

Stalin Terror Aided Church, Reds Admit

Warsaw — (NC) — "In spite of the political terror under Stalinism, and perhaps because of it, religion greatly strengthened its position in Poland."
This admission was made here in the official organ of the Polish communist youth organization, Po Prostu (Speaking Frankly).

DURING THE Stalinist era, the Red publication said, "it was of no importance that authentic Catholicism did not exist officially. Today it has shown its strength, which had been gathering below the surface all the more solidly. And it would seem that we are faced with a further growth of its forces."

The reason why the Church grew in strength here under Stalinism, Po Prostu stated, was the oppressive nature of the Stalinist regime's rule and the atmosphere of fear and uncertainty it created. Only in the Church, it said, could the people satisfy their craving for justice, goodness and love.

The communist journal stressed the oppression experienced under the Stalinist regime and pointed out that the workers were made "completely subservient to the ruling class of bureaucrats," who stole from them the fruits of their labor.



General Gruenther Retires

Washington, D. C. — (NC) — On hand to extend best wishes to retiring General Alfred M. Gruenther, former Supreme Allied Commander Europe, is Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York. At center is Mrs. Wilbur M. Brucke, wife of the Secretary of the Army. The reception and colorful military review in the General's honor, took place at Fort McNair, Wash., D. C.

Babe Ruth Coach Dies

Baltimore, Md. — The man who first taught the great "Babe" Ruth the fine art of playing baseball was buried here.

He was Xavier Brother Herman, 75, for whom a Solemn Requiem Mass was offered in the chapel of Mount St. Joseph's Preparatory School. Burial was in the New Cathedral Cemetery. Brother Herman died (December 24) in St. Agnes' Hospital here.

George Ruth was 13 when he became a pupil of Brother Herman. The Brother acknowledged that the boy was an apt pupil, "but had rough going more than a few times." In appreciation for the Brother's teaching, young Ruth at Confirmation took the name Herman.

Their friendship continued long after Ruth became established as one of the greatest baseball stars of all time. The Babe died in 1948.

Cardinal Lauds Troops Role In Northern Outposts

Washington, D. C. — (NC) — United States military forces at bases in northern outposts are deeply aware of their great responsibility to the defense of their country, Cardinal Spellman reported here on his return from Greenland.

The Cardinal returned from a 6,500-mile flying trip to the principal U. S. Air Force bases of the Northeast Air Command in Greenland, Baffin Island, Labrador and Newfoundland.

He emphasized that Americans should always be aware of the great debt they owe to those young men who are undergoing hardships and discomfort in the north for the greater security of their country.

CARDINAL SPELLMAN, who is Military Vicar for the United States' armed forces, stopped off at Washington to attend the military review at Fort McNair before returning as supreme commander of the Allied Forces in Europe. General Gruenther was recently appointed president of the American Red Cross by President Eisenhower.

On his visits to American bases in the North, Cardinal Spellman officiated at Baptism and Confirmation ceremonies, celebrated numerous Masses, and gave about 40 talks. At every base, he visited the weather was below zero. He greeted hundreds of servicemen and chatted with them. Many men in base hospitals were cheered by visits from New York's Cardinal Archbishop.

THE HIGHLIGHT of the Cardinal's trip was his celebration of Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at the Thule Air Force Base, Greenland, in the presence of over 500 airmen and soldiers.

In a Christmas talk following the Mass, he said: "I find greater joy in bringing you the blessings of Christmas in these frozen wastelands than to be in St. Patrick's Cathedral which is so dearly loved."

Cardinal Spellman arrived in Thule on December 23. That evening, he visited the patients in the base hospital, and administered Confirmation to 30 servicemen in the chapel. Later, he was driven to Camp Tuto, an Army Transportation Corps outpost located at the edge of the Greenland icecap. The temperature there was 35 degrees below zero.

Before arriving at Thule, Cardinal Spellman visited the Narsarsuaq Air Base and Sondestrom Air Base, both in Greenland.

At Narsarsuaq the Cardinal baptized the six-day-old daughter of Major and Mrs. Roman Bowser, of Sheboygan, Mich. He offered Mass for the men there, and administered Confirmation to 12 persons.

Glottio Frescoes
Florence, (NC) — Santa Croce, the famous Franciscan church here is being completely renovated with particular attention to the celebrated frescoes of Glottio on the walls of two chapels.

6,000 Students Conduct Paris Peace Pilgrimage
Paris, (NC) — Six thousand university students of Paris made a pilgrimage for peace from the cathedral of Notre Dame to the basilica of the Sacred Heart, praying, singing, repairing and singing hymns.

SPECTATORS AT FIRST thought that they were witnessing a political demonstration or some other sort of student up-rising. They were astonished when they heard the words of the pilgrims' litany:

"For Paris, abandoned to pleasure, we beseech Thee, O Lord
For working Paris, we beseech Thee, O Lord
For suffering Paris...
For weeping Paris..."

SEVENTY PRIESTS heard the confessions of the students when they arrived at the basilica of the Sacred Heart on Montmartre. Confessions were heard in French, German, Dutch, Spanish, English, Vietnamese, and Arabic.

A Mass was said at midnight, and 5,000 students received Holy Communion.

It was reported that many non-Catholics joined in the procession.

Who Has Right To Use Fifth Amendment?

New York — (NC) — Most persons do not have the right to take refuge behind the self-incrimination clause of the Fifth Amendment when asked questions about the communist conspiracy in this country.

This is the opinion of Prof. Edwin P. McMahon of the Georgetown University Law School. He addressed the annual conference on the natural law sponsored by the Guild of Catholic Lawyers of New York.

About 150 persons attended the sessions in the building of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Prof. McMahon said the natural law recognizes the right to silence. But he said this right disappears if withholding the answer would result in a calamity to the community.

"The communist conspiracy raises the greatest threat of national calamity that our nation has ever known and consequently the natural law right to silence disappears in connections with questions pertaining to this threat," he said.

But he added that there might be cases where a communist's connection with the conspiracy was too small to require an answer.

Devotion Cited In New Guinea

Alexishaven, New Guinea — (NC) — During the past fiscal year the 66 priests in the Alexishaven vicariate distributed nearly 700,000 Communion to New Guinea Catholics.

These figures were included in the annual report made by Bishop Adolph A. Noser, S.V.D., Vicar Apostolic of Alexishaven, to His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

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Pope Lauds Chinese 'Life Of Christ'
Vatican City, (NC) — Pope Pius XII has sent a letter to the Catholic Truth Society of Hong Kong blessing its activities, especially the publication of Catholic works in Chinese.

His letter, the Holy Father referred especially to a Chinese translation of "Life of Jesus Christ" by Abbot Giuseppe D. Ricciotti, consultant for the Sacred Congregation of Religions.

The four-volume history involved many years of work and required the use of 700,000 Chinese characters.

Tyrant Tito's Record Bared

Washington — (NC) — The American people may soon be asked to extend hospitality to Marshal Josip Broz Tito of Yugoslavia.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has announced here that the Administration is giving sympathetic consideration to a proposal to invite Tito to visit the White House.

MARSHAL TITO'S record includes the following facts:

He is one of the world's foremost persecutors of religion. He has called religion a form of "superstition," and has said that anyone teaching religion is an "enemy of the people" and liable to punishment.

He was the first of the Red dictators to imprison a ranking ecclesiastical. He had Archbishop (now Cardinal) Alojzius Stepinac of Zagreb arrested on September 30, 1946; had him tried for alleged treason, and had him sentenced to 16 years of forced labor. Marshal Tito had him released "conditionally" in December, 1951, but still confines him in his small native village of Krasko.

He has confiscated the property of Americans doing business in Yugoslavia.

He has expelled some American newspapermen from Yugoslavia and he has kept others from entering that country.

He expelled in 1946 the workers of Catholic Relief Services (then War Relief Services)—National Catholic Welfare Conference.

HE HAS received more than a billion dollars worth of economic and military aid from the United States while boasting that he made no concessions to the West.

Titoist dictatorship was condemned by the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, at its first constitutional convention in December, 1955, as one of the "reprehensible foes of human dignity, decency and liberty."

The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions has warned that the Yugoslav trade unions are not free, but are "controlled by the Communist party and by the government, which is the same thing."

IT HAS BEEN understood here for years that Belgrade sought to win an invitation for Marshal Tito to visit the United States. President Eisenhower has discouraged these overtures heretofore, on the ground that such a meeting would serve no useful purpose.

Now, Secretary Dulles has said a visit by Marshal Tito to this country might serve a useful purpose. It has been suggested in this connection that the Administration probably hopes to capitalize on the attacks which Soviet Russian communists have recently leveled against Tito.

India Tightens Visa Policy On Missionaries

New Delhi, India — (NC) — In a communication to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India, the government has outlined its visa policy toward foreign Christian missionaries.

Archbishop Joseph A. Fernandez of Delhi-Simla, secretary of the Bishops' conference, was told by the Home Ministry that all foreign missionaries who leave India must obtain new visas if they seek to re-enter.

This policy statement applies to any missionaries who depart temporarily on leave or for other reasons.

THE CUMBERSOME visa re-entry regulation process includes making application to an Indian embassy abroad, obtaining a sponsor for the application from the missionary's superior in India, and also a recommendation from the Bishops' Conference.

Previously, the Bishops' Conference had complained about the growing number of missionary visa refusals by the government, and said this gave them "cause for much anxiety."

The conference recalled the fact that during an 18-month period in 1952-53, only 83 of 272 visa applications by missionaries were approved.

Communities Must Pay Parish Pupil Health Care

Bronxville, N. Y. — (RNS) — State Commissioner of Education James E. Allen, Jr. ordered three adjacent communities to pay for health services given their children at St. Joseph's parochial school here.

He issued the order after hearings in Albany. The "delinquent" communities ordered to pay are Yonkers, Mt. Vernon and Eastchester.

J. Francis Hayden, an attorney for the Bronxville Board of Education, was commissioned to serve the orders on school officials of the three communities. He said the state ruling would set an important precedent to cover similar situations that have arisen since 1953.

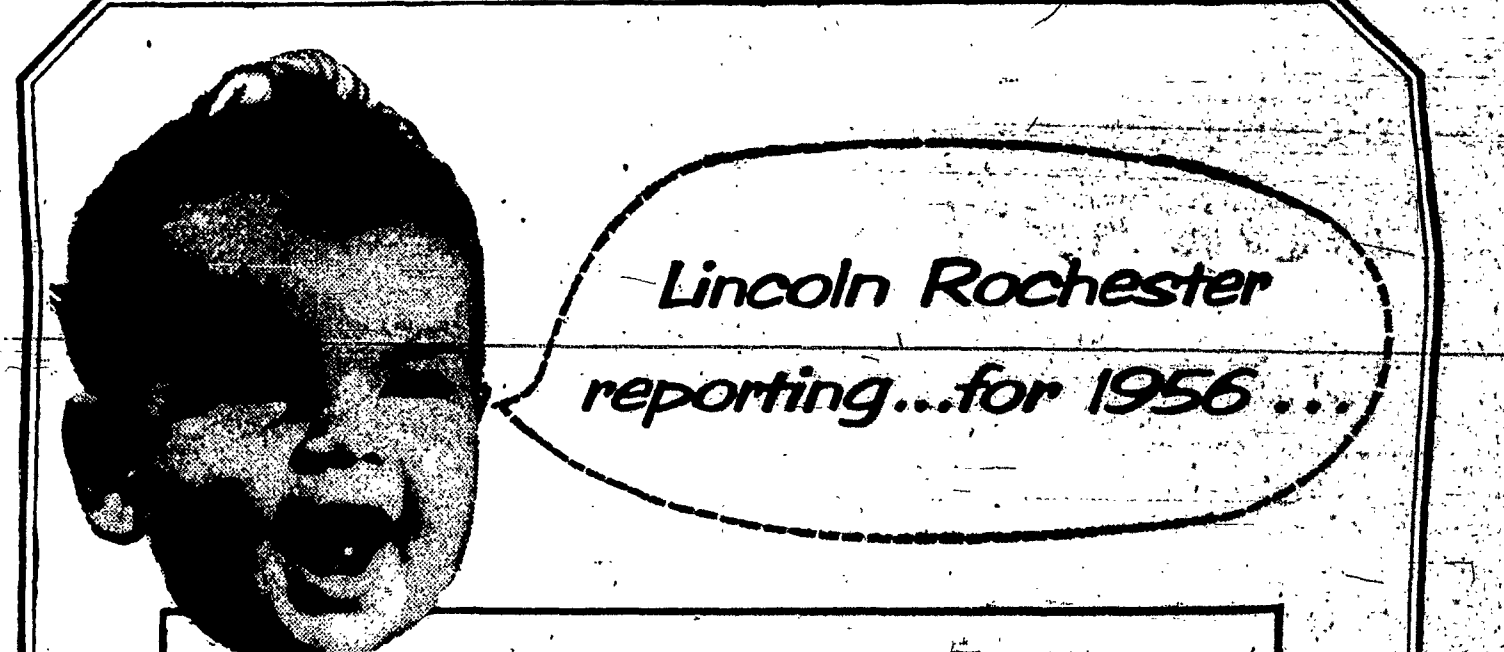
In that year the legislature made it obligatory for home districts to pay for costs of health services for children attending parochial or other non-public schools outside those districts.

The Yonkers school district was directed to reimburse Bronxville in the sum of \$2,670 a ten dollars per capita for 267 Yonkers children who attended St. Joseph's last year. On the same basis, Mount Vernon was charged \$60 for six pupils and Eastchester \$30 for three.

Philippine Hierarchy Ranks Doubled

Manila, (NC) — Since 1936 the number of Philippine bishops and sees has more than doubled.

Twenty years ago, there were 14 ecclesiastical jurisdictions in the Philippines—2 archdioceses, 10 dioceses, and 2 prefectures apostolic. Today there are 6 archdioceses, 15 dioceses, 7 prelatures nullius, 3 vicariates apostolic, and prefectures apostolic—32 ecclesiastical jurisdictions in all.



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Cash	\$ 78,207,486.85
U. S. Government Bonds	89,486,306.88
Other Stocks and Bonds	11,261,862.39
Loans	113,038,768.50
Mortgages	52,067,403.14
Banking Houses	5,296,967.77
Accrued Interest Receivable	930,841.92
Other Assets	264,321.42
\$350,553,958.87	

LIABILITIES	
Deposits	\$318,961,518.33
Reserve for Interest and General Expense	821,101.71
Reserve for Federal Income and Other Taxes	1,579,786.82
Reserve for Unearned Discount	2,066,552.01
Dividends Declared and Payable February 1st	400,000.00
Capital Funds	26,725,000.00
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