

Sodalists

# Shock Troops Of Church

South Orange, N.J. — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII exhorted sodalists throughout the world to be "second to none" in exercising their apostolate wherever the Roman Catholic Church calls on them to protect "the law of God."

In a recorded message to the Second World Congress of Sodalities of Our Lady here, the Pontiff referred to the Church as a "battle line" and to sodalists as her "shock troops."

"There can be no doubt," he declared, "that the divisions of its devoted army greatly hasten the inevitable victories of the King of Peace if they work together striving to excel in virtue."

Asserting that the sodalities have a record "of which you can be justly proud," the Pope told his listeners that "your banners shine brilliantly with achievements for the glory of the name of Jesus."

"We know very well that you are the shock troops of this army," he said. Day by day we propose even greater things for you. We desire you to be second to none among the disciplined forces of this army in the exercise of the apostolate wherever the faith waters, wherever charity calls you, wherever devotion to the law of God and its protection demands."

The Pope's message was heard by some 5,000 delegates from sodalities in more than 30 countries around the world. Recorded in Latin, it was translated for the delegates into English, French, Spanish, Italian and German.

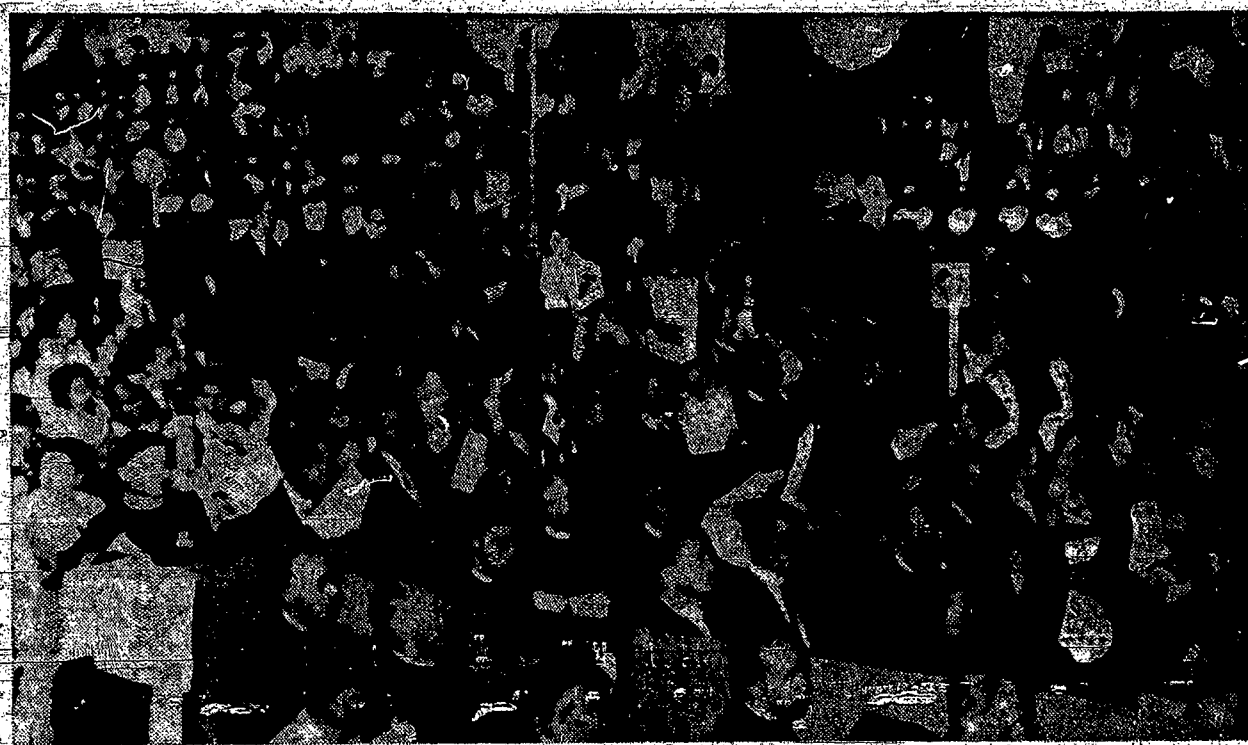
Hierarchy attending the congress included two cardinals, eight archbishops and 25 bishops. The "Princess of the Church" were Cardinals Spellman, Archbishop of New York, and Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston. Honorary chairman and episcopal host was Archbishop Thomas A. Boland of Newark.

Commending the "practical" aims of the congress, Pope John said that they show "how intimately you think with the Church, how you study the complexities of the worldwide scene and how, to the utmost of your forces, through suitable resolutions, you apply the force and efficacy of your action to the ever fluctuating crises of our time whatever the circumstances of these may be."

THE PONTIFF asserted that sodalists enhance a life of personal holiness dedicated to the apostolate "through the consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary."

"This consecration by its very nature contains the pledge of rising to the challenges of the sodality way of life for all of one's years on earth," he declared. "This is the source from which there rises and flows forth the zeal by which sodalists seek to make ever more progress."

Sodalists have a standard of action, service to the Church and the "salvation of souls" through prayer, vital action and the example of all virtues," the Pope said.



South Orange, N.J. — (RNS) — Listening to a recorded address by Pope John XXIII are these delegates to the Second World Congress of Sodalities of Our Lady in South Orange, N.J. They heard the Pontiff exhort them to be "second to none" in exercising their apos-

## Married Couples Retreats Popular

Cleveland — (CNC) — The couples married more than 30 years, from childless couples to parents of nine children.

A husband who has made a number of retreats for men only commented: "When a husband goes alone, he leaves his troubles behind with his wife—overactive kids, unpaid bills, leaky faucets. Two days later he comes home spiritually elated and full of good resolutions. But his wife's problems have increased and she is in no mood for a spiritual uplift. If they go together the spiritual benefits come to both."

A special feature of such retreats is the lifting of silence for several periods for an exchange of ideas among the retreatants. During one such period a husband commented: "I just came along to see if my wife could keep quiet for two days."

Grandparents, other relatives and friends were called in by retreatants to solve the baby-sitting problem. One couple with four children had a sister-in-law, who has five children of her own.

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## Teenagers Urge Courtesy

St. Bonaventure — (RNS) — Nikita S. Khrushchev should be accorded the "courtesy due a guest of the country" on his visit to the United States next month, a cross section of Roman Catholic high school students said here.

Their pronouncement came during an impromptu debate about the Khrushchev trip at a session of the annual National Youth Congress of the Third Order of St. Francis at St. Bonaventure University, commemorating the 750th year of Franciscanism.

"We don't have to like what he stands for," the panelists maintained, "but demonstrations against the Soviet Premier as the spokesman for the Communist doctrine would be against the Franciscan message."

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## Cardinal Says Community Role Rooted In Liturgy

Notre Dame—Italy's noted Cardinal Giacomo Lercaro said U. S. Catholics will begin to play a better role in community life when they begin to learn the proper way to participate in the Church's liturgy.

He said a "supernatural power" strengthens the psychological effect of people praying together to build a "spirit of brotherhood."

This spirit will give Catholics a capacity to work toward a social order based on justice and permeated with charity."

The Bologna Cardinal, noted for his vigorous drive against Communism, in Italy's Red stronghold, spoke to thousands at Monday's opening session of the 1959 North American Liturgical Week.

He pointed out that community prayer did not cancel out the need for individual devotion. He stressed, however, that Catholics should follow Church instructions to take an intelligent, devout and active part in the prayers at Mass and other religious rites.

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## Pravda Again Blasts Religion

Berlin — (NC) — A new drive against religion has been opened in the Soviet Union by the Moscow daily, Pravda, according to reports reaching here.

The newspaper, the reports said, claimed that the clergy is using new tactics to keep religion alive in the U.S.S.R.

In its campaign against what it called "religious prejudices," Pravda said that the clergy is trying to reconcile religion with science, and to convince the people that communism can co-exist with religion.

## Blessed Martin Credited In Cure

San Francisco — (RNS) — A grandmother who believes that the intercession of Blessed Martin de Porres cured her of a stroke has donated a statue of the Dominican brother to her parish church.

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