education and teach other teachers," she declared. She said one communist teacher might influence 300 future teachers in a single term.

Dr. Dodd said she herself had been influenced in her thinking by a teacher while she was a student at Hunter College here. She was "sure" this teacher had not been a communist, but had been "sympathetic to the Soviet Union," she testified.

She herself, as a teacher at Hunter, undoubtedly persuaded "many" of her students to become communists, Dr. Dodd said. She added that she had been a faculty adviser and popular with her students.

"GOD HELP ME for what I did!" Dr. Dodd declared. "There is no doubt in my mind I did a great deal of harm."

Dr. Dodd said that among the educational institutions with cells of three or more communist staff members were Harvard, Long Island, New York, Columbia, Northwestern, Howard, Michigan, Chicago, California and Minnesota Universities; Vassar, Smith and Wellesley Colleges; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and the four New York City municipal colleges—Hunter, City, Brooklyn and Queens.

1,000 Twelfth Children Born In Portugal

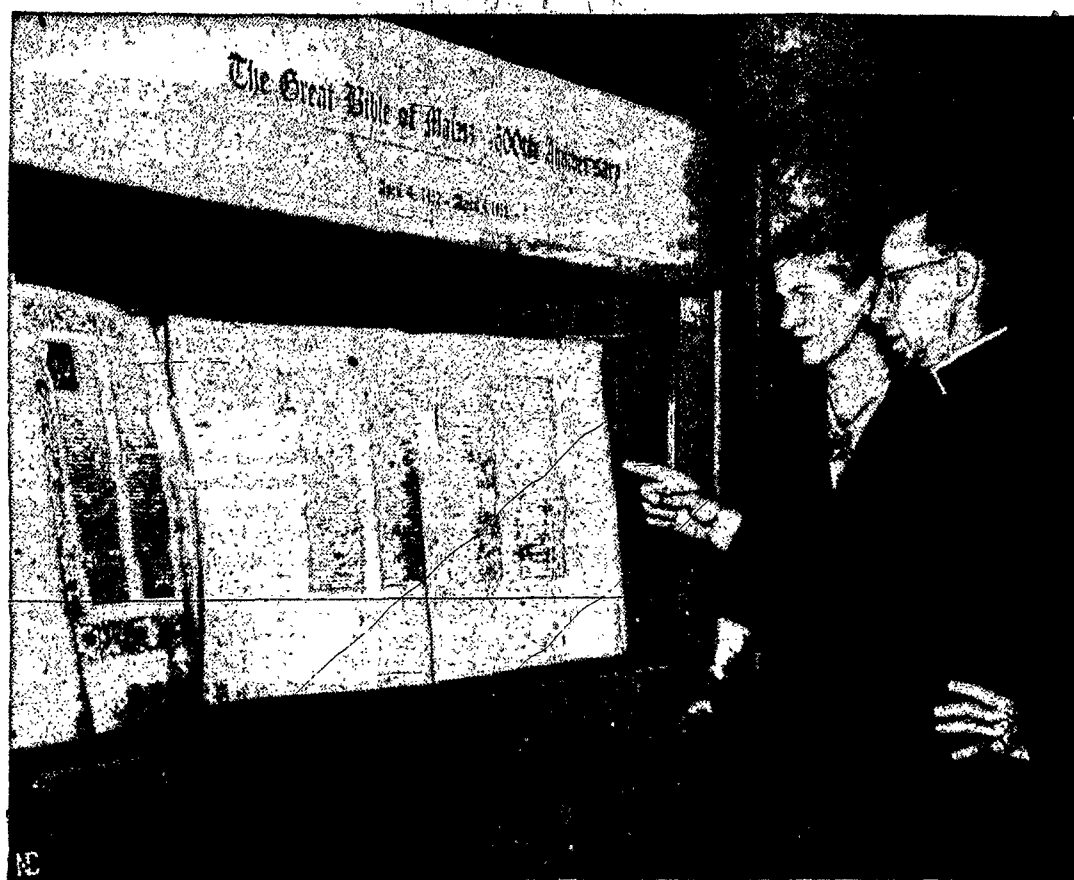
Lisbon — (NC) — Nearly 1,000 twelfth children were born to Portuguese parents during 1951.

The percentage of Catholic marriages in Portugal increased slightly in 1951 over those in 1950.

Last year, of 66,639 marriages in Portugal, almost 87 per cent were celebrated in Catholic churches.

Since the Concordat between the Holy See and Portugal in 1940, divorce is not legally possible after a church marriage. In 1951 there were only 1,223 divorces, the main causes being adultery and desertion.

Bible In Library Of Congress



Rev. Louis Hartmann, C.S.S.R., of Catholic University of America and Executive Secretary of the Catholic Biblical Association, and Mrs. Frederick V. Murphy of Washington's Bible Week Observance Committee, visit the newly installed Historic Bibles Exhibit at the Library of Congress. They are looking at the Great Bible of Mainz, an illuminated manuscript that was being written at the same time and same city—Mainz, Germany—that Johann Gutenberg was printing his Bible, also on display in the Library of Congress. Catholic Bible Week will be observed throughout the United States from September 28 to October 4.

The 'Katholikentag'

Catholics Of Eastern Germany Win 'Second Battle Of Berlin'

By REV. DR. MAX JORDAN
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Berlin — (NC) — East Germany's Catholics have won the second battle of Berlin. America, with the air-lift four years ago, won the first one. This time the issue was freedom of worship. The red rulers of the Soviet zone of occupation want none of it. To them anyone unwilling to bend his knee before the communist idols is an enemy.

The two and one half million Catholics in the Soviet zone feel this hostility every day: In the schools where their children are being exposed to Marxist propaganda, and in all spheres of public life, where every vestige of church influence is being banned systematically while totalitarian thought-control is spreading more intensely all the time.

NEVERTHELESS, WHEN the time came for the Katholikentag (Catholic Day) meeting here which was to mark the 75th

Berlin — (NC) — There were several thousand Protestant visitors to the Katholikentag (Catholic Day) celebration here. They were mostly young men wearing both the golden Catholic emblem and the silver Protestant cross, to express their solidarity with all believers in Christ. The Red rulers had refused them permits to attend the Protestant national convention at Stuttgart. So they went to the Catholic convention instead.

Jubilee of the establishment of national Catholic conventions for all of Germany, these East German Catholics made up their mind not to miss the opportunity of meeting freely with their brothers and sisters in the faith. The communist rulers had refused to grant them special trains at reduced fares, they had refused to authorize public outdoor meetings even in the Soviet sector of this city. They had hinted ominously that the border lines might be closed down, so that no one would be able to leave the unhappy land of slavery. However, East Germany's Catholics were not deterred.

These brave men and women came, tens of thousands of them, as if by common agreement, to profess their faith. And the red police did not dare hold them back. Men and women and chil-

dren came, most of them poor people, shabbily dressed, carrying knapsacks and bags of all sorts, with food to provide for their immediate needs.

MOST OF THEM had not been in the West since the war, if ever. They looked at West Berlin's window displays, at the brand new buildings which have gone up during the past couple of years, at the cafes crowded with people enjoying refreshments unknown in the red paradise.

They flocked to the theaters and motion pictures showing religious plays. And above all, they filled the churches from the earliest to the last Masses every morning.

By the time the Katholikentag had reached its climax, some 150,000 of these brave people had arrived. War Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference had arranged for feeding them. Mobile kitchens were set up on the lawns surrounding the exhibition grounds which were headquarters of the convention. Patiently, and gratefully, the visitors stood in line to get their bowls of soup, their hot dogs and rolls and fruit juices, all gifts offered through the charity of American Catholics, and with the help of the West German Caritas organization.

ON THE STREETS outside, dealers had set up their stands. The visitors, wide-eyed, were strolling by Candy, fruit and all sorts of delicacies were on sale, but they could not afford them. Prices, if figured in their Eastern currency, were prohibitive although quite reasonable by Western standards.

NCCM Official
Washington — (NC) — Edward J. O'Connor, former executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Men, has died here at the age of 71. He was retired, as associate manager of the W. & J. Sloan furniture company here in 1945.

Indulgences Granted For Radio Rosary

Des Moines, Ia. — (NC) — How the faithful can gain indulgences through the Radio Rosary has been explained in an official notice published in the Messenger, Des Moines diocesan newspaper.

The notice, signed by the Rev. Joseph Sondag, Chancellor, and printed by order of Bishop Edward C. Daly, O.P., of Des Moines, said:

"FOR THE information and guidance of those who can and do tune in on the broadcast by radio of the recitation of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary resolved as follows on May 9, 1952:

"1. The faithful can gain the indulgences attached to the Rosary B.V.M. when they respond to a leader who is present to them only by radio;

"2. Not, however, if the part of the Rosary which is broadcast to them by radio is done not by a person then and there present in the station and actually leading the recitation, but by electrical transcription or tape-recording or by some other instrument previously prepared (#0 Anal. O.P. 399)";

The Catholic Broadcasters Association's promotion committee reported last year that daily broadcasts of the Rosary were being heard in more than 5,000 U. S. cities and communities of all sizes.

Reds Expell Last Foreign Missioner

Hong Kong — (NC) — The communists have expelled the last remaining foreign missionary of Shichow diocese in Kwangtung province. Eighteen months ago there were 21 Salesians priests, a group of Sisters and some Brothers laboring in the area. Now, with the expulsion of the Rev. Vito Del Curto on August 27, no foreign priests are left in the diocese.

Apostolic Delegate

'Schools Can't Be Neutral About God!'

Cleveland — (NC) — "There is no neutrality in school; either you educate or you diseducate."

"If God is kept out of school, the tomorrow of youth is in danger, and the country is in peril, for the security of nations is based on the respect of the citizens toward the law of God."

His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, expressed these thoughts in a sermon during dedication of Hobart Dominican High School here.

The new school can accommodate a thousand girls. It was named in honor of Archbishop Edward F. Hoban, Bishop of Cleveland, and the Dominican Sisters of the Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary from Adrian, Mich.

who will operate the school.

In his address Archbishop Cicognani said that the student "seeks from the teachers the art of living; he asks the teachers to prepare him for tomorrow, and this is the hope which animates him in attending school."

"It is therefore the teachers who, whether they will it or not, and no matter what subject they teach, sow the seeds of the tomorrow of their

pupils, their moral, social, religious tomorrow; and their tomorrow will be also that of society," the Archbishop added.

"How then can one believe in the neutrality of schools? There is no neutrality in school; either you educate or you diseducate."

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of the citizens toward the law of God."

"This school is added to the numberless institutions of education fostered by the Church in the past and the present," Archbishop Cicognani also said. "They have a characteristic proper to themselves, a value which embellishes and elevates them beyond words."

"This characteristic is the imparting of a culture which does not exhaust itself in human things."

"There is a complete Christian tradition in their imparting of light to the intellect, a tradition which has given nourishment and life to our civilization, has molded excellent citizens, and besides has known how to turn the energies of youth toward man's transcendent end."

Record Enrollment In Guam Schools

Agaña, Guam — (NC) — A record 1,900 students are attending Fall classes in the Catholic schools of the Guam Vicariate, more than treble the enrollment in 1949.

land of Guam, islands of the trust territories, and from the Philippines, Hawaii and the mainland. Hundreds were turned away for lack of teachers and physical facilities.

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