

U. S. Bishops Ask Tolerance

Washington—A spokesman for the Catholic hierarchy in the United States called today for a "vigorous and public repudiation" by all right minded citizens of the "infection" of anti-Semitism.

Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati, chairman of the administrative board of bishops of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, issued the call in a statement deploring recent developments of various synagogues and churches.

THE PRELATE, speaking for his fellow bishops on the board, said the simultaneous expression of "a malevolent spirit of hatred" in many countries would seem to indicate an organized plan of action or some common origin.

"Whatever may be the source of the evil of the sinister purpose to be served," the archbishop said, "the danger should be immediately recognized and effective measures taken to eradicate the infection before it can spread."

The archbishop noted that Catholic and other Christian churches have been desecrated as well as Jewish temples, "indicating that religious and racial hatred are widespread and constitute a common motivation of the outrages."

The prelate expressed sympathy with the victims and called on "all citizens, whether Christians or Jews, and on all those who love truth and justice to protest privately and publicly against further manifestation of bigotry."

"We urge that all right-minded people refrain from any

Records To Meditate By

Youngstown — (RNS) — A series of 12 long-playing records of spiritual counsel for Catholic clergy is being produced at St. Paul Monastery here to supplement the monthly day of recollection that priests attend.

Father Francis Farrell, S.S.P., director of the project, noted that sometimes for various reasons a priest may be absent on this day, which is set aside for prayer, contemplation and instruction. He said the records assist the priest by offering a private period of spiritual instruction within the confines of the rectory.

FEATURED ON the plates, which go under the "Thabor" label, is Father Bernard F. McWilliams, C.S.S.R., superior of the Redemption House in Charlotte, N.C. Mount Thabor, according to tradition, is the Mount of the Transfiguration.

In the New Testament, Matthew relates that Christ took three of his Disciples up into a high mountain where they heard the voice of God descending from a cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" (17:3).

Father Farrell said this command is the basis for the recorded counsels. Members of the Plous Society of St. Paul are commissioned to spread Catholic teaching through the media of communication.

"They had the idea for Thabor a year ago. It has been suggested by Bishop Edward M. Walsh of Youngstown, and has since spread to many areas throughout the world. Requests for the records have come from as far away as Korea and Japan. Many laymen buy the records as gifts for newly ordained priests."

Award For Columist Hollywood — (NC) — John E. Fitzgerald, entertainment editor of the national Catholic newspaper Our Sunday Visitor, will receive the critic's Award for 1959 of the Directors Guild of America.

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World Refugee Year Meeting In Geneva

Geneva — (RNS) — Participating in a conference of national committees of the World Refugee Year in Geneva are Catholic delegates James J. Norris (foreground with earphones), president of the International Catholic Migration Commission; and Msgr. John F. McCarthy of New York (right), assistant director of Catholic Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference. They heard UN High Commissioner for Refugee August R. Lindt declare that if all national committees did everything possible to create a climate for the admission of refugees into their respective countries, regardless of health, "then the most lasting contribution of the Year would be the extension of emigration."



Germany's Adenauer Meets Pope

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII chats with West Germany's Chancellor Konrad Adenauer in the Pontiff's private library at the Vatican. Dr. Werner Rautenberg (center), a member of the Adenauer party, acts as interpreter for the 34-year-old German leader and the 78-year-old head of the Catholic Church. Pope John implored God's "choicest graces and consolations for the noble German nation," at the official audience.

U.S. Doctors Aid Maryknoll Missioner

Korea — A Newark priest and the American Medical Association have teamed up to bring medical aid to inhabitants of three small islands in the Yellow Sea here.

In November, Father Edward J. Moffett, Maryknoll Missioner of Newark, N.J., wrote to "The A.M.A. News" explaining the plight of the 13,000 people on the three islands under his care — "absolutely no medical facility of any kind here."

With 30 days after Father Moffett's appeal appeared in "The News" more than 50 doctors and a dozen other residents responded to his plea with money, medicine, and hospital equipment.

WITH THE money received, Father Moffett is building a hospital building, which he describes as "not fancy, but it's big. Cement floors, mud-brick walls and a tin roof, all for \$385, including labor."

Besides the medicines, the Motor Basal machine and surgical instruments promised to the energetic young missioner, he still has \$108 left to apply to wards the \$1,500 he needs to have a medical doctor from the mainland come to the islands for a year's time.

Recently, the A.M.A. received a heart-warming letter from Father Moffett, in which he wrote in part:

"There's no way in which I can think of to begin to thank the A.M.A. for what they have done for the fishermen, their wives and children of these three lonely islands in the Yellow Sea."

"From the bottom of the still heart of the man who is but the channel of your love goes prayers, daily, that such charity as yours will earn abundant blessings from the good God."

Rare Books Rot, Heirs Protest Jesuit Offer

San Francisco — (RNS) — Legal action has been started to prevent the transfer of a 100,000 volume collection of rare books, owned by the state, to the University of San Francisco, a Jesuit school here.

Alberta M. Pruett and Marguerite de Mally, grand-daughters of Adolph Sutro, who donated the books to California, have asked the Superior Court here to issue a restraining order against the move.

They contended that under terms of the bequest, the collection, valued at \$2,000,000, cannot be transferred to the university, which has offered to provide free space for the volumes now deteriorating in the basement of the San Francisco Public Library.

Under the plan proposed by the university, the books would remain the property of the state. The school would provide only quarters for the collectors, with staffing and administration remaining in the hands of state-paid employees.

Known as the Sutro collection, the books' transfer was approved by the San Francisco Library Commission, 1948. It has been recommended by a committee of three trustees and librarians.

Prelate Seeks Vatican Aid In Jordan Ban

Jerusalem — (RNS) — Melchite Rite Archbishop George Hakim of Haifa has asked the Vatican to intervene with Jordan authorities to correct their "unjustified attitude" which for the past four years has prevented Israel's leading Arab Christian prelate from crossing the Jordanian border for Christ-mas observances in Bethlehem.

Archbishop Hakim's appeal was addressed to Domenico Caracciolo, Vatican secretary of State.

KARLIER HE had joined with other Christian leaders in submitting a memorandum to Premier David Ben-Gurion of Israel requesting further liberalization of regulations governing pilgrimages to the Holy Places in Jordan territory.

This brought a reply from the Deputy Minister of the Interior, who said that the prohibition with Jordan's refusal to implement fully Article 8 of

Shrine Restored

Dublin — (RNS) — A three-year restoration project at Clonsilla, a famous Irish monastic site of 1500 years ago to which scholars from all parts of Europe came to study, is almost completed.

Sweden To Have Women Ministers

Stockholm — (RNS) — Archbishop Gunnar Hultgren, Primate of the Swedish State Lutheran Church, announced that the denomination will provide for the first time women ministers next August.

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Birth Control 'Despair' Plan

London — (RNS) — William Cardinal Godfrey, Archbishop of Westminster, labelled those who advocate birth control as a solution to the "population explosion" problem "disciples of despair."

He said that "instead of despairing about the resources of the earth and assuming that we must prevent the increase of life on the planet, we should apply our minds to the proper development and distribution of the riches which are the inheritance of the human race."

THE CARDINAL spoke at a meeting of the Society of the Sacred Spirit, an organization founded in 1850 by the late Arthur Cardinal Hinsley, the then head of the Westminster See. Theological anti-Christian materialism, the meeting took place in connection with an exhibition organized by the Council for War on Want to focus attention on the needs of underdeveloped countries.

The cardinal recalled that Pope Pius XII had frequently insisted that instead of trying to rectify the "irregularities" of providence, it was more rational to use modern discoveries to wipe out want.

"There was a startling caption in a newspaper last week which read, 'Go, Hog Wild.' The news item informed us that if only 50 million families in America can be persuaded to eat an extra pound of fresh pork each week, the pork producers will be saved from the embarrassment of no less than 230 million pounds of surplus meat."

Cardinal Godfrey said "It is facts like these which should direct our thinking for there can be no doubt that there is a world problem of want which cannot be solved by the exercises of the Christian virtues."

Cardinal Godfrey compared London's growing traffic problem to the problem of overpopulated countries, declaring:

"No one says, 'cease making cars, which would solve the problem, instead, everyone says, 'make more roads. The population

French Honor For Hungary

Bela Varga

Washington — (NC) — Mgr. Bela Varga, leader of free Hungarian exiles and last freely elected president of the Hungarian Parliament, received the insignia of officer of the French Legion of Honor at the French embassy here.

The decoration was conferred on behalf of France's President Charles de Gaulle by Herve Alphand, French Ambassador to the U.S., in recognition of the Monsignor's valiant and courageous assistance given to French officers and soldiers who, during World War II, escaped from German a prison camp to Hungary.

The Monsignor organized relief work for French prisoners of war and Polish refugees who found haven near his parish in Balatonboglár, a resort village at Lake Balaton. Through the Monsignor's organization 2,000 French officers and soldiers, including 300 Jepp, were sheltered, as well as some 55,000 Poles.

Pope Honors Catacomb Guide

Dublin — (RNS) — An Irish Salesian Brother who has met many of the crowned heads of Europe and acted as guide for President Eisenhower, was awarded the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal by Pope John XXIII.

He is Brother Francis Connolly, who has served as guide for English-speaking visitors at the Catacombs of St. Callistus in Rome since 1931.

In addition to President Eisenhower, Brother Connolly has met Queen Elizabeth of England, ex-King Farouk of Egypt, President Eamon de Valera of Ireland, as well as many other distinguished visitors to Rome during the past quarter of a century.

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