

Israel's Security Guarantees Urged

Washington, D. C. — (NC) — Justice demands that the United Nations give Israel the reasonable guarantees essential to its security.

This view was registered here by Harry W. Flannery, president of the Catholic Association for International Peace, in telegrams to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld, U.S. delegate to the UN Henry Cabot Lodge, and members of the Senate and House Foreign Relations Committees.

Reds Turn Clock Back In Hungary

By C. M. STRACHWITZ

Vienna — (NC) — Crossing the Hungarian-Austrian frontier "illegally" has become a difficult and very dangerous venture, at least as difficult and dangerous as it was at the time—until last summer—when the Iron Curtain consisted of minefields and barbed wire entanglements.

THE IRON CURTAIN is now back in place. Only its texture has changed. Today it is through a dense network of heavily armed patrols, furnished by communist Premier Janos Kadar's militia, that the would-be refugees have to wind their way.

How many have already been captured while attempting to escape, or have fallen victim to the sub-machine guns or the bloodhounds of the militia, cannot even be guessed. About the effectiveness of that network there can be no doubt.

Daylight crossings of the border have become practically impossible. In sections of the frontier where a few weeks ago hundreds of fugitives reached Austrian soil night after night, new artifices now often amount to hardly more than a dozen.

Congress Offered Good Friday Bill

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — A second bill to make Good Friday a national legal holiday was introduced in Congress. It is sponsored by Rep. Kathryn Granahan (D-Pa.). Her late husband, Rep. William T. Granahan (D-Pa.) sponsored a similar measure in the 84th Congress.

Rep. Clement J. Zablocki, (D-Wis.) earlier this session introduced an identical bill. Both measures have been referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

As a rule these newcomers have been in hiding in the Hungarian border region for some time, awaiting their chance. This is why reliable news of what is going on in Hungary has become scarce.

ONE THING, however, seems clear. While other satellite countries are allowed a certain limited amount of "home rule," the head of the present Hungarian government is a puppet who must do everything exactly as Moscow tells him.



To Make Nation-Wide Tour

Los Angeles — (NC) — The Immaculate Heart Trio, members of the same family and the same religious community, will embark on a trans-continental tour of concert appearances this fall performing at Catholic colleges and motherhouses. The Sisters, acclaimed in press comments on their earlier concert appearances, are: Sr. Mary Denis, violin; Sr. Mary Mark, piano; and Sr. Mary Anthony, cello. They are members of the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart Sisters of Los Angeles.

West Virginia State May Finally Recognize God

Charleston, W. Va. — (RNS) — A joint resolution to include the name of God in the West Virginia constitution is pending in the Senate here after having been unanimously approved by the House. Its sponsors said West Virginia is the only state that does not recognize God in its constitution.

Should the resolution be passed by the Senate it would then be submitted to a vote of the people in the 1958 general election.

THE PROPOSED amendment would make the constitution read as follows:

"We the people of West Virginia, acknowledging with gratitude the good providence of God in having permitted us to enjoy a free government do ordain and establish this Constitution for the State of West Virginia."

Archbishop John J. Swain of Wheeling praised the measure as

Anglicans Copy Catholic Program

London — (NC) — The Catholic conversion by advertising campaign here has become such a success that the state Church of England has been forced to compete.

An Anglican spokesman has announced that a Protestant Inquiry Bureau is to be set up on the same lines as the Catholic one, advertising free courses of instruction in the national press with donations collected from the faithful.

The Catholic bureau, run by the Catholic Missionary Society here, has since it started its publicity campaign a couple of years ago received 67,000 requests for information. Some 36,000 people have actually taken the brief first course.

They are later, if they wish, given the name of a priest whom they might like to consult for further information. The bureau is run by volunteers.

Catholic School System Cited Lay Teacher Seen By Methodist 'Sign Of Maturity' In Catholic School

Chicago — (NC) — Citing the success of the Catholic educational system in this country, a Methodist church official outlined a four-year program here for expansion and strengthening 118 Methodist-related colleges and universities.

THE REV. JOHN O. Gross of Nashville, Tenn., director of the churchwide emphasis on Christian higher education of the Methodist church, reviewed a "working blueprint" of the Methodist educational program at a meeting of Methodist district superintendents, bishops and other officials of the church.

He said that no national fund goal will be set but he was joined by Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va., chairman of the church educational commission, in a prediction that Methodists will raise a minimum of \$100-million through regional campaigns to support the church-related schools.

THE REV. MR. GROSS pointed out that the Catholic Church now has some 247 institutions of higher education in this country, compared with 469 under Protestant auspices. He said that about 150 of the Catholic institutions have been operating since 1900 and that fewer than 100 institutions have been founded by the Protestants since that time, only 13 by Methodists.

In addition to the 247 universities and colleges, as reported by the Rev. Mr. Gross, the Catholic educational system in this country also includes some 12,000 elementary and high schools.

GI Teaches Monks Basketball Game

Munich — (NC) — An American GI is teaching basketball to the priests and clerics of Muensterschwartzach Benedictine Abbey.

He is Jack Kaiser, who is with the 10th Medical Battalion, Maj. Gen. Charles L. Glascock of San Antonio, Texas, recently invited 30 of the priests and students to see the Medics play a visiting team.

Chicago — (NC) — Employment of lay teachers in Catholic grade and high schools is "a sign of maturity in our school education official declared here.

Msgr. William E. McManus, assistant director of the Education Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, said parochial schools have been given "a unique tone and spirit" thanks to dedicated members of religious groups.

BUT HE TOLD the Charles Carroll Forum that "in their infancy, our schools, insecure and poorly off financially, had no course but to rely on priests, brothers and nuns for their teaching staffs."

It might be argued, he continued, that many Religious "were diverted from the essential missionary activities of their order so that they might serve or an emergency basis in our new schools."

Now however, the schools are "growing up," he said, and "should be able to stand on their own two feet, ready to assimilate lay people into faculties that will be an ideal combination of Religious and lay. Now we are in a position to employ the very best teachers for our schools, be they Religious or lay."

Because of this maturity, he continued, "it is high time for all of us to set aside the silly objections to the lay teacher."

"There is no good reason for assuming that lay teachers are necessarily inferior to religious teachers," Msgr. McManus declared. "In saying this, I do not for a moment want to minimize the invaluable service of priests, brothers, and nuns. Their presence has been and is a real blessing."

"ON THE OTHER hand, there is nothing magic in a religious habit. Wearing it does not neces-

sarily make a person a better teacher than someone dressed in lay attire. We must face facts. Some lay teachers are better teachers than nuns on every score, academic training, classroom efficiency and religious influence. The lay teacher, like the Religious, must be judged on his or her individual merits."

Msgr. McManus said that at present, about one of every eight teachers in the Catholic grade schools is lay. "I predict," he added, "that in ten years one of every five will be lay." He said that in the high schools, one of every six teachers is lay and "ten years from now, it may be one of every four who will be lay."

Louis Budenz Felled By Heart Attack

Newport, R. I. — (NC) — Louis Budenz, former editor of the communist Daily Worker newspaper, was reported in a "fairly comfortable" condition at Newport Hospital where he is under treatment after a heart attack.

Mr. Budenz was stricken after he addressed a group gathered at the Mary Immaculate Queen Novitiate of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny here. At the hospital Dr. Charles Serbet, who treated Mr. Budenz, said that the patient's condition was critical.

Mr. Budenz is a member of the faculty of Fordham University and also writes a weekly column for the N.C.W.C. Feature Service. At the time he was stricken Mr. Budenz was preparing an article for the N.C.W.C. News Service evaluating the results of the recent meeting of the Communist party in the United States.



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