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Losses Cited In Italy Red Party Ranks

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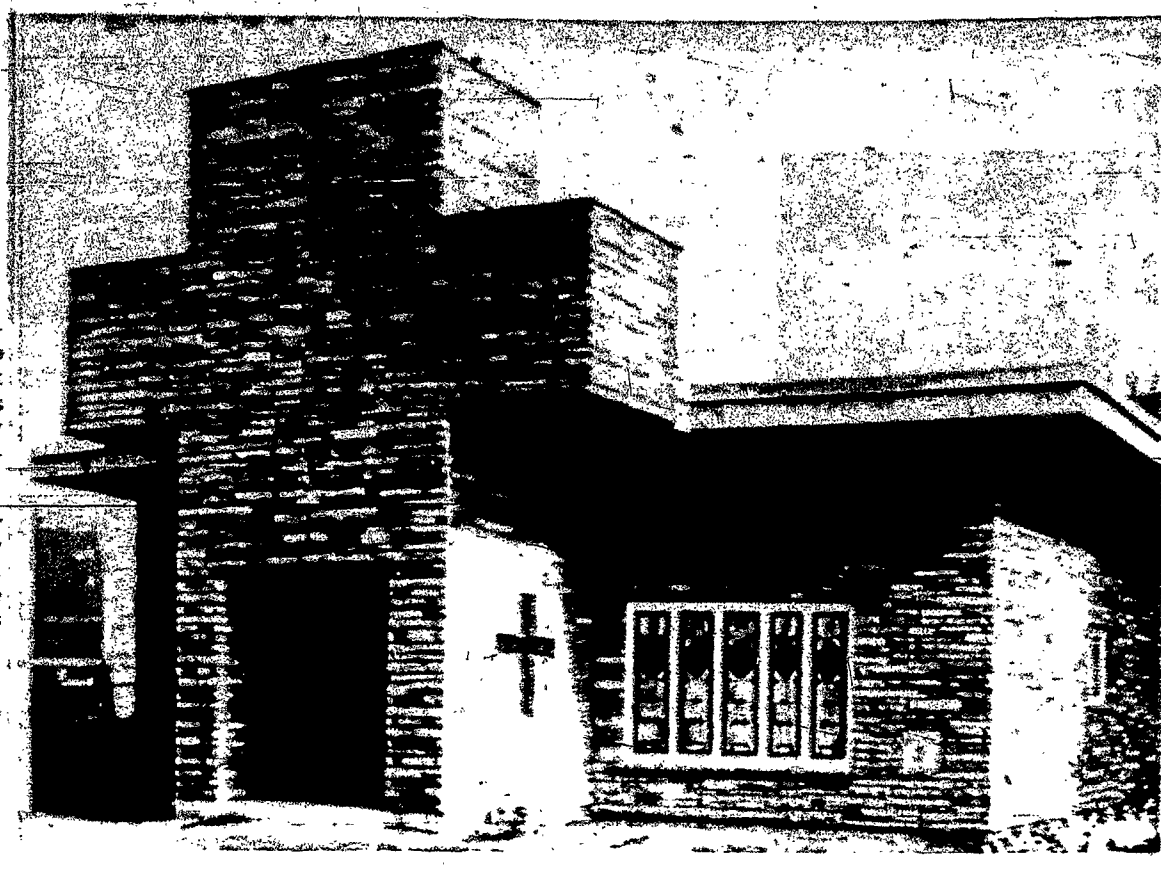
The minister added that communist leaders are showing deep concern over these defections, since they represent some of the best and most qualified elements of the party.

"THE ITALIAN Communist party," said Mr. Tavonani, "is losing the position it gained among the middle classes and the most qualified proletariat. From the viewpoint of quality, these losses are considerable."

Those who renewed their memberships are communists by force of habit, he added, "and members who, because of their needy situation, consider it in their interests to take an open stand against the state while seeking the protection of communism."

THE PRECISE figure of Communist party members in Italy has never been revealed, but it is estimated to be close to two million.

A new blow was dealt to the party recently when the national trade union of porters prohibited its autonomy and withdrew from the communist-dominated Italian General Confederation of Labor (CGIL).



The Cross — Our Salvation
One of the most unusual new churches to be erected in the Diocese of Pittsburgh is recently dedicated Holy Cross (church in Webster, Pa. (N.C. Photos)

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husband, Joseph L. Casey; two sons, Bishop Casey and Joseph L. Casey, Jr.; a daughter, Mrs. Helen Kelley of Rome, N. Y.; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Knickerbocker; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the cathedral at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. The Rev. Monsignor Arthur Flanagan, pastor of St. Ignace, officiated. The Rev. Monsignor John Sullivan, pastor of St. Francis, acted as co-officiant.

Interment was in the family plot at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery where Bishop Kearney conducted the prayers.

Services at the cathedral were preceded by a prayer service at Farrell Brothers Funeral Home.

Assisting Bishop Casey at the Pontifical Mass for his mother were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James C. McAniff, V.G., archpriest, Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Naughton, deacon, and Rev. Robert J. Fox, subdeacon. Rev. Edwin R. Wedow was master of ceremonies.

Assisting Bishop Kearney at the throne were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, chancellor, assistant priest; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wilford T. Craugh and Very Rev. Msgr. Leslie G. Whalen, deacons of honor and the Rev. Edward J. McAniff, master of ceremonies.

St. Bernard's Seminary Choir under the direction of the Rev. Charles J. McCarthy sang the Pontifical Mass.

PRESENT IN THE cathedral sanctuary for the funeral Mass were the Rt. Rev. Monsignors Charles Azz, Richard Burns, Edward Ball, George Predmore, Francis Hoelen, Thomas Leonard, Lawrence Gannon, John Randall, John Sullivan,

Radio Station Drops Paid Religious Time

Schenectady, N. Y. — (APNS) — Radio Station WGY announced here that it was dropping paid religious broadcasts because it had an "imbalance of fundamentalist Protestant theology" in its religious programming. The station is owned by the General Electric Company.

Merl Galusha, WGY manager, said the station would continue to provide free time for an adequate representative schedule of religious broadcasts. He said the station had declined to renew a contract for a program featuring evangelist Billy Graham.

The station manager listed other programs that no longer would be carried on a paid basis under present contracts expired "Word of Life," "Bible Study Hour," "Lutheran Hour" and "Voice of Prophecy."

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London, N.Y. — The Rev. Ronald Halstead, 35-year-old vicar of Holy Trinity Church in Harpenden in Hertfordshire, England has resigned from the Anglican Church to become a Catholic.

His wife Dorothy and their three children were received into the Church over a year ago and since then a fourth child has been born.

ON LEAVING the Anglican Church, Mr. Halstead said "I realized the Catholic Church was the only true faith. I had to get out and get out quick."

On Easter Sunday the Halsteads moved into a new house about a mile from his village. Husband and wife took turns of going to Mass and of looking after the children at home.

"It would have been hypocritical for me to have held Anglican services during Holy Week," he stated. "I just had to leave at once."

ANOTHER RECENT convert was Mary Lady Howe, first wife of Earl Howe and close friend of the late Queen Mary.

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