

Vatican Relief Aide Asks News 'Balance' On Israel Reports

Cincinnati (NC) — A proposed law which would prosecute parents in Israel who send their children to mission schools — most of which are Catholic — was strongly criticized by an American priest.

Mgr. Thomas J. McMahon, who heads a special Vatican relief mission to the Near East, called upon American daily newspapers to give full coverage to the proposed law and to provide a "balanced presentation" of the entire Palestine question.

In a paper read here, McMahon charged that a "powerful propaganda campaign" has distorted the view of the Holy Land situation to many Americans.

He warned that a proposal which would interfere with freedom of conscience is being considered in "Israel's" country which has the greatest experience in modern democracy.

Mgr. McMahon said that the law would infringe upon the rights of Hebrew Catholics. He said the law is enacted, he said, it will make it unlawful for parents to send their children to schools conducted by Christian organizations in Israel and will "oblige" converts from Judaism to publish the truth of their conversion in the public press.

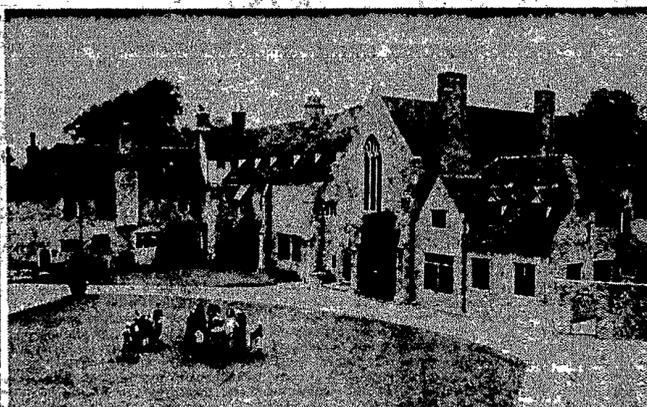
The Missioner said he also wished to make clear his position as president of the Pontifical Mission for Palestine and as national secretary of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association against charges that he had been secretly commissioned by the Vatican as "a cloak and dagger politician."

He asserted that his only

Dutch To Issue St. Boniface Stamp

The Hague — (RNS) — The Netherlands government will issue in June a stamp commemorating the 1200th anniversary of the death of St. Boniface, Apostle of Germany, who was martyred in the Dutch town of Dokkum in Friesland.

To mark the observance, Netherlands Catholics will hold a national pilgrimage to Dokkum on July 6.



Shown above is a photo of the thirteenth-century Carmelite monastery of Aylesford, England, the only pre-Reformation monastery now in Catholic hands. St. Simon Stock, the first Prior of Aylesford, received the scapular from Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Mary's Shrines AYLESFORD

By REV. HENRY ATWELL

(This series of articles describes the great Marian Shrines of Europe. A diocesan pilgrimage now being organized by Father Joseph Cirincione will visit these famous shrines in April and May.)

In the hill-country of Palestine, one knoll has been consecrated since long before the time of Christ. Mount Carmel was the home of countless hermits who lived their solitary, contemplative lives in the huts and caves on the hillside.

Most of these monks embraced the teaching of Jesus and were noted thereafter for their devotion to His Mother, honoring her as their Queen—Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

In the mid-thirteenth century, the Moslem invaders threatened the very life of all Christians in Palestine. Some of these Carmelite monks determined to abandon the holy Mount and go to Europe where they could continue their secluded life there. Those who remained at Mount Carmel soon became martyrs, victims of the invading Moslems.

The Carmelite monks who came to Europe established their hermitages in out-of-the-way places, off in some forest or far from the towns and villages. They built their new homes in such a way that each monk would have a separate cell not connected by any inside doors or corridors, but opening only into a central courtyard.

THE PRIVACY OF each monk was thereby assured and they could continue their solitary life just as on Mount Carmel. The first such Carmelite monastery in Europe was built at Aylesford in England. What Monte Cassino is to the Benedictines, and Assisi for the Franciscans, that Aylesford is to the Carmelites.

This famous monastery, however, was to suffer the same fate as the Holy Mount Carmel. In the sixteenth century, a greedy King, Henry VIII, ordered the

Anglican Lauds Catholic View On Reds

London — (NC) — A prominent Anglican churchman declared here that the Catholic Church should be honored for having grasped the fundamental conflict between Christianity and communism "long before other Christian bodies."

The speaker was Dr. Arthur Duncan-Jones, Dean of Chichester, who attended a meeting of the General Assembly of the Church of England (Anglican) which approved an official report dealing with religious persecution in communist countries.

DR. DUNCAN-JONES said that Catholics had approached the communist issue from an intellectual and moral standpoint and had not allowed their judgment to be governed by mere sentimentality.

In addition to lauding the Catholic Church's firm and consistent stand against communism, Dr. Duncan-Jones criticized the report for expressing some "reservations" regarding Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary and Cardinal Stejpalac of Yugoslavia. He said: "It does not behoove us to sit in judgment on them."

The dean's remarks called attention to the fact that while the report — it was entitled, "The Churches in Europe under Communist Governments" — praised the stand of Catholic leaders in general, it included some sentences which implied a lack of full sympathy with Cardinals Stejpalac and Mindszenty. It was noted that also that the report expressed doubts whether the Vatican decree against communism in 1949 was timely or wise.

(Observatore Romano, Vatican City daily, took issue with the report as still awaiting submission to the Church of England report while to the Church Assembly, largely because it charged Catholic prelates in Europe were partly responsible for the anti-religious persecution there because of their "political" activities. The particular references in the report were to Cardinals Stejpalac and Mindszenty.)

Bingo Becomes Issue In Delaware

Wilmington, Del. — (RNS) — Gov. J. Caleb Boggs' statement that he "personally" favors legalizing bingo games sponsored by religious, charitable and other non-profit groups drew sharp criticism from the Rev. George H. Pigeon, pastor of Union Methodist church here.

Bingo has been a hotly contested issue in Delaware. A bill authorizing a referendum on legalizing the game is pending in the General Assembly. Governor Boggs expressed himself in favor of a referendum "as a practical way to settle the matter."

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