

New Drive Opened By German Reds Against Church

Berlin — (NC) — The East German Communist regime has now shown clearly that its much heralded "new course" is nothing but a change in tactics. The basic aim remains the same: the building up of a society according to the teaching of Karl Marx.

As far as the regime's attitude toward the Christian churches is concerned, it was stated clearly by Walter Ulbricht, secretary of the (Communist) Socialist Unity Party, in a long speech to its central committee.

In the face of the reactionary tendencies of the Church and the clergy, he said, "it is necessary to carry on among the young people a systematic campaign of cultural and scientific enlightenment, particularly concerning questions of natural science."

THIS CAN only be interpreted as a indication of the Communist desire to continue its efforts to eliminate any form of religious instruction from the schools, to indoctrinate youth with Communist ideas and to expose religion as a "myth."

The way the wind blows now, after the comparative calm of the past two months, was shown further by bitter press attacks on the evangelist Bishop Otto Dibelius. The Communist press accused him of "ordering his people to violate the laws" of the Communist regime and of supporting "American efforts" to arouse the people against the Red government through strikes and food offers.

IT WAS THE Evangelical Church headed by Dr. Dibelius which concluded a "pact of peace" with the Red regime last June. Under this pact the Communists promised to stop their persecutions of Protestant youth groups and announced other steps to ensure freedom of religion.

Church Suffers 'Blood Bath' In Albania

London — (RNS) — The Roman Catholic Church in Albania "has passed through a veritable blood bath," a Vatican Radio broadcast reported.

The station said that since the end of the war, 11 priests and one seminarian had been executed in the archdiocese of Scutari (Shkoder), where an additional six priests died of mistreatment and nine are still in prison.

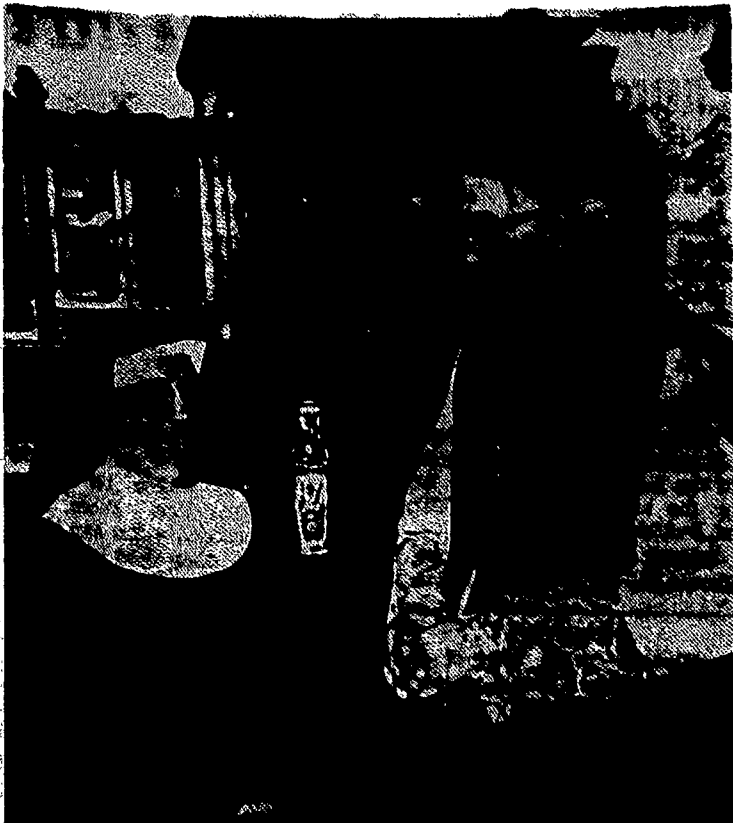
It is said that Archbishop Nicholas N. Prennuhi of Durazzo had died "through ordeals he suffered in prison" and that three other priests had been shot. Four priests of the Durazzo archdiocese are still in jail, the broadcast added.

In other Albanian dioceses, the Vatican Radio said, Communist officials had taken similar action.

"In the Sappa diocese," it said, "Bishop Volsi and two of his priests have been shot. At the Abbey of St. Alexander, Bishop Gjin of Alessa and acting head of the Apostolic Delegation in Albania, has been shot, with one of his priests buried alive and three others dead of torture."

"Such are the deeds of those who display to the world Picasso's peace dove," the station commented.

EXILES FROM CHINA



NOTE DAME, Ind.—Archbishop Paul Yu-Pin, exiled from his archdiocese of Nanking, China, received the temporary religious vows of Sister Veronica here, which she must make every three years until she is permitted to return to the Motherhouse of her order, the Congregation of St. Theresa, in China. Sister Veronica, the only member of her native Chinese order in the U.S., has been unable to receive her final vows, which regulations require must be taken at the order's Motherhouse. She was studying in Hong Kong, with four other sisters, when the congregation's Motherhouse was occupied by the Communists in the interior of China. (RNS Photo)

The 'Communist' Cat That Almost Created A Border Incident

Hong Kong — (NC) — The story of the "Communist" cat that almost created a border incident is told here by Father Paul Duchesne, American Maryknoller.

It all happened while Father Duchesne waited at the border ridge separating Red China from Hong Kong. His arms folded relaxedly across his chest the priest waited patiently and wondered if the train would bring a new group of missionaries "expelled forever from China."

As he was watching a woman from Canton approached the barbed-wire border with her luggage and cat. A pompous Communist guard examined her permit and let her through the gate. On the British bridge a policeman again examined her papers.

"WHAT, NO permit for the cat?" he inquired. He then told the woman "that she must leave the 'Communist' cat behind until she got the necessary permission from health authorities and other preliminaries. Maybe the cat had not been vaccinated or inoculated against other diseases of the feline species."

The disconsolate lady walked back to the barbed wire and leased her cat back at the staring Red soldier, to the unhappy life behind the bamboo curtain.

The dead-pan Communist guard did not like the gesture so he picked up the cat and stung it over the barbed wire onto the ledge. It landed on the British officer's leg which did not help his temper. He took the cat and buried it back at the Communist guard who ducked just in time to leave the claws miss his head.

THAT WAS A catty thing to do, so the guard leaped his gun at the big British cop to retrieve his dignity.

"Put down that gun," the British police officer growled.

The incident was settled amicably when the cat scampered into Red China, without waiting for its ration card for mice, rats and fishbones.

Recent Number Of Nuns Released — (NC) — A record enrollment of 523 nuns in Marquette University's 1953 semester session included members of 45 religious Sisterhoods throughout the United States. Last year, 40 by 206 nuns.

Anti-Clerical Laws In Mexico Scored

Mexico City — (RNS) — A resolution urging the repeal of Mexico's anti-clerical laws was adopted at the first national congress 'Lacion del Ambiente' (Moralization of Environment) movement here.

The Congress, presided over by Archbishop Luis Maria Martinez of Mexico City, brought together delegates from 35 Mexican Catholic organizations representing some two million members.

"THE FURER, the firmer and the more religious are those ideas which protect our countrymen," he said, "the more useful they will be in the service of our country."

Observers here pointed to the congress as another sign of growing public action by the Catholic Church in Mexico.

Repeal of the anti-clerical laws would permit the Church to take part in Mexican education and would amount to official recognition of the Church-State approach that has been developing quietly for several years.

The Congress was the second public meeting of Catholic leaders on a national scale since the Mexican revolution of 1934. The first was held last January by the Congress of Catholic Culture at Guadalajara.

Some 15 archbishops and bishops and scores of Catholic lay intellectuals and professional groups attended the Guadalajara congress which discussed methods of intensifying the religious fervor of the Mexican people.

Both Catholic congresses have been held since the election last July of President Adolfo Ruiz Cortines.

2 Men Sentenced In Nun's Murder

Durban, South Africa — (NC) — Two men have been sentenced to death here for the murder of a nun.

She was Sister Aidan Quinlan, an Irish Dominican medical missionary, who was killed during a native riot in East London last November. A doctor, she had cared for thousands of natives in that area.

Albert Mgwiti and Vusulu Nonobe were sentenced to hang for her death by Judge O. V. Sampson. Four other defendants, one of which was a woman, were acquitted.

Sister Aidan was killed November 9 while driving her car to a mission in a native section of East London. Native rioters about her car, stabbed her and beat her with clubs. Later her car was overturned and burned.

Pontiff Urges Negro Rights

Chicago — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII "wishes the Negro race to attain full rights in the faith," Bishop Joseph Oliver Bowers, S.V.D., of Africa's Gold Coast, declared here.

The Negro prelate spoke to 1,000 persons gathered in St. Anselm's Community Center at a testimonial dinner in his honor. Bishop Bowers said he is one of 10 Negro Catholic Bishops in the world. He pointed out that Pope Pius XII had named eight of the 10 Negro bishops. He said the Pope is deeply interested in the creation of native clergy.

Bishop Bowers declared that the salvation of Africa rests in the Cross of Christianity. Holding his golden pectoral cross aloft, the Bishop declared:

"In this cross is a relic of the True Cross on which died Christ. The motto of my catechism is in Latin, In Cruce Salva, meaning in the Cross is Africa's salvation."

Catholics Run Booth At County Fair

Winona, Minn. — (NC) — A Catholic Information booth was a prominent place on the grounds of the Mower Fair, in Austin, Minn., August 10-13.

The information center is sponsored by the Rural Life Conference of the Diocese of Winona, and is staffed by volunteer workers from every parish in the county. Information is available for those wanting to know the teachings of the Church on various subjects, and free literature will be distributed to all interested parties.

Free College Is Open in Morocco

Mezila, Spanish Morocco — (NC) — A new Catholic college to give free education to 300 girls has been founded here by the Adoratrice Sisters. One-third of its students will receive free board as well as free instruction.

Pope Cites Life Of St. Stanislaus To Polish Church

Vatican City — Saints and heroes have always sprung from the blood of martyrs. His Holiness Pope Pius XII recalled in a letter to the Polish Bishops.

The Pope's letter was sent to the Bishops in connection with the seventh centenary of the canonization of St. Stanislaus, Bishop-martyr of Cracow and patron of Poland.

The letter stated that the calamitous conditions in Poland today are similar to those prevailing at the time St. Stanislaus was martyred by an evil king.

ADDRESSING TO His Eminence Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, Primate of Poland, and to the whole Polish Hierarchy, the letter, dated July 14, has now been printed in Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily.

The seventh centenary of the canonization of St. Stanislaus occurs on Sept. 17.

The calamities in which you now live resemble the calamities of that difficult time when the exceptional firmness of that martyr showed itself."

The Pope recalled the great imprint left on Polish history and culture by St. Stanislaus despite his brutal death. "The profound veneration of the people for the Saint has not diminished with the passing of the centuries. It is in fact more alive today than ever," the Pope added.

The letter then refers to the Saints and Blessed who appeared "to have sprung from the blood of that great martyr."

THE CASE and example of St. Stanislaus, the Pontiff concluded, gives proof that Catholic Poland will overcome its present difficult situation. Its erring lambs are not forgotten, he added, for they must also return to the fold.

St. Stanislaus was murdered in 1078 as the climax to a bitter Church-state struggle. While saying Mass he was assassinated by King Boleslaus the Cruel, whom he had excommunicated for his evil life. Pope St. Gregory VII then laid Poland under interdict and the King fled the country and died as a fugitive in Hungary. St. Stanislaus was proclaimed St. Saint in 1253 by Pope Innocent IV in the Franciscan Basilica at Assisi, Italy.

Special celebrations have been planned at Assisi to commemorate the event. Centennial services are also expected to be held in Poland.

Churches Paid For War Loss

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — Religious organizations in the Philippines during World War II have been awarded more than \$3.7 million for losses suffered during the Japanese occupation, the War Claims Commission said here in a report of its activities up to July 1, 1953.

At the same time, the Commission said that claims totaling more than \$83 million were denied, largely due to a misunderstanding of the law.

The Commission estimated that 85 to 90 percent of the claims approved and denied were for Roman Catholics and the remainder for other denominations. Money to pay the claims will come from the treasury for various Protestant and Jewish assets in this country of the Japanese government, as provided by Congress.

Religious organizations received \$4,300,000 for 15 claims involving the replacement of buildings, other equipment, and personal effects. A total of \$53,000,000 in similar claims were turned down by the Commission.

Hail Glorious Queen

Tomorrow is Mary's glorious Assumption. Her devoted children from all over the world should join the Holy Father to proclaim the truth a dogma. Each generation needs a special way of honoring Our Lady. The special devotion to her in the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FEBRUARY 2nd.

Your sister for her day FATIMA BIRINE is JORDAN will be a precious gift on her feast. Perhaps you may want to give a block \$1.00.

SISTER MARY
She is a young novice with the Sisters of Nazareth at Kurukerry, India. Her poor family cannot help her with the cost of her two years training, \$200. How pleased Mary would be on her feast to see a kind soul adopt her young namesake! You can be giving her that sum in any installment during her course. You will win the love of both Marys.

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HAVE YOU A SON? Would you like to have a "priet-son"? You can by "adopting" Khalil, a young man in the Marcella Seminary at Elmira, New York. He needs \$300, the cost of his last three years of training. Won't you help him with this amount? You may give the yearly sum, \$100, in easy payments, or at once.

DIET OF DESPAIR
Fr. Tuckey reports: November McMillan in caring for 200,000 Arab REFUGEES from PALESTINE for the Holy Father. He reports the awful diet which is their daily diet: bread, oil, and a small amount of meat. War drove them from home. There isn't the slightest ray of hope of returning of present. Won't you send a note to help buy food, medicine, and clothes? Ask for "Sufficient For the Day" when you do. Send your undelivered clothes to our warehouse at 30-35 Franklin Ave., Elmsford, N. Y.

PUT GOD IN YOUR WELL AND YOU WILL BE IN HIS.

24 NIKES TO PAGANISM
The poor missionary Bishop of Quilin writes of the danger to the faith of the heathenry of Mosoulism because there is no high school. Now they gobble up 10 miles to the nearest (pagan) high school. Will you help for help, but the Bishop has found no friends yet. Your \$100 buys a brick. He needs \$10 for a desk.

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BODY AND SOUL
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