

of duter in Berlin. Paul Contestable served five months Army duty in 1953 in the four-powered city of Ber-I found that I would be traveling In which was headling news the linial 125 miles to Berlin this week as the Russians aboard a German train through threatened to create a new the Russian zone of Germany. political crisis there. Following is the story of his stay in the troubled city.) American aboard the train.

decided to get some rest. By PAUL CONTESTABLE

Berlin-the city of contrasts A heavy pounding at the in the room, I was puscing at one once more headlines the news in door of my compartment woke what he was looking at but I papers all over the world. Even me suddenly and alloud yolds did not turn to look. His face. blockade to isolate the city from guage.

the Western world, news also I unlatched the door and saw comes from the Vatican that the a Russian officer, the first of Bishop of Berlin has been raised to cardinal's rank by Pope John many to appear during my slay in Berlin. His uniform was drab XXIII. and coarse, his chest covered

with medals, Behind him, silent, What is this once powerful German capital like tealay? How stood the conduction. has reconstruction of the war The Russian began again in a torn city-progressed? What has loud voice. Unable to understand Russian control of the Eastern him Jassianed howanted to see

through Russian controlled ter-My first view of Berlin came ritory. In the summer of 1953 when I spent five months Army duty as Taking the papers from my. a psychological warfare, officers briefease, I held them out to him. in the four-powered city. My im- He snatched them without takpression on my arrival and when ing his eyes off mine. left were the same -- Berlin was a city divided against liself. a As he glances at the papers. city of contrasts

In the three Western sectors, controlled by the British; French and Amaricans there were still signs of hombed out hulldings. but rising from this rubble were heautiful dew buildings - massive and magnificently constructed.

CONTRASTING to this amazing work of reconstruction was Eastern sector of Berlin-with its Russian control. The rebuilding that had been so prominent in the Western sectors was definitely lacking here. Piles of rubble was everywhere.

Even the buildings that had survived the heavy World War II hombings were in desperate -need of repair. Boards were nalled across openings that once held windows. There were no stores or places of entertainment in sight.

Only along Stalin Allee was there any evidence of rebuilding.

Courier Journal staff writer | what to expect during my four, never smilling, never, changing his expression. This, they toldme, was the usual reception peo-When I arrived in Frankfort, ple receive from the Russians

Then the Russian stopped looking at the papers and stared at me for at least a minute without I also learned I was the only, saying a word. I looked back trying not to show any expression on my face.

Night was falling when the train began its slow trek and I -Suddenly the heavy set Russlan broke the stare and seemed

did not turn to look. His face & Then two Russian soldiers ap

Then as suddenly as he had come, he-mumbled something, handed my papers back to me and moved quickly out of the compartment.

As soon as the door was latched again, I turned and saw what had attracted his attention-my Rosary beads.

my papers authorizing my travel rught, so back to bed,

> I awoke again about 2 a.m. The train was not moving. Lifting the blind I looked out experting to see a railroad station of

he continually looked up at me- was quiet, dark and desolate.

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The train schedule indicated black appeared from the sha- tor of Berlin as dawn was breakit would be a few hours before dows behind the officer. His ing. A sigh of relief came over we reached Berlin. It was mid- ragged while-heard and thick me-the oasis was reached. mustache almost hid his face entirely.

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menot to raise the blind again. some sort. I saw nothing. It The Russian turned and quickly officer is kidnaped by the Rusmoved out.

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THE OLD MAN stood there peared with tommy guns over briefly but silently as if trying

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not. Once more there was a heavy pounding at the door, I opened The Russian officer, shouted

It and another Russian officer and the man moved quickly out holted into the compartment. He of the room. was speaking rapidly and force. It was three o'clock before University of America here. fully but again in Russian. sleep came again. Fortunately this time I did not awake again

Then an old man dressed in until we reached the Allied Sec-Ten hours had passed and only

125 miles a trip I'll never for-NEXT WEEK: An American

U.S. Bishops' Group COLTRIER JOURNAL Friday, November 21, 1958 Catholics Eat To Promote Liturgy Protestant Cake

Washington-(NC) -The Bishthe recent instruction issued by ops of the United States have set - the Sacred Congregation af up an Episcopal Commission of Rites aimed at bringing the the Luurgical Apostolate to pro. faithful into more active parmote and oversee the liturgical dicipation in the Mass. movement in this country.

(The "liturgical movement" launched by Pope St. Pius X in 1903 seeks a greater participation of the laty in the provers and rites of Holy Mass and other Church (eremonies.)

Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter' The work of the national cornof St. Louis was named chair- mission in regard to such found American flag at the top and a man of the commission, Arch units, he said, would be to give Marine globe and anchor at the bishop William O. Brady of St. them "a program to follow."

Archibishop Brady also said it. 'is anticipated that as the national commission beguns in furne-

tion, individual bishops may set up local commissions in their dineses to consultate the litter. gical movement on the heard

Paul is vice thairman and Auxiliary Bishop James H. Griffiths their shoulders. A few minutes to say something. Hid he too of New York is secretary. The noticed the Rosary? His eves other members are Bishop John were saying what his lips could F. Dearden of Pittsburgh and not. Bishop Vincent S. Waters of Ra-

leigh, N.C .-. THE COMMISSION Was or

ganized during the LT.S. Bishops' annual meeting at the Catholic

> The Archbishop said that the first two projects of the commission will be to give the nation"s histops information on the achievements of liturgical commissions in other countries and to provide them with an autizorilative commentary on

Worcester area, a Protestant. mirked the corps 183rd birth flay here by delivering a huge birtinday cake to hildren at. Ann's Roman Catholic Orpharage, For sly years M.Sgt. Joseph Walker has observed the

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rine Corps recruiter for the

Marine Corps' birthday in this marrirer. As risual, the cake was - decorated with a tiny

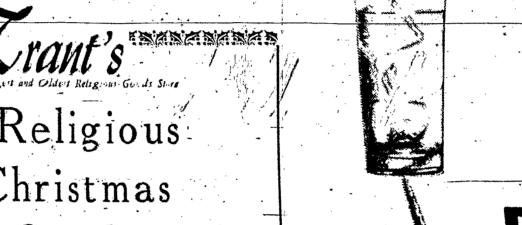
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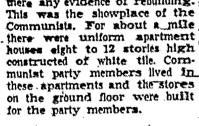
Speaking slowly but in very get, good English, the old man told

Religious

slans.







Behind this Communist showplace was nothing but rubble.

The contrast between East and West was even, more evident among the people. The streets of the Russian sector were all but descried compared to the crowded Western sectors,

There were no groups gathered on street corners talkingand laughing. There were no smiles on the faces of the people. There were few automobiles. In place of the busiling noise typical of a big city was an almost erie silence.

Aside from the numerous sol diers and "police" that roamed the Russian sector in pairs, machine guns over their shoulders. there were few people in sight. Of these, most of them were old people in shabby clothes .--

MY FIRST contact with the Russians served as a warning of

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