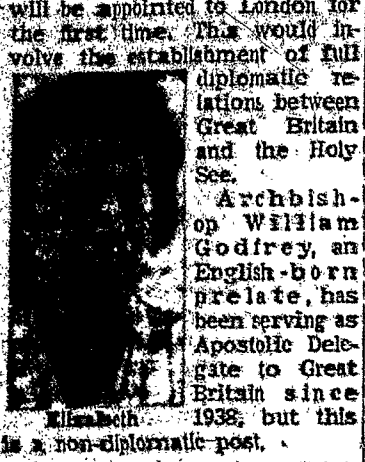


# Coronation Rite Raises Issue Of Papal Diplomat In London

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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 William Godfrey, an English-born prelate, has been serving as Apostolic Delegate to Great Britain since 1936, but this is a non-diplomatic post.

With a representative of the Vatican scheduled to be sent 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 wrong 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 in the Holy See, which has duly accredited representatives in some 38 countries, but 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 a special representative, Archbishop Paolo Gibbo, Papal Intervenore to Holland.

THERE WAS MUCH comment at the time on the fact that the official envoy of a power friendly to Britain and to the monarchy at such a moment should be a layman, especially if he be Christian, had been placed in order of pre-

cedence 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 Intervenore. Papal Nuncios are traditionally given the status of dean 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 guests, 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 Pizzardo, then Archbishop Pizzardo, secretary of Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs at the Vatican.

## 73,000 Towns Lack Priests

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

Moderator of the Mission Grande at St. Michael's College here, Father Boucher said students: "There are some 15,000,000 souls in this country who are yearning for a way to find God. You Catholics college men 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 "re-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 adopted at a time when the nation had retreated into a position of isolationism, when there was a deep antipathy feeling and when the Ku Klux Klan had attained its highest influence.

HE SAID that now it is "inconceivable" that the American people should want to retain on the statute books "a piece of legislation so openly and avowedly discriminatory as the McCarran-Walter Act."

"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 dislocation. 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 30th 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 24. Barthol (inset) is with the army in Korea. They are devoted to the family Rosary and all receive Holy Communion each Sunday. (NC 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.

Ousted missionaries reported that just before the Asian and Pacific Peace Congress in Peking, St. Michael's and other Catholic churches there had been stripped of some of their "progressive" symbols. These innovations offered the sensibilities of foreign delegates. For the period of the congress it was made to look like a Catholic church again.

ACCORDING TO latest reports reaching here, a sign over the gate of St. Michael's Church proclaims it as the "bureau of the committee of reform." The church walls and nearby trees are plastered with posters

screaming: "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."

A huge Red star forms the background for the crucifix. The names of Jesus, Mary, Joseph and other saints have been removed from church windows, chaises and other church equipment to make way for communist slogans.

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 keep alive this flame of religious faith that defies every Soviet effort to extinguish it.

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

Hubert Valentine, Irish-American tenor, is organizing a concert in the United States to help build the basilica.

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## 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.

DESPIITE 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 Christ's 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 80,000 German Catholics from the Soviet Zone who endured many hardships and harassments by the Soviets to attend.

To counteract Soviet anti-religious propaganda, Dr. Jordan recalled, Congress authorities printed huge posters bearing

photographs of outstanding Catholic leaders in other nations, and their statements upholding religion. He said he saw long lines of East Zone Germans waiting patiently to copy the statements from the posters.

DR. JORDAN CITED another instance of a Catholic church in Western Germany being located near a stream dividing that area from the Eastern or Soviet Zone. Every Sunday, he said, hundreds of East Zone Germans gather on their side of the river and pray on their knees during the Mass being celebrated in the church on Western Zone side.

In his concluding remarks, Dr. Jordan urged all Catholics—particularly American Catholics—to marshal their spiritual resources so that "the strength of their overpowering faith will undermine the strength of the Devil who is controlling hundreds of millions of persons under the Soviets."

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

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

SO MANY JOSEPHS How would you like another Joseph, a student in the Seminary of St. Joseph, Alway, India, to belong to you, if you could give, in any installments, the \$300 needed for the remaining five years of his training for the priesthood? If this is too much, you can join the CHRYSOSTOMUS, our dollar-a-month club, from which we can give more priests to poor Near East missions.

"RUSSIA WILL BE CONVERTED and the world will be at peace," is the promise of Our Lady of Fatima. Won't you send a note for her new Shrine to be built in Sibolga? When you do, ask for "OUR LADY'S KEHLIN."

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 making Mass, so we take Him from the Tabernacle and adore Him on His Throne. For the little church at Kafar Bohom, 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 Bechem, while the dollars for the BASILIANS, our School Club, go to the Sisters of Charity in Mysore, India. Your Christ, He MONICA GUILD will help furnish the little chapel at Kulagada, India. Won't you join dollar to dollar?

LITTLE ANGEL That's the meaning of "Angelina" and we must ask this week for Sister Angela, a novice of the Sisters of the Rosary in Jerusalem. She has 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 Assiian Sisters of Mary Immaculate, who have now taken up the care of our poor lepers at Green Gardens, Shergalla, India. Won't you give a note to the DAMIEN LEFER 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 Lucia and her 38 Sisters. But we are hoping to give them a modest little chapel which will serve the 500 people of their village of East Chalkudy. They need \$1,500 to build this House of God, but every your 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 \$3 gifts to Father Henry Aroul in Egypt for clothing his little orphans would be an answer to Our Lady's Ads.

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