

Order Of Blind Nuns In Turin, Italy, 'Make Ammunition For God's Battles'

By LUCIANO CASIMIRRI
Turin, Italy — (NC) — "Your sisters are fighting the battles of God, but ours are preparing the ammunition."
These words of their founder, Father Luigi Boccardo, explain the way of life led by 13 totally blind nuns who live together here as members of a religious order called Daughters of Christ the King.
When Father Boccardo was director of this city's Institute for the Blind he became aware that many of the girls belonging to the institution showed signs of possessing deep interior lives. He thus came upon the idea of founding a religious house for blind women who aspire to the life of a religious.
IN 1932 he founded the Daughters of Christ the King as an affiliate of the Poor Daughters of St. Cajetan.
The Daughters of Christ the King will have the same rules and the same directorship as the

Sisters of St. Cajetan. They follow a few modifications of dress and rules of prayer as required by their particular condition. They consecrate themselves to God for the Catholic priesthood, the preservation of the Faith in civilized countries and the spread of the Faith in infidel lands.
The Poor Daughters of St. Cajetan provide for the religious education and the material sustenance of their blind sisters. The latter walk about freely in their convent and need only be accompanied if, for some reason, they have to go into the outside world.

THE DAUGHTERS of Christ the King spend on the average of eight hours a day in prayer. Each day they recite the Divine Office for the feast of Christ the King. The one exception is on a feast of the Blessed Virgin, when they recite the common Office of the Blessed Virgin. Both offices are, of course, written in Braille.

Their day is not entirely spent in formal prayer. They knit, type, bind books and make rosaries. Several of them play musical instruments and sing.
One of the Sisters is Siamese; all the others are Italian. All but one of them have been blind from birth.
The one Sister not born blind is the former Angela Gori who comes from Ronciglione, a village 35 miles north of Rome. On June 5, 1944, her village was bombed. Angela was hit in the face by shrapnel and lost her sight.
When she took her vows she asked to be called Sister Fortunata. She chose the name because she considers it a stroke of good fortune that she lost the use of her eyes. Otherwise, she says, she would probably never have thought of embracing the religious life.
"I was so deaf to the voice of God," she says, "that He had to resort to a bomb to make Himself heard."



Cardinal Meets Relative

Manila — (NC) — During his visit to the Philippine Islands as Papal Legate to the Manila Eucharistic Congress, Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, meets a family relative, Father Sean Nolan, Columbian missionary on Mindanao Island.

Cardinal Spellman Visits U.S. Bases In Japan

Tokyo, Japan — (NC) — The Cardinal-Archbishop of New York, arriving here from the Eucharistic Congress in Manila, said he was "edified and inspired" by his experiences, "especially by the faith and devotion of the Philippine people."

CARDINAL SPELLMAN was Papal Legate to the Congress. He declared he was especially "impressed" by the 500,000 people who attended the final Pontifical Mass and remained despite a long and heavy rainfall.
The Cardinal came here to continue his tour of military bases in the Far East. He said commitments arranged many months ago made it impossible for him to celebrate Christmas in the Far East. As Military Vicar he observed the past five Christmases with American troops in Korea.
Cardinal Spellman will spend this Christmas with American GIs at Thule in northern Greenland. He returned to New York on Wednesday of this week.
IN TOKYO, the Cardinal was met at Haneda airport by Archbishop Maximilian de Furstenberg, Apostolic Internuncio to

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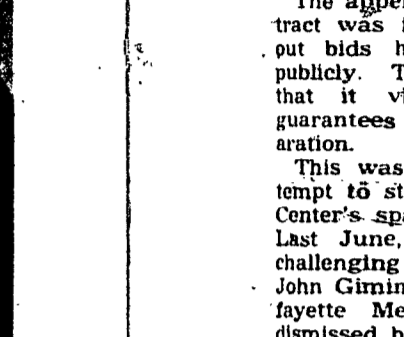
Cleveland — (NC) — The League of Croatian Catholic Clergymen of the U.S. has asked the United Nations "to bring about favorable action toward rectifying the terrible injustice" against His Eminence Alojzys Cardinal Stepinac, Archbishop of Zagreb, Yugoslavia.
THE ACTION by the league was taken in a letter and memorandum sent to Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., U.S. Ambassador and permanent representative to the UN. The league has its headquarters in Cleveland.
The letter stated that "one of the most serious violations against human rights and dignity" by the Tito communist government of Yugoslavia occurred in October, 1946, when it sentenced Cardinal Stepinac to a 16-year prison term.
IT WAS pointed out in the letter that "after 10 long years the sentence is still maintained, and even though it has taken the form of 'house arrest' it is imprisonment just the same."
According to latest reports, the Cardinal is confined to the parish rectory in his native village of Krasice. He was released from jail in 1951. It was reported recently that communist guards outside his place of confinement bar any visitors from seeing him.

Vatican Paper Asks UN Censure Of Hungary Regime

Vatican City — (NC) — L'Osservatore Romano has called for a solemn condemnation of Janos Kadar's government in Hungary by the United Nations.
In a front page editorial the Vatican City daily asserted that the Hungarian government's refusal to admit UN observers into the country amounts to an open admission of the truth of accusations made against it in the UN General Assembly.
DURING RECENT weeks, UN members have confronted Hungary with accusations of genocide, slaughter, deportations and oppression of the people carried out with the help of foreign (Soviet) forces.
L'Osservatore repeated its criticism of the UN for using two different treatments in dealing with the Hungarian problem and the Middle East crisis.
In the "Middle East," charged L'Osservatore, the UN used energetic means, because it knew it was dealing with civilized powers.
If the UN had sent observers into Hungary without asking the Hungarian government's permission, continued the editorial, the latter would have had either to allow the observers entry, or turn them back.
TO TURN THEM BACK would have meant the same thing as expelling them, it said, and the road would have been clear for the UN to organize the rebellious from its expulsion.
L'Osservatore concluded by recalling two statements made by two Catholic leaders, President Giovanni Gronchi of Italy and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of Germany.
In a joint declaration these heads of governments stated that it was necessary to draw a line between what civilized people call "civilization" and what they consider to be the negation of civilization.

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Archbishop Godfrey Heads Westminster

London — (RNS) — Archbishop William Godfrey of Liverpool has been named by Pope Plus XII to succeed the late Bernard Cardinal Griffin as Archbishop of Westminster, England's senior archdiocesan See.
Archbishop Godfrey had occupied the Liverpool See since 1955. Prior to that he served for 15 years as Apostolic Delegate to Great Britain, being the first resident Papal envoy in England since the reign of King James II.

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Free In U.S.

New York — (NC) — Marco Shala, 58, an Albanian refugee has arrived at last in the U.S., ending 13 years living in exile. With a death sentence on his head, he fled his native Albania in 1944, landing in Italy. He came to America under auspices of Catholic Relief Services - National Catholic Welfare Conference, and will work as a farm hand near Buffalo, N. Y.

Japanese Martyrs Monument Unveiled

Tokyo — (NC) — A monument to the memory of 50 Japanese Catholic martyrs has been unveiled here.
The memorial was erected on the spot near the Buddhist temple of Chitochi where 48 Japanese Catholic laymen and two Japanese Catholic priests suffered martyrdom for the Faith on December 4, 1623.

Louis Budenz

Free World Frustrated As Reds Advance

By LOUIS BUDENZ
Something that looks like a contradiction emerges from the communist world camp. While certain individual Reds are disquieted at world opinion against the Hungarian massacres, a new note of triumph is to be detected in official communist documents and directives.

The assertion that "socialism advances," despite all obstacles, is particularly prominent in current issues of the New Times coming here from Moscow. It will undoubtedly be parroted by the members of the international conspiracy throughout the world.
We have the right and duty to ask why it is that Soviet Russia and its hard-core followers are so confident in the face of world indignation at the Hungarian blood-bath. When we read through the communist publications, from the New Times of Moscow to the Daily Worker of New York, the why of this phenomenon becomes obvious.
THE COMMUNISTS officially are counting, first of all on the thinning out of world indignation and its being frittered away in a spirit of frustration. A well-known communist leader, John Pittman, puts this rather boldly in the week-end edition of the Daily Worker dated November 25. There were "similar effects," Pittman emphasizes, when Soviet Russia invaded Poland in September, 1939, when the Kremlin was allied with Hitler.
The same indignation expressed itself, he continues, when Moscow attacked Finland on November 30 of the same year.
That indignation soon vanished into thin air, and it was not long until we were hailing the Kremlin as "our gallant ally."

Then again, despite the upheaval in Hungary, Soviet Power has not lost one inch of soil to the free world, as the New Times of November 15 points up in effect by calling the roll of "the commonwealth of socialist nations." It includes Hungary prominently in that roll. This "success" of Soviet Power is further testified to by the continued presence in the United Nations of the representative of the puppet Hungarian regime. His presence, in the midst of the nations pledged to halt aggression, ex-

perates even the New York Times of November 30, which indicates futility of free world action in that this is an illustration of the Hungarian crisis.
"Beyond all this," Soviet Russia has made marked gains among "the colonial countries" and particularly in the Middle East, as the New Times of Moscow proudly declares on November 15. We read: "It is a characteristic feature of the international situation today that India, Burma, Indonesia, Egypt, and many other countries are actively striving for peace side by side with the Soviet Union, People's China, and the socialist countries generally."
At the same time, the development in the Middle East have again demonstrated that the Soviet Union is a firm guardian of peace.
The "peaceful" Soviet acts in the Middle East, including the arming of Egypt and other countries against the West (accompanied by the rash answer by Britain and France) has brought about rigid gas rationing in England and on the European continent. This oil crisis in Europe will place a great strain on the United States and its own oil supply. We can therefore understand why the New Times is so cocky in its claims that "Socialism advances."

There must be some effective beginning made against Soviet infiltration and aggression, and it would seem that that beginning can be made where the issue is clearest, in regard to which public indignation is at its highest, namely, in the case of Hungary.
Cannot the words of Walter Reuther, President of the United Automobile Workers, be given consideration, that a United Nations task force be sent into Hungary as was so readily done in Egypt, cannot further consideration be given to the New York Times proposal that the United States break off relations with Communist Hungary and that the United Nations expel the Kadar regime from its membership?
Cannot thought be directed for the expulsion of Soviet Russia itself from the United Nations because of its savagery in Hungary and its threat to the peace of the world?

Vatican Radio Lauds UN Suez Solution

Vatican City — (RNS) — The Vatican Radio praised the United Nations for having "found a just solution for the Suez and Near East problems." It expressed the hope that this will greatly enhance UN prestige and "give the world a feeling of solidarity and interdependence."

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American Napped Bolivian Bishop

Vatican City — (RNS) — The Rev. Charles A. Brown, 37, a Maryknoll missionary from New York City was named Auxiliary Bishop of Santa Cruz, Bolivia by Pope Plus XII.

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