

# Birch Society Chief Claims

# Red Tint On U.S. Roman Collars

Are two priests of the Rochester Diocese Communist agents?

The head of the John Birch Society says there are.

He made a "long-range guess" that one half of one per cent of U.S. Catholic priests are "com-synps" and that averages out to two in this Diocese, 273 throughout the country.

The "com-synps" is Birch-talk for labeling a person a Communist or a Communist sympathizer.

He made his charge in a talk to 1500 at Garden City, N.J. The Birch Society chief is Robert Welch.

New England candy manufacturer who founded the extreme right-wing organization to fight Communism.

Welch has to his credit a long record of charging other American groups and individuals with links to Communism. His Birch Society is also a strong promoter of the film "Operation Abolition" a distorted documentary narrated by Fulton Lewis III (this week a speaker at Rochester's Chamber of Commerce) which pictures California college students as dupes of Communist leaders.

The John Birch Society leader repeated his oft-stated charge that "proportionately the largest single body of Communists is in the Protestant ministry."

He estimated for the crowd that there were 7,000 such ministers, or 3 per cent of the total Protestant clergy in the United States.

Welch made no reference to Jewish clergy in his speech but a question from the floor elicited a comment from him during the meeting.

He stated that the question had never been asked before and that he had no "no specific figures" but he felt certain that some members of the Jewish clergy also were Communists.

It is more difficult for the Communists to infiltrate the Catholic clergy, he claimed, saying it takes

from eight to ten years to become a priest and only four years to become a Protestant minister.

The founder of a society which has drawn criticism from most church groups in the nation made these comments to the large crowd:

"Our government has been the greatest force in the world supporting the Communist conspiracy while always pretending to oppose the advance of Communism."

Welch said Russia does not "want an honest, open war" with the U.S., saying it is "rapidly and successfully" taking over the country through "internal subversion."

## First Jews, Now Negroes People Are Like Anybody

By JAMES M. SHEBA

Clintons — (NC) — When Jim and Evelyn Byrne moved into suburban North Avondale four years ago some of their friends raised their eyebrows. "How come you moved into a Jewish neighborhood," they asked.

Since last spring, however, the next-door neighbors of the Byrne family on both sides have been Negro families. Now the question has changed to: "Do you mean you're really staying there?"

"Why not?" retorts Byrne, a tall, rangy young salesman.

"If people only would stop

to realize that Negroes are people like anybody else," says his wife.

Parents of six children—the oldest only seven, Mr. and Mrs. Byrne have found no reason to regret their decision last spring to move into a Jewish neighborhood.

Their home is a four-bedroom brick house with two baths, about 15 years old and somewhere near the \$20,000 price range. The houses flanking their's on quiet Barry Lane are comparable.

Their youngsters play with the Negro children just as they played with the Jewish children, and the swings in the Byrne back yard remain a

gathering place for local small fry regardless of color or religion.

Lynn Ann Byrne, age five, goes to the North Avondale Public School kindergarten with a little Negro boy who lives next door, and the parents share the chore of driving the youngsters to the school.

The older Byrne children, Michael Patrick and Cheryl Ann, attend St. Thomas' parochial school. Three other children, Terence Kevin, David Alan, and Gregory Paul, are too young for school.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrne joined the North Avondale Neighborhood Association recently because they approve its chief purposes of maintaining the area as a "stable, integrated neighborhood" and welcoming "all good neighbors without prejudice."



## Heroic Nuns Honored

A hero deserves to keep his halo.

But too many historians are light in finding the flaws in the great men of the past, Bishop Kearney stated in a Sunday ceremony at St. Mary's Hospital.

The Bishop deplored current trends which debunk the

## Kremlin Vows New Fight Against Religion, Clerics

Moscow — (RNS) — A continued fight against "religion and clericalism" is urged in the draft of a new program to be submitted to the Congress of the Communist Party in the U.S.S.R. when it meets here Oct. 19, the Moscow Radio disclosed in a broadcast for home listeners.

It said the call for action is contained in a lengthy paragraph of the draft program which is now being "widely discussed" in the Soviet Union.

This section of the draft according to the Moscow Radio, warns that "clericalism is assuming a growing importance in the political and ideological arsenal of imperialism" and has become influential in all countries where religion and the Church occupy a "dominant role in state, public and cultural spheres."

"Clericalism," the paragraph quoted by the station declared, "has its own political parties, with its own mass organizations colored with religion, which splits the organized ranks of the workers. It makes extensive use of religious prejudices for political aims for the detouring of socialism."

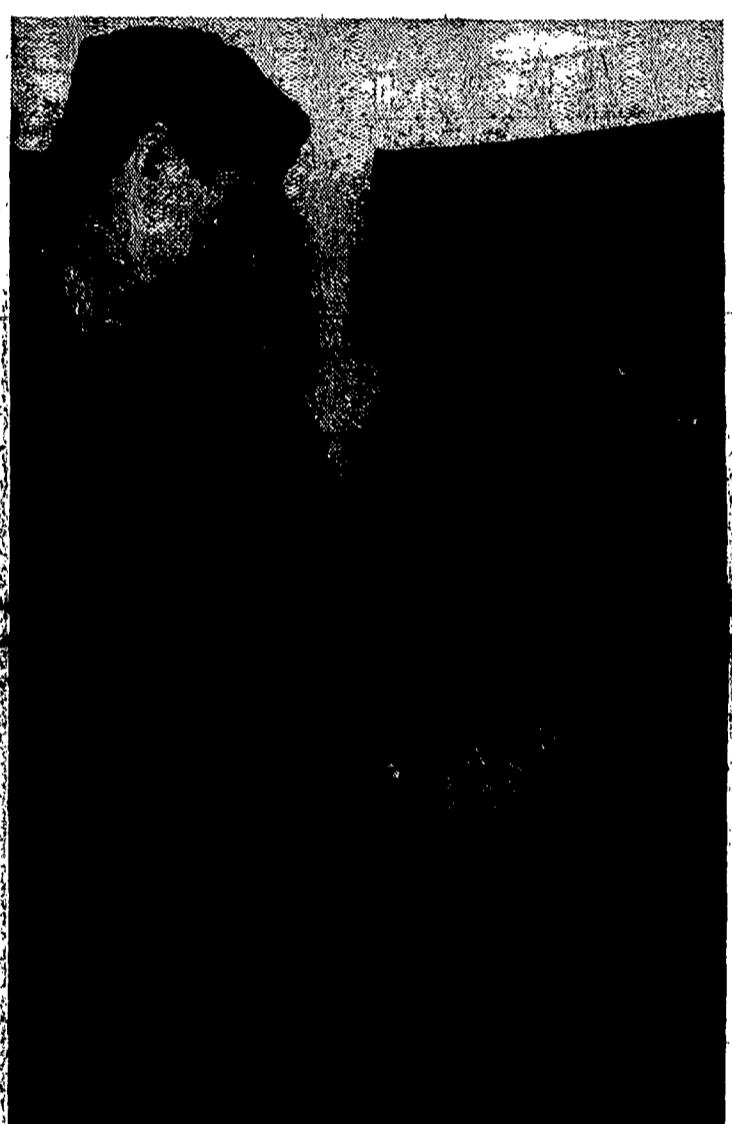
"Clericalism," the station warned, "takes an active part in the march of the imperialist bourgeoisie against communism. The Churches of different dominations, and religious organizations are widely used by the reactionary forces against communism, against Marxism, against Leninism."

Moscow Radio itself went on to charge that in 1949 the late Pope Pius XII excommunicated Roman Catholics who supported Communism or read Communist literature, and that this stand had been reaffirmed by Pope John XXIII.

In doing so, it also condemned Pope John's recent encyclical, Mater et Magistra, for supporting private ownership of means of production.

"The clericals have been behind all the plots and intrigues against the socialist (Communist) countries since the last war," it asserted, citing Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia as examples.

The station said the clericals are now particularly active in trying to prevent peaceful co-existence between nations, and



## Orthodox Honor for Kennedy

Washington — (RNS) — President Kennedy receives the Grand Cross and insignia of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, highest decoration of the Greek Orthodox Church. He thus became the first U.S. president and the first Roman Catholic ever to receive the honor, one of the oldest religious decorations in the world. Greek Orthodox Patriarch Benedictus I of Jerusalem, presented the award, praised the President "for your endeavors in the name of the God of peace and justice." The Patriarch told newsmen that he had praised the president for his "great example of religious faith" and his faithful attendance at religious services.

## National Convention

The Knights of Equity and Daughters of Erin are currently holding their national convention in Rochester. Bishop Kearney will offer the convention's Mass this morning at Corpus Christi Church.

A wreath will be laid at the grave of Col. Patrick O'Rourke, famed Civil War hero, in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery following the Mass.

Convention headquarters are at the Powers Hotel where the banquet will be held tomorrow, Saturday, at 6:30 p.m.

## Citizen of Sister City Nazi Victim Soon a Saint?

Rochester's "sister city" in France may soon have one of its citizens honored as a saint.

Beatification of a 22 year old worker of Rennes who died in a Nazi concentration camp in 1945 is reported near at hand. This is a preliminary step to canonization of a saint.

Vatican sources believe the process of beatification of Marcel Callo, a native of Rennes,

would be short because his life bore testimony to his Christian faith and he met his death with tranquil heroism after great suffering.

MARCEL CALLO was deported to Germany with a convoy of forced laborers in 1943, shortly after a bombardment of Rennes. At Weimar in Germany he played an important role in organizing underground meetings of Catholic Action and keeping the flame of Christianity alive.

Caught by the Gestapo, he was transferred first to Gotha and then, in 1944, to the extermination camp of Mauthausen. A note against his name in Nazi files reads: "Condemned for his Catholic activity which is harmful to the National Socialist regime and the German people."

## Segregation in Rochester?

Episcopal clergyman Rev. Quintin Primo, local head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will speak at the meeting of the Rochester Catholic Interracial Council at St. John Fisher College Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 8 p.m.

He will present an analysis of racial barriers still prevailing in the Rochester area. Also listed to speak is Herman Walz, Council president. The public is invited.

## Seminary Alumni Reunion

Priests from a score of dioceses will return to St. Bernard's Seminary this coming week for an alumni reunion Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 17 and 18. More than 300 are registered to attend.

Bishop Kearney will celebrate Mass in the seminary chapel Wednesday morning. Scheduled to be honored at the reunion are Monsignor John F. Goggin, rector emeritus, and Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse, a native Rochesterian.

## Open House at New Infirmary

You don't have to be sick to go to this infirmary—the new one at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 4095 East Avenue, in suburban Rochester.

The two million dollar structure will be open for public inspection Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 14 and 15, from 1 to 5 p.m.



## Chiang's Grandson at Capital

Washington — (RNS) — Father Joseph B. McAllister, vice rector of Catholic University in Washington, D.C., shows a bird's eye view of the school's campus to 25-year-old Alan H. W. Chiang, eldest grandson of General and Mrs. Chiang Kai-Shek, Nationalist China leaders. In center is Chiang's wife, Nancy, 23, a convert to Catholicism. Chiang Kai-Shek's grandson will study economics, while his wife will study drama at CU. The young couple, who had met in Formosa, were married in California two years ago. They are the parents of a six-month-old daughter who remained with the grandparents in Formosa so the parents could finish their college education at CU.

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