

Church, Unions Said Bulwark Against Reds

Newark — (RNS) — Joseph D. Keenan, secretary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, asserted here that the Catholic Church and the organized labor movement form the greatest bulwark against Communism.

"The Catholic Church is the strongest ally and best practical implement in fighting Communism is a strong, free labor movement," the labor leader declared in a speech at a dinner during which he was presented with the 13th annual Roman Novarum Award of St. Peter's College, Jersey City, N.J.

Keenan was cited by the school for his distinguished contributions in labor-management relations according to the principles of Papal social encyclicals. The award was presented to him by Father Edward F. Clark, S.J., St. Peter's president.

Outlining Papal teaching on social conditions, Keenan stressed that the Church has always been sympathetic to the labor movement. He quoted excerpts from the encyclical *Rerum Novarum* issued 70 years ago by Pope Leo XIII and one by Pope Pius XI on Atheistic Communism issued in 1937.

"Pope Leo made clear in his encyclical that it was certainly not the intention of the Church to interfere in the techniques of industry," Keenan stated, adding, "She is concerned only with the moral aspects of industry, with what is morally right or wrong, just or unjust."

The labor leader pointed out that Pope Leo had sanctioned the right of workers to form unions, to bargain collectively and to strike under certain conditions. He emphasized that the Pope had taught "the doctrine of living wage."

In discussing the current position of labor in this country,

Keenan voiced strong criticism of many newspapers which, he said, present a biased picture of the labor movement through misdeeds of a few of its leaders.

Attacking this attitude in the press and so-called "right-to-work" legislation, the IBEW official complained that "not enough" of the Catholic laity and clergy in the country had come to the defense of labor. He said the lack of such support had "hurt me and other Catholic labor leaders deeply."

'Listen To Your Heart'

Church, State Clash In Poland

Warsaw — (RNS) — Sharp verbal clashes here between Poland's top Communist leader and the spiritual head of the nation's predominantly Roman Catholic population saw growing Church-State tensions approaching the explosion point.

In a lengthy speech opening the campaign for the April 16 national elections, Wladyslaw Gomulka, First Secretary of the Polish United Workers (Communist) Party, charged that the present bad Church-State relations were caused by the Vatican's attempts to enforce upon the Polish episcopacy an anti-Communist and anti-Communist policy.

He said the Vatican "needs some martyrs to propagate its policy and has chosen Poland as its most likely subject." He stated that "one of the main reasons of the Church-State disputes was the question of religion in Polish schools, and the Vatican is trying to make much trouble out of this."

Meanwhile, in two sermons here Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, Primate of Poland, repudiated any suggestion of Vatican pressure on the Polish episcopacy. He denounced the Communist rulers as "Caesars" and declared that the real issue in the country was the government's drive to separate the people from their historic faith.

THE CARDINAL charged that there were 20 state-sponsored organizations conducting "a program of atheization, incitement, indifference and rationalism" aimed at "freeing our youth from God" and yet "it is usually said there is no struggle against religion."

Cardinal Wyszyński, who was held prisoner for nearly three years during the former Stalinist regime, said he did not deny that the Church is a rebel. "The Church is always a rebel," he declared, "but a rebel fighting in defense of freedom."

The exchange between the

Mosaic Nears Completion

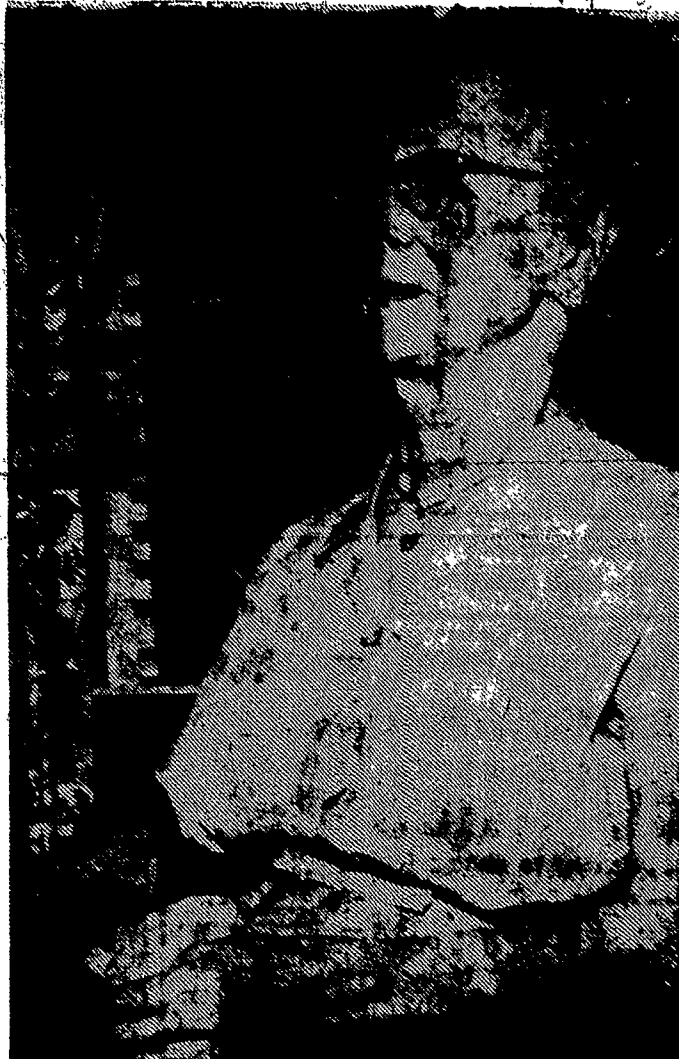
Munich — (RNS) — A giant mosaic, a gift of West German Catholics for the Catholic World Peace Memorial church at Hiroshima, Japan, where the first atomic bomb was exploded, is nearing completion here.

Designed by Professor Karl Knappe of Munich, the 36-foot mosaic is made from stone, glass and semi-precious stones. To be installed behind the altar, the mosaic depicts the triumphant return of Christ raising his hands in blessing. A golden beam running through the whole picture symbolizes the grace of God.

'High Purpose' Govt. Need

Washington — (NC) — Father James Keller, M.M., urged Catholic men here to "strive in a particular way to add high purpose, efficiency and integrity to every department of government."

"Don't forget that good government starts with you as much as it does with anybody," he told a Communion breakfast of the Holy Name Society of Blessed Sacrament parish.



50 Years Of Service
MRS. ROSE ROBINSON, 41 Pullman Ave. completed fifty years of service this month as laundress at St. Ann's Home for the Aged.

U.S. Ideals Said Diluted

Chicago — (RNS) — A famed English Jesuit philosopher described the United States as a place where love transforms its immigrants into Americans.

"The U.S. is a living argument against materialistic evolution," said the Very Rev. Martin C. D'Arcy, S.J., of Oxford University.

"IN ONE generation people can change all their national characteristics," he told the Loyola University Alumni Forum.

Father D'Arcy, 72, former head of the English Province of the Society of Jesus, noted that young people arriving here with immigrant parents in one generation are unrecognizable except as Americans.

And this has nothing to do with climate, food, housing, industry and other materialistic advantages, he added. The reason: "What you love, you become," he explained.

Father D'Arcy quoted an unidentified American "industrialist friend" whom he asked to comment on the American scene.

The friend listed these characteristics: America has always been noted for Christianity and con-

stitutional government, but we are diluting both.

Today, we are allowing in false gods who are foreign to our ideals.

Because of these false gods, we are ceasing to face reality.

We are becoming a nation "carrying a message" to other lands. However, only by example, by showing we live our beliefs, can we do good for the world.

We are becoming a people who cannot make painful decisions.

Father D'Arcy said, "To me, the future of America depends on ethical ideals and spiritual forces."

He added that "America is moving up in a crescendo to glory in art, literature, science, medicine — all fields.

"If this high point is to be good for the world and for the U.S., it must be reinforced and directed by a belief in the Constitution and Christian tradition."

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The publication lists, 1,155 Catholic hospitals in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico, with 202,033 beds and 27,865 bassinets.

Bath School Adds Grades

Bath — The new local St. Mary's School will add a fourth grade next year, the Rev. John P. O'Malley has announced.

This year, the school is composed of kindergarten and the first and second grades. It was originally planned to add only one grade each year, but a decision to add the third and fourth grades together has now been reached.

FATHER O'MALLEY said a permanent settlement can now be made by teachers of the Sisters of Mercy of Rochester.

With four grades, four nuns can now be sent here constituting a "foundation," Father O'Malley explains. At present, two nuns serve as teachers here and must return each weekend to Rochester. They are Sisters Margaret Mary and Mary Catherine.

Louis A. Wehle Fishing Contest Opens April 1

The annual Louis A. Wehle Fishing Contest will be conducted again this year, according to information received from former N.Y. State Conservation Commissioner Wehle, who is also chairman of the board of the Genesee Brewing Co., of Rochester.

The sixteenth annual contest will start April 1, coincident with the opening of trout season in New York State, and will end October 31. Two hundred and forty-six cash prizes, totaling \$513,000, are offered for the largest fish caught in each of twelve special classifications. The contest is conducted in separate monthly competitions, with cash prizes each month, and Grand Prizes are awarded at the end of the season.

IN ADDITION to the regular prizes offered for the largest fish, a new innovation has been added this year in the form of a "Sweepstakes." Under this new section all entries, winners and non-winners alike, are eligible to participate for \$10,185.00 worth of merchandise prizes at the end of the season.

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Hospital Report Issued

St. Louis — (NC) — More than 100,000 patients were in U.S. Catholic hospitals on an average day in 1960, according to the 1961 directory of the Catholic Hospital Association of the U.S. and Canada.

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Blessing In Gaelic

Vatican City — (RNS) — Five hundred Irishmen—bishops, priests and laymen—heard Pope John XXIII invoke upon them, in the ancient Gaelic language, the blessings of God, of Mary, and of St. Patrick.

The occasion was St. Patrick's Day, when the Pontiff marked the feast in honor of the Apostle of Ireland by offering a Mass for them in the Consistorial Hall of the Vatican Palace.

In praising the work of St. Patrick, Pope John stressed especially "his Roman spirit, which is common to the generous faithful of Ireland."

Chess Club Gains Noted

Beverly, Mass. — (RNS) — An international organization of Catholic chess players known as CALL reports an increasing membership in eastern United States.

A rise in membership is attributed to the promotional efforts of J. E. Morse of Beverly, one of the nation's most competent chessmen and an active member of CALL which takes its name from the Latin "Catholicus ad Latrunculos Ludentes" (Catholicus Playing Chess).

The organization was established in Rotterdam, Netherlands, in 1953 by F.U.J.H. Witte with the approval of Bishop John Peter Huibers of Haarlem. Its members include priests, journalists, businessmen and factory workers. They are required to pray for one another while engaged in fiercely competitive battles of the chessboard.

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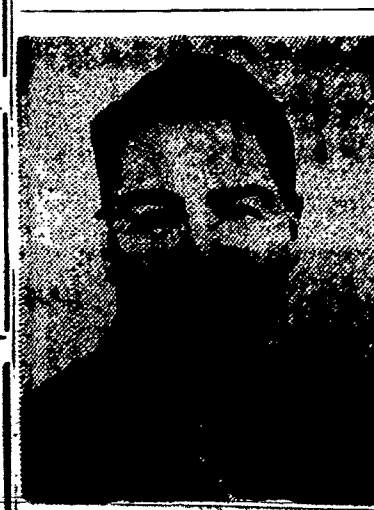
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