# Christian Viewpoint On Berlin

Do you think there will be war?"

That is a question which haunts us as the Berlin crisis tick-tocks its way toward Nikita Khrushchey's deadline.

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And the chilling fear is that deadline indeed it will be - deadline not only for the freedom of two million West Berliners but atomic deadline for the civilized world.

President Kennedy in his Tuesday talk to the nation bluntly called the situation "grim."

Is there a religious aspect to this crisis?

We think the least, and the most, every American can do is fulfill the wish of the President for prayers for divine guidance in these perilous times. To default him in this request is to betray him to a possible ulti-. mate defeat which will pull us all into annihilation.

#### But in addition to daily prayer we think our times require a deep confidence in God's mercy, a deliberate effort to develop the frequently forgotten Christian virtue of hope.

In the Declaration of Independence, the founding fathers of our nation said, "... with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.'

Now in these times, our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor are again in jeopardy and we shall not be true to our heritage if we lose confidence in the protection of Divine Providence.

History records other crises when civilization was threatened with extinction — when barbarian hordes swept into the Roman empire, when Moslem armies poured across Africa and into Europe, when the Black Plague stalked across Europe, when religious wars left France, England, Germany in chaos, when two World Wars engulfed the twentieth century before it reached indcourse. But from the ashes of ruin have come new and greater civilizations, purging the dross from the old and sifting what was best to preserve it for the fashioning of new nations and new cultures.

Not since Noe has Divine Providence permitted world-wide destruction. And at that time, God Himself made a promise, "I will never again destroy every living-creature, as I have done." (Genesis 8:21)

Our earth, a speck in an exploding universe, has had its seasons and its years; nations and individuals have scorched the earth with fire and hate but harvests ripen and new generations are born soon to forget even the name of ancient tyrants.

Every day, as a matter of fact, our whole nation faces the threat of a watery grave. The oceans inch their way up the cliffs and unless a mighty hand halted this surge, we all would be drowned. But then, with Only if the latter were the nothing of our doing, the waters, ebb back to their case could there be talk of a place and God again at high tide has saved us all from drowning.

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## Spanish Church Rebuilds In Wake Of Two Wars

(This is the third of four the political drowned out the also improved. The number back? What about the strugreligious. The Church in articles on the 25th anniversary of the Spanish Civil War Spain again became the vicby the director of the Office tim of political policies it had of Information and Statistics not chosen. of the Church in Spain and

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Concentrating on its own former editor of Ecclesia, of. reconstruction with help from cial organ of Spanish Cathono one but God, it had achieved the following by 1960:

• Seminarians, who num-

• Only 242 priests were or-

We do not deny that elec-

What is true is that the

and the missions.

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By

(N.C.W.C. News Service) Priests are not the Church.

lic Action.)

The political attitude of dained in 1945 because sempriests does not determine inary classes had been interthe official opinion of the rupted by the Civil War. In hierarchy. 1960, 1,024 priests were or-

If we look around, we may dained. find priests throughout the • The number of Sisters world-in the Congo, Algeria, increased from 44,145 in 1925 China. Poland and Cuba to 73.978. who favor the most outlandish parties and tendencies. • The total number of per-They are not the Church. Alsons consecrated to God was though at times there may be 81.469 at the end of World talk of a political clergy, there War II in 1945. In 1960 it

The importance of these It is important to point out figures is obvious when one that the Church in Spain did notes the increases they show. not plan the Civil War, nor But there is a greater, hidden is it responsible for the direcimportance. A religious vocation Spain has taken since it tion needs a religious family end in 1939. The Bishops and social atmosphere withhave always acted-well or out which it would not be badly, as do all fallible menpossible.

to meet situations imposed from the outside: Neutrality tions, freedom of the press or or war? Authoritarianism or a plurality of trade unions democracy? A number of poare important. However, they litical parties or a single have little to do with the party? Vertical or horizontal essence of the Faith, and labor organizations? Censorship or freedom of the press? there is controversy as to what point the reform of out-

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Church.

Faced with a policy that side institutions is the task pleases some but not othersof the bishops and not of a policy that has been imcitizens, who excuse their posed by politicians — the cowardice by falsely hoping Bishops have sought at all that the Church may have the political courage they times to draw from it the greatest advantages for the lack. Church. That is all they have done. To prove otherwise, one would have to show that the Bishops made the laws, appointed the cabinet members and were consulted regarding military alliances or pacts between blocs.

Even in cases where a bishop was made a member of an official organization or consulted by an official committee, this was done only because of his prestige or because the government valued his experience It was the government which named or consulted him, not the Vatican or the Spanish Bishops positive participation by the Church in political legislation for decisions. Twenty-five years after the Civil War, the Church in Spain must not be held responsible for the general developments of the past quarter century. It is responsible only for the reconstruction of religious life.

of seminarians in the Huelva diocese in Andalusia, which was set up only in 1953, increased from 119 to 220 within five years.

It is often said that work-ers are against the Church. It is true that in Spain, as in nearly all the countries of the world, the fulfillment of religious duties is lower in bered 7,516 in 1935, totaled industrial areas than in agricultural ones. However, 3,048 diocesan seminarians during the past school year were sons of industrial workers. In 1959, about 7,000 sons and daughters of industrial workers were studying to become priests or sisters.

> When a Spanish priest goes abroad he is constantly asked: Do you believe that Franco will let the monarchy come

gle against labor organizations by the Catholic Action Workers' Guild? Why do the Bishops support the dictatorship? Will press censorship cease? Is the Basque clergy against the bishops?

The task of the Church in society, however, goes much. deeper than the answers to these questions. The Church in Spain is educating \$00,000 students in its schools. It cares for 233,000 patients in its hospitals and asylums. It prints 1.600 magazines and newspapers for people at all intellectual levels. It builds tion of mayors. houses for workers.

It is the opinion of many of us in Spain that a rather large number of foreign Catholics-subjected to a constant its attitude toward Hitler and propaganda barrage from the

ideological blocs currently the Allies, at the political excontending for world domi- iles or the Falange, the nanation-commit two profound tion's only legal political errors in regard to the party. Church in Spain. The mission of Spanish

priests is not to look back-First, they bring the whole spiritual struggle that is bewards, but to strive for the future. More than half of ing waged today down to the Spain's diocesan clergy political level. And at that 11.720 priests—are now less level they try to reduce the spiritual struggle to contin- than 50 years old, which gent and variable forms, such means they were not priests as election procedures or the prior to the Civil War. At system of labor organization. They ask the Church to reduce its eternal mission of making mankind holy to a dispute or a contest concerning the monarchy or the elec-

the beginning of that war 3.000 of the present clergy were not yet born. Politicians who have grown

old, both inside and outside of Spain, think that their own old ideas should be adhered to by these priests. Secondly, they keep looking' backwards, like Lot's But the priests think only of the eternal Church which has wife. They always look at Spain's history since 1936 and renewed itself during the

past 25 years.

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## All Schools Equal In Holland

(Americans are debating the question of Federal assistance for private and parochial schools as part of massive U.S. help to education. The following article on

schools in The Netherlands is one of a series describing how religious schools fare in other lands.)

The Hague - (NC) - Denominational schools in the Netherlands are entirely supported by the government.

Catholic schools, like all other denominational schools, receive state aid on the same basis as public schools. Catholic kindergartens, elementary schools and high schools

Church has created a climate of love for God, of sacrifice and of unselfish personal giving. There are abundant vocations and generous young people for hospitals, colleges

Here are some figures. The Pamplona diocese gives to God three per cent of its population. According to this ratio. U.S. Catholics should have 1,200,000 priests and Religious. We do not condemn them for not having this number. We cite these statistics only as an indication of a religious life which presupposes a solid family life.

per cent of the Dutch population, and Protestants about 40 per cent.

> There are more than 2,700 Cat..olic elementary schools gartens.

education is compulsory in Netherlands had to fight for this country. Catholic elementary schools do not charge tuition fees.

The Netherlands has 161 Catholic secondary schools and more than 1,500 kinder-

The Catholic Church in the

its very existence from the 1581.

time William of Orange forbade Catholic worship in Under the republic that followed William's death no Catholic educational institution was permitted. Sending Catholic children to Catholic schools abroad was severely punished.

But from the end of the 18th century the rights of Catholics were returned to them. The crowning act of Catholic emancipation was the Constitution of 1848, which enshrined the principle of freedom of education. Catholics and members of other denoninations could found schools without seeking state approval.

In 1889 the government expressed the opinion that the constitution did not prohibit government grants to denominational schools. From that time these schools have received some financial help from the state. The principle of state aid was established in practice, although Catholic schools received only a very small subsidy.

Grants to denominational schools were raised considerably in 1901 under Protestant Premier Abraham Kuy-

in the Netherlands, with about 18,000 teachers and 650,000 students between the ages of 6 and 14. Elementary

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are given funds by the state

to cover all costs of building and maintenance as well as teachers' salaries. The government also pays 95 per cent of the cost of supporting Catholic institutions of higher learning.

In return, the state has the right to check on the quality of the instruction and to domand that every teacher pass state examinations.

FULL AID to denominational elementary schools dates from 1920. Denominational kindergartens began

. To those who have no faith, these thoughts are mere childish gibberish or at best, poetic.

To those with faith, however, our mere survival each day is dramatic proof God rules this world despite the mistakes of men. He gives us freedom but sets limits lest we destroy ourselves.

We do not think God will fail at Berlin in the task He has so well accomplished day after day these past many millions of years.

Whatever may be the pain and penalty we must pay to extricate ourselves from the predicament in which we are, we can take courage from the past to have confidence that the future will be better than our present frightened hearts can hope for

As Christians we have a vocation not just to protest against evil, not merely to practice precise ceremonies. Our task is to imitate our Saviour who even with the cross before Him advised His disciples, "Do not let your heart be troubled or be afraid." (John 14: 27)

Can we continue to call ourselves Christians if we lose hope with assurance such as this to encourage us?

## New Mass Prayers For Public Officials

Following are the new prayers which may be added at Mass according to recent instructions from the Vatican. The text of the prayers replace an ancient set "for the Roman emperor" obviously anachronistic. In the current world crises, these new prayers are most appropriate both for public or private use.

#### Collect

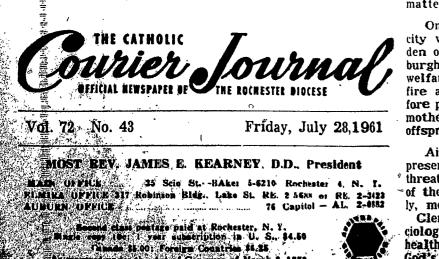
Almighty, everlasting God, in whose control are all human authority and the rights of all peoples. extend thy favor to those who hold authority over us, that throughout the world sound religion and national security may find a firm and lasting foundation under thy protecting right hand.

#### Secret

Accept, O Lord, the prayers and offerings of thy servants, and for thy own glory protect those who govern the country; that the safety of the rulers who serve thee may enable thy people to live in peace.

#### Postcommunion

Protect. O Lord, thy servants with the benefits of peace; and, nourishing them with food for body and spirit, make them safe from all enemies.



By the end of the war that began 25 years ago on July 13 bishops and 6,832 priests had been shot to death. Seminaries had either been destroyed or forced to close because seminarians were drafted into the Army. Thousands of churches were burned Their valuables had been stolen and their records had disappeared Apostolic and pious organizations had been disbanded, reduced to ashes

More serious than the absolute number of dead priests was the fact that there had disappeared with them the framework for the guidance of Catholic life There were no diocesan chanceries, no teachers, no organizers of activities.

Still more serious was the fact that the Spanish Civil War was immediately fol lowed by World War II. The Catholic world, which could have helped the Church in Spain, became divided into two opposing factions, each of which considered Spain as belonging to the enemy camp.

German, North American. French, Italian and British Catholics suffered a propaganda bombardment in which

mental health and love of God. These are the province of the Church, not of politics.

It is true that Navarre province-of which Pampiona is the capital-has a rural population and is traditional-Catholic. It would be a mistake, however, to think that other regions have not

### **Daily Mass**

### Calendar

Sunday, July 30 -- Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Preface Monday, July 31-St. Igna-

tius (white), Gloria, 1948 Rev Andrew Dissett. Tuesday, Aug 1-Holy Maccabees (red), Gloria, 2nd prayer of Sunday

Wednesday, Aug 2 - St. Alphonsus (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer of St Stephen 1936- Rev Walter McCarthy.

Thursday, Aug 3-Mass as Sunday except no Gloria. no Creed, common preface.

Friday, Aug 4-St. Dominic (white), Gloria.

Saturday, Aug. 5-Our Lady of the Snows (white), Gloria, Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1898-Rev. Michael O'Hare, 1929-Rev. John Gefell. 1941-Rev. George Eisler.

Priests listed above died on the date indicated. Please pray for tham.

receiving full government aid in 1956, and denominational high schools in 1957.

The Catholic University of Nijmegen and the Catholic School of Economics at Tillburg began getting their 95 per cent grant in 1960. Since 1947 government had been underwriting 65 per cent of the expenses of these two Catholic centers of higher education.

An official of the Dutch Department of Education cited some figures for this correspondent to illustrate the magnitude of state aid to denominational education.

The government of the Netherlands spends more than \$100 million annually on elementary schools belonging to religious denominations. About \$60 million goes to Cathol - e elementar

schools. That is 43 per cent of the total spent by the government on elementary education of all kinds. Catholic kindergartens get \$10 million, 46 per cent of the total earmarked for all infant schools, public and denominational.

Another \$13 million is allotted to Catholic secondary schools. This is more than 35 per cent of the total government expenditure on second-

ary education of all kinds. This year the University of Nijemgen receives about \$7 million, including \$3 million for maintenance and \$4 million for construction of new buildings.

Catholics make up about 38



## Saints of Unity

ST. ACACIUS. MARTYR . . . was a Cappadocian Centurion, stationed in Thrace, who was beheaded for the Faith of Christ at Byzantium in 303 or 303. Feastday May 8.

## **Goldberg Says Pope John Charts World Betterment**

Washington — (RNS) — Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg predicted here that the recent encyclical of Pope John XXIII. Mater et Magistra, would help to change the course of history and improve the world's living standards.

In a letter to the pontiff. Goldberg said that men of goodwill could endorse the encyclical's aims regardless of their religion. Goldberg is Jewish.

"I would especially deem noteworthy the inspired passages of Mater et Magistra that deal with the problems of poverty, want, political suppression and violence to human dignity faced by so many of the world's millions," Goldberg declared.

The long-awaited encyclical, running more than 25.00 words, constituted an endorsement, among other things, of the need for aid to underdeveloped countries and socialization, with some reservations. It asked a greater voice for workers in industry and called for improvement in the situation of farmers.

Meanwhile, the law of 1900 making elementary education compulsory furnished an additional argument to the proponents of Christian edueation. Catholics and Protestants argued that if the state obliged parents to send their children to school, they should be able to fulfill this duty without doing violence to their conscience.

Therefore parents should be able to send their children - easily and without heavy sacrifice --- to schools where the education is in accord with their own concept of life.

In 1913 a government commission stated that denominational schools were entitled to full support from the govermment. In 1917 a revision of the constitution paved the way for the Education Act of 1920, giving government support to denominational elementary schools.

Within two years of the Constitution of 1848, which proclaimed the freedom to found schools, almost onequarter of Dutch elementary school children were studying indenominational schools. A century later, about a quarter of the country's elementary -chool children were in public schools, with 70 per cent in denominational elementary schools and a small proportion in private sc**ho**ols.

There is virtually no controversy in the Netherlands over the principle of state aid to denominational schools.

### **Reapings at Random**

## Newburgh Plan Reveals National Moral Crisis

#### by GERARD E. SHERRY Editor, Central California Register

Newburgh, New York's much publicized crackdown on welfare recipients has gained the support of the political conservatives throughout the country. Any move to reduce the tax payers lot is seemingly justified no matter who suffers.

One of the biggest problems facing any fire and police departments. The city there- stem this problem. fore proposes to cut relief payments to unwed mothers who continue to produce illegitmate unaffiliated with any religion. Therefore, aloffsprings.

Aid to Dependent Children is aimed at the preservation and maintenance of family life, threatened by the death, desertion or absence all America, as some sections already have, the father. This objective is philosophically, morally, socially and economically sound. Clergymen, doctors, psychiatrists and so-

ciologists all agree that children develop most plan for children.

Social agencies and their administrators across the country, public and private, have law in most states. The average fine is \$10.00. ture, or, whether it wants to "modernize the been greatly concerned with the increase in The penalty for parking in a prohibited zone family" as in effect its lack of concern for sexillegitimacy in the community, and especially of a downtown area in some of our big cities ual morality, permanent monagamous mar-with its impact on the Aid to Dependent is \$15.00. Yet we say the family is the most raige and stable family life is actually accom-

They have been saying that any ameliora-

Nearly 50% of the American people are most half of our population never receives any moral or religious instruction or education. Illegitimacy is essentially a moral problem, and it will inevitably increase, unless tions moral, religious and ethical values.

Our laws reflect 'America's lack of conof marriage and family life.

important social unit of a democratic society. plishing.

Easy and repeated divorce undermine the welfare program costs almost as much as the probation departments, the law, even help encouraged by movies, magazines and tele- dren.

> in terms of what it costs the taxpayers. The those involved in multiple illegitimacies. only logical conclusion is that illegitimacy is a crime only for the poor.

in the stablishment of the pattern.

healthfully in their own homes. This is also cern for sexual morality, which is the basis America must decide whether it still be drastic measures will, in the long run only ves in marraige and the family as

Fornication and adultery are against the been known in Judeo-Christian Western cul-

A hidden cost to taxpayer in the welfare tion of this grave social problem is a total stability of marriage and family life. The program are the grants both to Aid to Depencommunity concern and responsibility. Wel- extramarital and premarital "romances" of dent Children and Foster Care Children. fare programs do not cause, promote or con- glamorous personalities are glorified and are whose father, divorced from their mother and ity welfare department is the growing bur. done illegitimacy, nor can welfare programs, given public adulation. Sex, apart from its now remarried and the father of a second den of Aid to' Dependent Children. And New. unaided by all the other social forces in the significance and relationship with marriage set of children, contributes nothing at all. or burgh officials claim that this part of their community. e.g., education, police, courts, and family life, is publicized, promoted and very little to the care of his first set of chil-

> All agree that something must be done The only time people seem to be con about illegitimacy, including illegitimacy cerned about immoralities and illegitimacy is among those on the ADC program, especially

Cutting illegitimate children or their moth-Patterns of family life were not estab. ers off assistance will not stop illegitimacy. finally finds a way to teach coming genera- lisked during slavery, and only moral and More intensive case work with demoralized religious training can make any real progress, mothers can help to rehabilitate these women. There is no easy, quick or total cure of this very grave problem. Hasty, makeshift or

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Children program.

