

# Coronation Rite Raises Issue Of Papal Diplomat In London

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London—(NC)—With preparations already under way here for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth next June, hopes are again being raised that a permanent Vatican diplomat will be appointed to London for the first time. This would involve the establishment of full diplomatic relations between Great Britain and the Holy See.

Archbishop of Westminster, an English-born prelate, has been serving as Apostolic Delegate to Great Britain since 1938, but this is a non-diplomatic post. With a representative of the Vatican accredited to the coronation of the young Queen, Catholic circles here believe the circumstances provide an opportunity, not likely to arise for many years, for righting a noticeable anomaly in London's diplomatic corps.

THE CATHOLIC Times of London, which is a usually reliable guide in such matters has commented: "All that can be said now is that in the minds of people who are competent to give an opinion, such a step is indeed possible."

Britain has a legation at the Vatican but the Holy See, which has fully accredited representatives there in some 28 countries, has none in London or anywhere in the British Commonwealth. This situation has persisted despite the fact that there are 5,000,000 Catholics in Britain and 25,000,000 in the Commonwealth—all loyal subjects of the Crown, but owing spiritual allegiance to the Holy Father.

The question of Vatican representation in London was much to the fore at the funeral of King George VI last February. Because there was no Nuncio in London, Pope Pius XII had to send instead as special representative Archbishop Paolo Gibello, Papal Nuncio to Holland.

THE WASH. HONORABLE comment at the time on the fact that the official envoy of a power friendly to Britain and to the monarchy at such a solemnity is a Christian, had been placed in order of precedence below the Ambassador of communist Russia. Fresh comment is bound to arise now that Sir Ivo Mallet, British Ambassador to Belgrade, has invited to the coronation Dr. Ales Bebler, Yugoslavia's Deputy Foreign Minister, who also may be given precedence over any Vatican envoy.

To avoid any embarrassing questions of precedence, the Catholic Times has suggested that a Nuncio should be appointed to Britain, rather than an Ambassador. Special Nuncios are traditionally given the status of head of the diplomatic corps to which they belong.

Oddly enough, the man responsible for planning the coronation ceremonies is the 44-year-old Duke of Norfolk, hereditary Earl Marshal of England, who is a well-known Catholic. His most difficult task will be to issue invitations to the 7,500 privileged kings, queens, ladies, knights, diplomats and other distinguished people who will be given access to Westminster Abbey for the magnificent ceremony.

The Duke of Norfolk planned the coronation of King George VI in 1937. The Papal delegation at the ceremony was His Eminence Giuseppe Cardinal Pizzardi, then Archbishop Pizzardi, secretary of Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs at the Vatican.

Windsor Park, Va.—(NC)—There are 73,000 towns in the United States without resident priests. It was estimated here by Father Maurice U. Boucher, S.S.M.

## 73,000 Towns Lack Priests

Moderator of the Mission Crusade at St. Michael's College here, Father Boucher told students: "There are some 15,000,000 people in this country who are yearning for a way to find God. Your Catholic college must help them by your lives, your prayers and your study."

## Prelate Pleads Liberal Policy On Immigrants

St. Louis—(NC)—The time has come for the American people to disavow discriminations against all races and all peoples," Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis declared in a plea for a more liberal American immigration policy.

IN A STATEMENT to the Institute on Immigration in the Statler Hotel, here, the Archbishop said that the McCarran-Walter omnibus immigration law passed at the last session of Congress "emphasizes and makes still more rigid all the discriminations and prejudices involved and contained in the National Origins Act."

"We know that the original National Origins Act was designed openly and avowedly to discriminate against the people from southern and eastern Europe," Archbishop Ritter said. "Its authors boasted the fact that they wanted to discriminate against the people from southern and eastern Europe."

THE ARCHBISHOP recalled that the 1924 legislation was dropped at a time when the nation had retreated into a position of isolationism, when there was a deep anti-Asian feeling and when the Ku Klux Klan had attained its highest influence.

"Nobody who has a constructive interest in immigration today," the Archbishop said, "is suggesting the possibility of moving huge numbers of people into this country. We are thinking, merely, of an all over number of people who can be absorbed in our country without causing any serious dislocations. The all-over number that we admit must be based on a careful study of our own needs."

## 'Catholic Family Of Year' Award



"The Catholic Family of the Year" was the honor conferred on Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Roggenbuck and their 12 children at a ceremony during the 36th annual National Catholic Rural Life Conference convention in Saginaw, Mich. They are shown here at the family dinner table in their farm home near Helena, Mich. The ages of the children range from 4 to 21. Barthol (inset) is with the army in Korea. They are devoted to the family Rosary and all receive Holy Communion each Sunday. (NO Photos).

## Peking 'Model' Church Again Dons Red Trappings As 'Peace' Parley Ends

Hong Kong—(NC)—The "peace" congress in Peking is over and St. Michael's Church there has again taken on the decorations befitting its status as the model of the "reformed" Catholic churches.

St. Michael's in Peking was once the church of foreign Catholics in the old legation quarter. It is now ruled by a "progressive" Chinese priest who has made it a center for communist propaganda.

Large pictures of Mao Tse Tung and other communist heroes have replaced those of the Sacred Heart, the Blessed Virgin and the saints.

Children and young people, it is reported, no longer frequent the church; no more servers for Mass, no singing of sacred hymns, almost no baptisms, marriages or extreme unctions.

SO RED HAS St. Michael's become that it has received the congratulations of the government. It has been asked to become the model of all the reformed churches of Peking.

In choosing St. Michael's church, one missionary commented here, the communists have selected a formidable patron and one experienced in combating the devil.

## Iron Curtain Reds Seen Losing War On Religion

Washington, D. C.—(NC)—The Soviets are waging a losing battle in their drive against religion behind the Iron Curtain, according to Father Max Jordan, N.C.W.C. News Service foreign correspondent and former NBC representative in Europe.

Dr. Jordan was ordained a priest in Germany last year, spoke at the Fall Communion Breakfast of the John Carroll Society here. The distinguished American journalist and author is on his first lecture tour in the United States as a priest.

DESPISE THE most cruel persecution in history, the Catholic Church is stronger than ever in the communist-ruled countries, Dr. Jordan declared. He said: "Even though the Soviets are using every means and subterfuge to destroy religion among the 800,000,000 people they have enslaved, they are not succeeding. The faith of the 65,000,000 Catholics in Soviet-controlled areas, for instance, has become more vigorous than ever under this diabolical Soviet persecution."

Dr. Jordan said he based his conclusions on interviews he has had recently with many priests and lay leaders from Iron Curtain countries but principally from the Soviet Zone of Germany.

"Almost to a man," he declared "they told me they wanted to stay in their own countries because there the Christian faith is vitally alive, and they felt it their duty to do everything possible to keep alive this flame of religious faith that defies every Soviet effort to extinguish it."

DR. JORDAN TOLD many moving scenes among the 225,000 Germans who attended the Catholic Congress at Berlin last August. The most inspiring feature of the Congress, he said, were the 30,000 German Catholics from the Soviet Zone who endured many hardships and hardships by the Soviets to attend.

To counteract Soviet anti-religious propaganda, Dr. Jordan recalled, Congress authorities printed huge posters bearing the message: "Down with the imperialists."

The inside of the church is swathed in red. Behind the main altar are draped two huge red flags. Another covers the communion rail. Two more grace the vestibule.

The two church columns near the sanctuary are hung with mottoes like "Long live Mao Tse Tung" (China's Red boss), "Long live Chinese communism," and "Long live international communism."

## Panhandler Gives Missioner Quarter

New York—(NC)—Panhandlers have a heart, too. In Hugo Grand Central Station a bedraggled individual asked, "Padre, can you give me the price of a ticket to Boston?"

"I can't spare too much," answered Father Mark Tannen. "I'm a Maryknoll Missioner who lost everything when the Chinese Reds threw me in prison."

"You need this more than I do," declared the panhandler, slipping a quarter for the priest's hand. "Get God on my side, will you? Things are tough all over."

Father Tannen is the author of "No Secret is Safe," a recently-issued book about Red China.

WHERE IS YOUR SUNSET?  
The vast sunset into which we shall all someday sink to rest is on the horizon of Calvary and our reward will be in the proportion that we have shared on this earth in the fatigues of Jesus Christ. Have Masses said for your beloved dead during November by grateful Near East priests, or why not enroll one perpetually in the CHEWA for \$20? Our dead will bless you.

PLEASE MAKE A DEPOSIT in MARY'S BANK during November for the little orphans in the home town of St. Ann, Our Lady's Mother, in Palestine.

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"RUSSIA WILL BE CONVERTED and the world will be at peace," is the promise of Our Lady of Fatima... Won't you give a nite to the new Shrine to be built in Kibbunya? When you do, ask for "OUR LADY'S KREMLIN."  
EVENING SACRIFICE  
So may we well call Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament... It is as if we would be lonely for Our Eucharistic King after morning Mass, we take Him from the Tabernacle and adore Him on His Throne. For the little church at Kafar Nahom, Syria, we beg the monstrance for Benediction, costing \$40, and the tabernacle, costing \$25. Can you give this Evening Sacrifice to the poor?  
THOSE MONTHLY DOLLARS given during November for ORPHANS BREAD will go to our Foundling Hospitals in Jerusalem and Bethlehem, while the dollars for the BASHANS are for the Sisters of Charity in Ramat, Iraq. Your dollars to the MONICA GUILD will help furnish the little chapel at Kalapadda, India. Won't you join dollar to dollar?  
LITTLE ANGEL  
That's the meaning of "Angelina" and we must ask this week for Sister Angelina, a novice of the Sisters of the Rosary in Jerusalem. She asks to become the adopted daughter of a dear Near East friend. Her two years' training will cost \$300, which can be given from month to month. How proud you could be of this daughter of Mary, who will bring God's love into the deserts of Jordan.  
DREAMING OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS are the Assistant Sisters of Mary Immaculate, who have now taken up the care of our poor lepers at Green Gardens, Shertallay, India. Won't you give a nite to the DAMIEN LEPER FUND for them?  
POOR, POOR CLARES  
We are ashamed to ask again for the Poor Clares in South India. For many were generous to Sister Laitia and her 33 sisters. But we are hoping to give them a modest little chapel which will also serve the 500 people of their village of East Chalkudy. They need \$1,500 to build this House of God, but every dollar to the CHAPEL OF THE MONTH CLUB will be precious.  
FROM THE CLOISTERED CARMELITE SISTERS of the Holy Land come constant pleas for food packages. One costs \$10 and we must send so many.  
OUR LADY'S ADS  
Our Lady's statue can be given to the Chapel at Ayroor, India, for \$50, while a beautiful picture of her could be placed there for \$15 on her very own altar. This would cost \$75. But every gift to the missions, for example, the \$1 gift to Father Henry Ayroor in Egypt for clothing for little orphans would be an answer to Our Lady's Ads.  
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