

Vatican Radio

Communist Clinics Practice Euthanasia

London — (RNS) — Euthanasia, or "mercy killing," is being practiced in psychiatric clinics throughout Communist Czechoslovakia, the Vatican Radio charged in a Czech-language broadcast.

The station said it had received "accurate information" that 116 of the 138 patients who died in the clinics during the first six months of 1955 had been "liquidated" by "illegal euthanasia."

It further charged that the practice is not confined to mental institutions but has been generally prevalent in Czechoslovakia at least since 1952.

"THE PRACTICE has caused much indignation and stirred many protests against this method of killing old or apparently incurable people," the broadcast said. "It has led to conflicts in almost all the psychiatric clinics between Com-

munist and non-Communist doctors."

Vatican Radio reported that the Czechoslovak Health Ministry has removed 75 psychiatrists from the clinics, accusing them of spreading reports about the practice. Thirty-seven psychiatrists were forbidden to continue their medical practice, the station added.

"The Communists have so many murders on their conscience," the broadcast concluded, "that they do not shrink from euthanasia a crime that is at complete variance with the laws of God and society and with the aim of medicine which is to save life and not to shorten it."

India Refuses Entry Visas To 3 Missionary Nuns

New Delhi, India — (NC) — Three foreign Catholic nuns trained for service in India have been refused visas by the Indian authorities.

The nuns are identified as Missionary Sisters of the Queen of the Apostles, a society whose headquarters is in Vienna.

THE CONGREGATION has established 11 convents in four Indian dioceses where the nuns serve as teachers, doctors and nurses.

The three Sisters were refused entry facilities on the ground that "there is no need for missionary work in India."

However, it is stated that the nuns are "broadly needed" to work in the society's institutions in this country.

It was not disclosed whether the Sisters' applications for visas were forwarded through the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India which is officially recognized as the sponsoring body for the granting of visas to foreign missionaries.

THE CONFERENCE previously reported the failure of its efforts to secure visas for a number of applicants. During the

nine months ending September, 1955, only 33 out of 94 applications for missionary visas were granted. The rest were either refused or action on them was postponed.

During a similar period in the previous year, visas were granted to 45 out of 170 applicants.

The Bishops said the policy of the government, as indicated by visa refusals, gave them "cause for much anxiety."

Irish Censors Ban Graham Greene Book

Dublin — (RNS) — The Irish Censorship of Publications Board has banned "The Quiet American," latest book by British author Graham Greene, who is a Roman Catholic. The board held that the book is "indecent or obscene."



Children Sing Catechism Lessons

New York—Pupils of St. Anthony of Padua School, Bronx, N.Y., "sing" the catechism during a demonstration of the use of drama, dance and song in mission work at the annual Conference of Religion Specialists at Fordham University here. Leading them is Sister Clara Marie a Maryknoll nun at the school. The children, age five and six, also sang religious songs in the style of the Gasconan chant. Later, they showed their versatility by singing "Daisy Crockett." (RNS Photo)

Greek Catholics Urged To Vote

Athens — (NC) — Greek Catholics have been urged to register by Archbishop Macrionitis, S.O. of Athens so that they can obtain electoral rights. Elections are scheduled for February 19.

"All the Catholics of our country—men, women, priests and religious — should register as soon as possible," the Archbishop said in a pastoral letter. "The acquisition of an electoral identity card constitutes a serious obligation in conscience."

Archbishop Macrionitis declared that, for a Catholic, participation in elections is a duty not only towards his country but also toward his Church.

Greece has recently granted electoral rights to women and to members of the clergy.

Italy, France Lead In Red Followers

Freiburg, Germany — (NC) — Communist parties in the free world have a total membership of 3,590,150. The number of persons who have voted for a Red candidate in elections in free nations is 20,307,000.

These figures appeared in a survey on world communism published here in the Catholic periodical Herder Korrespondent.

FOUR COUNTRIES have 74.1 per cent of the total party membership, the survey reported. These are Italy with 2,000,000 party members, France with 400,000, Indonesia with 180,000 and Western Germany with 100,000. Other nations with more than 50,000 members are Japan,

Iran, the United States, Brazil, Austria, India and Finland.

The breakdown of party membership by continents is: North America, 78,000; South America, 211,500; Europe, 2,200,000; Africa, 30,000; Asia, 442,000; and Australia, 9,000.

Countries with the largest number of communist voters are Italy with 536,000 and Germany with 607,000. (The survey was made before the January 2 election in France in which communist candidates won more than 5,000,000 votes.)

Red candidates won the highest percentage of votes in France, where 24 per cent of the electorate cast their ballots for communists. France was followed by Finland, 25 per cent; Italy, 23 per cent; Indonesia, 22 per cent; Ceylon, 18 per cent; Iceland, 16 per cent and Greece, 11 per cent.

THE SURVEY reported that the Communist Party is outlawed in 24 of the 58 countries dealt with in the survey. According to the survey Communist Party membership in the United States is 60,000; and in Canada, 10,000.

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Spanish War Victims Eyed As Martyrs

Ciudad Real, Spain — (NC) — The diocesan process has begun for a Spanish Bishop, five priests, five brothers, and a layman, all of whom, it is believed, were martyred for the Faith during the Spanish Civil War.

THE PROCESS consists of three parts: a study of the writings, the reputation for sanctity, and the absence of previous public veneration of the individuals whose cause is under study.

THE PRIMATE is Bishop Narciso de Estrenaga y Echevarria, Ordinary of the Prelature Nullius in Ciudad Real. Five of his priests, five Christian Brothers, and a railroad engineer are the others.

Members of the Red militia appeared in front of the Bishop's residence in 1936 to seize him. The prelate appeared and gave his blessing to those who came for him. He surrendered saying: "Be it as God wishes." He was shot with his chaplain.

ONE PRIEST was urged to blaspheme, after ignominious treatment by his captors. He exhorted them to respect the Name of God. The captors then beat him to death with a statue.

Another priest, the Archbishop of Valdepeñas, asked to be the last of his companions to die so that he could assist them spiritually in their last moments. He acknowledged his gratitude for this favor by giving the militia some money he had in his pockets.

Fordham Fund Over \$2-Million

New York — (NC) — The Building Fund campaign of Fordham University has received \$2,575,722.54. It was announced by Father Laurence J. McGinley, S.J., president.

The amount includes 133 individual gifts amounting to \$726,493.54 and the recently announced Marriano Foundation contribution of \$1,300,000. Also included is the "achievement grant" given to Fordham in the Ford Foundation's gift of \$1,446,500 last month.

The Building Fund will be used to finance Fordham's new Intown Center planned for mid-Manhattan, a Student-Alumni center building on the Bronx campus, and a complete renovation of Dealy Hall on the campus.

The Reds—What Now? Soviet Fifth Column In U. S. Grows Bold

By LOUIS F. BUDENZ

A new boldness now characterizes the moves of the Communists at every turn, indicating the great victories they have won over the United States during the "Geneva" era.

On Friday, January 20, the Soviet fifth column staged a great rally at Carnegie Hall, the heart of that effort to deal with the conspiracy and its followers in New York City, Ostensively for the purpose of celebrating the 32nd anniversary of the Daily Worker, but it was in fact an outpouring of the comrades in an organization or institution of their leaders who had been convicted and sent to prison in 1949.

In particular, this assembly "paid tribute" to Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Communist Party, and John Gater, editor of the Daily Worker.

Simultaneously, it was announced that the national headquarters of the conspiracy in this country would be moved to a much more public and prominent site than it had occupied during the recent past. It is now to be in the very center of New York in the best place for its purpose—the building which also houses the Jefferson School at 13th Street and the Avenue of the Americas.

TO ACCENTUATE this brazen attitude in the "public emergence" of the conspiracy, John Gater, as editor of the Daily Worker, extended congratulations to the New York Times on its criticism of the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security for investigating Communists on newspapers. A banner headline of the Daily Worker of January 6 announced: "John Gater Welcomes Times' Attack on Eastland Witchhunt."

In his statement, the editor of the Daily Worker said: "We welcome the fact that the New York Times at long last recognizes that the Eastland committee's investigation of alleged Communist infiltration of the press is in reality an attack against the freedom of the press. It has long been the position of the Daily Worker that the anti-Communist witchhunts of Congressional committees are nothing more than a subterfuge to make their real purpose of undermining democratic freedom in our country."

Unless alert Americans do more than they are doing now in the way of letting Congress know that the Communist line shall not prevail, these Red schemes will be successful.

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