

England Seen Open To Red Conquest

London, England — (NC) — A Catholic Bishop thinks that with the present system of strong central government in England and the way of the people there would be little difficulty in establishing a Communist form of government in England.

There is an "overwhelming need for instant and present action by Catholics on this island not merely to oppose the strongly running tide of communist thought and teaching; but to change and convert it," Bishop John E. Pitt of Mersey, Wales, told an annual convention here of the Knights of St. Columba.

The Bishop said he did not think that the Christian and Communist worlds could co-exist. "The Communist form of government is a militant and a heresy as ever was Islamism in its prime; it is the avowed aim of Communism to dominate the world."

Personally, he said, "I am convinced that in the present mood of many of our fellow citizens and given the continuance of strong central government there would be little difficulty in establishing here on this island a Communist form of government which would differ in some essential respects from the form which we know here."

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People Paddled To Mass During Pakistan Flood

Rawalpindi, Pakistan — (NC) — As flood waters slowly receded in East Pakistan, a priest told how people came to Mass on Sundays, paddling their boats in the church.

He recalled standing knee-deep in water while he baptized a baby held by the sponsors who stood in a boat.

MILLIONS HAVE their feet on dry land now for the first time in six weeks. Attempts are being made to eliminate the horrible damage left by the flood.

The priest, Father Voerde, C.R.C., whose parish is in the capital of East Pakistan reported that priests could not say Mass in several villages because the altars were covered with mud.

Describing conditions in his own parish, he said: "The CHURCH was the first to go under water. Water came up over the altar steps. On Sunday, before the water reached the top step, I said Mass with the people standing around the altar, the altar stood in 10 inches of water and finally I had to stop having Mass. But in the early Sunday, with the flood waters still rising, the people brought their small boats into the church. Those with bigger boats sat in them at the doorways."

Notre Dame Aided On Cancer Research

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — Cancer research at Notre Dame's Lombard Institute will be aided by the installation of a color-translating ultraviolet microscope, the University has announced.

The \$40,000 instrument, provided by the Damon Runyon Memorial Fund, is the first of its kind to be made available commercially to any college, university or research center.

CHILDREN JOIN POPE



Pope Pius XII, in an unusual action, Pope Pius XII gave special permission to children of the Villa Massena, Orpierre in France, to join him at prayer in his private chapel. (AP Wirephoto)

Colleges Refuse Debate On Red China Recognition

Steubenville, O. — (NC) — Joining the protest over the topic selected for the national collegiate debate, the College of Steubenville has announced that unless the topic is changed it will not enter the debate.

The topic is "Resolved: That the U.S. should extend diplomatic recognition to the Communist government of China."

THE TOPIC was chosen by the committee on collegiate debate and discussion of the Speech Association of America. A statement issued on behalf of the college by Father Daniel W. Ryan, president, said: "The question to be debated this year is not a debatable one, and the affirmative side of the resolution, in our opinion, calls for the defense of principles which are utterly at variance with the ideals and principles of virtue which we try to inculcate in the students who are educated at the College of Steubenville."

K of C Magazine Slates New Format

New Haven, Conn. — (NC) — Columbia, the Knights of Columbus monthly magazine which has the greatest circulation of any Catholic magazine in the country will have a new format beginning with the January, 1955, issue.

The magazine will be published with a three-column page size, each column 120 lines deep, making 420 lines to a page. Mr. Hart disclosed also that the K of C has purchased a new four-color process plant and that a new printing plant is being constructed here to publish Columbia.

Mr. Hart also announced that R. W. McCarmey, president of R. W. McCarmey Co., publisher's representative of Philadelphia, has been named advertising director of Columbia.

Quezon's Son Receives Tonsure, Step To Priesthood

Manila — (RNS) — Manuel Quezon, 28, only son of the late President Manuel Luis Quezon of the Philippines, received the sacred rite of tonsure here in the first of a series of ceremonies which will climax in his ordination as a Catholic priest next year.

MR. QUEZON has completed his doctor of philosophy studies at the Central Seminary of the Pontifical University of Santo Tomas here at which he has been a student since July, 1947. Prior to that he had been taking philosophy courses at the liberal arts college of Santo Tomas.

The former president's son plans to be a secular priest and will work in the Manila archdiocese, Archbishop Rufino J. Santos of Manila officiated at the tonsure ceremony.

MR. QUEZON had his early schooling in La Salle College, Manila. During a three-year stay in the United States, he was a student at Loyola University in Los Angeles, where he led his class in religion and philosophy. He returned to Manila in 1945 when he entered Santo Tomas University.

The future priest and his sister Nina are the only remaining survivors of the Quezon family. President Quezon died in August, 1944, and his widow, Madame Aurora Quezon, and another daughter and Nina's husband were killed in an ambush in 1947 while traveling through a Huk-dominated area in Central Luzon. Nina remarried two years ago.

Mama' Goretti Only Mother To See Child Canonized, Dies At 88

Corinaldo, Italy — (NC) — The only woman in history ever to see her child solemnly proclaimed a saint in the Catholic Church died here (October 8) at the age of 88.

Mrs. Assunta Goretti succumbed at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Erallia G. Porri, four years and three months after her daughter, St. Maria Goretti, had been canonized by Pope Pius XII at, separate, ceremonies in St. Peter's Square in Rome which were an unforgettable highlight of the Holy Year of 1950.

THE AGED "Mama" Goretti had long been ailing and had been confined to her bed for a month when the end came. The Pope, who had been informed of her illness, sent her a special blessing, and was notified immediately when news of her death reached the Vatican.

As long ago as May, 1861, the saint's mother had been obliged to turn down an invitation to the Gold Coast's "First National Eucharistic Congress at Kumasi" because of age and infirmity.

It was announced that the funeral would take place on Monday, October 11, and that plans were being made to transfer the remains to a permanent crypt shrine which is being built by municipal authorities in Corinaldo to house the body of St. Maria Goretti. The saint's remains now repose in a chapel at Nettuno, where she died in 1902.

THE YOUTHFUL saint was only 12 years old when she was stabbed 14 times by a neighbor's 19-year-old son whose irrational animosity she had rejected. Now known through the Catholic world in a modern martyr of chastity, her feast day is July 9. She was recently designated by Pope Pius as "copatroness of the town where her remains are now enshrined."

On the 50th anniversary of the death of her daughter, Maria Goretti received a special letter from the Holy Father, in which he praised her for the example and guidance she had provided her daughter.

"Helped by poverty and the arduous Olivary life," he said, "you found in holy fear of God, daily prayer and the exercise of the domestic virtues the proven instruments of a Christian education equal to all trials, ready for all sacrifices and trained for all battles with the spirit of evil."

In an interview shortly after her death, she was quoted as saying: "I felt like to be the mother of a saint. She answered: 'It is rather unbecomable. I know that Maria was a thoroughly good child and that after death she went to heaven. But who would ever dream of an honor like this?'"

German Reds Set Stage For Election

Berlin — (NC) — With "elections" scheduled for Sunday, October 17, the communist regime of the (East) "German Democratic Republic" has been busy creating a fake atmosphere of sweetness and light.

FOR QUITE some time now, the propaganda directed against the Protestant and Catholic Churches and against the "superstition" of religion in general has been put on ice. Great efforts are being made to convince the "believers" that the communist regime is anxious to preserve freedom of religion and that they have nothing to fear from it.

Reports from all over the Soviet zone indicate that the anti-religious war waged by the red regime in past years, far from weakening the forces of religion, has had exactly the opposite effect. Faced with miserable living conditions and cut off from western Germany by an arbitrary border, millions of eastern Germans have found in religion the only remaining source of strength and hope.

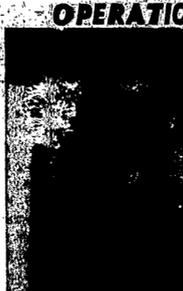
THE REDS' failure to root out religion by force and "enlightening" propaganda has obviously caused the regime to attempt a change of tactics and pose as the friend of religion.

This would explain why the communist government permitted the all German Protestant convention to be held in Leipzig, why it allowed the Nuncio to Germany, Archbishop Aloisius J. Muench, to attend a St. Boniface celebration in the Thuringian town of Erfurt, and why it permitted many thousands of East German Catholics to cross the border and attend the "Katholikentag" (German national Catholic convention) in the West German town of Fulda.

Druggists Campaign Against Obscenity

Albany, N. Y. — (NC) — The New York State Pharmaceutical Association announced it is starting a campaign against the sale of "obscene literature and objectionable crime magazines intended for juveniles."

The little girl happily posed for the photographers of the Sisters of Charity at Brownsville, Lebanon, Mo. She is one of the 126 foundlings in the care of 7 Sisters. None of them ever knew father or mother. So the Sisters must be both. Do you know that they work miracles, requiring only \$10 a month for each child. Can you help them?



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FATHER JOSEPH

At Vashyar, India, ten years ago, Father Joseph Vadakkattil converted 19 converts. Today he has more than 20,000 converts. He has begun for \$2,000 to build a modest chapel to replace the thatched shed. Won't you try to help this apostle?

LOOKING ON JESUS

How glad to be the Holy Land fall on their knees at the sacred shrine of Bethlehem, Nazareth and Calvary! But the people of the Holy Land are suffering the pangs of poverty and want today. Your \$10 gift for a printed food package will bring you a basket from the Holy Land. You can give \$5 to see little foundlings in these towns by a \$1 gift to support a child for a whole month. Any gift at all will help to make the refugees of Palestine happy at Christmas. Won't you see this child in Jesus' name?

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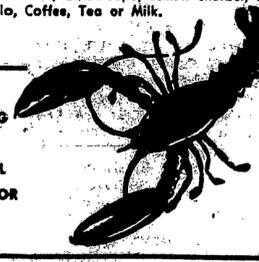
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