

Pope Tells Envoys To Have Faith In 'Better Future'

Castellgandolfo, Italy — (NC) — Diplomatic representatives of 40 nations accredited to the Holy See were told by His Holiness Pope Pius XII that the Church is now suffering at the hand of Communism and that they should not let the "darkness" of the present obscure the "light" of a "better future."

The Pope's assurance came after the diplomats had gathered at the papal summer residence to voice the protests of their respective governments over the arrest of His Eminence Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, Primate of Poland. They expressed "deep sympathy" with the Holy Father in the "persecution which is now raging," and associated themselves with his grief over the victims of persecution.

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Peron Prays In Public



Buenos Aires—President Juan D. Peron of Argentina kneels in prayer before a newly-crowned statue of Our Lady of Luján in the Plaza de Mayo here. Santiago Luis Cardinal Copello, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, presided over the ceremonies which included Solemn Pontifical Mass in the open air, in the presence of members of the Argentine government, the diplomatic corps and a huge throng of people from many parts of the country. (RNS Photo.)

POW's To Get Chaplains Unable To Talk Language

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR
Panmunjom, Korea — (NC) — The Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission and the custodial force of India propose to bring four priests from India who do not speak Korean or Chinese as chaplains to Catholics among the Korean and Chinese anti-Communist prisoners of war.

This compromise follows eight weeks of argument, introduction and postponement. The commission earlier agreed to seek Indian priests knowing the prisoners' language. After three weeks word came that no such priests were available. Other priests, including Swiss and Irish, knowing those languages, were available in Korea, but the majority in the five-member commission opposed using them. The opposition quoted the armistice text which says that "operating personnel shall be provided exclusively by India." (It does not say that they must all be Indian.)

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Pope Urges Respect For Sacred Music

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Pius XII has marked the 50th anniversary of Pope Pius X's Motu Proprio (instruction) on sacred music by calling for renewed efforts for the restoration of church music. The Pius X directive is still applicable today, and even more so, toward "increasing the splendor of divine worship and rendering it ever more efficacious as a means toward sanctification of the Christian people," he said.

THESE VIEWS of the current Pontiff were expressed in a letter to His Eminence Giuseppe Cardinal Pizzardo, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities, written on behalf of the Holy Father by Mgr. Giovanni B. Montini, Vatican Pro-Secretary of State. Recalling not only Pius X's directive but also the Apostolic Constitution of Pope Pius XI, "Divini Cultus Sanctitatem," and Pius XII's Encyclical, "Mediator Dei," the letter indicates several suggestions of a general nature which are calculated to improve church music.

Principally to be considered, says the letter, is the fact that the priest, as the teacher of Christian people, should have proper artistic formation from his earliest seminary days.

TO THIS END the Holy Father inculcates the integral application of practical norms furnished by the Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities' instruction on August 15, 1949, which holds good not only for secular and regular clerical students but also for university students.

A cathedral church should never lack in the best of music for divine services. From early years children should be methodically taught music, as is the practice already in some countries, the letter said.

BISHOP BUKES
Brooklyn — (NC) — St. John's University will confer an honorary degree on Bishop Joseph A. Burke of Buffalo December 2 in conjunction with annual ceremonies honoring St. Vincent de Paul, patron of the University.

'Worst Outrage' China Reds Violate Blessed Sacrament

Hong Kong — (NC) — A firsthand account has been brought here concerning Communist acts of desecration of the Blessed Sacrament in a church at Hanchow, Catholic authorities here have described it as adding up to "the worst outrage we have heard about" since the Reds came into power in China.

Scene of the desecration was the Church of the Immaculate Conception in the important commercial city in Hupeh province that lies at the junction of the Han and Yangtze Rivers. FOR WEEKS letters have been received here telling of unholy incidents at the church. But the full facts were not known until the arrival of 82-year-old, Italian-born Father Gervasio Rossato, O.F.M., who was among the latest missionaries to be forced out of Red China after having been branded with a whole series of "crimes" by Communist authorities.

Father Rossato, who had been Procurator for the missions and Chancellor of the Hanchow Diocese since 1949, said the trouble began on Sunday, August 30, when Mass was being celebrated in the Immaculate Conception church. This is the story he told:

Accompanied by a handful of monks, the church was surrounded by the church and forced an entry. The Catholic worshippers gathered in the sanctuary, trying to defend the Blessed Sacrament. When they saw it was impossible to escape with the ciborium, they locked it in the tabernacle and hid the key.

However, the mob pressed through the group of Christians and opened the tabernacle with another key. Being the ciborium, they proceeded to scatter the Hosts over the church floor and to stamp upon them.

When the Catholics knelt in veneration and sorrow, some of the Communists jeered and shouted: "This is your God; well kneel and adore Him." Others cried, "You are crazy," when they saw the worshippers continue to kneel and pray.

No attempt was made by the police to restrain the mob. The

pastor meanwhile had hastened to police headquarters to insist that men be sent to halt the outrage. He was ignored. LATER THE pastor went to the Bureau of Religious Affairs, demanding that someone be sent to view the wreckage created by the mob. When representatives of the Bureau finally inspected the church, they left without a word. The church remained closed for several days, while the wreckage was straightened out and a search made for the scattered Hosts.

On the following Sunday, a day of reparation was held in all the Hanchow churches and the church of the Immaculate Conception was opened again for services. And again — at 10 o'clock in the morning — another mob gathered, prepared to repeat the previous Sunday's performance. This time, however, the Blessed Sacrament was immediately distributed to the worshippers, thus eliminating the possibility of a second orgy of sacrilege.

Railroad Man Named 'Catholic Of Year'

Brooklyn — (NC) — A retired railroad man, whose diversity of activities is remarkable, has been named outstanding Catholic layman of the year and 1953 recipient of the St. Vincent de Paul Medal by the conferring December 21 by St. John's University. Richard F. Mulroy, 77, of Buffalo, has been selected for the award particularly for his work as president of the Particular Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Buffalo and his 30 years of service as a volunteer in the Society's social service program.

Mr. Mulroy, who retired in 1946 as yardmaster for the Lehigh Valley Railroad after 40 years of service, helped organize the Yardmasters Union of America in 1913.

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Priest To Conduct UN Refugee Study

Geneva — (RNS) — United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees G. J. van Herten Goodhart has named the Rev. Linaus Grand, Swiss-born Roman Catholic sociologist and refugee affairs expert, to conduct a three-month study of the most urgent needs among the 2,500,000 displaced persons in Austria.

Further Geneva agreement as special consultant to the U.N. Commission for this purpose was approved by the Austrian government.

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