

# Soviets Challenged To Free Jailed Religious Leaders

New York — (RNS) — The Assembly of Captive European Nations here called upon the Soviet government to demonstrate the sincerity of its repudiation of Stalin by immediately releasing religious leaders and other "victims of judicial murders."

**THE ASSEMBLY** includes statesmen and elected representatives of nine European countries who came to live in the United States after their countries fell under Communist domination. It was established in 1944.

We are thinking not only of such dignitaries as Cardinal Min dzeny (Carolina), Wyszynski, Archbishop Beran and the many others who formerly held high positions, a statement by Dr. Vilis Masens, chairman of the assembly, said "but of the hundreds of thousands of people held in prison or forced labor camps on trumped-up charges."

Now that Stalin has been repudiated by the current Moscow leaders and is being blamed for all the misdeeds and murders of the past, Dr. Masens said, "the new regime as an earnest of its sincerity should exonerate and free without delay the victims of judicial murders still alive."

"If the new Soviet regime has difficulty in finding all the evidence of Stalin's crimes," he added, "we could supply a substantial list drawn up by each of the nine countries' representatives in exile."

Dr. Masens also challenged the Soviet government to call "unfettered national elections throughout the subjugated lands of Central and Eastern Europe since the power of the present rulers there is based on false elections."

"Until these steps are taken by the Kremlin and the Iron Curtain lifted," he asserted, "we will

# Reds' Visit To Britain Draws Protest

London (NC) — Catholics are helping to get signatures for a petition to be presented to the British government protesting the state visit here next month of two communist leaders.

The petition expresses objection to the coming state visit of Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Russian Communist Party chief Nikita Khrushchev.

**CATHOLICS ARE** helping to plan a mass open-air demonstration in central London against the visit, as a substitute for the March 25 rally in Albert Hall that was cancelled by the Hall authorities.

Messrs. Bulganin and Khrushchev are due here on April 18 for a ten-day state visit. All the courtesy and pageantry offered to national leaders from abroad on such occasions will be employed. Because of the many embittered exiles now in Britain the police are arranging intensive security measures for the visit.

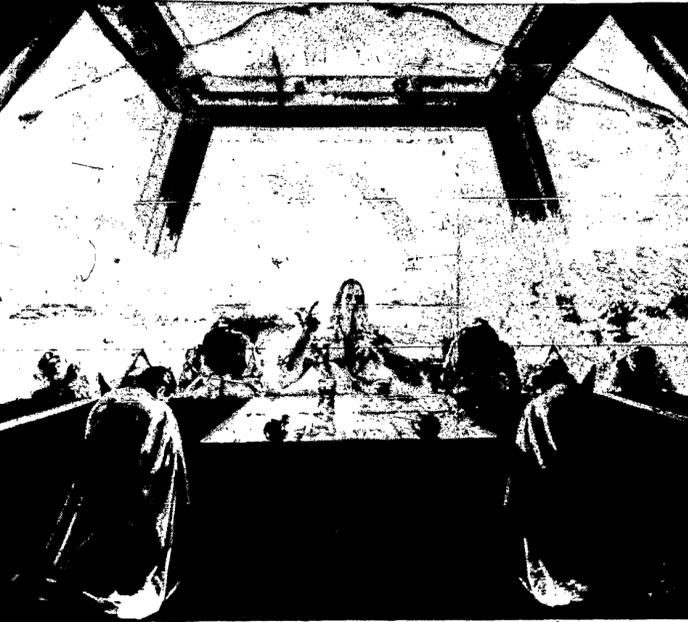
# General Who Upset Peron Dies At 60

Buenos Aires (NC) — Former President Eduardo Lonardi of Argentina, who led the revolt against Dictator Juan Peron last September, died here (March 23) at the age of 60.

Gen. Lonardi was installed as provisional president of Argentina last September after Peron was ousted. He was succeeded two months later by General Pedro Aramburu, now the president.

In his brief term in office, the former president established more cordial Argentine relations with the Church. His government revoked several anti-religious measures adopted by the Peron regime and permitted the return of several prelates who were exiled by Peron.

**Training Site** — Winnsboro, Va. (NC) — The New York Giants professional football team has chosen St. Michael's College here as the place for its 1956 training sessions, beginning July 23.



# Dali's 'Last Supper' Masterpiece

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (NC) — The first public showing of the painting, 'The Last Supper,' will begin here at Washington's National Gallery of Art on Holy Saturday. The painting, over eight feet in length, is the work of Salvador Dali, noted Spanish artist who considers this achievement of nine months work as his greatest masterpiece of religious art.

The composition of the picture, with its depiction of a transparent Christ forming the focus, in contrast to the realistically rendered figures of the apostles bowed in prayer around the table, is held together by the architectural form of the dodecahedron—the symbol in antiquity of the heavens—while the eye is drawn upwards to the evocation of Christ ascending to Heaven.

(Chester Dale Collection. (National Gallery of Art — NC Photos).

# Native African Prelate Consecrates White Bishop

Kabgayi, Belgian East Africa (NC) — A native African prelate has officiated at ceremonies here raising a European priest to the episcopacy. It was the first time such an event has taken place in Belgian Africa.

**BISHOP ALOYSIUS BIGIRUMU**, Vicar Apostolic of Nyanza, was the consecrator in the Cathedral here for Bishop Andrew Perraudin, a Swiss White Apostle of Kabgayi.

Bishop Bigirumu, a descendant of African royalty, is the son of one of the White Fathers' first converts in Ruanda, an area east of the Belgian Congo. He was consecrated on June 1, 1952, barely 50 years after the first baptism in this part of Africa.

# German Reds Block Religious Instruction

Berlin (NC) — Parents in the communist zone of Germany will no longer be empowered to request religious instruction for children over 14 years of age, according to Johannes Dieckmann, president of the East German chamber of deputies.

In a letter published in Neues Deutschland, East German communist organ, Mr. Dieckmann said that 14-year-olds should make up their own mind if they desire religious instruction.

He also said they must apply for these instructions to their own parish, adding that religious instruction can no longer be given in public schools.

# The Reds—What Now? Reds 'Co-Existence Only' Ruse To Dupe U.S.

By LOUIS F. BUDENZ

On March 15, Father Harold W. Rigney, returning from four years in Red China prisons, gave a valuable warning to the American people. The noted missionary cautioned us all against "a false sense of security about Communism."

"We have many Communists in America," he went on to say, "and they are working to overthrow the Government."

A considerable portion of American opinion is being drugged into a false sense of security about the great changes in Communism. Such folly is being fed by sensational and totally unconfirmed stories appearing in the daily press. It can only be remedied by a widespread critical knowledge of what Communism is and how it operates.

**THE STUFF** and nonsense that Khrushchev has transformed into something other than what it was under Stalin, for instance, is exposed by the Communism documents themselves. Nothing brings this out more ardently than the Cominform organ, For a Lasting Peace, for a People's Democracy, of February 24.

In huge lettering we read: "Having heard and discussed the report by Comrade N. S. Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the CPSU, on the work of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the Twentieth Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union resolves: Wholly and completely to endorse the political line and practical activity of the Central Committee of the CPSU."

THIS COMPLETE and blind obedience to Khrushchev indicates the trickery that lies in the whole talk by the Red high command against "the cult of personality" which talk has recently ed such unguarded and extensive

notice in our daily newspapers. This trickery is brought out vividly by the New Times of Moscow in its February 16 issue. Just as that Red organ of international directives formerly praised Stalin reports without stint, so now it characterizes what Khrushchev said as "profound." It declares that his report "disclosed the meaning and significance of the great and momentous processes taking place in our time, and threw the powerful searchlight of Marxist-Leninist theory on the trends and prospects of world developments." Similar language always hailed every utterance made by Stalin.

**WHAT IS THE** purpose of all this duplicity? The New Times lets the comrades know about that, too. It declares the central purpose of Khrushchev's utterance — and therefore of Red world propaganda — is the forwarding of "peaceful coexistence." And then it advises the comrades to induce non-Communists to believe that Red insistence on "peaceful coexistence" is not a tactical maneuver.

In doing this, it treats the non-Communists of the world as though they were mere children, though as a matter of fact, they have too often proved to be in the hands of the Communists. For it commends Khrushchev's words: "The Leninist principle of peaceful coexistence... has always been and remains the general line of our country's foreign policy."

**SO THE ENTIRE** course of Soviet aggression has been "peaceful coexistence." The declarations by Lenin and Stalin that the United States Government must be overthrown by violence, the attack on Finland, the conquest of China, the civil insurrections which placed control after country behind the Iron Curtain, the warfare on Korea and Indo-China—all of these are samples of the Soviet idea of "peaceful coexistence."

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