

Gideons To Appeal Court Rule Banning Bible Distribution

Chicago—(NC)—Gideons International has announced it will appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court the decision of the New Jersey Supreme Court which banned the distribution of the King James version of the New Testament to students attending New Jersey public schools.

Gideons International donated the King James version of the New Testament and the Books of Psalms and Proverbs of the Old Testament for distribution to the New Jersey public school students.

WHEN THE CASE originated, Gideons International intervened as a co-defendant, along with the Board of Education of Rutherford, N. J., which had decided to distribute the books to the students.

A statement issued by Gideons headquarters here said "We firmly believe in the doctrine of separation of church and state as expressed in the First Amendment (of the Constitution) and believe that the New Jersey Supreme Court incorrectly interprets and constrains the Constitution when it bars school children from receiving the Bible with consent of their parents."

The New Jersey Supreme Court ruling, issued early in December, was unanimous in banning the distribution. The court held that the distribution would be "renewing the ancient struggles among the various religious faiths to the detriment of all."

After the Rutherford school board announced it would allow the distribution the court battle was initiated by Bernard Tudor, a Jew, and Ralph LaCocque, a Catholic, parents of children attending public schools. Later Mr. LaCocque's child transferred to a Catholic school and he withdrew from the case.

WHEN THE case was tried in a New Jersey Superior Court, the trial judge said he found nothing unconstitutional nor illegal about the distribution plan, but granted Mr. Tudor a temporary injunction restraining the distribution until the New Jersey Supreme Court could rule on the issue.

The Gideons statement recalled that in 1950 the New Jersey Superior Court ruled that the King James version of the Bible is "not a sectarian book" and the ruling later was confirmed.

Christmas Tree 'New Year's Tree' For Red Censor

London—(NC)—The Polish Communist censor has come up with a new taboo: the Christmas tree.

Polish radio and press stories this year used the term "New Year's tree" in referring to the traditional tree associated with the feast of Christmas.

The switch appeared to be part of a program to play down the feast of Christ's birth and pin the traditional festivities onto the new year.

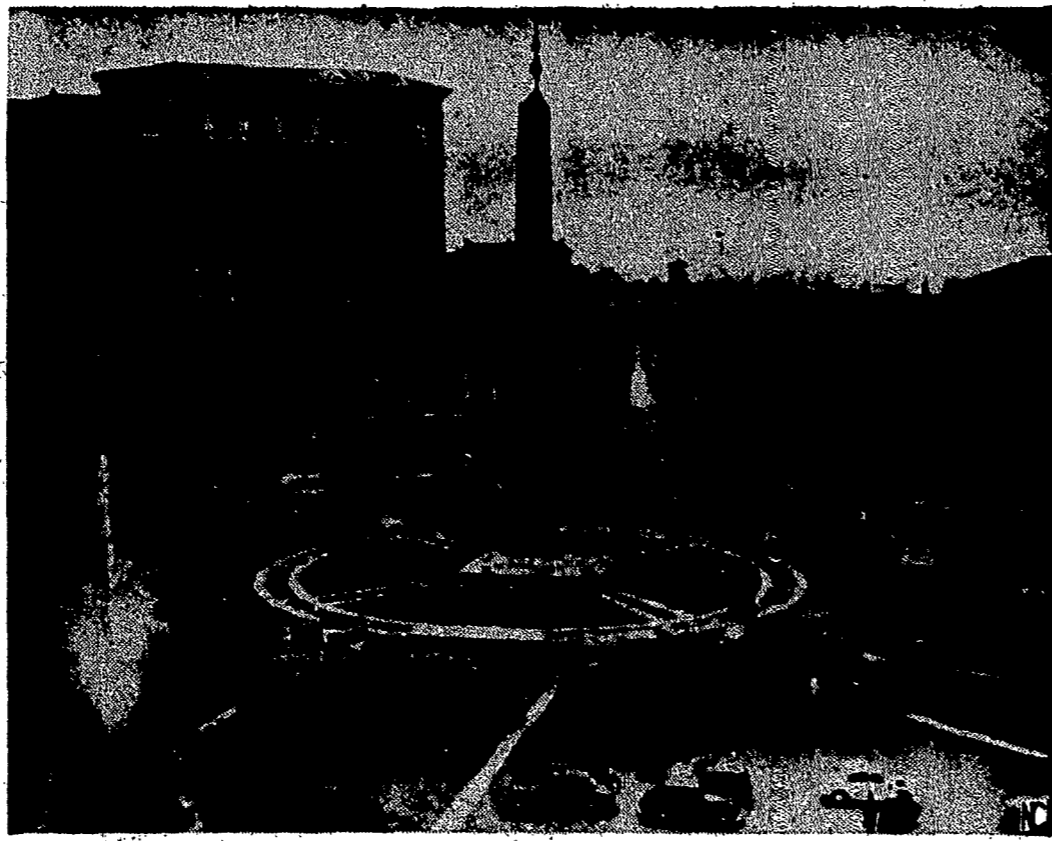
Implementing its press and radio propaganda of building up New Year rather than Christmas festivities, local Communist officials did not put up the traditional Christmas tree in towns and villages until two days after Christmas.

The "New Year's tree" was put up in the Communist-run schools on December 27 and festivities were then organized for the children to celebrate the new year. There was no mention of Christ's birth, although Christians compose 99 per cent of Poland's population.

Queen Elizabeth Honors Missionary

Sydney, Australia—(NC)—During her visit to Suva, Fiji, Queen Elizabeth conferred the Order of Member of the British Empire on a Marist Brother who is believed to be the first Australian missionary in the Pacific Islands.

ROME'S ST. PETER'S SQUARE--A NEW SCENE



Some 35 motor trucks and trailers, loaded with food supplies for the winter relief program in Italy by the Pontifical Relief Agency, wait in St. Peter's Square for the blessing of the Holy Father before their departure for various destinations throughout Italy. (NC Photos)

Non-Catholic Negro Columnist Pins Faith On Catholic Church In Racial Gains

Houston, Tex.—(NC)—A Southern non-Catholic Negro newspaper columnist has stated that he has "more faith in Catholics than in any other denomination" in the matter of segregation and in human relations.

This leadership of the Catholic Church "in its forthright abandonment of all forms of segregation, and in its espousal of integration" was acknowledged by Carter Wesley, in his column "Ram's Horn" appearing in a December issue of The Houston Informer, Negro weekly issued here.

MR. WESLEY'S comment was occasioned by the appearance of an article which the columnist cited as a "clear case in which the Catholics are so far ahead of all other churches in America that there is no comparison."

The columnist referred to an article that appeared in a recent issue of the current affairs weekly for Catholic schools, The Young Catholic Messenger, entitled "Journey to Freedom." The article told of the Negro's struggle for recognition and cited the contributions to the country's growth made by outstanding representatives of the Negro race.

jealous guarding that adult leadership in the Protestant churches give to their youth, lest they find out something about the good things Negroes have done. Contrast it with the tight policies of exclusion of Negroes from all parts of the churches in the Protestant area. Many of the so-called Protestant Christians refuse to let their children even have contact with Negroes at Y camps or Scout camps.

"I am not a Catholic. I grew up here in Houston, where I heard all of the things that were said about Catholics, and I confess that I grew up with some of those prejudices in me. It is because of the prejudices that I had that I feel it is no more than fair that I recognize the unusual and the far-advanced things that the Catholics do."

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Bishops' Relief Agency Lists Aid To Europe

Frankfort, Germany—(NC)—Shipments of food, clothing and medical supplies to Europe by War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference during 1953 totalled 82,339,099 pounds valued at \$19,058,224.72. It was reported here by James J. Norris, the organization's European director.

A TOTAL OF 141 shipments were made by ocean freight. There were seven air shipments of medicals.

Countries receiving the relief supplies included Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Malta, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and Trieste. Largest share of the distribution went to Germany, which received 10,814,422 pounds valued at \$6,831,421.78, Mr. Norris announced.

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Negro Paper Cites Church, Notre Dame

Chicago—(NC)—The Roman Catholic Church of America and Notre Dame University were among the five institutions named to the Chicago Defender's annual honor roll of individuals and institutions who have "made noteworthy contributions to the advancement of democracy in the United States during 1953."

The national Negro weekly newspaper cited the Catholic Church for consecrating Bishop Joseph O. Bowers, a Negro, as Bishop of Accra, Africa. Notre Dame was listed, along with Harvard, "for breaking off athletic relations with Southern schools that sought to impress upon them Jim Crow conditions."

Weeping Madonna Statue Brings Spiritual Renewal Pilgrims Pass Million Mark

Rome—(NC)—A very satisfactory spiritual transformation and renewal has been taking place in Sicily and elsewhere since the revelation of the Weeping Madonna in Syracuse, according to reliable reports emanating from the scene of the miracle.

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The number of cures allegedly received through the weeping image of Our Lady thus far is reported at 850. A commission of 15 medical specialists—with Mayor Alagona of Syracuse, himself a medic, as head—composed of men of different religious and political persuasions, has examined 37 of the more noteworthy cases. The nature of their report, however, is not known.

A combined commission of doctors and chemists examined the tears which the tiny plaster statue was shedding. Having made an analysis, they declared that the tears "must be considered of like composition" to human tears. And the Sicilian

hierarchy has issued a statement saying that "the reality of the weeping cannot be held in doubt."

NO PUBLIC proclamation has been made that any case of cure is or was a miracle, but nonetheless there have been remarkable cases, especially the number of infant or tiny children who have regained health after serious defects or deformities. There are also adults who report extremely unusual favors.

Among the madadies which have disappeared according to reports, are cancer, osteomyelitis, congenital deformities and polio.

From the beginning, Archbishop Ettore Baranzini of Syracuse kept his clergy withdrawn from the phenomenon and counseled the faithful not to give themselves up to hysteria and wonder-seeking. Rather, he said, they should devote themselves to quiet, fervent prayer, recollection, sacrifice, and general renewal of the spiritual life. It is reported that even many hard-hearted scoffers and "atheists among the men of the town, as well as abroad, have been deeply moved by the incident."

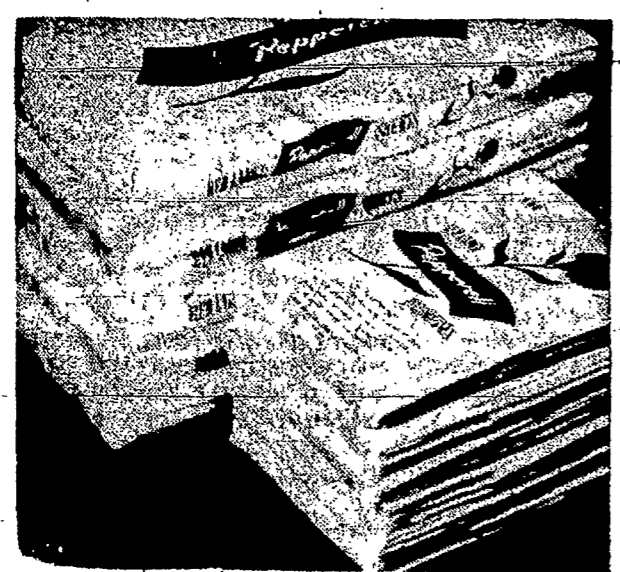
Soviet Recruitment Threatens Orphans

Vienna—(RNS)—Catholic priests in Hungary and Czechoslovakia have started action to prevent orphans in their country from being shipped to Russia for training in Soviet military academies, the Austrian Catholic News Service reported.

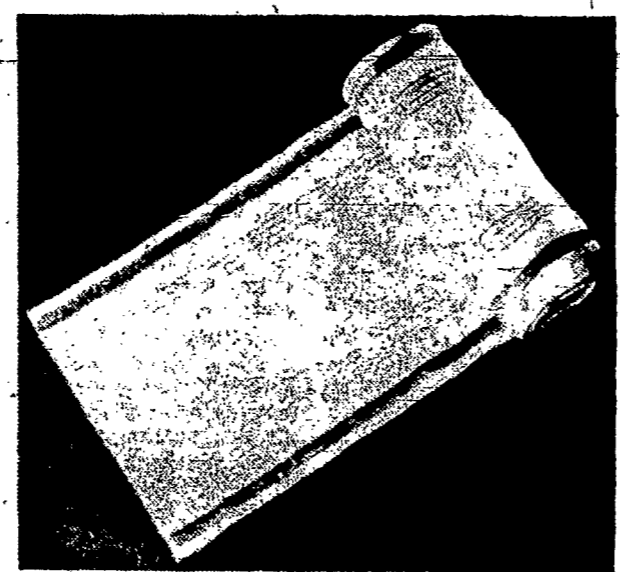
The news agency did not specify what action the priests were taking.

It said the Russians plan to recruit 150,000 orphans annually from the approximately one million in the two countries. The recruiting program already has been launched, the Catholic agency added.

Sibley's Budget Basement JANUARY SALES



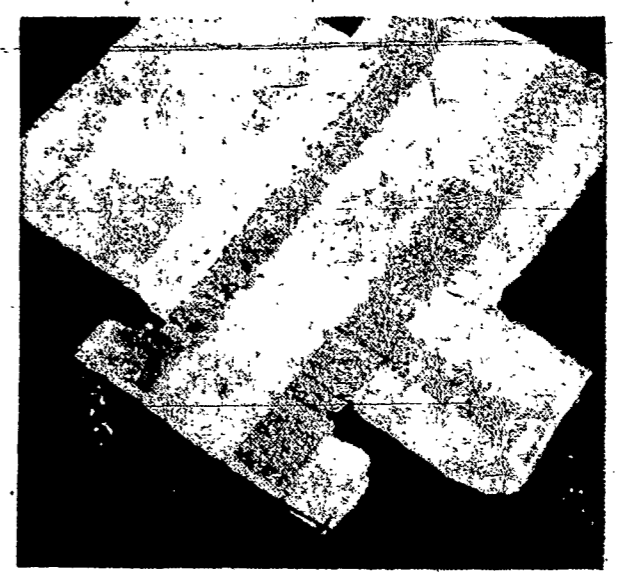
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