

# 47 Nations Have Envoys At Vatican

Vatican City — (NC) — Forty-seven nations are accredited to the Holy See in the new directory of the Vatican Diplomatic Corps which has just been released here.

The 47 are classified into 27 diplomatic missions with ambassadors and 16 with ministers, four countries are temporarily represented by a charge d'affaires.

PLACES IN the new list have been preserved for the United States, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, although the space after their listing remains blank. These countries have, in various ways, discontinued their diplomatic relations with the Holy See.

Poland and Lithuania are represented by their exiled governments.

The United States has not been represented at the Holy See by a United States diplomat since 1865. More recently, from 1940 to 1950, a personal representative of the President was stationed at the Vatican.

THE AMERICAN CONTINENT is represented by 19 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Europe is represented by 17 diplomatic missions: Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, the Order of Malta, Poland, Portugal, San Marino and Spain.

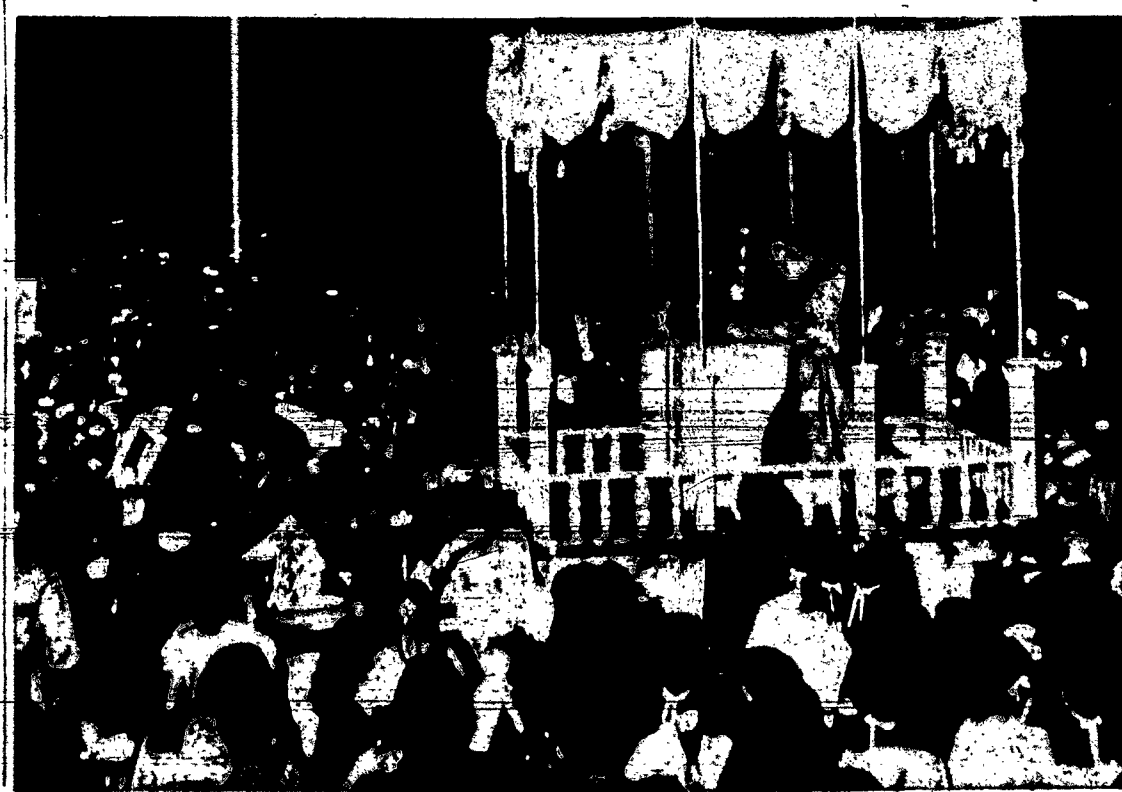
Nine Asian countries are represented: Nationalist China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Philippines and Syria.

Africa is represented by Egypt and Liberia.



## Bolivarian Eucharistic Congress

Caracas, Venezuela — (NC) — An impressive highlight of the Second Bolivarian Eucharistic Congress held here was Midnight Mass at which more than 6,000 men received Holy Communion. Closing ceremonies of the Congress were attended by more than 200,000 faithful from Venezuela, Bolivia, Panama, Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru. Procession (lower photo) shows Cardinal Caggiano, Archbishop of Rosario, Argentina, holding the monstrance.



## Ban On Hungarian Priests Leaving Dioceses Denied

New York — (NC) — Two bishops directly concerned with Hungarian refugees in Austria said they have no knowledge of a reported directive forbidding Hungarian priests to leave Hungary.

Mgr. Edward E. Sandstrom, executive director of Catholic Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference, noted this upon return from a trip to Austria to survey refugee conditions there.

(An earlier N.C.W.C. News Service report from Vienna stated that priests under the jurisdiction of Hungarian bishops have been forbidden to leave Hungary under pain of automatic suspension from priestly functions.)

WHILE IN EUROPE, Mgr. Sandstrom said he visited Archbishop Giovanni Dellepiane, Apostolic Nuncio to Austria, and Bishop Stephan Laszlo, Apostolic Administrator for Burgenland, who was recently named by the Holy See as Ordinary for Hungarian refugees.

He said they informed him they knew of no directive forbidding Hungarian priests from leaving the country. Archbishop Dellepiane told him, Mgr. Sandstrom stated, that he permitted Hungarian refugees priests to leave Austria for other countries provided they accompany other refugees. Three of these priests have already left for Sweden, the Monsignor added.

WHILE VISITING Bishop Laszlo in Eisenstadt, Mgr. Sandstrom said he was told that only Bishop Kalman Papp of Győr, Hungary, had forbidden priests in his diocese to leave the country.

Three of the priests had left that diocese, Sandstrom said, "but it was absolutely necessary for them to flee and their status has now been cleared up and they are in good standing."

## Sistine Musical Director Named

Vatican City — (NC) — Mgr. Domenico Bartolucci has been appointed by His Holiness Pope Pius XII to the post of perpetual director of music of the Sistine Chapel.

He succeeds the late Mgr. Lorenzo Perosi, world famous composer of sacred music, who died on October 12.

Mgr. Bartolucci, 39, was assistant to Mgr. Perosi for five years. He is known both in Italy and abroad for his liturgical music compositions.

## Baroness Trapp To Teach Music In Pacific Missions

Stowe, Vt. — (RNS) — Baroness Maria Augusta Trapp, mother of the famous Trapp Family Singers, left here for New Guinea where she will teach music to the islanders in the far-flung missions of the Roman Catholic Church.

She was accompanied by the Very Rev. Franz Wagner, family chaplain. Three of her children, Marie, Rosemarie and Johannes, who will help her in the project, already are on the Pacific island.

During a Hawaiian tour in 1935, Mrs. Trapp heard of the great need for music among the Catholic missions from Archbishop Romuald Carboni, Apostolic Delegate to Australia. The Trapp visit is a result of that tour.

Mrs. Trapp also will stop at the islands of Samoa, New Caledonia, Tahiti and Fiji, returning home after six months.

Since 1943, she had operated the Trapp Family Music Camp in Stowe, a summer school that is partly devoted to liturgical music and the explanation of the liturgy. Last May, Mrs. Trapp was named Catholic Mother of 1956 by the National Catholic Conference on Family Life.

Aids Refugees Fort Wayne, Ind. — (NC) — Catholics of the Fort Wayne diocese contributed nearly \$40,000 in a special collection for Hungarian refugees in Austria.

## Poland Hears Primate On State Radio

Warsaw — (NC) — Cardinal Wyszynski outlined ten objectives for Poland in a Christmas Eve broadcast over the Polish government radio.

He listed as the first of these "that Poland may live in sanctifying grace, faithful to the Church, the Gospel and the Cross, on the lands given to us by the Father of Nations."

IN A LOW-PITCHED, fatherly voice the Cardinal Primate spoke to Poland's millions everywhere. Addressing Poles abroad he said: "Perhaps you, our scattered compatriots, do not always understand how much we sacrifice in love and patience... to save the nation from spiritual and material devastation, to overcome moral evils resulting from war, to rebuild our fatherland continually and always to begin again."

"IN SPITE OF all these trials we work calmly and earnestly, even beyond our strength, denying ourselves and our children all those things enjoyed by so many other nations that have been spared the horror of war and hostile interventions."

"In the presence of Christ born again today and His mother, we stand solidly before you, children of Poland, and you dear compatriots far beyond frontiers and oceans." The Cardinal continued. "We pledge ourselves to you that we have labored and shall labor for these aims."

## Evening Mass Popular In Rome

Rome — (NC) — "Evening Mass had been a real gift from Divine Providence for my parish."

This was the almost unanimous response of 80 parish priests here to a questionnaire sent them by the Vicar of Rome, Cardinal Micara. Vicar General of Rome has thus far granted permission for the celebration of evening Masses to about 100 churches, most of them parochial. The concession generally applies to feast days and the First Friday of the month.

Attendance reports give the following: totals: 45,000 faithful in summer, 40,000 in fall, 55,000 in winter and 65,000 in spring.

## Congress To Get Anti-Obscenity Bill

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — A bill providing that publishers of indecent books and magazines may be tried at any place where such mail is received, as well as where in Emporia, Kansas, or Athens, Texas. After all, it is in the latter places that the damage is being done in terms of corruption of morals and juvenile delinquency. Judges and juries who can see at first hand the results of such immoral reading matter may take a more serious view of the offense.

A change of only a few words in present federal obscenity statutes would permit criminal charges to be brought in any jurisdiction by any federal district attorney who finds evidence that objectionable material has been received through the U. S. mails.

"Naturally, those who wish to engage in ventures that may be considered violations of the law will select the place where they think the judges and courts are inclined to be most lenient," Mr. Dowdy said.

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