

'Baby Doll' Banned In 10 Dioceses As 'Sinfu'

(NCWC News Service)

Catholics in at least ten dioceses in the country have been warned by their bishops to stay away from the film "Baby Doll" under pain of serious sin.

In one instance, the three bishops in a state — Connecticut — issued an unprecedented joint statement which advised Catholics that they have an "obligation in conscience to avoid the motion picture."

CARDINAL McINTYRE, Archbishop of Los Angeles, told the faithful in his archdiocese that

Albany Bishop Orders Boycott

Albany, N. Y. — (RNS) — Bishop William A. Scully of Albany ordered Catholics to boycott the Strand Theater here for six months because of its decision to show the film "Baby Doll."

Since the Stanley Warner Corp., theater owners, "adopted the policy of showing condemned motion pictures," the prelate said, "we forbid all Catholics to attend any picture in this theater during the period of six months."

Bishop Scully also forbade Catholics to attend any theater in Albany owned by Stanley Warner that showed "Baby Doll." He also urged those of other faiths to join the boycott of the Strand.

The Ella Kazan picture has been condemned by the National Legion of Decency and, consequently, viewing the film would be a serious violation of the Legion pledge taken voluntarily by Catholics.

Bishop William A. Scully of Albany, forbade Catholics in his diocese to attend any movies at the Strand Theater in Albany for six months because the movie house showed "Baby Doll."

Bishop Scully said presentation of the film is "an affront to all religious minded people." He said it would be "a matter of serious sin" to attend a showing of the motion picture.

Archbishop Edward F. Mooney of Cleveland called upon all "decent minded" citizens to avoid and to protest the motion picture. He said it would be "a grave occasion of serious sin for any who patronize it."

The three Connecticut bishops said Catholics in that state "have an obligation in conscience to avoid the motion picture."

The prelates, Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien of Hartford, Bishop Lawrence J. Shehan of Bridgeport and Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan of Norwich, declared the advertising for the film is "frankly indecent" and "coarsely suggestive."

They added that approval of the movie by the Hollywood Motion Picture Production Code "serves notice of the possibility that henceforth the code may be loosely applied, if in fact it is sincerely applied at all."

Other heads of Bess who have warned Catholics in their dioceses not to attend the film include Cardinal Spellman of New York; Archbishop Francis P. Keough of Baltimore, Archbishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Philadelphia and Bishop James E. Kearney of Rochester, N. Y.

Warner Brothers, distributors of the film based on a story by playwright Tennessee Williams, announced in New York City that the motion picture has been booked in theaters in 118 U. S. cities.

However, the 22-theater Maine and New Hampshire chain announced it will refuse to handle the film. The chain is owned by Joseph P. Kennedy, prominent Catholic layman and former Ambassador to Britain.

Mr. Kennedy said: "I have been in business for 45 years and I think this is the worst thing that has ever been done to the people and to the industry. I think it should be banned everywhere."

In Providence, R. I., the Old Colony Advertising Company canceled a contract for outdoor advertising of "Baby Doll." The firm said it acted under the code of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America.

The Legion of Decency, in condemning the film, said its subject matter is "morally repellent both in theme and treatment."

The Legion stated that the movie is "gravely offensive to Christians and traditional standards of morality and decency" because "it dwells almost without variation or relief upon carnal suggestiveness in action, dialogue and costuming."

Reds Operate 'Subway' Torture Dungeon In Budapest

By WILLIAM P. O'CONNELL

(Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Seattle, Wash. — (NC) — Big grinders like sausage mills were used in an underground prison in Budapest by the secret police to dispose of the bodies of their tortured victims.

This grisly story was related by Laszlo Nemeth, 27, one of 64 Hungarian refugees who came to Seattle under auspices of Catholic Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference.

When the Reds were building the underground prison, they announced it was to be another sub-

way, Mr. Nemeth said. Workers on the project realized it was no subway. Soon after its completion, all Budapest knew it was a dungeon in which hundreds of persons were imprisoned and tortured. Communists held its horrors as a threat over the heads of the uncooperative.

"YOU'LL GO TO the subway and the meat-grinders" was a threat commonly used by the Reds, Mr. Nemeth said. He is a member of a noted Catholic fam-

ily of Budapest. He said that he helped pull down Stalin's statue in Budapest and took part in the fighting until the Russians renewed attacks on November 4 with tanks and Mongol troops. Then he fled to the border with his wife and three-year-old daughter.

The account of the monstrous use of Budapest's underground prison came out casually from a nightmare pool of memories as Mr. Nemeth relaxed at luncheon, guest of the Seattle Serra Club.

His attention was directed to a Serra club member who is a captain of police.

"I HAVE NO fear of the police — nor of anything in America," he responded, with a smile.

"As a matter of fact," he continued, "the regular Budapest police and even the Russian soldiers who had been stationed in Budapest were not so bad. Many of them helped us. A policeman gave me his carbine. I saw Russians turn over five tanks to our men."

A MORTALLY wounded Russian officer used his dying breath to instruct our freedom fighters how to operate a tank.

"But the secret police... Here Laszlo recalled the "subway" dungeon and tortures. And he remembered that his mother, who attended Mass each morning at the convent of the Sisters of the Precious Blood, saw all the Sisters taken away by the secret police.

"What happened to the Sisters we do not know," he said.

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\$7,447 Given To Refugee Fund For Hungarians

Donations to date to the Catholic Charities Emergency Fund For Hungarian Refugees have totaled \$7,447, according to the announcement this

week by Monsignor Arthur E. Ratigan, director of the diocesan Charities organization.

Expressing gratitude for the widespread response to his initial appeal for funds to support Hungarian refugees who arrived last month in Rochester, Monsignor Ratigan revealed that donations had been received from all parts of the 12-county Diocese of Rochester.

"NOT ONLY the cities but the small towns and rural communities of our diocese rallied generously to our appeal to help the 35 refugees who came from Budapest to Rochester under the sponsorship of the diocesan Catholic Charities," he said.

Among the larger donations to the fund, he cited \$1,000 from Blessed Sacrament Parish, Rochester and \$332 from St. Thomas Parish, Rochester.

HE ALSO commended the generous action of the National Clothing Company which completely outfitted with new clothing the 35 refugees who arrived in Rochester penniless and with no clothes other than what they wore on their backs.

Monsignor Ratigan reported a donation of \$375 from the employees and management of Eddie's Chop House, Rochester restaurant. This resulted, he explained, from a proposal made by James Giancola and Don Burruto, owners of the restaurant, to double any amount which their employees would donate from their Christmas bonus to the relief of the Hungarian refugees.

The original group of Hungarian refugees which arrived last month, under the auspices of the Catholic Charities, were temporarily housed in the Manger Rochester Hotel until homes and jobs could be found for them. Money is needed, Monsignor Ratigan said, to care for these people during the time it takes to find them places to live and work.

"WE NOW have succeeded in placing all of the first group of 35 refugees in homes and jobs," he said, "and presently are awaiting the arrival of more refugees from Hungary."

The Rochester Catholic Charities originally committed itself to care for 50 Hungarian refugee families.

However, in view of President Eisenhower's recommendation — that more Hungarian refugees be allowed to come to this country — the Rochester Catholic Charities expects that the quota of families it must care for will be increased to at least 80 families, Monsignor Ratigan stated.

APPEALING FOR those who wish to assist this refugee care program to send their donations to him at 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, N. Y., Monsignor Ratigan stressed the fact that "our emergency efforts in behalf of the Hungarian refugees must continue."

"More of these homeless victims of Communism are coming to Rochester and we will need funds to care for them and to help them to start life again in our community," he said.

Film Folk Slate

Communion Sunday

Hollywood, Calif. — (NC) — Members of the movie industry will have their sixth annual Mass and Communion February 3 in Blessed Sacrament Church here, general chairman Douglas Bridges, Paramount executive announced this week.

Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles will be celebrant of the Mass. He is to be guest of honor at breakfast in the Paladium.

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Cardinal McGuigan

Toronto Cardinal Buys Refugees Wedding Rings

Toronto, Ont. — (RNS) — Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, gave \$250 for the purchase of 50 wedding rings for penniless Hungarian refugee couples wanting to get married. A Toronto jeweler agreed to provide them at the special price of \$5 each.

AMONG THE many Hungarian refugees arriving here almost daily have been engaged couples whose first desire in their new land is to get married. A number of marriages have been scheduled at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church.

The 50 rings will be enough for 25 weddings since the Hungarian custom involves an exchange of bands by the bride and groom.

FOR THE REFUGEES who come here with not much more than the clothes on their backs just one gold band would have presented a problem.

The Rev. G. J. Simor, pastor of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, appealed to Mrs. Ward Maricle of the Catholic Women's League committee for housing Hungarian refugees. Mrs. Maricle found the jeweler and then saw Cardinal McGuigan, who presented his check for \$250 to Father Simor.

Moscow Cathedral Becomes Museum

London — (RNS) — A Moscow Radio report said the former Cathedral of Our Saviour in the Russian capital is now being repaired to house the Andrei Rublev Museum after having been used since the 1917 Bolshevik revolution as a storage shed.

The cathedral stands on the territory of the Andronnik Monastery in southeastern Moscow. The monastery was once a fortress which shielded the city from Tartar raids, and also an ancient seat of Russian education and culture.

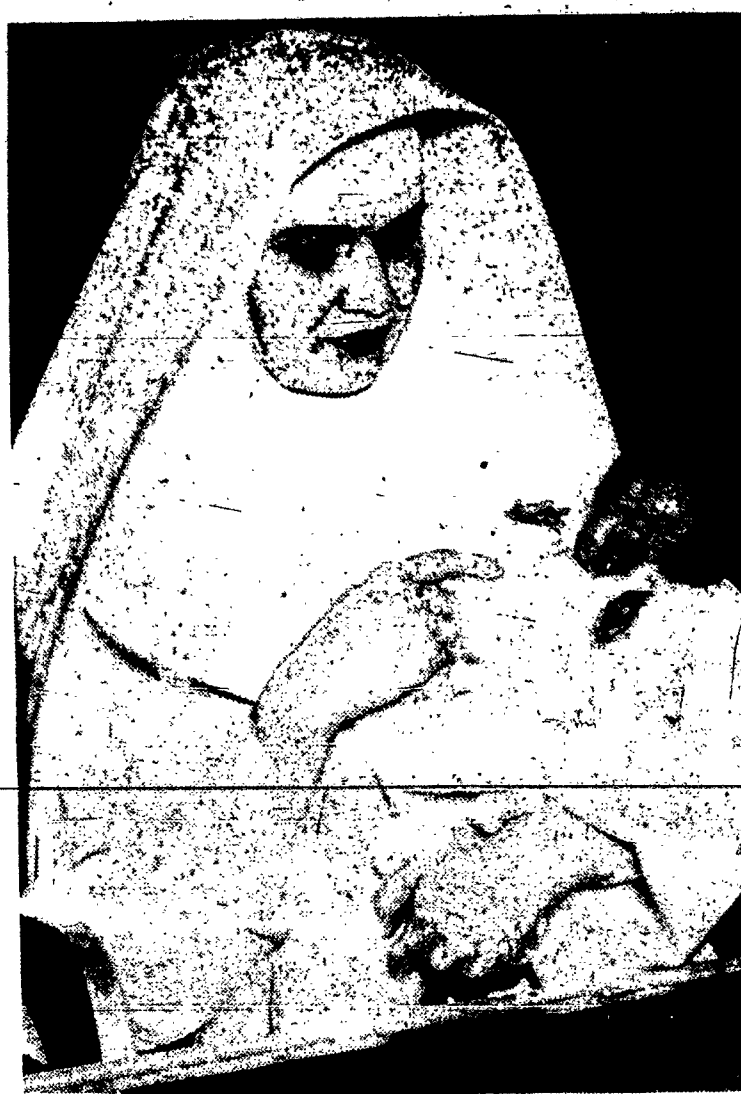
The Moscow Radio said that during repair work in the cathedral a number of ancient religious paintings were discovered, as well as other works of art. It said these will be incorporated in the new museum.

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Babies Born New Year's Day

FIRST BABY OF '57 at Rochester's St. Mary Hospital was Michael Roy Mahard, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Mahard of St. Peter and Paul Parish. Born at 12:49 a. m. New Year's Day, the baby received a \$100 prize from His Excellency Bishop Kearney as the first child born in the hospital's Centennial Year. Photo above (right left) shows Mrs. Mahard and Michael Roy; Sister Martina, hospital administrator, and Miss Helen Whitish, nurse supervisor.



First 1957 Baby In Auburn

FIRST NEW YEAR baby to be born in Auburn in 1957 was Harry Clinton Oram, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Oram of West Genesee St. Road, Skaneateles, in Mercy Hospital at 3:20 a. m. weighing 5 pounds and 4 ounces. Sister Mary Kenneth, supervisor of the Maternity floor, holds the child at the Nursery Window. The Orams have another son, Frederick Jr., 1 year old.

Retired Postal Employee Ordained Priest At 67

Magazzano Sul Garda, Italy — (NC) — A retired post office employee, Giovanni Mazza, has been ordained here at the age of 67.

For many years Giovanni Mazza lived with his wife, two sons, and a daughter in Florence. After World War II his eldest son returned home to die from wounds received in the Russian campaign. In quick succession there followed the death of his wife, the entrance of his daughter into a convent, and the marriage of his second son. He was retired from his post office job.

He asked admission to the House of the Sons of Don Calisto here and, after three years' study of theology, was

ordained to the priesthood.

On the back of the holy card commemorating his ordination, he had printed:

"Pain is the most intimate gift of God, the most precious gift of His mercy, the ultimate effort of His love."

Pope Received Million In 1956

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII received 1,000,000 persons in audience during 1956 and made 200 addresses.

Observers Roman, Vatican City newspaper reported.

Pope Names Bishops, New Gary Diocese

Washington, D.C. — (NC) — Pope Pius XII has created a new diocese and made five episcopal appointments, it was announced here by the apostolic delegate, Archbishop Clognani.

The new diocese is Gary Indiana, consisting of four counties in Northwest Indiana and formerly part of the Fort Wayne Diocese. The counties are Lake, Porter, LaPorte and Starke.

The new episcopal appointments are:

Bishop Leo A. Pursley, apostolic administrator of Fort Wayne since March, 1955, is named Bishop of Fort Wayne succeeding Archbishop John F. Noll, who died July 31, 1956.

Monsignor Andrew G. Grutka, pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Gary, is named first bishop of the new Diocese of Gary.

Auxiliary Bishop Robert F. Joyce of Burlington, Vermont, is named bishop of that diocese succeeding Bishop Edward F. Ryan who died November 3.

Auxiliary Bishop Thomas J. McDonough of St. Augustine, Florida, is named auxiliary of the Savannah, Georgia diocese, which is headed by Archbishop Gerald P. O'Hara, now apostolic delegate to Great Britain.

Monsignor Hilary E. Hacker, Vicar General St. Paul, Minnesota, is named Bishop of Bismarck N.D., succeeding Bishop Lambert A. Hoch who was named Bishop of Sioux Falls, S.D., on December 5, 1956.

Drug Firm Gives Grant To DePaul

Chicago — (NC) — An Indianapolis, Ind., pharmaceutical manufacturer has renewed a grant-in-aid for research at DePaul University here.

Eli Lilly and Co. extended its grant for research on the synthesis of triazoles, according to Father Comerford J. O'Malley, C.M., president of the university. Father O'Malley said the amount of the grant could not be made public but that it was "substantial."

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Polish Bishop's Trial 'Faked', Reds Confess

Berlin — (NC) — The Polish government radio announced that Bishop Czeslaw Kaczmarek of Kielce has been released from prison and that his conviction three years ago was illegal.

According to Radio Warsaw, Poland's Supreme Military Court now admits that the whole trial was based on false evidence.

(According to Religious News Service, the Warsaw Radio announced that the military court also exonerated two priests and a nun who were sentenced along with Bishop Kaczmarek to prison terms ranging from six to nine years. The court, it said, had found all four defendants had been convicted on faked evidence and were completely innocent.)

BISHOP KACZMAREK was first placed under house arrest in January, 1951, after being charged with spying for the Vatican and the United States. He was subsequently imprisoned. Brought to trial in September, 1953, he allegedly "confessed" to all the crimes his Red prosecutor accused him of, including anti-state propaganda, wartime collaboration with the nazis, and betraying the "people's democracy." He was sentenced to 12 years at hard labor.

Bishop Kaczmarek was the only Polish bishop who actually was "tried" in a Polish communist court. Other members of the hierarchy who were jailed, and who were all freed last fall, were never brought to trial.

The Bishop's trial was a typical communist propaganda play. It involved the names of Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York; Bishop Stephen Wankel of Saginaw, Mich., and the late Arthur Bliss Lane, a former U. S. Ambassador to Poland.

AT THE TIME, Cardinal Spellman condemned the trial as a "fraud and mockery," and called Bishop Kaczmarek's sentence "absurd and cruel."

Bishop Wankel, long a leader in American relief work for Poland, said that the trial was really an attempt to destroy Caritas, the Polish Catholic Charities organization. "The main object of the Reds in Poland now is to discredit all their relief work in the eyes of their own people and to prevent it from being the world as an activity directed against the government," Bishop Wankel said in 1953. He pointed out that his had never had any contact with the Polish underground; as the Reds had charged.

AT THE SAME time, Ambassador Lane issued a categorical denial of the charges that Bishop Kaczmarek had conveyed espionage matter to him. "Bishop Kaczmarek is a personal friend but he never transmitted to me any information derogatory to Poland or the Polish people," the diplomat declared.

The U. S. State Department labeled the Kaczmarek trial a "mockery of justice" and an unsuccessful "attempt to discredit organized religion."

A SPECIAL COMMISSION under the direction of Professor Raymond J. Hasenauer will provide the musician for the Mass.

In his invitation to all Holy Name and Catholic laymen, President Ennis urged parish officers to organize car pools and a motorcade from their respective parishes.

Special delegations from the Rochester Police, Fire Bureau and Holy Name Societies will attend, Ennis announced.

Record Conversions Cited In Britain

London — (RNS) — A record total of 13,291 conversions, were reported by the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales during 1955, according to the Catholic Directory for 1956 just published here.

It said this was the largest number of conversions to Catholicism recorded in any one year since the directory was first published in 1840. The 1955 Catholic Directory listed 11,920 converts for the year 1954.

The Catholic population of England and Wales was 3,270,800 at the end of 1955, the directory reported, an increase of 122,300 over the previous year.

The number of secular priests was listed as 4,676, a gain of 224 over 1954. Those of religious orders and congregations increased from 2,590 to 2,617 during the year.

There were 3,036 parishes and other churches and chapels open to the public, a rise of 56. Private chapels that have at least a weekly Mass increased from 961 to 1,044.

The directory also reported a gain in marriages from 37,681 to 43,106, but a decrease in infant baptisms from 92,380 to 82,327.

Ireland Plans Gift For Pope

Dublin — (RNS) — The Irish government is planning to present a set of vestments to Pope Pius XII on his 63rd birthday next March 2.

Pope, Bishop Sheen Named On Gallup Ten Top Men

Princeton, N. J. — (NC) — Pope Pius XII and Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York have been placed on the Gallup poll's annual list of the "Ten Most Admired Men."

President Eisenhower is first in the poll compiled by Dr. George Gallup and his staff. The results were announced here.

The top ten, in their order of frequency, are: Winston Churchill, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, Adlai E. Stevenson, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dag Hammarskjold, Billy Graham, Jonas Salk, and President Eisenhower.