

### The Reds - What Now? Beware The New Stalin - Nikita Khrushchev

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With the eagerness of heavers, the Communists are now distributing and studying the flood of words by Nikita Khrushchev at the Twentieth Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

Khrushchev's report has been issued in every conceivable form—appearing in the New Times of Moscow and in the Communist Party organ, For a Lasting Peace, For a People's Democracy, of February 17. It has been published in a special booklet for the convenience of comrades in learning its words by heart and in subscribing to it completely.

In the United States, Khrushchev's words have been received by the Communists with the same reverence and servility Stalin's pronouncements received. A new Stalin has arisen, a new leader, teacher, and guide for the Communists of the world. THERE HAVE been too many impressions left in our daily press that Stalin was "repudiated" at this Congress. If we were to persist in this fatal error, it would lead to conclusions injurious to the United States.

Stalin was not repudiated, in his declarations that the world outlook of the Communist world party is dialectical materialism, the determination to "prove" that God does not exist. To the contrary, Khrushchev strongly endorsed this world outlook when he stated that the Communists were basing their views "on the dialectic principles of Marxism-Leninism," the basis of which is this very dialectical materialism. He reaffirmed his "faith" in the scientific materialistic outlook and for combating anti-materialistic philosophy.

Stalin was not repudiated in his objective of the world Soviet dictatorship leading to world Communism. To the contrary, Khrushchev supported this objective in asserting that world Communism would triumph. STALIN WAS not repudiated in his great purge. Khrushchev supported them in the following language: "The Trotskyites, Bukharins, bourgeois nationalists, and other malignant enemies of the people... tried desperately to undermine the Party's Leninist unity from within—and all at their throats' necks."

Stalin was not repudiated in his plan of 1939 to "smother" the United States and thereby destroy it. Khrushchev endorsed this idea by giving us the alternative of war or "peaceful coexistence"—as this column has shown repeatedly—in surrender by the United States of all its defenses and the installment plan. Stalin was not repudiated in any of the fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism. Khrushchev made them more vivid by his constant repetition of the "Leninist principles" on which the world Communist party stood, those "principles" being carried forward by Stalin.

AS A MATTER of strategic maneuvering, it is true, Khrushchev did come out against "the cult of the personality," as prevalent under Stalin's regime. In

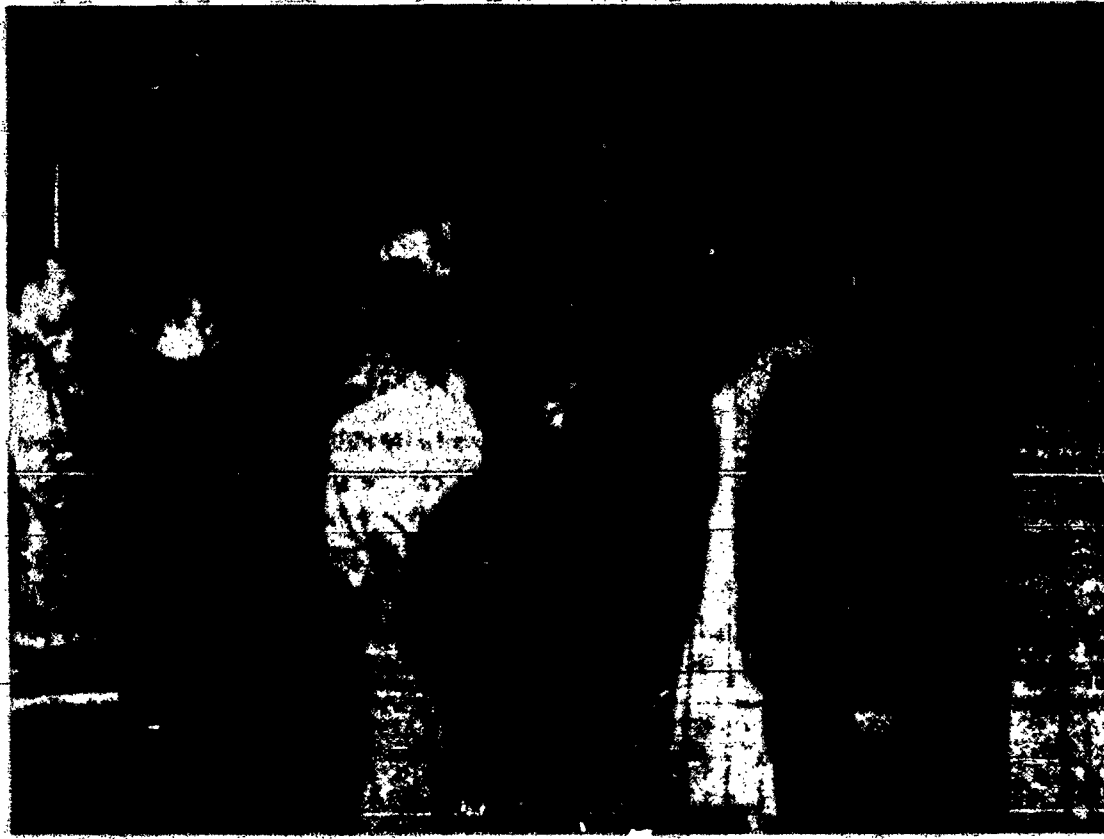
doing that, ironically enough, he confirmed all the criticisms of those who were denounced as "renegades," "informers" and "stool pigeons" for critically pointing out the adulation of Stalin as "great in eternity," the center of the universe. Now Khrushchev condemns "a cult which tends to make a particular leader a hero and miracle worker." Let us remember that Stalin rode into power with the same arguments in his controversy with Trotsky, asserting that "the will of the Party" and not that of any particular individual should prevail. But first Stalin had made certain that the Party was completely under his control and it will be his will, just as Khrushchev has assured himself that the alleged "collective leaders" are under his control.

What is important for us is to recognize that a new Stalin has emerged and that his name is Nikita Khrushchev. If we fail to understand this, our failure will lead to our ruin.

### Church Construction Sets New Record

Washington, D. C. — (RNS)—New construction by churches totaling \$55,000,000 in February set a new record for the month. It was \$2,500,000 higher than the February 1955 figure. In the first two months of 1956 church construction totaled \$113,000,000, a gain of five per cent over last year. Building activity by non-public schools amounted to \$39,000,000 during the month, the same as for February, 1955. Private hospitals and social institutions spent \$18,000,000 on construction, an increase of \$1,000,000 over February a year ago.

**Irish Newsletters**  
Dublin — (RNS) — Newsagents in Erie and Northern Ireland have protested against the growing number of objectionable publications which they said are being imported into the 32 counties.



### Lenten Masses in G.E. Plant

Bridgeport, Conn. — (RNS)—A noon Mass is celebrated every Wednesday during Lent for employees at the General Electric plant here. In this photo, an overflow crowd stands outside the auditorium while a Mass is held inside. Officials of G. E. said similar arrangements were in effect at three other of the company's plants—in Burlington, Vt., and Lynn and West Lynn, Mass.

### Priest's Gift Of Eyes Restores Sight To Orphans

Milan — (RNS) — A deathbed act of charity by a Catholic priest has given sight again to two blind orphans here.

A week after Father Carlo Gnocchi, dying of cancer, had willed them his eyes, Silvio Colagrande, 22, and Annibale Battistello, 18, were about to see again. Corneas of the dead priest's eyes were transplanted to the eyes of the boy and girl by surgeons at the Milan Ophthalmic Institute.

When the bandages were lifted from his eyes, Silvio cried out excitedly, "I can see! I can see!" He was blinded by lime when four years old. Doctors said only time will tell whether the transplanted cornea will remain clear, and Silvio's eyesight is permanently restored.

Amabile, blind since she was stricken by typhoid fever at the age of two months, reported she could see faintly through the grafted tissue. But again the doctors were cautious as to the ultimate outcome of the operation. Father Gnocchi, who died at the age of 53, was widely known for his activities on behalf of physically handicapped children, particularly those maimed during World War II. His eyes were removed after death by Dr. Cesare Galeazzi despite the fact that Italian law prohibits bequeathing any part of the human body. However, authorities took no action in the matter.

### Polio Epidemic Hits Argentina Diocese

Buenos Aires — (RNS) — Bishop Manuel Tato, Vicar General of the Buenos Aires Archdiocese, launched a campaign of prayers to halt a polio epidemic here.

He requested parish priests to organize special prayers and devotions to implore divine help. The Bishop made the same appeal to the heads of colleges and the superiors of religious communities.

In addition, Bishop Tato ordered the prayer, Ora Pro Pluribus Infirmis, to be recited at all Sunday Masses, as well as the prayer, Imperata Pro Re Gravi.

Meanwhile, special three-day devotions were started at the Basilica of St. Francis to invoke St. Roch, a saint whom Catholics universally call upon in time of plague or epidemics.

### New Russian Bishop Called Kremlin Spy

London — (RNS) — Russian exile leaders here charged that an Orthodox priest recently consecrated a bishop in Moscow fled to the Soviet Union in 1953 after having "spied for the Kremlin in Western Europe for a number of years."

They said he is Archimandrite Matilav Volontsevich of Moscow. His consecration as Bishop of Velleke Luki by Patriarch Alexei of Moscow in a ceremony at Troitse-Sergiyeva Monastery was reported by the Moscow Radio.

THE EXILE sources said that in 1953 the archimandrite, turned over to Communist authorities in East Berlin a list of nearly 100 anti-Soviet Russians living in exile in the Netherlands and Germany, especially Hamburg and Luebeck where he had worked as a priest among the Russian groups.

This list, they said, was put to good use by East German Communist leaders in a campaign of "kidnaping active anti-Communist Russian emigres in West Germany" and carrying them into Soviet-controlled territory.

THE MOSCOW broadcast had brought the first news of Archimandrite Volontsevich since late in 1953 when he went to the East after West German authorities had released him. The Russian sources here said he was arrested in West Berlin on charges of drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

(A Berlin dispatch to Religious News Service on Nov. 13, 1953, reported that Archimandrite Volontsevich, then head of a Russian Orthodox parish in West Berlin, fled to East Berlin where he asked the Soviet authorities for asylum. It said he took with him the parish's cash box containing about 600 marks (\$120), and a list of parish members.)

### Former Rome Rabbi, Convert To Church, Dies, Requiem Held

Rome — (NC)—Requiem Mass was offered in the Church of the Morning Star for Eugenio Zolli, who was Chief Rabbi of Rome before his conversion to Catholicism in 1945. He died here (March 2) after a long illness.

Professor Zolli, 68, attracted world-wide attention when he and his wife were baptized in the Church of St. Mary of the Angels here on February 13, 1945. At his baptism he took the name Eugenio in place of his former name, Israel, as a gesture of gratitude to His Holiness Pope Pius XII, whose Christian name is Eugenio, for the sympathy shown by the Pontiff to the Jews during the Nazi and fascist persecutions.

PROFESSOR ZOLLI worked for many years at the Pontifical Biblical Institute. He was the author of many scholarly works on the Hebrew language and Biblical studies. He wrote his autobiography, "Before The Dawn," and made a translation of the Psalms. Professor Zolli served as Chief Rabbi of Trieste for many years before 1939, when he was named Chief Rabbi of Rome. Even before coming to Rome, he was invited to collaborate in the work of the Pontifical Bible Commission and the Italian Catholic Encyclopedia. In the years of World War II, as head of the Jewish community in Rome, he shared persecution with his coreligionists during the German occupation of this city. On September 13, when the Germans seized Jewish hostages, he sent a letter to German officials offering himself as a hostage. Later he succeeded in gathering an amount of gold that weighed 110 pounds, as demanded by the Germans, to ransom the hostages. AFTER THE liberation of Rome, when the days of persecution were ended, he and his wife chose to become Catholics, having studied the Faith for years. They were received into the Church by Archbishop Luigi Traglia, Vicegerent of Rome. At the time of her baptism his wife took the name, Emma Maria. Shortly after Professor Zolli's conversion, he and his wife were received in private audience by the Pope. During the Summer of 1953, the professor taught a Christian liturgy course to priests, Sisters and Brothers attending the summer session at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. Professor Zolli said that no spiritual crisis had brought about his conversion. Instead, he said, it was "a slow evolution, imperceptible in its origins," of his beliefs.

### Lourdes Shrine Expansion Started

PARIS — (RNS) — An ambitious building project has been launched at Lourdes to adapt the famous Marian shrine to the requirements of the millions of pilgrims who visit it every year.

Plans drawn up by an international committee of architects feature a vast underground church capable of holding 20,000 pilgrims at a time, and a new 900-bed hospital for sick pilgrims. The church will be dedicated to Pope St. Pius X.

Construction work will be speeded in view of the centenary in 1958 of St. Bernadette Soubirous. She was the young French peasant girl to whom the Blessed Virgin appeared at the grotto of Massabielle near Lourdes 18 times between Feb. 11 and July 16, 1858.

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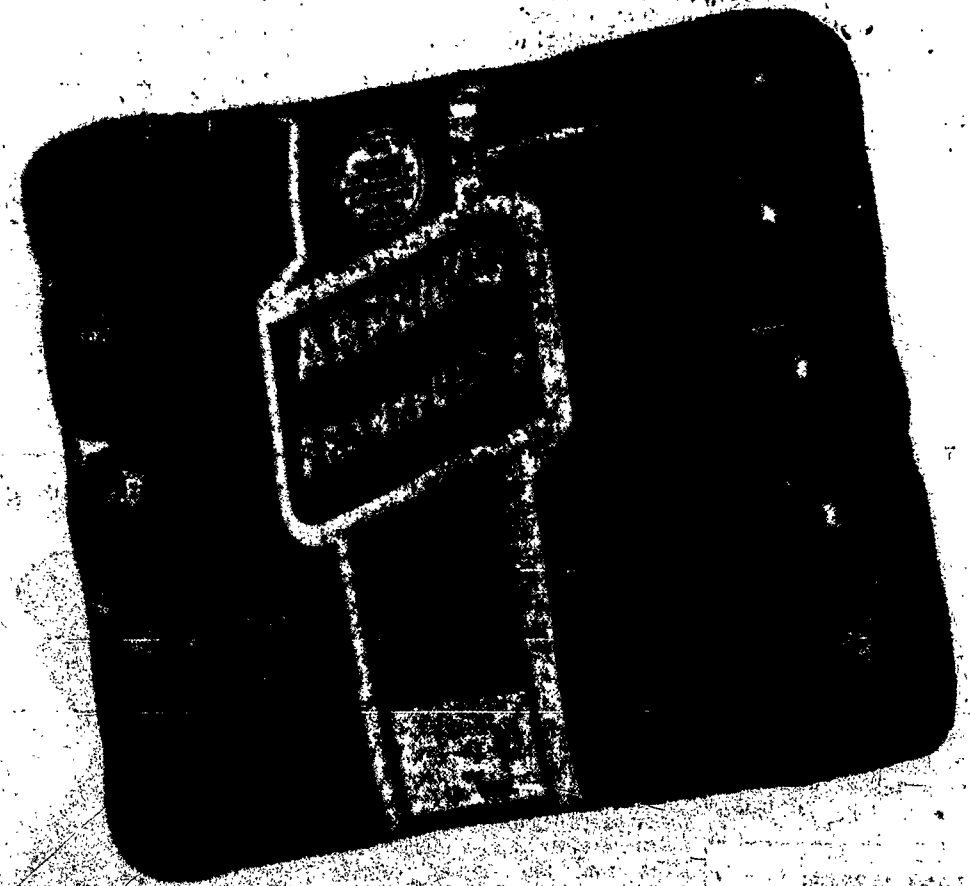


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