

# Cardinal Wyszynski Seen Great Man Of Modern Poland

London — (NC) — In spite of persecution and communist efforts to bribe him, His Eminence Stephen Cardinal Wyszynski, Primate of Poland, has shown himself a "clear minded, strong willed man" who steadfastly refuses to compromise with the Reds.

This statement was made in The Catholic Times here in an article by Capt. Hugh Delargy, Catholic member of Parliament who recently returned from a trip to Poland to attend the 10th anniversary celebration of that country's pro-regime "progressive Catholic" movement.

CAPT. DELARGY reported that when he asked "progressives" about the Cardinal, who had been under arrest for more than two years, he got the following answers:

"No responsible person in Poland regards the detention of the Cardinal as a major problem. We all know he is a good man. Unfortunately his holy simplicity has been exploited by shrewd and unscrupulous men so that the poor Cardinal, without being fully aware of it, has been made a symbol of reaction and is becoming a danger even to the Church. He has simply been taken out of harm's way."

He was also told, he wrote, that Church-state problems must be viewed in "correct historical perspective" and reminded that 800 years ago an English prelate, St. Thomas a Becket was murdered in his cathedral.

BOTH of these "answers," he said, were given so often and expressed so frequently in the same words, that he was convinced they were rehearsed statements.

Far from being the simple creature described by the "progressives," Capt. Delargy declared, Cardinal Wyszynski is the great man of modern Poland who has resisted all efforts made against him.

The Reds tried to bribe him last summer, he wrote, offering him freedom if he would leave Poland. The Cardinal, however, told the communists, "Gentlemen, I will pray for you here."

THE AUTHOR said that at one anniversary meeting Boleslaw Piasecki, leader of the "progressive Catholics" and author of a book condemned by the Holy See, reported that the Cardinal had been moved to a convent in Sanok in southeastern Poland and was allowed to have

visitors.

But the truth, Capt. Delargy stated, is that the Cardinal has been in almost solitary confinement since his arrest. The only persons he sees are those chosen by the secret police, he said. He is also a sick man, the article noted, suffering from a serious chest ailment.

## U. S. Scores Red Abuse Of Prisoners

Washington — (NC) — A "White Paper" on the cruel and inhuman treatment which it says is being administered to the remaining 14 Americans, nine of whom are imprisoned by the Chinese Reds is to be compiled by the U. S. State Department.

THIS WAS reported by State Department spokesmen here after it was announced that this country has protested to the Chinese communists against such treatment and has also accused the Reds of not permitting U.S. citizens to leave the country in accordance with an agreement announced last September 10.

At that time, there were 17 American missionaries in China. Thirteen were imprisoned and the others under "house arrest."

Eight of the nine now in China are in jail, Bishop James E. Walsh, M.M., is the only one not held in prison.

THE PROTESTS to the Red Chinese were made by U. S. Ambassador U. Alexis Johnson in Geneva where he has been meeting with a communist representative for several months. The September 10 agreement was the first result of these talks.

The Department expressed hope the Geneva talks would continue.



## First Laity Congress In Asia

Manila—Some 150 delegates and observers from 12 countries attended the First Asian Congress for the Catholic Apostolate of the Laity here. Shown addressing a session is Valerian Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, who presided at the six-day congress, winding up the slate is a guard of honor of the Laikan cadet organization, at the entrance of the Laikan auditorium where the meeting was held. The congress closed with a huge outdoor Mass celebrated by Cardinal Gracias. (RNS Photo)

## Irish Scholar, 71, Ordained Priest

Dublin — (NC) — In a college chapel where as a boy he often served Mass, a 71-year-old former university president who has long been regarded as one of Ireland's most

scholarly and dedicated Catholic laymen this week ascended the altar himself to offer the Holy Sacrifice.

He is Dr. — now Father — Alfred O'Rahilly who has been prominently identified with the political, economic, social and cultural life of the country, and who was once interned by the British for his nationalist activities.

Father O'Rahilly, who had retired as president of University College, Cork, in September, 1954, had been ordained the day before in the same chapel by Archbishop John C. McQuaid of Dublin, in the presence of a host of friends, including many prominent public figures.

Father O'Rahilly was ordained in the chapel of the Holy Ghost College, in the Blackrock suburb, where he had lived quietly since his retirement from the Cork university. A widower for many years, he has two children: a

son Roman, who is professor of anatomy at Wayne University, Detroit, and a daughter, unmarried, who lives in Cork.

Born in Listowel, County Kerry, in 1884, Father O'Rahilly achieved distinction not only as an educator but also as a vigorous promoter of the Catholic social apostolate. He is remembered also for his prominent role in civic affairs and in the movement for national independence.

His identification with the cause of Sinn Fein (We Ourselves) led to his being interned by the British in 1920 for six months.

He published a monumental work on electromagnetics which is said to rank among the most important contributions to mathematical science made by any Irishman since the days of Sir Rowan Hamilton.

## Rites Set For Pope's 80th Year

Yafican City — (NC) — A special committee to prepare for the worthy celebration of the 80th birthday of Pope Pius XII on March 2 next is now being formed, it was learned here. In all probability, the committee will be headed by Cardinal Tisserant, the French-born dean of the Sacred College.

CATHOLICS throughout the world are expected to join in honoring the Holy Father on his birthday, which will also mark the 17th anniversary of his coronation. It will be observed, on April 2, 87 years will have passed since the Holy Father's ordination to the priesthood, and on May 15 he will commemorate the 38th anniversary of his consecration as a Bishop by Pope Benedict XV.

Very little has become known so far regarding details of the Pope's birthday observance, but it is being said here that the celebrations will be restricted as far as possible to the spiritual field and to works of charity for the poor, the suffering and the persecuted.

THERE HAVE been some reports that on March 2 and 12 the Holy Father may celebrate Pontifical Masses in St. Peter's Basilica, but nothing definite is known as yet.

Archbishop Giovanni B. Montini of Milan has — as already reported — issued a pastoral letter giving general instructions for celebration of the Pope's 80th birthday in his archdiocese.

Brussels — (NC) — King Baudouin of Belgium received Bishop Paul Ro, Vicar Apostolic of Seoul, Korea, in his palace here. The Korean Bishop is visiting this country for a short time.

## Korea Leper Colony Prays For Chaplain

By FATHER FREDERICK HANSON  
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Kwangju, Korea — (NC) — One hundred and fifty Catholic lepers in a colony near here are storming Heaven this Christmas for a chaplain "of our own."

I got the first inkling of their petitions when I visited the settlement with Major Harold Henry of Minnesota, its founder and director. We had ridden four hours by jeep from his headquarters at Mokpo, the chief port city in Southwest Korea.

"How is Father Barnabas?" How are his hands and feet? What of his eyebrows? Could he come here as our chaplain?"

THREE WERE some of the puzzling questions put to me when the lepers learned I had come from Japan and knew of the Korean leper colony established by the Bishops of Home in Kumamoto there. He was secretary to the Bishop of Tsu in 1933 when his leprosy was first detected.

You were being diplomatically pumped? Monsignor Henry smilingly explained when I told him of the questions. "Leprosy attacks the extremities of the body and the hair falls out in the advanced stages. No leper will ever talk about such a condition directly. They are much too reticent for that."

The settlers, not knowing who their visitors were, appeared somewhat upset when the community bell summoned them from their various chores. But when they recognized Monsignor Henry, their faces brightened in welcome and each presented a knee to greet him. They gathered around him in the little Grotto of Our Lady where daily they pray for the chaplain they want so much.

"FOR MY PART," the Monsignor, who is Prefect Apostolic of Kwangju, told me, "I want to give them not only a chaplain, but a chapel with night and day port."

From American Vatican City — (NC) — Major Francis J. Brennan, a priest of the Philadelphia archdiocese, has been named a consultant to the Pontifical Commission for the Authentic Interpretation of the Code of Canon Law. He is the first American to be given this post.

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