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Eden, Soviets Ignore '564 Question' British-Red Statement Silent Oust 'Boss' On Red Persecution Of Church Of Churches'

London — (NC) — The joint Anglo-Russian statement issued at the end of the visit of Soviet leaders Nikolai A. Bulganin and Nikita S. Khrushchev to Britain offers no relief to the persecuted Church of subject peoples in eastern Europe.

Although the plight of the Church and Catholics behind the Iron Curtain was probably discussed during the secret Anglo-Russian talks, as promised by Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden, it was completely ignored in the 2,000-word statement.

It was also disregarded by Bulganin and Khrushchev during a nationally televised press conference immediately before their departure. The few among the hundreds of newsmen present who managed to put questions to the Communist bosses did not mention the matter.

PRIME MINISTER Eden, reviewing the visit on a national telecast, spoke apologetically about German unity and other important matters on which "we made no progress." He did not mention religious persecution. He tried to encourage the public about the inevitably unsatisfying outcome of the visit by dangling the Russian bait of a large increase in Anglo-Russian trade and with generalities on easing world tension.

E. J. Khrushchev had clasped with Labor Party members at a private banquet when he was questioned about the Soviet leaders still imprisoned in Red-controlled nations. He told his hosts bluntly that this was a Soviet responsibility, but the responsibility of the nations concerned.

It is likely that this has been the answer to any British questions concerning persecuted Catholics in satellite countries.

THE BULGARIAN KHRUSHCHEV visit, judging from the comments of expert sources, has been successful in producing some easing of tension, especially in the Near East. It has improved Anglo-Russian relations through personal contact between the nations' leaders and through promises of greater trade.

But as far as now known, the Soviets have not budged on the matter of Church persecution. For Catholics, therefore, the visit — as anticipated — must be regarded as a failure and as providing useful propaganda for the Soviets and further disillusion for the peoples of Red-dominated eastern Europe.

Czech Reds British-Red Statement Silent Oust 'Boss' On Red Persecution Of Church Of Churches'

Vienna — (NC) — A high Communist official and former "boss" of Churches in Czechoslovakia has been ousted from his post, reports reaching here from Prague.

He is Alexej Cepicka, who was Defense Minister and Deputy Premier of Czechoslovakia. The reports received here said that Cepicka had been removed from office and put under house arrest following the anti-Stalin drive conducted by the Reds.

On September 23, 1948, while he was Minister of Justice, Cepicka accused the Catholic hierarchy of Czechoslovakia of "going over to murder, burglary, arson, fraud, sabotage and espionage" and of having sided, "for reactionary purposes, with subversive and criminal elements."

Many priests were arrested on a variety of trumped-up charges and the activities of other were closely watched by Red spies.

In December, 1948, Cepicka took over as chief of the Bureau for Church Affairs in Czechoslovakia. His program of persecution against the Church became even more severe.

Archdiocesan Fund Marks Record

Philadelphia — (NC) — An annual collection taken up in this city for the past 119 years for the benefit of the St. Charles Seminary and the general education fund of the Philadelphia archdiocese, reached a new high this year.

A total of \$34,186.73 was collected, compared to the original contribution in 1838 of \$1,451.44.

Boxers Risk Personality Changes, Doctor Warns

Chicago — (NC) — Professional prize fighters face a definite possibility of "irreversible changes in personality," from repeated concussions due to knockout blows, a Loyola University neurosurgeon has charged.

DR. JOSEPH CASCINO, formerly a consultant of the Illinois Boxing Commission, stated in a Loyola radio program that "traumatic head injury" from repeated blows in frequent fights includes diminution in thinking power, loss of the power of concentration, lapses of memory and poor judgment.

Dr. Cascino, an assistant professor of neurosurgery at Loyola's medical school, was a guest of Father Gerard Gray Grant, S.J., on the program, "The Philosopher Looks at the News."

Seminary Exams Entrance Exam For Applicants

Entrance examinations for all diocesan students seeking admission to St. Andrew's Seminary next Fall will be held at the Seminary on Buffalo Road, Saturday, May 26 at 1 p.m.

All new students applying for enrollment either in the High School or College departments of the Seminary must take this entrance examination, according to the rectors, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Maynard A. Connell.

Each candidate must present a letter of recommendation from his pastor prior to or on the day of the entrance test, the rectors stated. Pastors may forward letters of recommendation to the rectors in advance of the entrance examination.

Application forms will not be issued to candidates in advance of the examination but will be filed under individual names at the Seminary on May 26, according to Monsignor Connell.

State Catholic Group Files Brief In Brighton Case

Albany, N. Y. — (RNS) — The Court of Appeals granted the New York State Catholic Welfare Committee permission to file an amicus curiae brief affirming the right of the Church and parochial school in an exclusive residential area of Brighton, N.Y.

The court's decision in the Planning Board's denial of the Diocese of Albany's request for permission to build the St. Thomas Mary Church and School on the Broderick estate on East Avenue in Brighton.

The court's decision is a victory for the diocese, which had filed a petition for a writ of mandamus with the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court compelling the

Planning Board to issue the building permit.

Attorney for the diocese charged the board's action as "unreasonable." They charged that it violated public policy to exclude all churches and schools from class A areas in which it was the policy to encourage residential development and that it constituted an intentional and purposeful discrimination against the church.



Anyone Know This Tot's Name?

Rome, Italy — (NC) — The staff of the Rome USO club, operated by the National Catholic Community Service would like to know the name of the little blond tot pictured above with His Holiness Pope Pius XII. Ordinarily he is kept out of the group displays arranged by the USO club, but because of large numbers in attendance it is not always easy to identify everyone. The club would like to send a copy of the picture above to the child's parents, as well as a copy of the Osservatore Romano, which used the picture on page 1.

Pro-Football Game To Aid Hospital

St. Louis, Mo. — (NC) — Funds for the new Cardinal Glennon Memorial Hospital will be raised by a special benefit football game September 15 between the Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Cardinals, Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis, has announced.

An estimated \$20,000 expected to be raised by the game will be used to provide free beds in the newly-completed hospital for children, the prelate said.

Priest Scientist Joins Atom Study At Oak Ridge

Covington, Ky. — (NC) — Father John F. Schuler, the only priest among some 400 scientists who took part in the 1948 atomic bomb tests in the Pacific, has been chosen one of 48 persons to take part in the Summer Institute at the Oak Ridge Tennessee Institute of Nuclear Studies.

Father Schuler is head of the physics department at Villanova College here. The institute he will attend is the second of its kind and is designed to keep leading scientists informed of the latest scientific developments.

Since 1947, when he was associated with work at the government's Arzonne National Laboratory, Chicago, Father Schuler has been given "clearance, the highest privilege to review all classified atomic literature."

White House No Mystery To Nun, Staff Puzzled

Washington — (NC) — The two Sisters walked into the White House executive office, one of the nuns surprisingly at ease and showing the other the various sections.

They were Sister Mary Johnnie and Sister Herbert, teachers from Alphonse Convent in New York City, who came here with their students on a sight-seeing trip.

SISTER JOHNNIE spoke familiarly to some of the veteran Secret Service men and also to Merriman Smith, long-time White House reporter for the United Press.

Holy Father Says 'Peace' Goal Of Christian Workers

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Pius XII, in a May Day message, told the world's Christian workers that since unity of the world labor movement has not yet been achieved, the Christian labor movement should now lead the way to the "longed-for future of true social peace."

The Pope addressed one of the biggest audiences ever to hear him speak. It consisted of two large assemblies. One was made up of participants in the congress of the International Federation of Christian Workers in Milan. The other was a capacity crowd of workers and pilgrims packed into St. Peter's Basilica here.

Countless thousands more heard him over radio and television broadcasts beamed to Italy and many European countries. A million television cameras were on hand to record the memorable event for TV audiences in the United States.

THE POPE'S address on May 1st was the first observance of the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, which the Pontiff instituted last year.

Catholic workers "are desirous of bringing back to Christ the whole world of labor, which here every other branch of social life, belongs to him," the Holy Father said.

No new unity needs to be "grafted" on the labor workers, the Pope continued. Their unity already exists in faith in Christ and in the one Church — a unity "beyond all frontiers and above all individual interests," he said. "What is necessary, he added, is to recognize and strengthen that unity in one's own conscience and that of others."

"The basic reason for the existence of your associations and of every other Catholic association is, therefore, to seek each other out not in fear of other movements, nor in competition with them, nor even in that feeling of solidarity which draws together the members of a given class, but rather in the inner obligation and desire you feel as Catholics of being Christ's apostles among your brothers who do not know or who reject His saving message."

THE FACT that the labor movement in Italy and elsewhere tends to ally itself with political movements and ideologies did not go unnoticed by the Pope. In his talk he seemed to be aware of recent charges such as those made a few days earlier by the Italian Socialist leader Pietro Nenni that the Church is dividing workers. At the same time he also seemed to be aware that these charges were themselves intended to divide the Christian labor movement.

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Mothers Shrine

North Riverdale, Ill. — This status of a figure, the new "Mother of Mothers" Shrine on the grounds of Mater Christi Church here. The group of figures in the Shrine includes Our Blessed Mother standing on the globe of the earth and holding the Infant Jesus. Immediately below is a figure of a present-day mother holding her child. The Blessed Mother robe envelops the figure below in a protecting gesture and both Mother and Infant Jesus look lovingly at mother and child. Posture and appearance of the two mothers are almost identical. The likenesses are deliberate, to remind mothers of their closeness to Our Blessed Mother.

Catholic Official Opposes 'Pay Television' Proposal

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — A system of pay television would cause "millions of rural families to be blacked out from the cream of the programs," the Rev. James L. Vizzard, S.J., assistant to the executive director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, Des Moines, Iowa, said here. He testified at hearings on subscription television conducted by the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee.

RAYING THAT he spoke as an economist, a spokesman for a Catholic organization and as a representative of the interests of rural people, Father Vizzard declared "I am opposed to pay television because our rural families do not have the necessary money to spend for subscription television."

Families in rural communities have fewer opportunities for spiritual and cultural enrichment, and are more than usually dependent on TV broadcast channels for recreation and information," he said. "A study of the price and cost has convinced me that pay television would inevitably restrict the quantity and variety and lower the quality of television content, in addition to creating an elite whose willingness and ability to pay for the best would deny it to the rest."

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