

UN Diplomat Says Red Efforts Fail To Wipe Out Church

(N.C.W.C. News Service)
Washington — The systematic annihilation of the Catholic Church in Poland is the first order of business of the Communist regime, but attempts to do it have failed miserably.

Jan Hajdukiewicz, who attracted worldwide attention last month when he defected from the team in Korea, made this statement at a news conference in the Polish Neutral Nations Inspection Voice of America studios here.

—Proof of the Communist determination to wipe out the Church in his homeland, Hajdukiewicz declared, is seen in the latest move of the Red-controlled Polish government — the arrest and removal of His Eminence Cardinal Wyszynski, Primate of Poland.

—This is the latest of a long series of Communist actions," he said, "to do away with the hierarchy and leave the people of Poland without spiritual leaders."

—RED EFFORTS to hurt the Church have had the opposite effect, he said. The Churches are filled every Sunday, and there is no restriction on church attendance.

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Court Eyes Bible Gift To Public Schools

Trenton, N. J. — (NC) — The New Jersey Supreme Court has before it for decision a petition to permanently bar the distribution in New Jersey public schools of the King James version of the Bible.

Arguments in the case have been completed before the State's highest court. The case was instituted by Bernard Tudor, a Jew, and Ralph Lecoque, a Catholic, parents of public school pupils.

MR. LECOQUE withdrew from the case shortly after it was instituted, when his child transferred to a Catholic school. Superior Court Judge J. Wallace Layden said he saw nothing illegal or unconstitutional in the distribution plan, but gave Mr. Tudor a temporary injunction until the Supreme Court decided the issue.

Leo Pfeffer of New York, counsel for Mr. Tudor, told the court that distribution of the King James version was objectionable to adherents of the Jewish, Catholic and other non-Protestant faiths.

He said the plan would be just as objectionable if Bibles of other religions were offered and "we had an open season on children."

PRESIDENT NAMES JESUIT



Washington, DC — The Rev. Edequias J. Conroy, S.J., director of the Institute of Industrial Relations at St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia (left), was one of three members of a special board of inquiry appointed by President Eisenhower to look into the East Coast strike of Seabrookmen. He is shown with the President, the inquiry board was received by Mr. Eisenhower here to report on its investigations.

Following the report, the Federal government applied for and received a court injunction staying the pier strike under the national emergency provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act. In addition to Father Conroy, the other board members are: David Cole, chairman, and former director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; and Dr. Harry Curran, dean emeritus of Columbia College at Columbia University, New York. (RNS Photo)

453-Year-Old Papal Bull Figures In Legal Dispute

London — (NC) — A 453-year-old papal document is being brought forward as evidence by Britain's Attorney General, Sir Lionel Kinnaird, in a legal dispute with France before the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

The dispute involves possession of the tiny islands of Minquiers and Ecrehoux lying between the British island of Jersey and the French mainland. The papal document is a Bull of Pope Alexander VI, dated Jan. 25, 1493, transferring

Pontiff Urges Advance Study Of Religion

Castelgandolfo, Italy — (NC) — Eight hundred youthful winners in a national catechetical contest were admonished by His Holiness Pope Pius XII that it is absolutely necessary to continue the advanced study of religion as well as other subjects.

Accompanied by 120 priest-catechists, the students were received by the Holy Father at an audience in his summer palace here. He told them that no one would expect of them the depth of understanding enjoyed by a student of theology, but added:

"However, you must see from tiny manuals, which are insufficient for men of culture, and guard yourselves against a superficiality which creates easy illusions, and then unfaithfully brings delusions to him who is satisfied with memorized formulas."

POPE PIUS agreed that Catholic students must excel in all branches of culture, because duty demands it, and the Church wants it.

"But it is likewise certain," he stated, "that the ever-growing development of your historical, literary and scientific knowledge, without the necessary adequate deepening of religion, could be most dangerous."

Advanced study of religion, the Pontiff assured the students, would help them to avoid the pitfalls of doubt, "which is so dangerous to souls." He distinguished between "static" and "dynamic" doubt, the former being based on ignorance, or meager or imperfect understanding. He said he had no fear of dynamic doubt, because "that is what brings the mind to the feet of truth by stimulating to new further study and new conquests."

THE POPE told the students not to be afraid lest the further study of religion would cast them on the reefs of "any contrary scientific truth whatever." "True science," he said, "can never be contrary to the Faith, because one truth can never be in contrast with another, the author of all truth being the one, same, true God."

Faith Behind Barbed Wire

Priest Near Death Continues Work To Serve Fellow Prisoners Of War

By FATHER PATRICK O'CONNOR (N.C.W.C. News Service)

Seoul, Korea — "The Chinese Communists didn't like Father Kapaun's influence in the camp," said Lt. Walter L. Mayo Jr., of Watertown, Mass. "They'd beat him for a long time."

Father (Capt.) Emil J. Kapaun from Wichita diocese, chaplain with the 8th Cavalry regiment, captured Nov. 2, 1950, ranked as a hero of the prison camp. His unselfish work for his fellow-prisoners strengthened his spiritual influence. The majority had more admiration for him than for anybody else," said Maj. George F. McDonnell of Quincy, Mass.

He was consistently out among the enlisted men," said Lieutenant Mayo. "He gave the last Rites to many who died. He buried the dead with the Communists' permission and without it."

"One Chinese interpreter who'd been educated in an Episcopalian college used to call him 'Father.' The Communists didn't like it and removed the man."

FATHER KAPAUN fell ill about Easter, 1951. In May, the Communists insisted on moving him to the prison "hospital," an old temple that was practically a death house.

"They were glad to get him out of the way," said Lieutenant Mayo. "Going to the hospital in those days meant that you'd had it. Hardly anyone came back. We all knew it and the Communists knew it. Our doctors tried to resist. They warned the Communists that moving him might kill him. But the Chinese almost used force to put him in that hospital."

ABOUT 10 DAYS before he died, he could stand and take a few steps. But four or five days later, he got dysentery. We put him back to rest. The dysentery

subsided but then he got a pain in his chest and fever. It was pneumonia. The Chinese insisted on moving him to the hospital away from our care. He died there, May 23.

"I happen to be Jewish. I didn't get to know Father Kapaun as well as Dr. Anderson, but I wholeheartedly agree with him. Father Kapaun was a spiritual leader and a terrific morale influence in our group."

CAPT. CLARENCE L. Anderson, army doctor from Long Beach, Calif., had served with Father Kapaun in the same battalion and had been taken prisoner in the same action. He is not a Catholic.

"He knew he was going to die, when he was taken off to the hospital," he said. "He went out with a smile on his face and waved to the fellows standing around."

"He must have had constant severe pain. Part of the difficulty was he wouldn't complain."

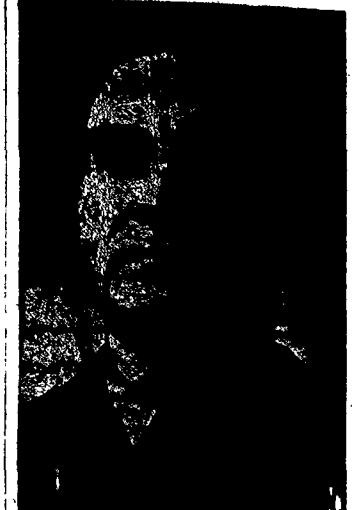
Talking to correspondents at Inchon after his release, Dr. Anderson preferred to speak only of Father Kapaun. In his account of the priest he included this: "To my knowledge, there's no one who ever heard him speak harshly of any person."

"I went to confession to him shortly before he died," said Warrant Officer Felix McCool, U.S.M.C., of Glendale, Calif. "He heard my confession, lying on his back, and told me he was going to die. Then he sat up, blessed me and kept speaking in Latin."

TWO MEN WHO were in the hospital with him survived. Sgt. Richard E. Bailey of Baltimore saw him 20 minutes before he died.

"He's buried in a grave behind of the hospital, with God knows many others," said Lieutenant Mayo.

When Father Kapaun was taken to the hospital, he was certain that he was going farther. He said something then that try."



FATHER KAPAUN

Lt Ray "Mike" Dove of Millburn, N. J., cannot forget. "There's no cause to be sad, Mike," he said with quiet confidence. "I know I'm not coming back. I'm going to the place where I've always wanted to go to."

When lying ill, Father Kapaun entrusted the task of holding religious services to Lieutenant, now Capt., Ralph Nardella of Paterson, N.J. Nardella and his companions were faithful to that trust.

Budenz To Address Youth Convention

Washington — (NC) — Louis Budenz, former Communist editor and now a member of the Fordham University faculty, will be one of the featured speakers at the National Catholic Youth Convention in Boston from November 3 to 8. It has been announced here.

Mr. Budenz was invited to address the convention by Archbishop John J. Mitty of San Francisco, Episcopal Chairman of the Youth Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, and Boston's Archbishop Richard J. Cushing, host to the convention. In his acceptance, Mr. Budenz announced he will speak on "Faith In Our Country."

WHERE'LL WE GO?



Recent disastrous earthquakes demolished homes off the coast of Greece, left thousands dead, thousands of families homeless, without food or drinking water. Scenes like that above were multiplied a hundred times over. Archbishop Macriellia, of Athens, writes to Cardinal Spellman: "In addition, four churches, a school and the houses of the priests were completely destroyed. Nothing remains. Won't you help him care for his stricken people and rebuild their churches and schools? Send your mite in thanks that God spared your home and church."

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