

Lily Of Mohawks' Statue Erected

CAUGHNAWAGA, Que.—(NC)—A six-foot bronze statue of Kateri Tekakwitha, the Iroquois maiden who has been declared venerable and whose beatification cause is in preparation, will be blessed and unveiled at the Kateri School here August 8, it has been announced.

The day, especially dedicated to the honor of "the Lily of the Mohawks", will be highlighted by the statue unveiling.

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Vatican-British History Of Diplomatic Relations Over 100 Years Old

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LONDON—(NC)—The appointment of Archbishop Gerald P. O'Hara, Bishop of Savannah-Atlanta, as Apostolic Delegate to Great Britain has focused attention on the

history of diplomatic relations between the United Kingdom and the Vatican. It is a history that goes back more than 100 years.

Archbishop O'Hara is going to London in a non-diplomatic capacity, but there is some speculation that eventually the status of the Apostolic Delegate may be elevated to that of an Internuncio. This would end the anomaly of Britain having a diplomatic representative at the Vatican, while the Holy See has no diplomatic representative in London.

IT IS INTERESTING to recall that, while there has never been a balance of diplomatic relations between Britain and the Holy See, as early as 1848—two years before the restoration of the English Hierarchy—the British parliament passed an act to enable Queen Victoria to establish and maintain diplomatic relations with the Papal States. No advantage was taken of this, however, and later, when the Papal States passed to the Kingdom of Italy, the act was repealed as superfluous.

Nevertheless, there remained an increasingly large number of subjects on which it was desirable that the United Kingdom government should be in communication with the Vatican. These were the years, in the second half of the last century of the great expansion of the Commonwealth.

MANY LEGAL problems were then arising—for instance, in Malta, where the Canon Law of the Church continued to be given the support of the civil law. There were complicated relations with the Portuguese in the Archdiocese of Bombay. There were problems in French Canada, as for example, over the question of the languages used and taught in Catholic schools. Most delicate of all were the questions concerning Ireland, and the position of the Irish clergy in issues between Britain and Ireland. In all these matters and many more, London

had to be in touch with the Holy See.

If it is asked why so much time elapsed before permanent diplomatic relations were established with the Vatican the answer is that there was nearly always a United Kingdom Cardinal, or some other prelate, in the Roman Curia, whose good offices in liaison between the Vatican and Whitehall could be used unofficially when required.

One of these Cardinals in the 1880's was Cardinal Edward Henry Howard, a grandson of the 12th Duke of Norfolk, who left the Brigade of Guards to become a Catholic priest, and was ordained in Rome just 100 years ago. After ordination, but before he became a Cardinal, he carried out an important mission to India on behalf of the Pope.

IF FORMAL diplomatic relations between Britain and the Holy See did not exist in those days, it was certainly not for lack of goodwill on either side. In 1887, for example, Queen Victoria and Pope Leo XIII both celebrated jubilees, and each sent a special diplomatic mission to the other to convey congratulations.

The establishment of permanent diplomatic relations actually did not come about until after the outbreak of World War I.

In December, 1914, King George V. sent an envoy to congratulate Pope Benedict XV on his accession to the See of Peter. It was then felt in London that the opportunity should be taken to explain to the Pope the motives which had compelled Britain to declare war, and to express to the Pope Britain's point of view on the numerous problems arising out of the war. So this envoy remained two years at the Vatican, and his successor was still there when World War I came to an end.

Finally, on November 11, 1920, Prime Minister Lloyd George announced in the House of Commons "His Majesty's Government have decided, after full and careful consideration, that it is desirable in the public interest to continue the diplomatic representative of Britain at the Vatican which has been in existence since the first year of the war and has been attended with beneficial results."

Since that day Britain's Legation to the Holy See has been on a permanent footing, and has been occupied by a succession of distinguished Ministers. However, no full fledged diplomatic representative has been named to London by the Pope, nor was it until November, 1938, that the Pope named his first Apostolic Delegate to Britain in the person of

Rochester Seminarians In Rome



THREE SEMINARIANS at the North American College, one now ordained pose on the college steps for the Rev. Richard Torney, chaplain of Our Lady of Mercy High School when in Rome, last May. They are: (from left) Joseph E. Brennan, Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish, who will receive his subdiaconate, Sunday and will be ordained Dec. 8; William Cogrove of Hornell, who has another year in Rome and the Rev. David M. Murphy of Auburn who will celebrate a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Mary's Church, Auburn, Sunday, July 18. He was ordained in Rome on Dec. 19, 1933.

Archbishop William Godfrey.

One reason for the delay in making this appointment was that, as some have interpreted the rules of diplomacy drawn up at the Congress of Vienna in 1815, a Papal Nuncio must be given to the mission of the Holy See in London. There were good reasons too, for choosing an Englishman, such as Archbishop Godfrey, as the first envoy of the Pope, but it was not thought proper for a British subject to have diplomatic status in London.

Secondly, while Britain's mission to the Holy See necessarily had a diplomatic character, there were various reasons why the same character could not at first be given to the mission of the Holy See in London. There were good reasons too, for choosing an Englishman, such as Archbishop Godfrey, as the first envoy of the Pope, but it was not thought proper for a British subject to have diplomatic status in London.

BOTH DIFFICULTIES were overcome by the appointment of Archbishop Godfrey not as Papal Nuncio but as Apostolic Delegate. A Papal Nuncio always has diplomatic rank, but an Apostolic Delegate never. That is why there are Apostolic Delegates and not Papal Nuncios in the United States, Canada and Australia as well as in Britain.

Sickness. The most trying part of sickness is the inability to fix our thoughts on God.—St. Therese of Lisieux.

Minister Defends Unit Linked To Communists

NEW YORK—(RNS)—A Protestant Episcopal clergyman denied here that the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship was dominated by Communists. He also testified

he had never belonged to the Communist Party. The clergyman is the Rev. William B. Spofford, Sr., of Tunkhannock, Pa., managing editor of The Witness, Episcopal weekly. Dr. Spofford, a director of the American-Soviet Friendship council, testified at a hearing of the Federal Subversive Activities Control Board.

THE HEARINGS were preliminary to a ruling on whether the Council should be ordered to register as a Communist agency. Dr. Spofford, accused of being a collaborator with Communism in testimony last year before the House Un-American Activities

Committee, said he had been on the Council's board of directors since 1948 because he believed in "Soviet-American friendship and understanding and reconciliation."

HE SAID he had never seen any indication that the Communist Party dominated the organization. He acknowledged having worked with other "united front" groups, among them the American League for Peace and Democracy.

The League, said Dr. Spofford, "was definitely not a Communist organization."

Sermons Censored In Red Slovakia

VIENNA—(RNS)—Catholic sources here said Communist officials in the Czechoslovakian province of Slovakia had tightened their control over the Catholic Church by censoring all sermons.

A recent order, it was said, required priests to submit their sermons for censorship one week in advance of delivery. A Catholic priest in Ceske Velnice who failed to submit a sermon was arrested, an unconfirmed report added.

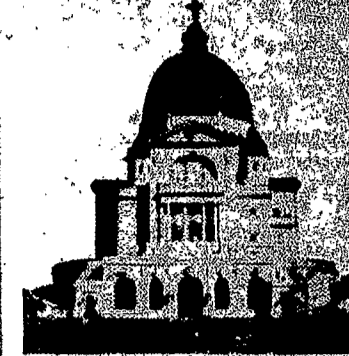
The sources here said that state police agents in Slovakia had increased their control of Church activities.

Ringo Supporters Gain In Michigan

LANSING, Mich.—(RNS)—Petitions calling for a referendum during the November elections on a proposal to legalize bingo and other games sponsored by religious and charitable groups were filed with the Michigan department of state here.

The petitions bore 328,000 signatures. Only 226,000 were required to ensure the proposition being put on the ballot. Robert M. Montgomery, state elections director, said it would take his staff some time to check the petitions thoroughly but he implied that their approval was virtually a certainty because of the surplus of signatures and the care with which the petitions' sponsors secured them.

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