

# Reds Still Opposed To Chaplains For Anti-Red POW'S

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Seoul, Korea — (NC) — The communists want to keep chaplains away from anti-communist Chinese and North Korean prisoners of war now held by the Indian custodial force and the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission. They object if you even ask why no chaplains have been provided.

This correspondent raised the question in the press conference given by General K. S. Thimayya, Indian commander, last month. As a result, he was attacked later by an Australian communist, a writer for Humanité, French communist organ, in a dispatch broadcast in English from Peking. The dispatch gives a glimpse of the attitude the representatives of the Polish and Czechoslovak communist governments take in commission discussions.

ACCORDING to the communist broadcast, an Irish Catholic priest, Father O'Connor, has been entering General Thimayya, with quotes from the Geneva Convention, to let priests from South Korea enter the camp.

The official Indian spokesman, commenting on this, said, "I have no recollection of your specifying priests from South Korea." A verbatim transcript of the press conference shows this correspondent asking about possible use of chaplains from the Swiss and Swedish teams, and not naming any other specific source.

Quotations from the Geneva Convention doubtless sound annoying to the communists, who insist it often. But it is hard to see what document could be more relevantly in the circumstances.

According to the same communist broadcast, "the Indian guards, intercepted instructions sent into the custodial camp from outside ordering prisoners to demonstrate for the entrance of pastors and priests."

That is interesting, but is it true? The official Indian spokesman said he had no knowledge of any intercepted message about chaplains.

When the Neutral Nations Commission finally took up the question, the chaplains' question was "very long and stormy."

## Seoul Bishop Protests To UN

Seoul, Korea — (NC) — Bishop Paul M. Do, Vicar Apostolic of Seoul, has protested to Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, president of the United Nations General Assembly, against the failure by the neutral nations to supply chaplains for Korean and Chinese anti-communist prisoners.

These prisoners are held by the Indian custodial force and the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission in the demilitarized zone.

In the cable sent to Madame Pandit, Bishop Do said: "Korean Catholics protest the neutral nations' violation of article 37 of the Geneva Convention in failing to supply chaplains to prisoners."

According to a well-informed source, members from Red-ruled Poland and Czechoslovakia took an obstructionist line.

"PRIESTS HAVE too much influence on people," one of them reportedly said.

The communists are simply against chaplains. They do not want to implement the Geneva Convention regarding religious freedom for prisoners. They do want to impose their own anti-religious policy on the commission.

The startling fact is that they have succeeded in imposing it so far.

Communist opposition has made others agree to the time-consuming gesture of sending a cable of inquiry to India. The cable was fruitless, as General Thimayya practically foretold. After three weeks came the reply: no Korean or Chinese-speaking priests or ministers available in the area.

The issue is up to the commission again. Will the two communist members bulldoze the other three — from Switzerland, India and Sweden — into another delaying tactic?

# Pope Names Chicagoan To Rockford See

Washington — (NC) — Magr. Raymond Peter Hillinger, 46, rector of Guardian Angels Orphanage in Chicago, has been appointed Bishop of Rockford, Ill., by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

Announcement of the appointment was made here in the nation's capital by His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, on word received direct from the Vatican.

BISHOP-DESIGNATE Hillinger succeeds Bishop John J. Boylan, who died last July 19. Bishop Boylan had served as head of the Rockford See since February 17, 1943. Bishop-designate Hillinger will become the fourth Ordinary of the Rockford diocese, which was established September 23, 1908.

Born in Chicago on May 2, 1904, Bishop-designate Hillinger is the son of Peter Leonard and Magdalen Neuses Hillinger, both of whom are deceased.

The honor is the second conferred upon the Bishop-designate by the Holy Father in so many weeks. Just a week ago Bishop-designate Hillinger was notified by His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, that he was one of 66 Chicago priests upon whom Papal honors was named a Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor.

## Justices At Funeral Of Messenger, Chief

Washington — (NC) — Six Supreme Court justices attended funeral Mass in St. Augustin's Church for Harry N. Parker, 74-year-old, court messenger.

Mr. Parker, a Negro who had served the tribunal for 38 years, had consistently been chosen to act as chief at informal court functions and private judicial parties. His late mother once supervised state dinners during the McKinley and Taft administrations; his son, Eric, is personal messenger to Justice Robert Jackson.

Present for the funeral were Chief Justice Warren and Justices Frankfurter, Jackson, Clark, Burton and Minton.

# Status Embodies American Girl



Phoenix, Ariz.—Eighth-grade pupils of St. Agnes school here admire a statue of St. Agnes bearing the composite features of themselves and other classmates. The marble statue of St. Agnes, who was 13 years old when she became a martyr in 304 A.D., for refusing to follow heathen gods, was sculptured in Italy from photographs of the 23 girls in the school's eighth grade. Magr. Robert J. Donohue, pastor of St. Agnes church, sent the photos to the Italian sculptors with a letter saying, "This is what a 13-year-old American girl looks like. We want a composite likeness of these girls for our statue." (CNS Photo)

## Ads Direct 'Luther' Viewers To Read Catholic Newspaper

Davenport, Iowa — (NC) — Advertisements in a local daily newspaper are directing non-Catholic movie goers to the Catholic press for "the real facts on the Martin Luther film."

The ads, calling attention to an article on the controversial movie in the Catholic Messenger, have caused a run on single sales of the Davenport diocese's newspaper.

POINTING OUT nine important inaccuracies in the film, the educator stated that he has lectured on the Reformation to ministers and Lutheran students and "not once has it been objected that I was not presenting the facts of history. We might disagree on the doctrinal questions; we have agreed on the historical questions because they are there for all to read."

In his article, Father Welch stated: "Dramatically the film will rank with the best of the year. Factually it will rank with the greatest hoaxes in history."

# Reds Plot To Assassinate Trieste Bishop

Gras, Austria — (NC) — A group of young partisan terrorists have secretly plotted to liquidate Bishop Anton Santin of Trieste, according to reports reaching here.

The decision to eliminate the Bishop, long a target of Yugoslav communist propaganda, was taken at a secret meeting of leaders of young partisans at Pola, key city of Istria which belonged to Italy before the war.

YOUNG PARTISAN gangs were responsible for recent attacks on Italian-born priests in the Yugoslav Zone of Trieste.

One Zvonko Mlinarich reportedly recommended at the Pola gathering that the best opportunity to get rid of the "fascist bishop" would be during the next disturbances in Trieste. He suggested that a hand grenade or bomb could be thrown into the bishop's home or that his car might be machine-gunned.

# Polish Clergy Pressured To OK Primate's Arrest

London — (NC) — A network of Communist agents are trying to force the Polish clergy to sign prepared statements approving the Red regime's arrest of His Eminence Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, it is reported here.

After signatures have been obtained under duress, the declarations are then printed in the Communist press or in the press of the so-called progressive Catholics.

THE PLAN IS seen as an attempt to combat the mounting indignation of the Polish people aroused by the stepped-up persecution of the Catholic Church. The Communist regime hopes to confuse the people by making it seem that the broad masses of the Polish clergy are united with the government in its moves, concerning the Church.

The declarations signed by individual priests are strangely alike. They usually read like this:

"Following the declaration of the People's Poland, we, as priests and Poles, oppose connecting religion and Church matters with the chauvinistic aims of foreign circles, which are

enemies of our country . . . We are citizens of one country and there cannot be any discord among us. We as priests must, together with the whole nation, defend the peace and the integrity of our frontiers." Another one says:

"THE SEPARATION of our Bishops from the activities of Archbishop Wyszynski, which was harmful for Poland, is essential. It will strengthen the National Front for the defense of the western frontiers, imperiled by neo-nazism, American imperialism and the policy of the Vatican which collaborates with them."

Meetings of so-called progressive Catholics, attended by lay and religious social action leaders who take their orders from the Communists, are taking place in many Polish cities.

# Pamphlet Attacks Catholic Church, Admits Her Authority Wins Converts

London — (NC) — A new Protestant pamphlet appearing here attacks the Catholic Church as an elaborately organized pressure group operating from Rome which political intent.

Published shortly after an anonymous group of Anglican clergymen had issued a pamphlet entitled "Infallible Fallacies" which contained many anti-Catholic statements, the new booklet was launched by the Congregational Union of England and Wales. Its author was Dr. Nathaniel Micklem, former principal of Mansfield College, Oxford.

The Congregationalist pamphlet, which was promptly challenged by Father Paul Thompson, of the Catholic Missionary Society, called the Catholic Church "a politico-ecclesiastical engine" and "an elaborately-organized international pressure group that takes its instructions from Rome as the communists take theirs from Moscow."

THE BOOKLET was described as an inquiry into the drift of so many Congregationalists in recent years to Catholicism, and an attempt to offer an effective means to stem the tide. Dr. Micklem cannot understand how the ancient Church possesses the vigor of perennial youth or how she is able to forge ahead while the Congregationalists can barely hold their own. He does not attempt to argue about the authenticity of the Church, but seeks to explain why she is still a great force in the world and still attracts the people.

"We can only meet the Roman menace," Dr. Micklem wrote, "a real menace which I would not minimize, by an enlargement of our hearts, by a quickening of our understanding, by such a deepening of our religious life that we can look Rome straight in the face without fear, knowing that we have a deeper and more satisfying answer."

"Strangely enough," Father Thompson wrote in reply, "I believe that such an enlargement of heart and quickening of understanding would accelerate and not retard the process of 'going to Rome.' And if Rome were only looked straight in the face without fear, she would be seen to be what she is — not a menace but a mother. It needs an enlargement of heart to see the Church, once despised, as the truly is."

Writing in the Universe, London Catholic weekly, Father Thompson, himself a convert from the Congregationalist Church, quotes Dr. Micklem as admitting: "We have lost young people to the Roman Church because they have found religion as they have not found it in our service . . . The Roman Church is winning many converts today because it offers shelter and authority . . . It is Mother Church."

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