

Pontiff Instructs Priests On Pastoral Duties

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Vatican City—His Holiness Pope Pius XII today urged the pastors of his own Diocese of Rome to be true shepherds, defending their flocks against the hidden and disguised, as well as against the well-known and open, enemies.

His Holiness granted his annual audience to the pastors and Lenten preachers of the churches of Rome even though Lent is almost over, because, he said, he could not forego the occasion of speaking to them concerning their common problem, the care of the common sheepfold. Normally this audience, with the Pope's instruction and exhortation, occurs at the beginning of Lent, with the Pontiff giving the priests a general directive for their intensified labors during the holy season.

THE HOLY FATHER told the priests that he had gathered them about himself as soon as his strength permitted him to speak with his heart rather than his lips. He urged them to feel and act in their own parishes as he felt towards the whole Church, that is as shepherds who are good, true and faithful.

The first duty of the shepherd is the defense of his flock against thieves, the Pope said. He pointed out that it is more important to teach their people to recognize "other enemies, or—if you will—the same enemy under different forms and dress." In the parish, as in the world, His Holiness added, the enemy is not one but multiple.

The Holy Father did not mention communism, but many thought they saw a clear reference to it when he said: "There is an enemy who keeps every day he becomes more threatening, assaults and assaults with every means and without sparing blows, but this enemy has become the most easily recognizable of all."

IT IS NECESSARY to teach the faithful to recognize the other enemy who comes dressed as a lamb or in other forms. His Holiness continued. This enemy sows hate where there was light, spreads discord where there was peace, unleashes passion, disillusions youth, robs the lambs of their innocence, makes them rebels against all that is good. This enemy also robs the poor

of their slightest comforts, makes the rich selfish, breaks marriages, the Pope continued. "It is necessary to react against this multifarious enemy with the vehemence of a father protecting his children and with the readiness which such an urgent and tremendous duty imposes," he added.

"Don't forget, beloved sons," said the Holy Father, "that everyone of you is the pastor and shepherd for all those who live in the territory of your parish and carries the tremendous responsibility for the well-being of all."

HIS HOLINESS pointed out that some sheep don't belong to the fold, some are lost, others would like to return but perhaps are timid, afraid of being ill-received. Towards all the pastor should have the attitude of seeking them "with that apostolate of prayer and sacrifice which knows no obstacles and is the most efficacious of all."

The final word of guidance the Holy Father gave to the priests was not to be content with saving the spiritual life in those who have it, but to help it grow ever greater. "It is the most urgent problem of militant Catholics," he said. He reminded the pastors that "these generous souls will the more readily follow the pastor who knows how to lead with example."

Father Peyton Scores Success In Gibraltar

Gibraltar — (NC) — Catholics in this tiny British colony are still talking of the three Irish priests who came among them recently to tell about the splendor and the power of the Rosary.

THE LEADER of the trio was Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., America's famed family prayer crusader, who is credited with having made Gibraltar 100 per cent Rosary-conscious as a result of his visit. His companions were Fathers John Murphy, C.S.C., and Frank Woods.

Bishop Richard T. Fitzgerald here, it was announced, has already written Father Peyton reporting that his mission has brought "very real blessing" to this area where 90 per cent of the 25,000 population are Catholics.

ONE OF THE main results of Father Peyton's crusade, according to reports, has been to eradicate whatever taint of anti-clericalism remained in Gibraltar as a result of the infiltration of communists from Spain during the Civil War there. Another has been to stimulate fervor among many Catholics who admittedly had little or no interest in the family Rosary movement. Said one priest: "Father Peyton's crusade has had the effect of advancing the work of the Church in Gibraltar more than a quarter of a century."

Mass Called 'The Most Heroic Deed Of Any Hour'

Cleveland — (NC) — "I consider the Mass, which in essence is a living sacrifice, the most heroic deed of any hour," a Catholic woman here wrote for a secular newspaper when requested to contribute to a series of Lenten articles.

The writer was Mrs. Harold H. Juergens, a patent attorney in practice with her father, Frank Slough, a former national president of the Association of Women Lawyers who, as the representative of that group, was the only woman of the ex-

ecutive board of the American Bar Association. The articles requested by the newspaper were supposed to offer a recipe for living.

MRS. JUERGENS wrote that "my religion not only teaches me my relationship to all men as members of the human family having the same nature and the same relationship to their Creator, but centers about my worship of God. This I must do with my whole heart, soul and mind."

Mission Nuns In African Congo



Brazzaville, French Equatorial Africa—Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny are shown with native children, many of whom make up the congregation of the new St. Anne of the Congo Catholic Church here. Mainly built by natives, with contributions from several nationalities, the still unfinished church is situated on the banks of the Congo river. The structure stands as a memorial to nuns like these sisters and other missionaries who have brought Christianity to the Congo. (Religious News Service Photo).

Tito Ambassador Warned By Canada

Ottawa, Ont. — (NC) — Communist Yugoslav Ambassador to Canada, Dr. Rajko Djermanovic, has been formally informed by the Canadian Department of External Affairs that it hopes he does not repeat a "most regrettable" controversy with authorities of the Roman Catholic Faith in Canada.

Early in February the Yugoslav Ambassador speaking in Vancouver denied Catholics were discriminated against in Yugoslavia and said that "Yugoslavia was disgusted to hear that Archbishop Stepinac had been appointed a Cardinal by the Vatican."

Archbishop William M. Duke, Vancouver, immediately made a public reply to the ambassador, as did Catholic publications. The Ensign, Canada's national Catholic weekly, in a leading editorial declared:

"WHEN DIPLOMATS engaged in political propaganda to affront principles upheld by citizens of the country to which they are being accredited, they are usually turned out. They make themselves 'persona non grata' to use a diplomatic term. . . . The Yugoslav diplomatic missions in Ottawa have created an intolerable situation. They have unleashed, either by connivance or coincidence, a most scurrilous and brazen attack in Canada upon the Church. They have misused their diplomatic privileges for anti-religious propaganda. . . ."

The reference to the Polish legation had to do with charges that circulars, imported into Canada under diplomatic immunity, which attacked the Church and her leaders, were being distributed through the mails. The circulars, the Ensign said, were being distributed by the Polish legation in the French language, obviously prepared by a central communist organization in France.

A MONTH after the Yugoslav Ambassador's attack on Cardinal Stepinac and following many protests forwarded to the Canadian Government, the Department of External Affairs reported a reprimand to the Yugoslav Ambassador.

Dr. Djermanovic has now been informed, the Department of External Affairs announced, that it considered regrettable that he should have become involved in statements which have led to

public controversy. . . . It is hoped that the ambassador will avoid such incidents in the future.

Catholic Men Act On Rumors Of Tito Visit

Cleveland — (NC) — Prompted by rumors that Yugoslav Marshal Tito may be invited to visit the United States, the archdiocesan council of Catholics here swung into action.

A letter was dispatched to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles from Robert L. Otto, ACCM president, which said "there are reports that Tito, the terrorist dictator of Yugoslavia, may be invited to visit the United States."

"By refusing to sanction the distasteful appearance on our shores of Tito," the letter said, "our government would continue to grow in stature among so many citizens who look for the same world leadership and mature domestic policy."

SIMILAR LETTERS were sent to U. S. Senators Robert A. Taft and John W. Bricker of Ohio, and to Representatives William Hess and Gordon Scherer urging them to "make whatever representations are possible against the rumored visit to this country of Tito."

"Although our government has not extended an invitation for such a visit," Mr. Otto wrote, "as far as we can ascertain, it is reported from London that Tito is receptive to the idea. This might well be a trial balloon to gauge how the wind blows."

"We would, in a word, puncture the balloon immediately," he continued. "The visit of such a violent persecutor of religion and oppressor of all the liberties we cherish would be an insult to every American citizen worthy of the name."

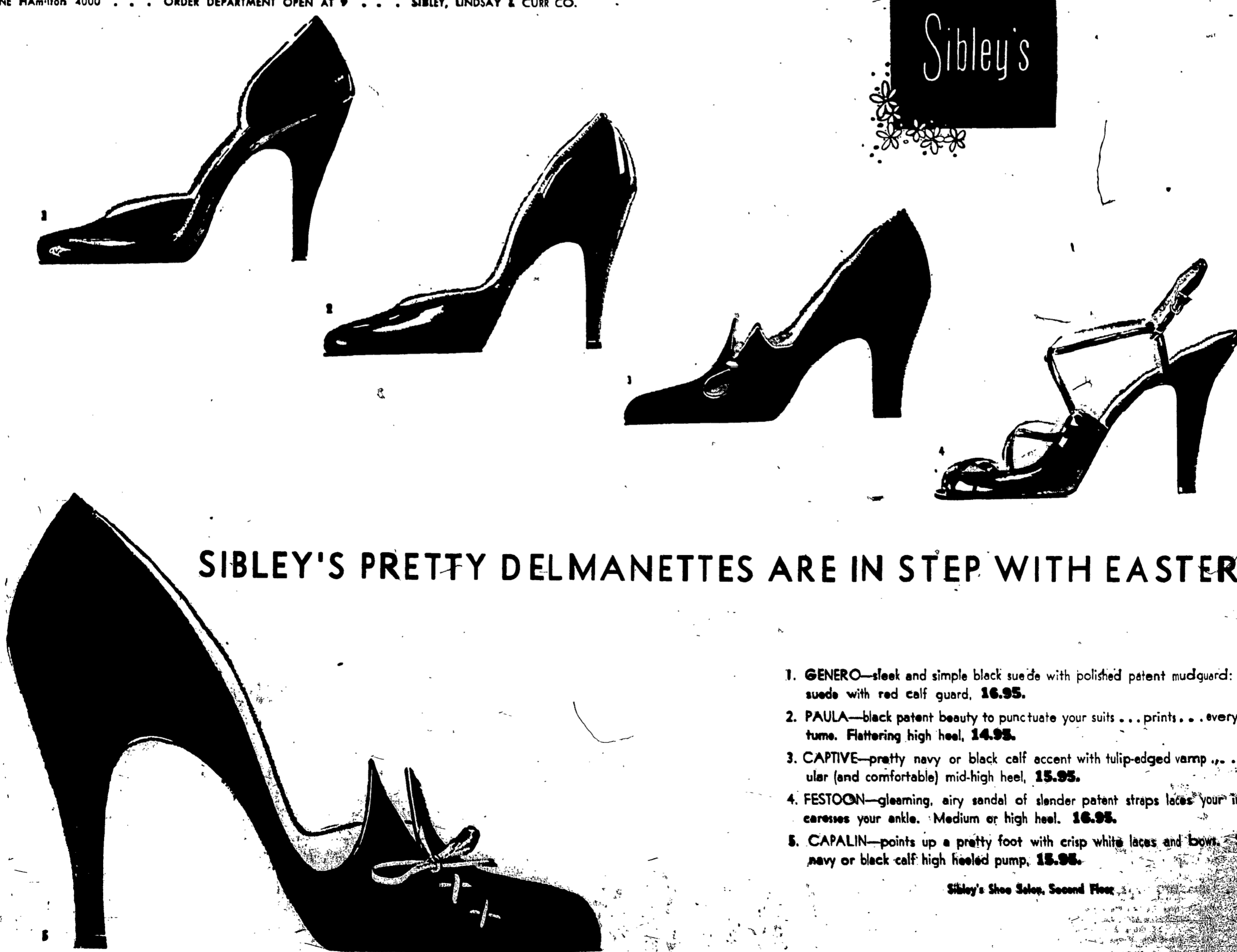
Adenauer Warns Of Red 'Peace Feelers'

Bonn, West Germany — (NC) — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer told the youth section of the Christian Democratic Party here that "tentative peace feelers" by the new Soviet regime must not cause the West to slacken in its defense program. "Declaring that 'every genuine peace feeler must be investigated

and grasped," Dr. Adenauer warned, however that "we must remember that the temptation for Soviet policy to do something else than seek peace — that is, to embark on some adventure — is so strong that the West must continue unwaveringly its policy of building up its defenses."

"The European Defense Community is part of this build-up," the West German leader continued. "It is an instrument to secure peace in every direction. By joining Germany and France in a European army we would also prevent any future war between our two countries — a war which would destroy Europe for all time."

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