

Secret Red Report Says Persecution Failed In Poland

Milan — (NC) — A prominent Milan newspaper reported that Polish communist leader Wladyslaw Gomulka has admitted the failure of Red Poland's anti-religious policy.

The independent *Corriere della Sera* published parts of what it called a secret report by Mr. Gomulka to the eight-man central committee of the Polish Communist party — presumably sometime shortly after the "October Revolution" which resulted in Mr. Gomulka's election to the post of first secretary of the party.

THE *CORRIERE della Sera* report was brought back to Italy by Bruno Montanelli, the paper's Warsaw correspondent.

According to the newspaper, Mr. Gomulka began his report by saying that the struggle against the Church in Poland had been lost. The communist leaders who had been jailed for "opportunist" and "nationalist deviation" during the Stalinist era and rehabilitated only in 1956 reportedly backed his statement with facts, figures and accounts of various episodes.

Despite persecution, Mr. Gomulka was reported as saying, the ranks of the clergy are now more numerous than before the war, the faithful are thronging to the churches and the percentage of men attending had taken a sharp rise.

THE FOLLOWING are some of the incidents that Mr. Gomulka is reported to have mentioned to illustrate the communists' losing battle against the Church:

In 1954 the head of the Polish communist police discovered that one of his most "anti-religious" officers had been married at a secret night wedding in a local church. The officer was expelled and an investigation was ordered. It was found that similar secret religious acts were commonly taken part in even by some of the highest ranking members of the Communist party hierarchy.

Investigation brought to light the fact that on the eve of the greater feast days, doctors would

give their clients a "sick certificate." One doctor complained that, having refused to deliver such certificates, he had lost all his patients. His denunciation had gotten "lost" in the government offices.

ACCORDING TO the *Corriere della Sera* article, Mr. Gomulka gave two facts as responsible for this defeat. First of all, he said, the great majority of the population in Poland is Catholic. Secondly, he said, severe anti-religious activity has served to increase religious fervor.

"Today," he was quoted as saying, "a large number of people go to church not to pray to God, but to protest against the regime. The Polish people who do not believe in heaven, at least hope that hell exists for communists. Devils are no less effective than saints for religious propaganda."

Catholics Resettle 10,000th Refugee

Kilmer Reception Center, N. J. — (RNS) — The 10,000th Hungarian refugee to be resettled by Catholic Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference left here with his wife and eight children for a new life of freedom in Joliet, Ill.

He is Josef Szentgyorgyi, 50, who has been a vegetable farmer most of his life, but worked for the past four years in an automobile factory. His home was in Siegetsentmiklos, about five miles from Budapest.

Since the first plane landed at McGuire Air Force Base on Nov. 21, some 22,258 Hungarian refugees have arrived at Kilmer. Of this number, 17,447 have been resettled by the eight voluntary agencies included in the President's Committee Status Report.



College Girls Skis Blessed

Denver, Colorado — (NC) — Placing their Ski Club program under the patronage of St. Bernard, Loreto Heights College seniors, Karen Jones and Rosalie Ryan, have their skis blessed by Father William H. Jones, college chaplain. Weekly ski trips to the Arapahoe Basin ski area at the foot of Loveland Pass attract 150 collegians from the Catholic liberal arts college, located southwest of Denver and facing the Rockies.

Montreal Cab Drivers Get Mobile Chaplain

Montreal — (RNS) — When brawny Father Paul Aquin, newly-appointed chaplain for this city's 14,900 cab drivers, sets up his sprawling parish Feb. 4, it will be the only church on wheels in the Montreal area.

Father Aquin's Motor Chapel has sleeping and dining accommodations and is equipped with television, snack bar, radio and hi-fi sets.

"It is frequently difficult for taxi drivers to go to church in their own districts because of the hours they work," the 35-year-old priest said. "So I will bring the church to them."

THE MOBILE chapel will be parked at a different spot in the city every day. Mass will be said weekdays at 10 a. m. and Sundays at 2 a. m. and 4 a. m.

But the trailer will be more than a church, Father Aquin said. "I want cabbies to look upon the trailer as a sort of second home, and upon me as the cabbies' priest," he said. "I've had a snack bar and television, radio and hi-fi installed purposely so they can visit any time they feel like talking, without missing a meal or their favorite show."

FATHER AQUIN'S present post as the cabbies' priest was established by Cardinal Leger, Archbishop of Montreal, who adopted the Motor Chapel as one of his special works.

The trailer-church was financed

Honolulu Hotel Holds Sunday Mass

Honolulu, T. H. — (RNS) — The Hawaiian Village Hotel in Wai-kiki, owned by the industrialist, Henry J. Kaiser, has started Sunday religious services for tourists.

Mass is offered weekly by the Rev. Charles A. Kekumano, chancellor of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Honolulu.

This is the first time that a hotel in a resort area here has provided worship services for visitors.

Negro Priest Baptized 15 Relatives On Ordination Day

Indianapolis, Ind. — (NC) — A negro Benedictine priest, who came here to conduct a chant course at the Carmelite Monastery, disclosed that he had the unusual privilege of baptizing 15 of his relatives on his ordination day.

FATHER BERNARDIN Patterson, O.S.B., from St. Maur's priory, an interracial monastery at South Union, Ky., recalled in an interview:

"The baptisms came as a complete and wonderful surprise to me. It was a well guarded secret."

He related that after his ordination in 1953 at Visitation Church in St. Louis by Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter of St.

Louis, his pastor asked him to come to the church that afternoon to administer Baptism.

"IMAGINE MY surprise," he said, "when I found that the convert class consisted of my grandmother and 14 other relatives. It was a wonderful ordination gift."

Father Patterson is a convert. He was baptized at the age of 10. His mother was received into the Church in 1947. She died in 1951.

Government Officials Attend Red Mass

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Chief Justice Earl Warren, and Speaker Sam Rayburn led a distinguished congregation of members of Congress and government officials who attended the annual Red Mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral here.

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield attended, representing President Eisenhower who was out of the city, and more than 200 members of Congress were present, as well as 100 representatives of foreign diplomatic missions.

ARCHBISHOP PATRICK A. O'Boyle offered the Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit, which derives its traditional name "Red Mass" from the color of the vestments worn by the clergy.

Worshippers heard Bishop Robert J. Dwyer of Reno, Nevada, declare in his sermon that "justice is radically intolerant of injustice" and that "it cannot be content with what we have come to know as 'co-existence.'"

"The existence of injustice of justice is a perpetual challenge to it," he declared.

"It is not merely a matter of justice noting that its opposite exists. By its very nature justice demands the elimination of injustice."

"JUSTICE IS militant. It is poised to carry its war into the enemy's camp, to seek out injustice and to destroy it. It is even willing to run certain risks in order to abolish it from the face of the earth."

Bishop Dwyer observed that "we live in a civilization that has been schooled to place a paramount value on security."

"To the extent we have been emphasizing security while ignoring justice," he said, "we have built for ourselves a fool's paradise."

He said the measure of true security that America gains is the "exact measure — no more



Washington, D. C. — (NC) — Attending the annual Red Mass in Washington's St. Matthew's Cathedral are (L. to R.) Bishop Robert J. Dwyer of Reno, who preached the sermon; Vice-president Richard M. Nixon; Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington, D. C., celebrant of the Mass; and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Earl Warren.

and no less" of the true justice that it establishes in the world.

"Risks must be taken to secure justice," the bishop asserted. Ob-serving that while the risks taken must be reasonable, and not in defiance of common sense, he warned that justice cannot be "static" but must constantly be advanced.

BISHOP DWYER praised the work of the United Nations on behalf of international justice. He warned, however, that the United Nations "sets a valuation upon justice as upon security, and hope will have gone glimmering down the corridor of the millennium of history."



She's Grateful For Freedom

Albany — (NC) — "Isten hozott," a traditional Hungarian greeting meaning "God Brought You Here," was the greeting from Bishop William A. Scully, as he welcomed 88 Hungarian refugees to the Albany area. Mrs. Margaret Schrammel, 70, (above) kisses the ring of her new chief Shepherd, grateful that she will now be able to practice her Faith without restraint.



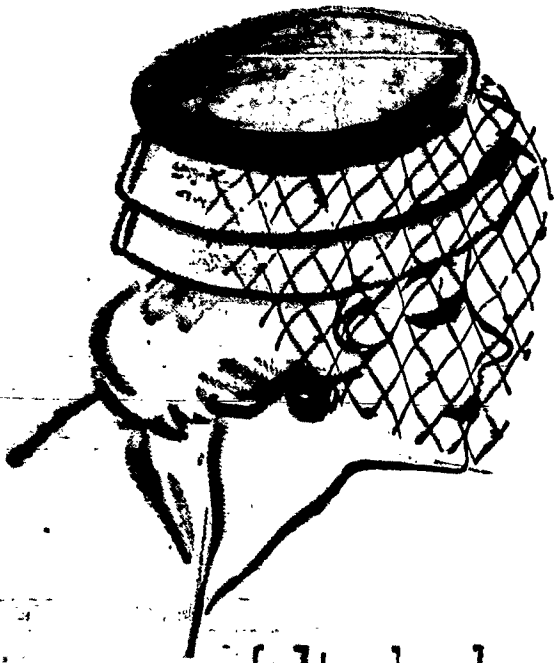
He helps you cook your Sunday dinner

Doesn't look like a chef, does he, but he helps you prepare all of your meals. You see, he is John A. Hellis, Jr., one of the Rochester Gas and Electric's top automobile mechanics. His job is to keep RG&E's fleet of two-way radio trucks in tip-top shape, ready to go at a moment's notice. By servicing these and other RG&E vehicles, he helps bring dependable, low-cost electric and gas service to the homes, farms, factories and stores of this area.

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