

### How Reds Blocked Wartime Aid To Poles Told In Congress Report

Washington—(NC)—This month marks the tenth anniversary of one of the saddest developments of World War II, the failure of the Soviet Red army to help the patriotic Poles in Warsaw who had risen in revolt against the Nazi war machine.

This anniversary is being recalled with memorial service in several different countries. Here in Washington, a Congressional committee has made public testimony it took from the heroic Polish commander and others relating to this incident. It sheds new light on one phase of the matter that had let the Western Allies in for some criticism. It seems now that the Russians, who were then our allies, blocked the efforts of the United States and England to come to the aid of the Poles.

**THE UPRISING** in Warsaw started on August 1, 1944. The Polish Home Army, thousands strong, appeared apparently out of the ground. It was a force that wore a variety of uniforms, out of necessity, and that it was able to stand off the vastly superior Nazi army for 63 days was one of the marvels of the time. "Soviet propaganda strongly encouraged the Poles to revolt against the crumbling Nazi army," says a report issued by the House of Representatives select committee, headed by Representative Charles J. Kersten of Wisconsin, which is investigating Communist aggression. "At that time the Red army was in the suburbs of Warsaw, separated only by the Vistula River from the city itself. Poles were sure the when the revolt started the Red army would come to their help since it was in a full offensive against the

### KC Opposes Seat In UN For Red China

Louisville, Ky.—(NC)—The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council ended its 72nd annual meeting here asking the U. S. to consider withdrawing from the United Nations if Red China is admitted and calling for the continuance of Congressional investigations into communist subversion.

In its resolutions, the Supreme Council of the Catholic layman's organization also encouraged efforts to suppress and combat obscene literature and movies "in whatever manner possible."

**THE COUNCIL** resolved to continue "with increased vigor" the Knights of Columbus advertising program aimed at acquainting non-Catholics with the facts about Catholic beliefs. It expressed satisfaction that its efforts for insertion of the words "under God" in the pledge of allegiance to the flag had resulted in a law to that effect.

Elected to the Supreme Board of Directors to serve three-year terms were Francis Fautoux of Montreal, Gervase T. Murphy of Calumet, Mich.; William E. Burke of Utica, N. Y.; Clarence J. Malone of Topeka, Kans., and Charles J. Morgan of Chicago, Mr. Fautoux, chosen for a ninth term, has already been a member of the board for 24 years.

### Bill To Keep Smut From Mails Fails For Second Time

Washington—(NC)—A bill to help the Post Office Department keep obscene matter from the mails died for the second time in Congress as the legislature adjourned here.

The proposed action, which would allow the Postmaster General to impound the mail of persons accused of using the mails for distributing obscene matter, had received the enthusiastic support of such organizations as the National Council of Catholic Men and the National Organization for Decent Literature during both of its trips through Congress.

In 1952, the Senate approved the legislation following a special investigation into indecent literature, but the House killed it by inaction. During the recent session, the House passed the bill but the Senate failed to act before adjournment.

### Red Background Of Attlee Interpreters Raises Query

Hong Kong—(NC)—The pronounced Communist background of the official interpreters for the Clement Attlee delegation to Red China raises fears that the British Labor party leader may get some "interpretation" as he tries to converse with China's common people.

Official interpreters for Attlee and his British Labor party delegation are Michael Lindsay, second Lord Lindsay of Birken, and his Chinese wife.

**THE BACKGROUND** of the couple brings to light little to support the supposition that their "interpretation" will be unvarnished.

Michael Lindsay and Miss Li Hsiao-li were married in China in 1941. Lord Lindsay was a teacher at Yenching University, Miss Li a student there and an ardent Communist. Her father was Colonel Li Wen-ch' of the Lishih, Shansi army. Now he is a general in the Red army.

While teaching at Yenching University, Lord Lindsay made several vacation trips through the Red guerrilla areas of north China during 1938 and 1939. After Pearl Harbor (December 7, 1941), he and his wife escaped from Yenching University just ahead of the Japanese. He joined the Chinese Communist forces in the Shansi-Chahar-Hopei military district as a technical communications adviser.

**IN THE SPRING** of 1944 he moved to Yen-an, the Red capital at the time. After the war he returned to England with his wife, later lectured at Harvard and then at an English university.

In 1949 Lord Lindsay and his wife again visited China under the sponsorship of the Institute of Pacific Relations, American agency accused of being Communist-tainted. Since 1951 Lord Lindsay and his family have been in Australia, where he is associated with the Institute of Oriental Studies in Canberra.

### Officers Of Catholic Vets



Cincinnati, O.—Officers of the Catholic War Veterans of America join hands following their election at the group's 17th annual convention here. They are, left to right: Joseph F. Bolly of New York, treasurer; Thomas J. Kelly of Brooklyn, N. Y., re-elected national commander; the Rev. John J. Wallace of New York, re-elected national chaplain; and Robert O'Leary of Baltimore, Md., first vice-commander. Some 1,000 delegates representing 150,000 CWV members attended the meeting. (RNS Photo.)

### World-Wide Act Of Charity Urged To Help Thousands Fleeing Red Vietnam

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR, Hanoi, North Vietnam—(NC)—It's like seeing a great religious pilgrimage to watch the Vietnamese Catholic refugees bound for the south.

They have come here in tens of thousands, to await the planes or ships that will take them 700 miles from here.

Night and morning you hear the chanted cadence of their prayers from a score of crowded, comfortable "camps." I have been awakened by the sound of their morning prayers before 5 a.m., while it was still pitch dark. You can hear them saying the rosary up to 11 p.m.

**THEY PACK** the chapels of the Catholic schools where thousands of them have found shelter. Before sunrise they're in the grey cathedral for the 5:30 weekday Mass.

They wear crucifixes, rosaries and medals openly. The women wear their scarves, inside an embroidered brown covering, over their peasant's garb.

When they meet a priest, they stop, smile and give him a little bow, saying: "Cha" (Father). If Archbishop John Dooley, the Apostolic Delegate, or Bishop

Joseph Khuu of Hanoi comes, they drop on their knees to kiss his ring and get his blessing.

They usually stay and pray in parish groups. The villages they left are 10, 20 or 30 miles from here.

**THEY ARE ON** the road, as homeless refugees, because of their religion. They have lived close to the Communist-controlled Vietnam. Some have lived under them. They know how the Vietnam regime has always acted toward religion, sooner or later.

They know that under the Vietminh they may die without the Sacraments and their children will be taught that there is no God.

That's why these poor people died, when they heard that north Vietnam was being handed over to the Vietminh.

They weren't given much time. Some who wanted to come never got out.

**THE REFUGEES** could bring with them only what they could carry—enough rice for a few days, a few sticks of firewood to cook it, two or three bowls, a bundle of clothing and little else.

They gave up their thatched-

homes in the familiar village, their crops, their ox or buffalo, maybe one or two pigs, their tools, the little fields they had tilled and some of them owned.

They tore themselves up by the roots from their green homeland of the Tonkin delta. They are facing south, towards a region, full of uncertainties for themselves and their children.

They're doing all this because they value freedom to practice their religion more than any earthly possessions. Of course some, but a far smaller number, of these would have fled, even if they were not Catholics.

**THEY'VE GONE** hungry here in Hanoi. They'll go hungry again. Official plans for taking minimum care of them don't always work out.

Two aged refugees died on arrival at Saigon. One old man died and two babies were born on a flotta of refugee boats. I saw a tiny 5-day-old baby among the refugees in the corridor of a Catholic school here.

This, clearly, is no comfortable pilgrimage.

It's a tremendous, heroic act of devotion to the Faith.

### Scholars Prepare Final Text For Use Of English In Rites

Kansas City, Mo.—(NC)—Scholars are now at work preparing ritual texts conforming to the Vatican decree permitting extensive use of English in administering some Sacraments and other ceremonies. They will be ready for distribution this fall, according to the chairman of the special liturgical committee that worked out the proposal submitted to the Holy See last November and which has now been largely approved.

**ARCHBISHOP EDWIN V. O'HARA**, Bishop of Kansas City, who headed the large body of scholars and consultants that has studied the matter for several years, said the new permission represents "a very generous grant" by the Holy See. When the new texts are ready, he added, it is reasonable to assume that the new usage will be adopted in virtually every diocese of the United States, since the request to Rome was submitted in the name of all the Bishops and all had assented to it beforehand.

Exact details of what portions of the rites involved will now be recited in English and what will continue to be in Latin are being worked out by the liturgical committee, Archbishop O'Hara said. Texts will be given over very carefully by scholars to assure their exactness and conformity with the authorizing decree.

**UNTIL THIS** work is completed, there will be no official statement about details of the new ritual. But what was requested was very largely given, Archbishop O'Hara said.

The Kansas City prelate is chairman of the Episcopal Committee of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. The committee was charged by the U. S. Bishops with studying and preparing a request to be presented to the Holy See. It worked with a committee of more than 60 scholars and consultants including experts from twelve countries in all five continents.

Last fall, the Bishops at their annual general meeting agreed on a text to be proposed to the Vatican, including both English and Latin of some portions of the rites of Baptism, Extreme Unction, Matrimony and funerals, and certain blessings. The request for approval was at-

crossed to the Holy See by Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati, administrative board chairman of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

**THE SACRED** Congregation of Rites approved most of the request and specified portions that must continue to be spoken in Latin. The latter include principally such things as baptismal exorcisms, anointings, and the essential sacramental words—known as the "form" of the Sacrament—such as the "Ego te baptizo . . . I baptize thee . . . in Baptism."

Evaluating the new situation unofficially, chancery spokesmen and experts on the liturgy in many places indicated that the changes involved do not represent a drastic departure from the present practice. Many noted that by common custom the English translation of some prayers and responses has been recited in addition to the Latin in the Sacraments involved. Now the Latin may be omitted and only the English recited in many of these places.

**IN ADDITION** to changes in the Sacraments and funerals, the new Ritual is expected to provide for the use of English in a number of common blessings, such as blessing of homes, blessing medals and statues, blessing of candles and throats on the Feast of St. Blaise, and blessings before and after childbirth.

### 'Old As You Feel'

New Orleans—(NC)—Oblate Father Bernard Peter Harrmann, recently feted here on his 90th birthday, proved "you're as old as you feel."

Born for a religious function in Lafayette, La., the assistant pastor of St. Louis Cathedral climbed nimbly aboard an airliner, and laughingly told a stewardess who came to assist him: "Go help some old person."

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