## Boston Archbishop

# Urges Welcome For Repentant Reds

Boston —(RNS)— Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston said here that a true patriot should be the first to extend a hand of welcome to those who defect from Communism.

Addressing a meeting in historic Faneuil Hall here sponsored by the Massachusetts American Legion, the archbishop said the fight against Communism demands charity for the victims of its ideas as well as for the victims of its violence.

"The Communist is guilty of grave crimes against patriotism," he said, "but so is the blind patriot who makes the return of the prodigal difficult or impossible."

Archbishop Cushing declared that "the true patriot seeks the reconciliation of all those who share the common good and contribute to it."

"Though the first to denounce the disloyal and to demand the protection of his people against them," the prelate said, "the true patriot is also the first to extend a forgiving hand to those who honestly acknowledge error and loyally return to their nation's service."

He said it was the task of enlightened patriots to provide for the early and easy return to civic life of those "who have been duped into Communism or like disloyalties by naive idealism, faulty education or pressures which they themselves now fully understand and are prepared to repudiate."

Many disillusioned people are still involved in the Communist conspiracy because they fear reprisals if they reject it, Archbishop Cushing asserted.

"They are looking for a way out of the Communist apparatus in which they once became involved through ignorance, innocence or even misdirected idealism," he said. "They fear reprisals from the Communists if they quit.

"The true patriot will not wish to increase their fears. He will be prepared to welcome them back to the community which needs their intelligence and their skills and which, both by, perhaps, but sincerely, they may still seek to serve."

# U. S. Welcomes Refugees From Communism, Poles Told

Washington—(NC)—The United States has told communist Poland it will always give refuge to those fleeing from Red oppression.

In a note rejecting the Polish regime's complaints about the seizure of two Polish ships by Nationalist China, the U.S. suggested that if Poland were "genuinely interested" and not sending notes "purely for propaganda purposes," it could take the matter up with the Chinese government on Formosa.

The American note was the third in answer to as many sent by communist Poland protesting the seizure of the Polish merchant vessels Prasa and Gottwald. When the ships were taken over by the Chinese Nationalists—the Prasa in October, 1953, and the Gottwald last May—22 members of their crews asked political asylum in the United States.

After receiving job assurances from War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference, the 22 were flown to New York last October.

IN ITS LATEST note, the United States has told Poland the United States Government, true to its traditional policies of granting asylum to those suffering from oppression, has welcomed, and will continue to welcome, persons such as the Polish officers and seamen from the Prasa and Gottwald who sought refuge in this country."

Asserting that it "again rejects as without basis in fact" Poland's version of the ship seizures, the note also said:

"The United States has no connection with this action or with the decision of so many crew members from these ships to seek asylum."

### Lisbon Hospital

Lisbon, Portugal—(NC)—Cardinal Cerejeira, Patriarch of Lisbon, blessed the new University Hospital here. The Hospital when completed, will have 1,447 beds.

## Cardinal McIntyre In Nigeria

Lagos, Nigeria—His Eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles, is greeted by Oba (King) Adele II of Lagos upon his arrival here to serve as Papal Legate to Nigeria's National Marian Congress. Also on hand to greet him were high church dignitaries and other civic leaders. During the twenty-day Congress, Cardinal McIntyre was the guest of Sir John Macpherson, Governor General of Nigeria, at the Government House. The Congress marked the end of the 1954 Marian Year in honor of the 100th anniversary of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. (RNS Photo)

# Korean Bishop On Route To U. S.

Seoul, Korea—(NC)—Bishop Paul M. Ro, Vicar Apostolic of Seoul, known to many Americans who served in Korea, has left here by plane for a visit to the United States.

He wishes to thank personally the Americans for "the heroic sacrifices" of the United States Armed Forces in their defense of Korea, he told the N.C.W.C. News Service.

"I ALSO WISH to express gratitude for the tremendous aid given by the American government to rehabilitate war stricken Korea," he said. "We churchmen appreciate particularly the Armed Forces assistance to the Korean program which has enabled us to reconstruct many churches, orphanages and schools."

"I am particularly grateful to American Catholics who have extended warm helping hands in sending us food and clothing through the WRS-NCWC," he said.

THE FIRST Korean raised to the episcopate, he is also the first Korean Bishop to visit the United States. Part of the northern section of the Seoul Vicariate lies above the demarcation line inside Communist-held territory. Below the line the vicariate counts 50,000 Catholics and had 3,100 converts last year.

Bishop Ro frequently officiated for American servicemen at the invitation of chaplains. He celebrated Mass on special occasions for troops in the field and confirmed hundreds. He left Tokyo Sunday via Pan American Airways for San Francisco.

## Inheritance Tax Exemption Urged

Concord, N. H.—(RNS)—Exemption of New Hampshire religious, educational and charitable institutions from the state inheritance tax is proposed in the final report of the State Commission to Recommend Reorganization of the Tax Structure.

Adoption of the proposal would result in a revenue loss to the state of about $170,000 a year. The report is scheduled to be considered by the 1955 session of the New Hampshire legislature.

## Peron Regime Jails 10th Priest

Buenos Aires, Argentina—(RNS)—Ten Roman Catholic priests have been arrested since President Juan D. Peron charged in a radio speech on Nov. 19 that certain elements in the Church are trying to undermine his regime.

The tenth clergyman, the Rev. Luis Alberto Aguirre of Humahuaca in Jujuy Province, was taken to jail immediately after a Mass. He was accused of preaching a sermon containing statements insulting to the government.

Earlier, the Catholic daily newspaper, El Pueblo, reported that the Rev. Dionisio Montoya of San Andres de Giles, sixty miles west of here, was in jail at Eva Peron City. The paper said he had been on a hunger strike there for a week in protest against his arrest.

Father Montoya was seized by police around Dec. 1 after he had preached a sermon in his church, the El Pueblo report said.

## Congo Bishops Hit New School Policy

Brussels—(RNS)—Reduction of government subsidies to mission schools in the Belgian Congo and government plans to set up in the colony 900 new State schools from which religion would be banned has stirred strong opposition from Roman Catholic and parliamentary sources.

Bishop Laurent Deprimoz, Vicar Apostolic of Kibgayi, and Bishop Louis Bigirumwami, Vicar Apostolic of Nyundo, issued a joint pastoral letter in the Congo calling upon the Belgian Minister of Colonies to "put a stop to the installation of State-sponsored atheistic schooling."

In Belgium itself, two members of Parliament—both former government ministers—warned that body that the school policy in the colony is "destroying the work of our forefathers" and denounced it as "dangerous and nefarious."

### Honor Society Installed

New Orleans—(NC)—A chapter of Sigma Pi Sigma, national physics honor society, was installed at Loyola University of the South, here.

## ARGENTINE MARIAN RALLY

Buenos Aires—Some 100,000 persons packed the downtown plaza de Mayo here for a huge Marian Rally. Despite police refusal to permit an open-air Mass, the throng jammed the square to hear through loudspeakers a service conducted in adjacent Buenos Aires Cathedral. Catholics here said the rally was ample reply to President Juan D. Peron's recent anti-clerical measures. (RNS Photo)

# Buenos Aires Rites Seen Answer to Peron Attack

Buenos Aires—(RNS)—A record crowd of Catholics packed the downtown Plaza de Mayo here to mark the closing of the Marian Year.

Despite police refusal to permit an open-air Mass, a throng estimated at more than 100,000 persons trooped into the square opposite Government House and the Buenos Aires Cathedral.

The night before, the annual procession of priests and laymen honoring the Virgin Mary had been cancelled by police order.

THE CROWD in the Plaza heard on loudspeakers a service conducted inside the cathedral. It was climaxed by an act of consecration to Our Lady of Lujan, patron of Argentina, with Santiago Cardinal Copello, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Officiating.

Although the participants were warned against any demonstrations shouts of "Long Live Christ the King" were heard. At the conclusion, thousands of persons joyously waved white handkerchiefs.

The fervor of the crowd prompted some observers to comment that it "certainly looks like a religious revival." For an hour after the gathering in the Plaza had dispersed, many of the participants remained in the downtown streets singing hymns.

Catholics here said the demonstration was ample reply to President Peron's recent anti-clerical measures.

## Portugal Allots Funds To Missions

Lisbon, Portugal—(NC)—The Portuguese Government has alloted a million dollars to the missions in Mozambique and another half a million to those in Angola for the year 1955, it was learned here.


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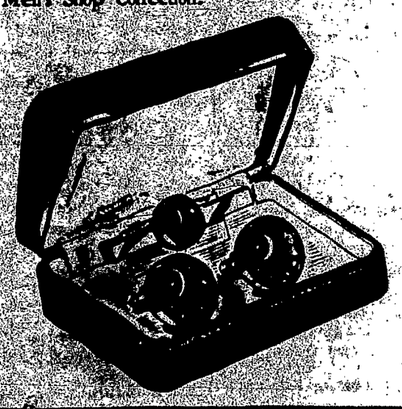

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MERCY IN ABUNDANCE

For the new Shrine Chapel of St. Pius X, which we intend to build beyond the River Jordan for our poor refugees, we shall need two confessionals, each costing $75. Can you make one of them your shrine of pardon and mercy?

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In far of Mosul, Iraq, there is a little novice, named after St. Joseph. She is of the Order of St. Dominic. After this year, she will be a missionary Sister. Can you adopt her, giving the $150 needed for her training. God will bless you.

HERE IS GRATITUDE

At Midnight, Christmas, the Shrine of the Nativity in Bethlehem will be crowded with the bloodbrothers of Jesus. The Mass will be offered for our benefactors by the Archbishop of Jerusalem. He and his priests are grateful for all you have done.

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