

Soviets Extending 'Coexistence' Drive To Catholic Church

Vatican City — (NC) — The Vatican City daily, *L'Osservatore Romano*, has accused the Soviet Union of trying to extend its "coexistence campaign" to the Catholic Church.

This new pattern of communist propaganda, said *L'Osservatore*, is an attempt to make Catholics believe — if not in subjugated countries, at least in free nations — that in the so-called people's democracies religious freedom is full and absolute.

THE CHANGE was made by *L'Osservatore* in a front page editorial entitled "Propaganda." It was written in answer to an editorial in the Italian communist weekly, *Vita Nuova*, which said the recent call made by the Soviet charge d'affaires in Italy, D. P. Pogdaler, on Archbishop Giuseppe Fietta, Apostolic Nuncio to Italy, was an astonishing development.

On the contrary, said *L'Osservatore*, the initiative of the Soviet charge d'affaires and the editorial of *Vita Nuova* are the most recent episodes of a new tactic which aims at imposing upon Catholics in Iron Curtain countries, as well as Catholics all over the world, "assent to the accomplished fact perpetrated through many years of persecution, sometimes violently, sometimes insidiously, but always ruthlessly."

The step taken by the charge d'affaires, therefore, continued *L'Osservatore*, "is not a gesture of good will toward the Church... he has deliberately tried to create confusion (in the minds of Catholics) between the Vatican City State and the Holy See."

COMMENTARIES do not hesitate now to make believe that they have established contact with the Holy See, said the *L'Osservatore* editorial. They wish to impress upon Catholics that they are not to be misled.

Irish Police Group Plan Rome Trip

DUBLIN — (RNS) — Irish policemen belonging to the "Pioneer Total Abstinence Association" will soon make a pilgrimage to Rome. At an audience with Pope Pius XII they will present them with \$1,000 to be used for papal charities. The money was subscribed by members of the police here throughout Ireland.

Lay Teachers Staff Omaha Catholic Schools

Omaha, Neb. — (NC) — The trend of many Catholic schools to turn to more lay teachers for help in staffing classrooms is strikingly illustrated here.

A recent study has shown that in this city, about 30 per cent of the Catholic grade school teachers are lay persons, and about 20 per cent of the high school instructors are members of the laity.

The grade school figures compare to an estimated national average of about 12 per cent lay teachers for Catholic grade schools. No figures are available for high schools.

In the 37 primary schools here, this year's number of lay teachers is 110 as compared with 70 last year. In the ten high schools, the number is about 27 lay persons as against 23 last year.

Without the lay teachers at least 4,000 youngsters would have to be denied entrance in the archdiocesan school system.

The high ratio of lay teachers in Omaha Catholic schools means the payment of more than \$200,000 in teaching salaries this year. Some pastors have said that to raise money for the salaries, projected expansion has had to be curbed.

save Soviet Russia. Therefore the welfare of the Negro people was subordinated — as Stalin said it should be in his *Foundations of Leninism* — to the interests of the dictatorship. Davis naturally gives us a glimpse of this reality. He says that in World War II "we (the Communists) rejected the double-V campaign of the Pittsburgh Courier — for victory over Hitler abroad and victory over Jim Crow at home... I hope we shall have done for all time with slugging and zagging on the mass struggle for Negro rights."

THE OTHER caution to be noted is that Communist pretensions to be so sincerely interested in the Negroes may persuade some people that every move for Negro rights is Communist-tainted. This would be a serious error. Pope Pius XI, in his encyclical on Atheistic Communism, points at this error when he says: "It was Christianity that first confirmed the real and universal brotherhood of all men of whatever race and condition."



National Shrine Climbs Skyward

Washington, D. C. — (NC) — Scaffolding and piles of masonry dominate the scene as the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, located on the campus of Catholic University of America, here, reaches 40 feet in height. First nine feet of masonry wall of Milford pink granite, which is topped by 30 feet of Indiana gray limestone. Scaffolding will climb another 60 feet before reaching eaves of the roof. Superstructure and roof of the 22-million dollar Shrine should be complete in 1959.

Louis Budenz Reds Claim Champion Role For Negro Rights

Signaling the new freedom for subversion in the United States — largely due to recent court decisions favorable to the Communists and their friends — the American

and Douglas' birthdays were chosen for the convention date, it was said, in order to emphasize the importance of the present day civil rights fight in which the Communist Party was the pioneer and which the Party continues to champion.

The so-called Communist Party thus puts its best foot forward in presenting its "new look" to the American people by posing as a genuine champion of Negro rights and by even declaring that it was a "pioneer" in this field. This is a travesty of the real situation, but it may impress those unfamiliar with Red tactics. Two cautions, from opposite poles, are immediately called for in our consideration.

On the one hand, there may be many people glibly interested in removing handicaps under which the Negro suffers who will take these Red declarations at their face-value. They will be persuaded that any curbing of the Communist is likewise an injury to the Negroes.

This sort of fuzzy thinking is converted by the facts, and we should bring these facts to the attention of our fellow citizens. If we consult the carefully written work, *Communism Vs. the Negro*, by William A. Nolan, we soon learn that Communist "interest" in the Negro has been for the sole purpose of advancing the line and objectives of the Soviet dictatorship.

THIS IS acknowledged, strikingly enough, by Ben Davis, Communist Negro leader, in that very issue of the *Daily Worker* which carries the "convention" announcement. On Page 10, Davis refers to "such opportunistic errors as infected our struggle for Negro rights during World War II."

Davis must be aware that the manner in which the Communist Party turned its back on the Negroes during this period was not the fruit of "errors" at all, but a cold, calculated policy.

The Reds even appealed to the shade of Frederick Douglass to tell the Negroes, during World War II, that they must not make any move against being second-class citizens.... The reason was obvious. At that time the Soviet fifth column had to do everything it could to

BOOK SHELF

NO PURE DELIGHT: A newspaper Columnist's Scrapbook, by Howard Mosser, Rochester Times-Union '55. Illustrated. 140 pp.

GOODBYE TO UNCLE TOM, by J. C. Furnas, Sloane's Associates '54. With bibliography (30 pp.) & Index. 435 pp. A Book-of-the-Month Selection.

There is no price on the jacket of City Editor Howard Mosser's forty-odd selections from his Times Union column "It's This Way" — the writing of which, he confesses, is no more pure delight than getting up in the morning is. There are days — and there are other days. The days in this book nobody should miss, no Rochesterian anyway.

Here are the events we've all lived through, and on the "prick of remembrance" the way, and what happened to 1400 young men of Monroe County; the Hopalong Cassidy fever compared with the William S. Hart decade; the passing of the Hayden Company and its millionaire clientele; the push-button homes of today, and a lost button; the Red Wings, the Third Ward, the Fourth of July, the children and their joys and sorrows — and that September day in '54 when houses blew up — these are unforgettable.

AND GOLF — "Ladies, it is not competition, nor the spirit of sport, nor the rolling, lush green grass, nor the camaraderie... nor the exercise, nor the tanning sun, nor the healthful air that draws your man away. It is himself. In golf, he has met something that has gotten the better of him, like dope or drink."

Vignettes of Christmas downtown, cats, dogs, summertime, Egypt, Virginia and Alexandria Bay, and people — the life of Joe Durmheer, the rise of Sam Uzzetta, the story of Holy Childhood School, the saga of Mosser's newspaperman dad, the tale of Paderewski Incognito in the Flower City — all these in pleasant writing, good writing, make history that catches the heart.

THIS BOOK IS in the fine tradition of White and Emporia, Kansas, Gazette. It ought to be in a man's library. Maybe it can be bought at the Times Union. Anyway, you can't have ours.

GOODBYE TO UNCLE TOM is a adult reading, a book of facts about America, about Africa, Egypt and imposed lines on any about Europe, about Negroes and whites, by a man with a zest for puncturing prejudices and recasting with truth.

He gets at the myths that dominate our thinking through the pervasive influence of one little

book, **UNCLE TOM'S CABIN**, and one little uninformed writer, "Mrs. Scribble-in-Haste," and separates fact from fancy with genial tides and avalanches of pertinent, patient research, evaluating big myths like the "crime of color," the "good-to-their-origins" plantations, "the sun shines bright" ideology; retelling the proud history of the Underground Railroad, tracing the unfortunate Uncle-Tom-show all across America, showing up the old wives' tales about "Negroes are..." and the new wives' tales of the same order.

THERE COMES finally a sound summary and "it-most-You-called 'Clarity Begins at Home.'" To know what we are talking about when we discuss our half-licked problem of integration, this is a good book to use. And this impartial hundredweight of facts can help us undergo what the author calls "the healthful duty of rubbing one's nose in the lunacies and anomalies of the caste system of 1955."

Sunday Becomes Workday In Egypt

Cairo — (RNS) — Sunday has become a workday for many Christians in Egypt.

In July, the government issued an edict ordering the National Bank of Egypt to close on Friday, the Moslem Sabbath, and remain open Sunday. Since then, foreign banks, oil companies, industrial and business concerns and some other institutions have been closed Friday and open Sunday.

The general Friday closing movement appears to have resulted from a bill that came before the Council of Ministers.

It fixed Friday as the weekly day of rest for all inhabitants of Egypt and imposed fines on any who failed to follow "the customs and traditions of the country." President Nasser did not sign the measure. But a general movement toward Friday closings and Sunday openings began soon afterwards.

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