

Hierarchy

Religious Schools American

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THE BISHOPS' declaration was in effect a plea for the preservation of educational freedom. Such freedom, they pointed out, has been an underlying principle of the nation since its founding...

Private and church-related schools, the bishops asserted, are such an integral part of the nation's educational program that their students "have the right to benefit from those measures, grants or aids, which are manifestly designed for the health, safety and welfare of American youth...

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Reds Brain Wash Card. Mindszenty

New York — (RNS) — Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, is being subjected to daily "suggestive hypnosis" to ready him for use in a "frightful" Communist propaganda stroke, according to reports received here.



Cardinal Mindszenty

MONSIGNOR VARGA said the psychiatrist is perverting his medical skill to deprive the isolated Primate of "every last spark of will and judgment."

Nothing could be more devastating, nothing could cause more confusion, more divisiveness than to hear the great Catholic leader of Hungary mouth Communist sentiments. That is the diabolically clever plan that is being hatched.

MONSIGNOR VARGA, who was the last free-elected Speaker of the Hungarian Parliament, pointed out that for the last six and a half years, Cardinal Mindszenty has had absolutely no knowledge of what is going on in the world except what his Communist captors chose to tell him.

He said he was certain the Primate was shown "suggestions" taken from the "Reds" by the Communist Party in Hungary. "In those places," Monsignor Varga said, "the new leaders of the free world grinning with the Soviet gangsters, who know what explanation was given to him to account for the smiling faces?"

The prelate said he has learned that Cardinal Mindszenty is living in an isolated building in Southern Hungary, is heavily guarded and "no more free than he has been since the day of his arrest."

On July 16, the Hungarian Justice Ministry announced that Cardinal Mindszenty's life sentence had been "interrupted" after six and a half years of imprisonment. The announcement said a church building selected by Hungarian bishops had been made the prelate's place of residence, but his whereabouts were not disclosed.

Freedom—Catholic schools in America "exist by right and not by sufferance..."

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Catholic University

My dear People: On the first Sunday of Advent each year the annual collection is taken up in all the dioceses of our country for the support of the Catholic University of America.



Christmas Star

Chicago — A giant Christmas star is formed by 101 lighted windows in the Palmolive Building here. Lighted every evening from Thanksgiving to Christmas, it is 14 stories or 160 feet from tip to tip.

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Of the 52 foreign films reviewed, 12, or 23.08 percent, were classified A-1; 18, or 34.62 percent, A-2; 18, or 34.62 percent, B; and 4, or 7.69 percent, C.

Reds Jail Chinese Carmelite Nuns

Hong Kong — (NC) — Four more Chinese Carmelite Sisters have been arrested by Red Chinese authorities in Shanghai, according to reports here.

The reports said that four foreign members of the community meanwhile had been forced by impossible living conditions and the deprivation of all religious services to apply for exit permits.

TWO OF THE foreign Sisters had been granted permits, but these were later revoked by the Reds, the report stated.

A letter from Shanghai brought other news that Sister Esperanza Maculay, a Salesian, was dragged from bed on the night of September 26 last and hustled off to jail.

One of these nuns is seriously ill. The other had to endure lengthy interrogations while under heavy pressure by an apostate Catholic from her native town who wanted her to abandon her vocation and help him set up an "independent church."

THE SISTER, however, remained firm in her loyalty to the Church, the letter said, just as another Chinese Salesian Sister, a prisoner in Canton since May, 1951, has done.

The latter was informed that she would be freed if she consented to communist indoctrination, but she scorned the offer.

Red China Expels U.S. Missionaries

Hong Kong — (NC) — Two American Passionist priests arrived here in good condition from Red China after being held for 26 months in Changsha. They are Father Justin Garvey of Ridgewood, N.J., and Father Marcellus White of Waltham, Mass.

A radio broadcast from Peking had announced that the two were to be "deported." At a trial October 29 Father Garvey had received a sentence of five years and Father White a sentence of four.

Bishops To Launch National Crusade For Decent Movies

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — The Catholic Bishops of the United States, at their annual meeting here, approved a nationwide crusade to stem what they described as a rising tide of moral laxity in motion pictures.

Goal of the campaign, to be carried into every diocese and parish in the United States is to arouse Catholics to vigorous protest over "the increase in objectionable films." A primary objective will be to revitalize and re-activate the aims and purposes of the National Legion of Decency.

THE CRUSADE will emphasize instruction and guidance among American Catholics relative to the moral trends and influences of motion picture entertainment. In this way the Bishops hope to correct "the moral apathy which has arisen with many people in their selection of film entertainment."

Stressing the increase of objectionable material on the screen, the Bishops placed the blame for this trend on the reluctance of producers and exhibitors "to accept their full share of responsibility for the moral and social character of the entertainment shown in the nation's theaters."

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Father Lord Deathbed Book To Be Issued

Chicago — (NC) — "Played by God," the autobiography of the late Daniel A. Lord, S.J., one of the most widely-known priests in the country, is scheduled for release on March 1, 1956, the publisher, Loyola University Press, announced here.

Father Lord died January 15, 1955, at the age of 86, after a strenuous career of writing, speaking, and youth work, much of it in connection with the Sodality of Our Lady, which he directed on the national level until his death.

The autobiography was composed in three weeks while he was a patient in St. John's Hospital, St. Louis, during his last illness. Although he didn't live to complete it, the book contains over 400 pages of personal history and frank commentary on every aspect of contemporary life which came under his review.

The "full story" of the Motion Picture Code, which was co-authored by Father Lord, appears among the reminiscences in the volume. The author also describes the way he came to be a Jesuit and a writer, and the Hollywood he got to know as technical adviser on the filming of "The King of Kings."

The title Father Lord chose for his autobiography was suggested by his well-known habit of improvising at the piano.

Irish Nuns Rescue Korea's 'Awful Cooks'

Makpo, Korea — (NC) — Missionaries in Korea mostly just put up with their food. It took the Columbian Sisters here to start doing something about it. Their new cooking school here has been a revolutionary novelty.

HOW DID IT happen? Mother Mary Enda, M.D., heard one priest tell of his "awful" cook, and her in to us," she said. The cook came by the next bus. Soon she was joined by others. Now the Sisters teach a five-week course in breadmaking, home cooking, house-keeping and hygiene. Irish soda-bread has appeared in Korea.

Vatican Confirms

Holy Father Saw 'The Lord' During Sickbed Vision

Vatican City — (NC) — The Vatican has confirmed a report saying that His Holiness Pope Pius XII revealed to intimate friends that he had an apparition of Christ during his grave illness in December last year.

The confirmation came in a statement issued by the Vatican Press Office. It said it had been "authorized" to confirm a story in the Italian illustrated weekly, *Oggi* (Today).

The magazine reported that Christ appeared at the Pope's bedside on the night of December 2, 1954, at the peak of the Pontiff's illness, when he was alone in his room. The apparition came, it said, while the Holy Father was reciting the prayer, "Soul of Christ, Sanctify Me."

At first, *Oggi* stated, the Pope thought the vision meant his death. But instead, it continued, Jesus comforted the Holy Father and told him that his hour had not yet come.

The Pope is absolutely sure he saw Christ, *Oggi* declared. The apparition was not a dream, it reported, because the Holy Father was fully awake and lucid when it took place.

The day following the apparition, the magazine pointed out, the Pope began to make what seemed to many a "miraculous" recovery.

THE HOLY FATHER told very few people about his vision and asked them not to talk about it, *Oggi* said. It added that it got the story through the "affectionate indiscretion" of a person to whom the secret had been confided.

The newly confirmed vision of the Pope recalls a similar occurrence of several years ago. In October, 1951, His Eminence Federico Cardinal Tedeschini, then serving as Papal Legate to Fatima, said that the Pope had seen Fatima's "miracle of the sun" four times during the 1950 Holy Year. The "miracle of the sun" is the spinning of the sun reportedly witnessed at Fatima in October, 1917, at the time of Our Lady's final apparition there.

Even before the account of the Pope's sickbed vision was published, various rumors said that supernatural "intervention" was responsible for his recovery. The Holy Father's extraordinary recovery from his grave illness, the *Oggi* article, however, is the first detailed one and the only one to be confirmed by responsible Vatican quarters. The author's source of information is still unknown.

THE FOLLOWING is *Oggi's* account of the vision: "When the illness from which the Holy Father recovered in December of last year, we are in a position to reveal to the world a hitherto unknown and miraculous fact that happened during those critical days.

"When his sufferings became ever more painful, the Pope often repeated to himself the prayer 'Soul of Christ, Sanctify Me.' During the night when the crisis reached its highest point, the patient, who for a time remained alone in his room, recited that prayer again.

"When he came to the invocation, 'In the hour of my death, call me,' he saw beside his bed the sweet figure of Jesus. At that moment the Holy Father thought that the Master had come to call him to Himself and, serenely answering the call, continued the prayer, 'And bid me come unto Thee.'

"But Jesus had not come to take him, but rather to comfort him and we think to assure him that his hour had not yet come.

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"The following day, when it seemed that there was no more hope and when newspapers all over the world had already come out with predictions of an imminent catastrophe, the patient began to improve. In such an unexpected fashion that it seemed miraculous to many.

"This event was confided by the Holy Father to very few persons, whom he asked not to divulge it. As a matter of fact the secret has been kept until now and only an affectionate indiscretion by one of the people who knew about it has enabled us to learn and tell about this wonderful event, which will undoubtedly deeply move Catholics all over the world."

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