

# U.S. Catholic Press Regrets Ike-Nikita Visits

(N.C.W.C. News Service)

U.S. Catholic newspapers have overwhelmingly expressed regret over the coming visit of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

None demanded its cancellation, but virtually all predicted no lasting benefit from it.

In their editorials the vast majority of newspapers, studied in a spot-check, questioned the premise that the Red ruler lacks knowledge of the United States, expressed concern over his personal safety, urged cool courtesy (The Rochester-Courier-Journal said, "reluctant courtesy") toward him and charged that the visit betrays the "capitulation" of the world.

Here are brief excerpts from editorials of some of the newspapers:

**The Catholic Transcript, Hartford:** "No matter what he says to American visitors, Moscow, Khrushchev must be very well informed about the U.S. through intelligence service. The President's right to a visit cannot be challenged. The wisdom of his decision remains to be proved."

**The Times, Los Angeles:** "The trouble with Mr. Khrushchev is that he does not know us. But he knows us too well. Our trouble is that we do not know him well enough. And this is not because he has hidden his face from us—it is because we have refused to look at it."

**The Catholic Review, Baltimore:** "Should we now accept the Khrushchev visit without protest? We think so, and the reason is very simple: our President has made the decision in the interest of what he believes will lead to world peace. His story will be the only judge as to whether he is right or wrong."

**The Catholic Standard and Times, Philadelphia:** "We can understand the feeling of those who have been anxiously scanning the supermarket ads to check on the price of eggs. But let's mind our manners. And don't throw eggs. They're expensive."

**The St. Louis Review:** "Obtuse as Nikita may be to the American way of life, he knows a great deal about industry and science, trains and the military."

**The Advocate, Newark:** "It is indeed, devoutly to be hoped that Khrushchev will not be assassinated on our soil. It is equally desirable that our reception be kept strictly official, cordial and formal. . . . Let there be no ticker-tape parades, no fawning industrialists. . . . No society leaders blamoring for the distinction of entertaining so incredible a guest."

**The Catholic News, New York:** "If there were basis for hope that peace would be furthered by such a visit, the invitation would be defensible. But Khrushchev has rejected."

**The Catholic Star Herald, Camden:** "In every mind and on every tongue the same question is posed: what good will come to the world through the visit of Mr. Khrushchev? No one under God knows the answer to this grave international question with which the universe and civilization are inextricably bound."

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every effort the United States and the West have made for peace except on the basis of an absolute surrender to the Red demands. . . . Nothing can be gained by the visit except a tremendous propaganda advantage for the Soviet."

**The New World, Chicago:** "It is my firm belief that (he) is unfit to come into this land. If he does, perhaps we should release from prison our public enemies from 1 to 10—to form a greeting party. . . . (Columbus signed by Mgr. John M. Kelly, editor.)"

**The Messenger, Belleville, Ill.:** "Frankly, we cannot see what shall be accomplished by Khrushchev's visit to America and it is our opinion that he will bring another point in the cold war. He has been hinting for an invitation to visit this country. Now he has it."

**The Western Michigan Catholic, Grand Rapids:** "This Khrushchev visit even at this early date of planning looks like a ghastly witch's brew which Americans have been asked to swallow because promoters of the visit think it's good for us."

**The Times-Review, La Crosse:** "This Khrushchev invitation is a betrayal of the peoples of all the Captive Nations. How can we face the Hungarians, those heroic lovers of freedom, who in 1956 were forced to flee Khrushchev's ruthless tanks?"

**The Vermont Catholic Tribune, Burlington:** "The build-up has emphasized the point that a visit by Khrushchev would look at England's seventeenth century, here gives a scrupulously honest account of the last months of the Catholic James' four-years' reign."

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# Aid School Improvements

Washington (NC)—Fifty-nine Catholic schools have contracted to borrow a total of \$788,756 in Federal funds to help pay for equipment and minor remodeling to improve their teaching of science, mathematics and foreign languages. These schools and 28 other private, nonprofit institutions, most of which have already received the money, are the first schools to get such loans under the National Defense Education Act, the U. S. Office of Education said.

The non-Catholic schools borrowed a total of \$316,183 in Federal funds. The total distributed was \$1,104,939. (None of the schools, Catholic or non-Catholic, are in the Rochester diocese.)

The majority of the recipients are high schools, though some elementary schools and others combination elementary-high schools. Only precollege institutions are eligible for the program under the Federal aid to education act which is better known for its provision of loans to needy college students than for its other sections.

The loans to private schools are provided for in title three of the Federal aid act which gives grants to public schools to aid teaching in the sciences, mathematics and language fields, but sets aside 12 percent of the total for loans to nonpublic schools.

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# King James II

By SISTER MARGARET FERESA, Nazareth College

"James by the Grace of God," a novel without fiction about James II, by Hugh Ross Williamson, Regency '55, \$3.75, 255 pp.

Hugh Ross Williamson, recent convert to the faith and best-selling detective-historian who has taken a very thorough look at England's seventeenth century, here gives a scrupulously honest account of the last months of the Catholic James' four-years' reign.

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**BUT YOU** will realize that he had one loyal and loving son in the iron ring of enemies, young Berwick—and that his poor wife and sick babe got away to France at last, away from the numerous ambushes of William's men, and the James too escaped their net—and that this great blundering king kept his integrity, wove over his people, loved his own. He loved his Faith too, more than throne or life. He loved God.

**Prelate Leaves For Australia**  
Rome (NC)—Gregorio Pietro Cardinal Geronzi, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, left here (Aug. 11) for Australia to take part in the centenary celebrations of the Brisbane diocese.

# Priest Reports Asia Refugees Seek Freedom

Manila (NC)—There are 22 million refugees in Asia alone who seek a life of freedom, a priest said here in urging increased aid for refugees.

In a plea made in connection with World Refugee Year, Msgr. Joseph H. Harnett urged the organization of voluntary committees by each nation to help solve the problems of refugees. The prelate is the director in the Far East of Catholic Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference, worldwide relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Bishops.

**Mr. K's Coming Tightens Chains**  
St. Paul (NC)—Archbishop William O. Brady of St. Paul said Nikita Khrushchev's visit to the U.S. "will smooth Mr. K's wounds and tighten the chains on those he plans to secure."

The prelate said the prospect of smiles and handshakes, welcoming ceremonies and diplomatic chitchat "is enough to make one sick at heart."

Discussing the Captive Nations Week resolution of the U.S. Congress, which the Soviet Premier had railed against in a speech, the Archbishop said it "has been a fraud (because) the diplomats did not mean it."

He said that Vice President Nixon, while in the Soviet Union, could have followed up the Captive Nations thrust with questions such as "why Russia has violated more than 50 of her agreements with us, why there has been no explanation of the shooting down of our planes, why the Soviet forces are in Hungary in Germany, all through the Baltic and why come to Albania."

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**Reparation Set For Reformation**  
London (RNS)—The Feast of the Assumption this year was designated by the White Carons of Storington in Sussex—or members of the Order of Canons Regular of Premonstratensians—as the Roman Catholic religious are formally known—as a day of reparation for the sacrifices committed when England's monks were driven from their monasteries at the time of the Reformation.

On Aug. 15, the White Carons were scheduled to make a pilgrimage to Elyfield Abbey in Hampshire, where the Premonstratensians arrived in England for the first time. The date was the Feast of the Assumption in 1232. Later this year they were confirmed in their possession of the abbey by royal charter. But just over 300 years, in 1537, they were driven out.

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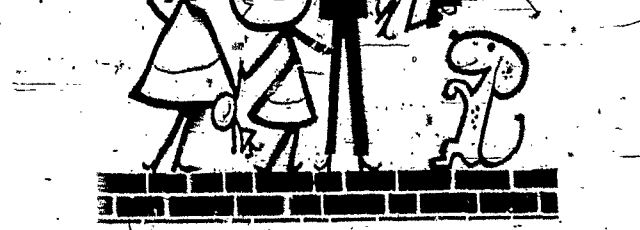
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