

Polish Government Charged With Will To Destroy Church

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The Polish Bishops have charged the Warsaw regime with "a mad will to destroy the Catholic Church."

Nevertheless, the Bishops have again emphasized their readiness to find an "honest and fair" solution of Church-State difficulties. But they can never accept a solution which would "place the things of God on the altar of Caesar."

These joints are made in a 5,000-word point memorandum just received in the United States. The memorandum, about whose authenticity there can be no doubt, was handed to President Boleslaw Bierut on May 8 of this year by Bishop Zygmunt Choromanski, the secretary of the Polish Hierarchy.

The memorandum concedes that, with few exceptions, the churches and chapels are not being closed down in Poland. But outside this narrow field of religious services the Church is hamstringing at every move.

"We do not accuse any individual," the memorandum says. "We are convinced that the enmity toward the Church is not so much a matter of the persons with whom we deal, as of the system. The responsibility falls on the ideology of marxism, on the doctrine which proclaims hatred toward people, seeks vengeance on its opponents and creates divisions and quarrels even among brothers."

"IN THE NAME of the welfare of our nation, we have the right to demand from the leaders of the marxist camp a revision of the principles of ruthless hatred and ostracism toward our religion, the Church and God."

The document, which is firm but still restrained in tone, was handed the Polish regime before the trial of Bishop Czeslaw Kaczmarek of Kielce and the arrest of His Eminence Sietan Cardinal Wyszynski, the Polish Primate.

It has been stated that the memorandum's outright condemnation of atheistic marxism prompted a Moscow order to stage the "trial" of Bishop Kaczmarek and "suspend" Cardinal Wyszynski.

COVERING THE whole field of religious persecution in Poland since the signing of the Church-state agreement in April 1953, the memorandum makes the following points:

Contrary to promises by the regime, many Catholic schools have been liquidated by the regime. More than 10 professors have been ousted from the Catholic University of Lublin without any given reason. Religion is systematically removed from the public schools by turning them over to a private society of atheistic schools. In the remaining public schools the time for religious instruction has been arbitrarily reduced. Religious instructors have been fired.

Contrary to the wishes of their parents, the children of Catholics are educated in the marxist spirit in an anti-religious and anti-Christian atmosphere.

Four Catholics who do not want to be barred from advancing in their studies or professional career must join the Communist youth league.

CONTRARY TO the regime's own constitutional principle of separation of Church and State, the regime is forcing priests into political movements supporting the regime. The government has set up spurious groups which parade themselves as Catholic but are actually trying to destroy the Church.

The regime has taken several moves designed to throttle religious communities. Religious seminaries have been confiscated. So have many of their houses. Nuns have been dismissed from hospitals and charitable institutions in an effort to force them to starvation.

All Catholic publications have been suspended and spurious Catholic papers and magazines have been set up. The Church has not been permitted to publish a single book for over a year.

The regime is openly interfering in the internal administration of the church — an illegal interference because it is contrary to the constitution.

Fear Communists With Education Says Bella Dodd

Covington, Ky. — (NC) — The "educated people" among the communists are the ones to be feared, Bella V. Dodd, New York attorney and former New York communist leader told members of the Northern Kentucky Chapter of the Te Deum International at a dinner here.

Mrs. Dodd's subject was, "Who Are the Molders of Your Children's Minds?" After a decade of activity as a communist leader in the Teachers' Union and in the school system of New York, Mrs. Dodd returned to Catholicism and has since been one of the strongest opponents of the communist conspiracy in the United States.

Mrs. Dodd recalled that U. S. Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson also has warned the nation of the potential danger from among the ranks of intellectuals in communism. She said that the generals of the Chinese communists almost invariably are products of the universities of the United States, England, France, and Germany.

She pointed out that the trials from the communist spy trials in Canada and in the United States led directly to educated men. In generations past, she observed, the educated people had been the protectors and guardians of the national heritage.

As an explanation of this charge, Mrs. Dodd noted that the intellectuals of our day have surrendered their belief in the absolute nature of truth for a belief that truth, as such, is merely relative.

Diocese To Build 2 New High Schools

Covington, Ky. — (NC) — Two new boys' Catholic high schools will be built in the Covington Diocese, Bishop William T. Mulloy of Covington, has announced. Covington Catholic High School will cost \$642,541 and Newport Catholic High School, \$631,063, the announcement stated.

The growth in numbers of Catholic youths of high school age necessitated the building of the new schools, the Bishop said. The schools will be ready for use by February, 1955.

Girls Form Living Rosary



Toronto—Some 500 girls of St. Joseph's College day school form a living rosary during a Catholic Holy Hour rally at the Canadian National Exhibition stadium here. Main speaker at the rally, attended by some 30,000, was Bishop O'Gara, (P. of Yuanling, China, who recently arrived in Canada after being expelled by the Chinese Communists. Bishop O'Gara, a native of Ottawa, was held a prisoner of the Chinese Reds for 22 months. (RNS Photo)

Tax Benefits Aid Australian Parents

Melbourne, Australia — (RNS) — Parents will receive new tax allowances for the education of their children in religious schools under the terms of the government's 1953-54 Budget.

An income tax deduction of 75 pounds (\$210) will be permitted for each child under 21, covering expenditures for boarding charges, cost of textbooks and transportation to and from schools. Last year, when the special tax benefit was introduced, the deduction allowed was 50 pounds (\$140).

The concession which will cost the Australian government about 1,250,000 pounds (\$3,450,000) during the next year in revenue, applies to all religious groups. However, it will especially affect Roman Catholics, who operate grade and high schools for 90 percent of their children in the country.

Teaching Nuns — Los Angeles — (RNS) — Three more communities of teaching sisters are beginning establishments in the Los Angeles Archdiocese this fall. Two of them are from Ireland, the other from

Matthews Denies Article Attacked Religion, Clergy

Chicago — (RNS) — Dr. J. B. Matthews, who resigned under fire as executive director of the Senate investigations subcommittee headed by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, denied here that his charges against Protestant clergymen constituted an attack on religion and said he had been misquoted.

He spoke to a crowd of 2,000 persons in Orchestra Hall at a meeting sponsored by the "J. B. Matthews Reception Committee." Outside the hall, marchers carried placards calling for the adoption of a state bill requiring non-Communist oaths of public employees.

"I DID NOT attack religion, the church, or the clergy," Dr. Matthews said. "I believe religion is the greatest single force arrayed against the Communist menace in the United States today."

"In that much discussed but little read (magazine) article, those truths are implicit, I was widely misunderstood and misquoted for two reasons: either English or a willful and malicious interpretation of the plain printed word."

Dr. Matthews declared he did not say the "largest single group supporting the Communist apparatus in the United States is the Protestant clergy."

"I have been quoted as making that statement, but I said that the largest single group supporting the Communist apparatus in the United States today is composed of Protestant clergymen," he said.

"That could mean 10 or 100," he added.

HE EXPLAINED that he had said, "Seven thousand Protestant clergymen had supported the Communist apparatus over a period of 17 years. Not just today."

Dr. Matthews said that when he wrote his magazine article he was "not saying anything new, I simply dragged from the national closet a skeleton which thousands knew about."

He said he was clearly aware that he was not the primary target of his attackers, who were really out to get Sen. McCarthy.

Special Indulgences Expected To Come During Marian Year

Vatican City, (NC) — No special indulgences were mentioned by the Pope in his encyclical proclaiming the Marian Year. But it is expected that many will be granted.

These indulgences will not come from any general conditions laid down by the Pope. Rather, these indulgences will be granted through conditions laid down by the local Ordinaries.

Informed sources in the Vatican stated that they expect individual Bishops to request special Marian Year indulgences from the Holy See. These will be granted after the Vatican approves the conditions for them, it was learned.

TRUS THE procedure on granting these Marian Year indulgences will differ from the Holy Year. Then the Holy Father laid down general conditions for all the faithful. During the Marian Year the conditions will be set by the individual Bishops.

An indulgence is a remission of the temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven. An indulgence does not take away sin, nor does it take away the eternal punishment due to mortal sins. Indulgences are either plenary or partial. Plenary indulgences take away all the temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven.

ACCORDING TO unofficial information here the Vatican is prepared to grant generous indulgences upon the request of the individual Bishops. It is expected that these indulgences will be in connection with the special services called for by the Pope's encyclical at Marian centers in all towns, cities and dioceses.

During the Holy Year the Pope curtailed the opportunity of Catholics outside Rome, to gain indulgences for their personal benefit, in order to focus attention on those which could be obtained in Rome. The Marian Year encyclical made no such curtailments. Nor are any expected.

During the Holy Year the special plenary indulgences could be gained by visiting the four major basilicas in Rome during 1950 and the churches designated by the various Ordinaries during 1951.

4 Children Born In Less Than Two Years

New Orleans — (NC) — The wife of a Loyola University of the South law school professor gave birth to her child — two single births and a set of twins — in less than two years.

Mrs. James Dugan, the professor's wife, disclosed her motherhood record after a couple of reports of births over a short span of time had kicked up a mild furor among Louisiana mothers. One report was that a South African mother had given birth to three children in 24 months, 25 days. Another report was that a Cleveland mother had three single births in 23 months, 26 days.

Mrs. Charles O'Malley of New Orleans, disclosed that she had the Cleveland woman's record by three days — three daughters in 23 months, 25 days. Then a Water Bridge mother, Mrs. Paul Pittman, disclosed that she had followed Mrs. O'Malley's record — three single births in 23 months and 19 days.

Mrs. Dugan's first child was born June 26, 1950; her second daughter, May 25, 1951 and twin sons on May 21, 1952. This is a period of 26 months and six days.

5 New Archdioceses Created in India

Delhi, India — (NC) — The Holy See has raised five Indian dioceses to the rank of metropolitan archdioceses, the Papal Intersecretariat here has announced. At the same time, the five dioceses these sees have been raised to the rank of Archdioceses.

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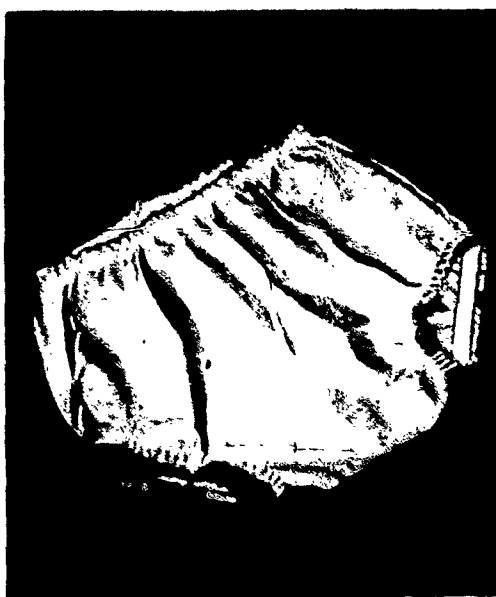
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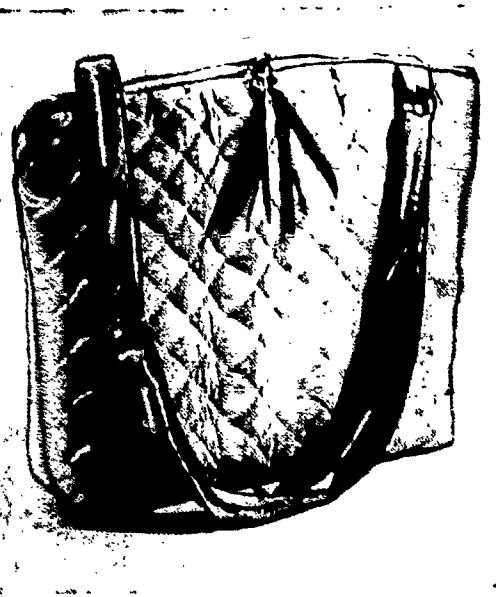
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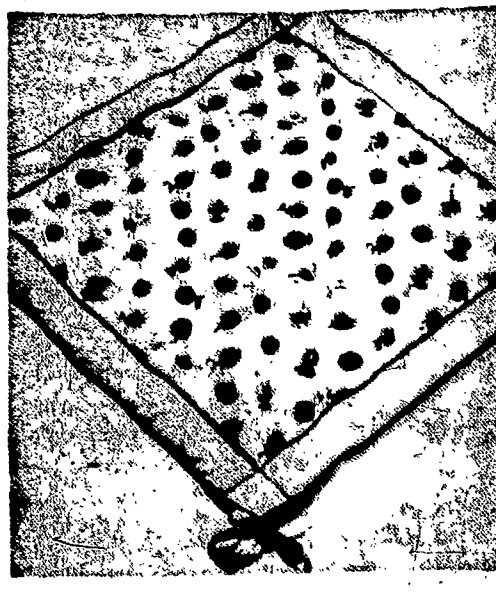
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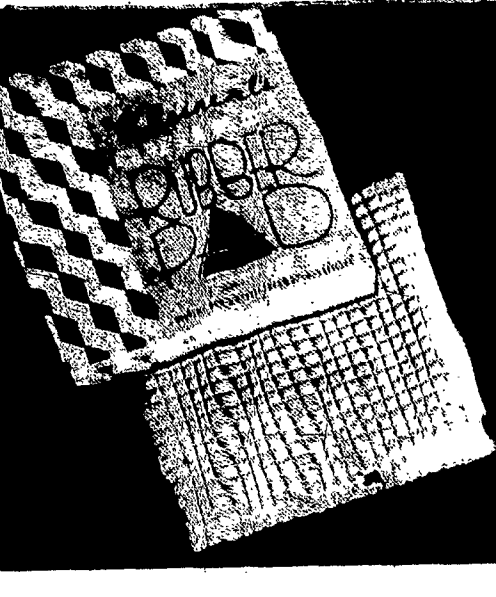
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