

### Bishop Asks Prayers For World Peace

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...and injustice. There are times however when we must tolerate a lesser evil in order to avoid a greater one.

There can be little doubt that the visit of Premier Khrushchev to our country will strike dismay into the hearts of many captive peoples, and that the Soviets themselves can be counted upon to exploit its propaganda value to the full. Nevertheless, even a faint hope that the climate of our international relations may be improved and existing tensions be relaxed calls for a new effort on our part to intensify our prayers for peace.

As David Lawrence expressed it in yesterday's (Sept. 15) Democrat & Chronicle: "Moral force means the exercise of the right of free speech persistently, without regard to the inhibitions of official courtesy. For, while the President and high officials of our own government must follow the 'gentle arts,' this does not bind the American people. There must, of course, be only peaceful demonstrations and never the slightest encouragement of disorder."

"But the American people ought not to be misled into allowing the so-called 'courtesy' to smother those expressions of contempt for tyranny which ought never to be suppressed.

"For the 'butcher of Budapest' and the man who is responsible for the murder, exile and imprisonment of thousands of people in Eastern Europe, cannot be allowed to believe that his crimes have been forgotten. To bow to dictators and to let them ransom their official courtesy as approval of their cruel acts, would be a backward step for America in world history.

"Prayers are in order—prayers to the Almighty to give courage to the faltering and to find ways to bring the criminal guilty to the bar of justice. Peaceful resistance should mean freedom for every body, and not a world half-slave and half-free."

Conscious of the supervening power of divine Providence, we feel obligated in the present circumstances to redouble our prayers, to the end that Almighty God will bestow wisdom and grace upon the leaders of our nation, that they may be able to meet the responsibilities which they face during the next few weeks, with far-seeing wisdom, high courage, and a profound sense of duty in the cause of justice and peace.

Let us pray, especially that while, for the best of reasons, we indulge in the international handshaking, even with hands of nations stained with the blood of enslaved millions, we may never find ourselves walking through the corridors of history crying with Macbeth, "Will all great Neptune's ocean wash this blood clean from my hands?"

### Protest Rally Cancelled

Pasadena — (RNS) — The City of Pasadena has cancelled the use of the Rose Bowl by an ultra-fundamentalist group which planned a rally there to protest the visit of Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev to this country.

Use of the famous New Year's site had been planned by the American Council of Christian Churches. The project, however, was deemed "not in the best interests of the city."

### Russians Pray

New York — (RNS) — Metropolitan Leonty, New York head of the Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of America, has proclaimed that special prayers be said Sunday, Sept. 20, in the denomination's more than 500 churches in connection with the visit to this country of Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev.



### Nuns Get Polio Shots

New York — More than 4,500 nuns in the Archdiocese of New York lined up for polio shots this week under the guidance of Cardinal Spellman, who looked on Sister Bernadette receives her shot from Sister Marie Teresita. "I've already had four polio shots," the Cardinal declared. The March of Dimes, which financed research that developed the vaccine, heartily endorsed the action of the nuns in taking the vaccine. "This will encourage many others to get their shots," Foundation officials said.

### In Bolivia Missions

## You Can Be A Fish Dinner

New York — (NC) — Life in the "green hell" jungles of Bolivia at the headwaters of the Amazon is rugged enough for missionaries, but it's even harder on mission boats upon which they depend for transportation.

Occasionally, Brother Harasopoulos has been called upon to repair a launch in midstream. He first checks for alligators, then tosses a piece of raw meat into the piranha-infested water to "chum" for the hungry fish.

Since the jungle for the most part is impassable, the Maryknollers use the boats to visit mission outposts hundreds of miles above their mission center in Riberalta. The voyages which last six weeks to months, are rarely without mishap.

The energetic Brother said the solution to his problem lies in metal hulls. He is presently checking manufacturers in this country as to the durability of various metals in the jungle climate. At present he favors an experimental craft made of aluminum or stainless steel. When he gathers sufficient data and miles required weld-

...tests on the desired metal, he will ship it back to the jungle and build the boat himself in his jungle workshop, along the Beni River.

The quiet, soft-spoken Texan has several dangerous jobs on his mission. He must be fitted with fire-arms, pistols, revolvers and machete, also "rifles" for the priests, guarding them from the hazards of the jungle.

Under the direction of Bishop Thomas J. Donohy, M.M., of San Antonio, Wis., 20 Maryknollers staff the sprawling but sparsely settled Pando vicariate in northeastern Bolivia. The people in this region are poor, make their living by gathering rubber and Brazil nuts in small and remote river settlements.

Eight central parishes have been set up, but some of the priests must spend months at a time traveling up and down the winding jungle rivers. In the mission center at Riberalta, Maryknoll maintains a hospital and a professional school offering courses aimed at raising the standard of living of the jungle people.

### Vatican Asks Aid To Missions

Vatican City — (NC) — Catholics were reminded they must continue to aid the "silent but effective work" of the missions in an appeal for support of World Missionary Sunday on October 18.

The appeal was issued by Archbishop Pietro Sigmund, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

"Events with serious consequences, the complication of already existing problems and the appearance of new ones, and trials and tribulations have not prevented the ferment of the Gospel from continuing its silent and effective work," Archbishop Sigmund wrote.

"THE TRUTHS hidden from scholars and wise men have continued to be revealed to the humble who have joined in considerable numbers those who

## High School Taxes Restrict Freedom

Rockville Centre — (NC) — Freedom of choice in education is limited by high public school taxes just as the freedom to vote is limited by the poll tax, a priest-educator has declared.

Mgr. Edgar P. McCarren, schools superintendent of the Rockville Centre diocese, made the statement in a sermon in St. Agnes' cathedral at a Pontifical Mass opening the school year. Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg of Rockville Centre offered the Mass.

Catholic are educating one of every eight grammar and high school students in the nation, Mgr. McCarren said, including one out of every four in New York State where they say the taxpayers more than four hundred million dollars every year.

"It must be remembered, however, that these Catholic parents are mostly of middle-income families and are already hard pressed by high local taxes for the state-controlled schools," the Monsignor said. "Some may even be inclined to question just how much freedom is present when such a high price must be paid in order to make use of it."

"Only those who are willing and able to suffer this financial penalty can have freedom in education," he insisted.

### Protestant Group Backs Jesuit School

St. Louis — (NC) — The executive secretary of the Protestant Metropolitan Church Federation of Greater St. Louis has expressed the hope that the federation will support St. Louis University in its fight to obtain land in a redevelopment area.

The Rev. Dr. O. Walter Wagner said the federation "ought well enter the case" as a friend of the Catholics and the other church groups involved in Mill Creek redevelopment.

The Jesuit-operated university's plan to acquire 24 acres in this city's Mill Creek redevelopment project have been challenged by a suit instigated by local members of the group known as Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAS).

### San Marino Reds Lose Election

San Marino — (NC) — Christian Democrats of this mountain top republic of San Marino in northern Italy defeated their communist opponents in the elections for the 60-member Grand Council.

The Christian Democrats won 27 seats in the republic's ruling body — an increase of four over the last elections, in 1955. Their allies, the Social Democrats, won nine seats, seven more than they won last time.

The Reds' defeat was their first in a San Marino general election since World War II.

The election results mean that the communists are definitely out of power in this postage-stamp republic. In the fall of 1957, communist control of the Grand Council was broken when six Socialist members of the Grand Council switched their allegiance from the communist government to the Christian Democrats, thus depriving the communists of their previous majority.

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