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POLISH PUPPET REGIME'S IMPUDENCE

Secular Newspapers See Russia Attempting to Set Up Communist Government in Madrid

Washington.—The action of the present Polish regime in pressing the United Nations, through the Security Council, to break with the Franco government in Spain, with a view to ousting it from power, has produced some of the frankest discussion of Soviet Russia manoeuvring that this capital has yet seen.

Hardly had the determination of the present Warsaw government become known when there rolled in upon Washington a startling unanimous editorial opinion to the effect that, of course, it was Russia, not Poland, that was speaking. Influential newspapers called upon the State Department and the American people to look for the real purpose Russia (for it was Russia, they emphasized) had in making this move.

President Truman further stimulated earnest consideration of this striking phenomenon when he characterized the Polish move against Spain as political action. The Chief Executive did not elaborate upon this assertion, but observers of the Washington scene were quick to interpret this as official recognition of the fact that Soviet Russia is trying to put the United States on the defensive in world affairs.

Perhaps the most salutary aspect of the whole affair was the open discussion of what many people must have suspected, but which few dared to discuss—namely, that Russia's real objective with regard to Spain is not so much to oust Franco, but to seize control of that country for communism.

This, it is pretty generally agreed here, has been a prime concern of Great Britain all along, and has not been unappreciated by this country. It

seems impossible that the ousting, particularly the violent and summary expulsion, of the Franco regime at this time could produce anything but chaos in Spain. Into this confusion, if created, would step a Communist regime.

One of the papers to discuss this editorially was "The Washington Post." It said "on the face of it" Franco "does not now pose a problem" which in the language of the United Nations Charter is likely to endanger international peace. However, the paper inclined to an airing of the problem in the Security Council, in an effort to prevent Russia from continuing its use as a means of pressure.

"However, it would be absurd to think of the Franco case in the hands of Russia as an effort to apply a principle," "The Post" declared. "Franco to the Russians is a pawn, not a principle. All through the Balkans the Russians have been forgiving and forgetting their enemies whenever those enemies could be made useful for their designs. What is the Russians' game vis-a-vis Franco? The answer is: chaos. If they can create a vacuum in Spain, they feel that they would embarrass the British and ourselves, and, possibly, the Communists would move in. Judging from our information, they would seem to be correct. Thus, while we feel that the Spanish situation should be explored in the Security Council, we do not see the necessity of acquiescing in the Russian plan to produce chaos in Spain. 'Look to the end' is the best slogan for the State Department to paste in its hat when the Polish resolution is presented."

COMMUNIST PARTY THE RICHEST

The Communists are much the richest of the parties. A Washington contemporary whose information we have often found to be exact, *Human Events*, described on April 17th how the Communists in France are helped not merely by money from Russia, but by a deal they made last June with the new and weak French Government, when that Government was trying to call in the hoarded currency.

"It developed that the Communist Party was one of the biggest of the hoarders, holding about thirteen billion francs, largely stolen from banks and other financial institutions, during the wild resistance and liberation period. The Government made an agreement with the Communists to redeem the thirteen billion old francs with eight billion new francs."

—nearly seventeen million pounds. That the Communists are immensely richer than the Socialists or the M.R.P. is one of the explanations why the whole provincial Press, particularly in the south, is so dominated by Communist influence today that the French people are kept in almost complete ignorance of what is really happening in the rest of Europe.

HOW MONEY COMES TO THEM FROM RUSSIA

Substantial quantities of gold and foreign currency have been shipped by air from the Soviet Union to Paris in recent weeks, Lansing Warren, "New York Times" correspondent, reported from the French capital. "Competent authorities here (in Paris) can only conjecture concerning the transfer," Mr. Warren asserted, "since exporters say there is no commercial reason for monetary shipments to France from Russia."

"Passengers and their luggage are landed from the Soviet planes and, under cover of diplomatic privileges, are taken directly to automobiles waiting for them," Mr. Warren said. The Soviet planes fly to Paris direct from Berlin; "in the last month as many as a score of them have been listed at Le Bourget Field."

While it is not definitely known the use to which this gold and currency is being put, the following observations of Mr. Warren may throw light on the matter:

"Meanwhile, France is engaging in a hot political campaign, in which the French Communist party is making an

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CARDINAL GRIFFIN'S TALK ON FAMILY LIFE

STRONG FAMILY STRONG NATION

If you have sound family life you will have a sound country; but if family life declines so does the life of the country.

It is not easy in these days for home life to be lived according to Christ's teaching. There are so many things that militate against it.

You have, for instance, the growing evil of divorce and the practice of contraception. You have also the growth of materialism which places before us the view that our whole purpose in life is to obtain material welfare and security. You have the influence of the Press and radio.

You have bad houses and slums in which it is difficult to bring up a family in decency.

You have the general view that principles must be sacrificed to pleasure and that it is right to yield Christian principles to expediency.

DIVORCE INCREASING DAILY

As Catholics we proclaim that divorce is contrary to the law of God and that the marriage of a person who has been divorced is adultery.

Daily the number of divorce cases is increasing and daily the excuses for obtaining a divorce become more numerous. There is only one remedy and that is the abolition of divorce courts.

We priests are in a special position to know of hard cases, but remember that hard cases make bad laws, and if once a principle is violated it spells ruin of the moral order.

CONTRACEPTION

We all know that it is against the teaching of the Church of Christ and as Catholics we protest solemnly against the manufacture public advertisement and sale of contraceptives.

We do so because we know that their use is against the teaching of Christ and against the best interests not only of the family but of the State.

Even if we know that our protests will not be heard, it is our duty as Catholics to proclaim the teaching of Christ.

HAPPY FAMILY LIFE

I should like to see the Press and radio taking a much more wholesome stand on the principles of family life. Rarely do we see or hear an account of good Christian family life.

It should be considered the privilege of those responsible for directing the Press and radio to put before their readers and listeners the best type of family life.

STATE INTRUSION

The State exists to protect and further the rights of the family and the individual, and to promote the well-being of the community.

In other words, the State exists not to supplant but to assist citizens in the performance of their duties.

It is not for the State to take over the child from birth, to arrange all the details of its feeding, clothing and education. That is the right and duty of parents.

DIFFICULTIES IN MARRIAGE

No one knew better than Our Lord of the difficulties with which married people are faced, and so He instituted a special sacrament to give all the helps necessary to those who embrace the State to follow out their true vocation.

Those who are willing to co-operate with help that Almighty God gives them will be enabled to overcome their problems and difficulties; to be kind in thought and word; to be unselfish and to be generous to the other partner.

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GRAND PILGRIMAGE—300 MILES

Twenty to 30 strong Catholic men of every nation are being sought to carry a heavy wooden Cross through France in a "Calvary" pilgrimage for world peace.

From the French coast they will walk some 300 miles under hard conditions to Vezelay, where 800 years ago St. Bernard preached a Papal crusade.

At Vezelay they will join pilgrims from many other countries, each group also having a similar Cross which will be set up as a Way of the Cross.

The pilgrimage has been launched by the Benedictines of Vezelay, France. At this town 800 years ago St. Bernard preached the Crusade at the call of Pope Eugene III: now this pilgrimage is another kind of Crusade—a crusade of prayer, penance, and action for WORLD PEACE. Hence, representatives of as many nations as possible will take part. Each national contingent will carry a cross (6 ft.) from the borders of France, walking and praying all the way to Vezelay, where that vast multitude of Catholics will join in a mammoth petition to God.

THE REASON

There is a widespread sense today of the threatened doom which hangs over our civilisation. Some are tempted to

feel that it is inevitable; that there is nothing to be done; but that can never be the Christian view.

AT VEZELAY

The meeting at Vezelay provides an opportunity for: (1) an immense act of prayer and reparation, as the necessary condition of fruitful action; and (2) the establishment of a centre, uniting all the various peace activities of the various nations, and giving them renewed vitality by contact with one another, so that from this centre a more intense and powerful effort to realise on earth the promised peace of Christ may be begun and sustained.

PREPARATIONS

1. About 20 or 30 young men are needed in each contingent. The walk to Vezelay will certainly not be a luxury picnic, but a hard and toilsome pilgrimage: some 18 days' walk at about 20 miles a day; food and lodging are to be arranged, but on very simple lines.

2. Alms for the pilgrims are welcomed.

3. Those who do not take part are asked to have a remembrance in their prayers.

4. The pilgrims start their walk from the French coast on 2nd July.

NEW STOCK

Hurricane Lanterns,
Novel Can Openers,
Morton's Barley and
Cod Liver Oil.

Good Pearl Barley (English
product) Semolin, Milo, Glaxo-
Quaker Oats, Variety of Face,
Powders, Sandalwood Soaps,
Eau-de-cologne etc.,

The Little Flower Trading Co.,
102, Main Street,
Jaffna.

Church Calendar

JUNE 1946

FRI. ...28 SACRED HEART.
SAT. ...29 SS. Peter and Paul.
SUN. ...30 3 P.—Com. of St. Paul.

JULY 1946

MON. ...1 Prec. Blood.
TUES. ...2 Visitation.
WED. ...3 S. Leo II.
THURS. ...4 SS. Pontiffs.
FRI. ...5 S. Ant. Mar. Zac.

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AN APPEAL OF HIS HOLINESS
THE POPE

To-day being the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus it is thought appropriate to reproduce here the earnest appeal of His Holiness the Pope to the faithful of the Catholic world to disarm the Lord's punitive-justice with a world-wide crusade of expiation. We regret this appeal reached us almost at the end of this month but the acts of reparation and expiation of which His Holiness speaks may be practised with no less profit during the coming months until an end is in sight to the grave moral disorders afflicting the countries affected directly by the war. At the same time we must not play the part of the pharisees and think that there is no need of reparation and expiation to make on our own behalf. We cannot but be conscious of our sins and short-comings; and hence we must approach God in prayer with humble and contrite hearts. Such an attitude will make our acts of piety abundantly fruitful. His Holiness in his appeal speaks in these terms:

"To-day, the first day of the month specially dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we grieve even more acutely than usual when we see human society drifting further from Christ, and at the same time we cannot help a feeling of deep pity at the spectacle of the unprecedented calamity which has befallen human society because of its apostasy.

"We are therefore raising our voice again to remind our sons and daughters of the Catholic world of the admonition which the Divine Saviour has never ceased to inculcate throughout the centuries in His revelation to the privileged souls He has chosen as His missionaries.

"Disarm the Lord's punitive justice with a world-wide crusade of expiation.

"Let those who transgress God's laws be opposed by a world league of all those who give Him His due honour.

"It is, therefore, the ardent desire, our express intention, that the month which begins to-day and which, this year, will end with the celebration of the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, should be a devoted and fervent preparation—particularly through the acts of piety, mercy and penance—for that great work of expiation.

"We are confident that the zeal of our venerable brothers in the Episcopate, priests, members of religious orders, members of Catholic Action, especially the young members—will arouse in the hearts of the faithful of the Universal Church humility, penitence and a confident recourse to Divine mercy.

"We cherish the hope that this petition of the whole world, presented to the Heavenly Father by the Heart of Jesus intervening for our sins and for our consolation, may placate Divine justice and will obtain for the whole human family the plenitude of Divine grace."

Such is the appeal of the Holy Father, who, viewing from his watch-tower the pitiable condition, the nations have plunged themselves into by their great apostasy, makes to the lovers of the Sacred Heart that they by their generous acts of expiation may satisfy God's punitive-justice and bring to the world peace and concord.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Delimitation Commission—This Commission has been at work from Monday last and already a heavy mass of memoranda and evidence lies before it. The members must bring to their task all their powers of head and heart to do justice to the different claims put before them as the Commission's decision is final. Next week the Commission will be in Jaffna but the leaders of the Tamil Congress have in advance put forward their proposals as to how the different constituencies in the Northern and Eastern Provinces should be demarcated. It has been brought to our notice that there are more concentrations of Muslims in the Southern Provinces than in the North and East of the Island. And if that be so it stands to reason that the Muslims who want separate seats should have them from where they are larger in numbers. It may not be out of place to mention here that during the week we received by air mail from London a number of propaganda pamphlets illustrated by a map the purpose of which is to establish Nasaristan on the East and Suffistan on the West of Ceylon—two puny Muslim States. Muslims in the Island may not subscribe to that demand but they must not forget that in being granted special seats they are being more favourably treated than the other religious groups.

Now to turn to the proposals made as reported in the papers, Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam wanted that Jaffna urban area be made a separate electorate if possible. Why the modifying phrase *if possible*? The urban area has nearly 63,000 inhabitants and it

has been finally settled that the Urban Council will be turned into a Municipality at the end of next year. The delay is due to the inability of the Minister to get the necessary Ordinance through. If, as is said, that other Municipal areas with lesser population than Jaffna would be made separate constituencies there is no reason why Jaffna should be made an exception. If every electorate should of necessity have a population of 75,000 how will the North Central Province fare? As to the present Mannar-Mullaitivu electorate, this backward area suffers from its vastness and should be divided as Mr. Ponnambalam suggested.

Some Thoughts on the
Eucharistic Heart
of Jesus

The devotion to the Sacred Heart did not start only with St. Margaret Mary who merely revived it but it dated from the time of Our Lord Himself. Every action of His from the Incarnation up to His death on Mount Calvary was one act of Love. The founding of the Church, the Priesthood to perpetuate His Sacrifice and His presence among us, the various sacraments of the Church are all again due to the Sacred Heart. The Priests are made to be partakers of the Divine Omnipotence in as much as they can, by using the words instituted by Christ do the very same that Our Lord did, that is, consecrate His Body and Blood. On great indeed is the dignity of Priests to whom a power has been given which even Angels do not possess.

We Catholics do not yet realise the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. It is His Love for us that makes Him abide with us until the consummation of the world. If we did so we would not leave our Churches where He resides empty for a single instant. The Sanctuary lamp is often neglected and not always trimmed and kept burning. It is a beacon-light to troubled souls guiding them to their Haven of salvation, the Sacred Heart. In order to lead others to God we ourselves should show the example of a living faith in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in order that as St. Francis of Sales puts it the crowds may believe through their eyes rather than their ears.

If we wish for an easy and practical means of cultivating spiritual life in us, we should make the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus the center of our thoughts, of our affections and of our adoration. We should endeavour to penetrate the mystery of the Eucharist by reading spiritual books and not be satisfied with believing in the Real Presence in a general way only. Esteem and devotion for this Divine Sacrament will reign in a soul in proportion to its knowledge of the same.

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Delimitation Commission

The Commission began its public sittings on Monday morning in the Old Secretariat building.

Chairman of the Delimitation Commission, Mr. L. M. D. de Silva, K.C., announced publicly on Monday that the Commission would carve out electorates in such a way that, whenever possible, a minority would be able to return a member of its choice.

Tamil Congress Deputation
Before the Commission

Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam led the All-Ceylon Tamil Congress deputation before the Delimitation Commission on Tuesday, supported by Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayagam, Mr. A. J. R. Vethavanam and Dr. E. M. V. Naganathan.

The Congress has sent up two memoranda, one dealing with the Northern, Eastern and Western Provinces and the other, the Up-country districts.

Dealing with Colombo City, Mr. Ponnambalam said that a multi-member constituency was the best means of education if they were going to make voters think on political lines on major issues. A multi-member constituency had its advantages not only in respect of a communal minority but also of a political minority.

He chose Colombo for a multi-member constituency because of the high degree of education of the population, both general and political, the desire to vote and the transport facilities.

He thought that if a multi-member constituency was created in Colombo Muslims and Tamils would be able to return two of their members.

Mr. Ponnambalam was dwelling on how a multi-member constituency should function, when the Chairman (Mr. L. M. D. de Silva, K.C.) intervened to say that the question of mechanics of voting was not a matter left to the Commission.

Mr. Ponnambalam: I venture to think not. But if you are in a position, under your terms of reference, inevitably and as a corollary you will have to say whether voters will have one vote or more.

The Chairman said that the Elections Order-in-Council which has not yet been published, will probably contain a provision giving each voter the right to cast as many votes as there are candidates. If we make a recommendation now there will have to be another law to restrict it.

Mr. Ponnambalam: I cannot contemplate you being called upon to make a recommendation regarding multi-member constituencies without going into the immediate corollary and state the way in which you must vouch for its successful working.

IN THE NORTH

Regarding Northern Province, Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam pleaded for the retention of the administrative areas as far as possible. It would be very undesirable to break them up unless for very cogent reasons.

Chairman: We are trying to retain them all over the Island.

Mr. Ponnambalam also urged for a seat, if possible, for the Jaffna Urban Council area. Although its population was 60,000 it was a compact area.

Valigam East could not by itself form a constituency and suggested adding to it the Gravets division of Jaffna Town, outside the strict Urban Council limits of Kokuvil, Vannarponnai and Chivateru and Nallur.

The nine seats for the Northern Province asked for by the Congress are as follows:—(1) Jaffna Urban Council area 62,922; (2) Islands 53,284; (3) Valigam West 62,092; (4) Valigam North 66,811; (5) Valigam East (Atchvely, Pnttur, Kopay, Neervely 37,432) and "Jaffna Town" (Chivateru, and Nallur, Vannarponnai and Kokuvil—19,941), 57,373; (6) Vadamaradchi (Point Pedro, Kaddaveli and Udupiddy divisions) 67,118; (7) Thenmarachi (Pachilapalli, Karachchi, Punakari, Thunukai, Kudathanai, Chempian Pattu) 55,034; (8) Vavuniya 23,314; (9) Mannar 31,798.

The Tamil Congress withdrew at this stage to appear later.

MECHANICS OF VOTING

Mr. L. M. D. de Silva, K.C., Chairman, announced at the beginning of the proceedings that there appeared to be some misunderstanding regarding the method of voting in a multi-member constituency, provision for which is likely to be made in the elections Order-in-Council.

Each elector would have the right to cast as many votes as there were candidates to be returned. That is, in a two-member constituency a voter would have two votes; in a three-member constituency, three votes, and so on.

Each elector would have absolute freedom to cast his vote in the way he chooses. That was the proposed provision which had not yet been embodied in the Order-in-Council. Until that was embodied no one could say with any certitude what it was going to be, but that in general was the idea.

He had obtained it earlier as it was impossible to discuss the subject without the idea of the mechanics of voting.

Mr. Peri Sunderam: Can a voter give all his votes to one member?

Chairman: Yes.

The Tamil Congress appeared again. Mr. Ponnambalam, questioned by the Commission regarding the depressed classes said that he welcomed those who considered themselves depressed securing a seat, but where did the depressed classes begin and where did they end. Mr. Rajendra had mentioned three communities but what about the dhobies, barbers, and other communities?

It would be to the abiding and permanent injury of the depressed classes to have a representative labelled as such. The interests of the community should not be overlooked for the interests of the individual who wished to be returned for a seat.

Mr. Ponnambalam challenged the representative character of the minority Tamil Progressive Union.

LOCAL & GENERAL

Confraternity of the Sacred Heart. St. Patrick's College Branch, Senior Division. The Annual General Meeting of the members was held on Monday the 24th June at 5.30 p.m. at the College Library. The Revd. Fr. B. A. John, O.M.I., presided. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The annual report and accounts were duly submitted and adopted and the Hon. Secretary was unanimously re-elected.

This was followed by a Social in honour of the patronal feast of the Rev. Fr. President. Mr. F. J. R. Vickramasingham Mubandiram tendered him the felicitations of the members and Fr. John suitably replied.

The Third Order of St. Francis.—The monthly meeting of the Third Order of St. Francis will take place at 6 p.m. in St. Aloysius' Hall on Monday the 1st of July 1946. All the Brothers are kindly requested to be there in time. The ceremony of the clothing of a Postulant will take place during the meeting. Plenary Indulgences can be gained on these dates:—2, 8, 9, 11, 14, 21, (2) 23, 26 & 30. Conditions:—Confession, Communion, Visit to the Cathedral and prayer for the Pope's Intentions.

Millions for Village Expansion.—Following Ministers' approval on Monday State Council sanction will be sought next week for (1) Rs. 2 million for colonists and peasant allottees under Colonization and Village Expansion schemes; (2) Rs. 35,000, maintaining and cultivating vegetable farm at Mahagastota taken over by Agricultural Department from military; (3) Rs. 35,000 for recruiting and training 300 vernacular educated pupil nurses; (4) Rs. 810,000 for hospital equipment; (5) Rs. 201,360 for dairy farm buildings at the Angoda Mental Hospital premises; (6) appointment of a principal research officer on a fixed annual salary of Rs. 30,000; (7) Rs. 70,000 for a three-storeyed ward at General Hospital; (8) Rs. 150,000 for demolition of A.R.P. shelters, wardens' post and static tanks.

Asst. Commissioner, Jaffna.—Mr. C. Suriyakumaran, Assistant Commissioner of Local Government, Jaffna and Mannar districts, has been appointed to act as Additional Asst. Government Agent, Jaffna and Mannar districts, in addition to his own duties.

Civil Hospital, Jaffna.—The Divisional Medical Superintendent and the Hospital Staff have issued invitations for the formal opening of the new Maternity Ward by the Hon. the Minister of Health, Mr. George E. de Silva and for the laying of the Foundation Stone of the new Out-Patients Department by the Hon. the Minister for Home Affairs, Mr. A. Mahadeva on Saturday the 29th inst. at 5 p.m.

Services will Sell 1,000 Vehicles.—Nearly 1,000 Service vehicles are to be sold "within the next week or so," the Chairman of the British Stores Disposal Board (Major B. H. Twigg) told the "Times of Ceylon" on Tuesday. They comprise 600 3-ton lorries and a balance of 30 cwt., 15 cwt., and 1 ton vehicles, plus some passenger carrying station wagons and Staff cars.

A quantity of used tyres is also to be made available to the public, in consultation with the Tyre Controller.

Grievances of Colombo Harbour Boatmen.—Dr. A. P. de Zoysa, M.S.C., presiding at a conference held on Saturday at St. Lucia's School, Kottahena, under the auspices of the Col-

ombo Harbour Boatmen's Union, of which Mr. A. P. Thambirajah is president, said that he was annoyed at the indifference of the Executive Committee of Communications and Works and the Harbour authorities to the sufferings and victimization of boatmen at the hands of those under whom they worked.

The Conference had before it for discussion a memorandum setting out the grievances of boatmen, numbering about six hundred, employed in the Master Attendant's Department. These grievances included, apart from complaints of illegal gratification allegations of cruelty and ill-treatment.

Four resolutions were unanimously passed, after several others had spoken, one requesting the Government to implement immediately the earlier recommendation of a Special Committee of Inquiry for the appointment of an independent Commission outside the Public Service to inquire into the more serious allegations. Another resolution urged the Government to authorise the re-instatement of harbour boatmen who had, through causes beyond their control, failed to return to work after the 1942 raid on Colombo.

Postmasters' Grievances.—Several resolutions requesting the Government to remove certain anomalies in the Savings Committee's report prejudicial to the interests of postmasters and signallers, were passed on Sunday evening at a meeting of the Postmasters' Union of Ceylon, held at the G.P.O., Library Hall.

Other resolutions demanding that a status equal to that of station masters be accorded to the postmasters in the determination of salaries and other amenities were also passed unanimously.

The house deplored the "lack of enthusiasm" evinced by the Postmaster General pressing the claims and right of the Postmasters for a correct place in the public service.

A resolution requesting the Secretary of State for the Colonies to expedite the grant of trade union rights to public servants was unanimously passed.

Mr. A.J.P.C. de Silva presided.

In Baltic States.—"It is a bitter grief to me to think of the tragedy of the Baltic countries—Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia—brought under Russian domination," said the former Papal Nuncio to Lithuania, Archbishop Centoz, after his arrival to take up a new post in South America.

"Their peoples have no liberty, no rights. They have to slave for the conqueror."

"Lithuania, with a population of three millions, achieved great progress through the industry of its citizens—good, simple, laborious people and Catholics. But all that industry is nullified to-day under the Russian domination."

"Intense as had been the fight and great the blood sacrifice of men and countries to pull down one totalitarian system, another, the Russian, has remained and even been strengthened."

A Noted Convert and writer.—The Catholic writer, Mr. Compton Mackenzie, is to visit New Delhi in a couple of months "to write an official history of India's share in the war—her two and a half million volunteers, her fine achievements in North Africa and in Italy," states Hannen Swaffer in *The People*. When Mr. Mackenzie was asked to undertake the task, Hannen Swaffer adds, "he made a stipulation that he should be allowed to tell all the truth and that no censorship should be imposed to cover up blunders or to excuse authority. This was conceded by both Lord Wavell and Field Marshal Auchinleck. So he is to have free access to every document he needs. He will then go to Kashmir and begin his book."

Parachutes to Congress.—At the recent catechumen congress at Barcelona, where some 90,000 people attended Mass, Jorgito, the boy featured on the propaganda posters for the Congress, arrived in a military plane, from which he made a parachute descent.

Sixty thousand in a Mass choir alternated in the singing with the clerics. One hundred thousand pesetas (about £23,000) were collected for the relief of war-ravished Europe.

Freemason Converted.—A Cuban freemason and author, and a leading Freemason, Mr. Juan Martin, has been received into the Church in Havana.

Paris.—The Recent Rally of Y. C. W. girls numbered ten thousand, representing many nations. These are the JICISTES, girl members of the JOCISTES, a specialized form of Catholic Action working among the working classes. At the solemn High Mass in Notre Dame Cathedral the ten thousand received Holy Communion. Present were two Cardinals, 12 Bishops, 13 Monsignors more than 300 priests.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sex-Education

The Editor,

"Catholic Guardian", Jaffna.

Sir,—When I think of the recent doings: Free mid-day meals to school children and free education, I feel one with Lewis Carroll who wrote:

"The time has come, the Walrus said To talk of many things; Of shoes—and ships—and sealing wax—Of cabbages—and kings."

Of the shape of things to come, SEX-EDUCATION is to be tackled next and towards this end, Doctors and nurses, midwives and Sanitary assistants and teachers are to be harnessed to impart sex-education to our children in schools. We know the standard of all these men and women. It is here Thomas Moore wrote:

I find that doctors and the sages Have differed in all climes and ages; And two in fifty scarce agree Of what is pure morality.

In answer to free-lance-moralists who seem to agree with everything that is proposed, of which they know nothing, I wish to state here that there is not a single moral question of the first rank into which the Catholic teaching on morals does not enter. Sex involves morals and are our propounders morally suitable to impart sex education, to our innocent children? On the matter of sex-education, I would recommend to the independent moralists "The Christian Education of youth" by Pius XI. In page 23 you read as follows: "Another very grave danger is that naturalism which now-a-days invades the field of education in that most delicate matter of purity of morals. Far too common is the error of those who with dangerous assurance and under an ugly term propagate a so-called sex-education, falsely imagining they can forearm youths against the dangers of sensuality by means of purely natural, such as foolhardy initiation and precautionary instruction for all indiscriminately, even in public; and, worse still, by exposing them at an early age to the occasions, in order to accustom them, so it is argued, and as it were to harden them against such dangers. Such persons grievously err in refusing to recognize the inborn weakness of human nature and also in ignoring the experience of facts, from which it is clear that, particularly in young people, evil practices are the effect not so much of ignorance of intellect as of weakness of a will exposed to dangerous occasions and unsupported by the means of grace."

Hilaire Belloc supports us when he says "that men idiotically affirm that the Catholic Church interferes with the free exercises of the human reason. The truth is exactly the opposite. The Catholic Church upholds reason consistently and denies the soundness of any doctrine conflicting with reason. Authority lies in the Church. Outside it there is no authority, but only a mass of conflicting statements masquerading as principles."

While imparting a knowledge of sex, I am sure our cabbage-teachers and tin-can moralists will surely teach that there is nothing wrong in Birth Control, Divorce, Mercy-killing, Artificial insemination of women and Sterilisation. MORALS AGAIN. We hold all these things as immoral and therein lies the fundamental difference between the Catholic mind and the non-catholic. In accepting the authority of the Church as decisive and final in moral matters, Belloc continues, we offer our fellow-men everywhere whose beliefs are all open to revision since they rest on nothing more static or reliable than dictates of custom or propositions reasoned out by minds whose fallibility is acknowledged. We stand alone among

our fellows of the modern world in this attitude or rather in this certitude. Where all others flounder, we step securely, sure of our ground. In a word we know—and no one else knows. Take it or leave it.

Sex education in schools is not wanted and if it is to be given it must be solely left to the competent religious teachers who have made it their life study. Else we will agree with Samuel Butler that the foundations of morality are like all other foundations; if you dig too much about them, the superstructure will come tumbling down.

A child's mind cannot assimilate sex problems and let me quote you here—I. Cor. xiii. II:—"When I was a child, I spoke as a child. I understood as a child. I thought as a child. But when I became a man, I put away the things of a child."

Let me conclude in other words of E. Maguire, D.D. "Today, the vagaries of the human mind are serious—and their consequences more than serious; they are chaotic. Their whole tendency is to create utter disorder in human life—individual life, family life, social and economic life by driving men crazy intellectually and morally."

Yours truly,

W. L. S. CANDAPPA,

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Communist Party the Richest

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exceptional effort. Ever since the liberation the party has disposed of ample funds and steadily maintained a considerable propaganda outlay, supporting a large number of newspapers, reviews and printed documentation, distributed widely throughout the country. Also numerous private and semi-official Communist organizations throughout France in political activities requiring heavy expenditures by local Communists."

THE ELECTORAL LAW

One of the most ominous measures lately passed by the Assembly did not come into question with the referendum: and that is the new electoral law. The position now about the electoral law is a little ambiguous, but it was certainly not rejected last Sunday, and cannot be repealed any more easily than all the great mass of very hastily-conceived nationalizing legislation which the late Assembly contrived to compress into its short existence, despite its provisional character. In France, as in Poland, provisional Assemblies have shown great activity in far-reaching economic measures not at all provisional in their character.

It is the electoral law, and not the rejected Constitution, which concentrates power in the political parties, and, inside the parties, in the party caucuses, placing formidable difficulties in the way of new parties and introducing a system of voting for lists of candidates which gives the party leaders far wider opportunity to discipline their members by placing their names favourably or unfavourably in the list-order than English party leaders have by allotting favoured candidates to "safe" constituencies and rebels to enemy strongholds.

Cardinal Griffin's Talk on Family Life

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CHALLENGE: REPLY

I have been challenged as to my right to speak about family and home life. People seem to forget that every priest has lived in a family and has generally had many brothers and sisters to keep him in order.

(His Eminence has a brother and three sisters.)

HOME IS BEST

Anxious as we are to see that the mother receives all the help necessary to enable her to carry out her onerous duties, we must insist that mother and child should not be separated; and it is for this reason that we are opposed to the setting up of day nurseries throughout the country.

It is urged that through a day nursery children are trained in a community spirit by mixing with other children.

But we must not deceive ourselves. The best companionship possible for a child is that of its own brothers and sisters. What we want are home nurseries not day nurseries.

Telegraphic Summary of News

ATOM TEST TRY-OUT

Definite details are awaited in San Francisco of the full dress rehearsal for the atom bomb tests at Bikini Atoll.

Admiral W.H.P. Blandy, of the U.S. Navy, on Sunday described what will happen at the Bikini Atoll in an article in the London newspaper "The Sunday Chronicle."

He declared the tests would affect the life of every man, woman and child in this and succeeding generations.

In the first test, an atomic bomb would be detonated in the air over a formation of ships, and scientists expected the results to be as drastic as at Nagasaki.

The second test—in which an atomic bomb would be fired on or slightly under the surface of the water amid a ship formation—was "expected to pro-

duce waves a hundred feet high, winds reaching a velocity of a 1,000 miles an hour, and heat measured in hundreds of millions of degrees."

In the third test, an atom bomb would be exploded deep in the Ocean half-mile under the ships. Here Admiral Blandy comments "we are really exploring the unknown and no one can be sure what the results would be.

The object is to see what will happen to hulls of submarines and other vessels in the test area, but among things that have had to be considered here are, whether this bomb might set up an endless chain of reaction in the ocean or make the water radio active over large areas.

Stating that many types of craft would be used in the tests, Admiral Blandy adds: "The testing instruments are being installed, and still other devices will be used to help us glean every bit of information we can after the blast."

BIDAULT FORMS CABINET

After five days of difficult negotiations, the French Communist and Socialist Parties on Sunday evening agreed to enter the Coalition Government under the premiership of M. Georges Bidault, and a meeting of the new Government will be held immediately the Cabinet list is completed.

The Prime Minister has now formed his Cabinet, it is officially stated. M. Bidault himself, besides being Prime Minister, takes the portfolio of Foreign Affairs. The other members include:

Two Vice-Presidents: M. Maurice Thorez, (Communist) and M. Felix Gouin (Socialist).

Two Ministers of State: M. Francisque Gay (M.R.P.—Progressive Catholic Party) and M. Alexander Varenne (Democratic Socialist Resistance Union—a left centre parliamentary group).

Finance Minister: M. Robert Schuman (M.R.P.)

Minister of the Interior: M. Edouard Depreux (Socialist).

POWERS AGREE TO SPEED UP WORK, BUT SHELVE TRIESTE

After failing to reach agreement on the date for the General European Peace Conference, the Foreign Ministers of Britain, the United States, Russia, and France on Saturday, agreed to a proposal by Ernest Bevin (Britain) to speed up their work and complete it by next Friday.

The session on Saturday was the shortest to date, lasted a little more than one hour, and was confined to discussions on procedure. The burning question of Trieste (claimed by both Yugoslavia and Italy) was not discussed.

Mr. Bevin proposed that examination of the peace treaties with Italy and the ex-enemy Balkan countries should be completed by Friday, that the Ministers' deputies should draw up the final agenda over the week-end and that the Ministers should then meet twice daily to complete the work on time. All the Ministers agreed to this.

Italy's frontiers with France and Austria and the disposal of the Italian Navy will be discussed, but the time of the afternoon meeting and the subjects to be discussed are not yet known.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. James F. Byrnes, urged on Saturday that the General European Peace Conference should be called not later than July 15.

M. Vyacheslav Molotov (Russia) said he could not discuss the date of the peace conference until the Ministers had completed their examination of the five peace treaties.

All hopes centre at present on a possibility that fresh instructions from Moscow to M. Molotov will yet permit a compromise on Trieste through internationalisation which still appears the only possible line along which agreement is possible.

INDIA ACCUSES SOUTH AFRICA BEFORE U.N.O.

India has filed a formal complaint with the United Nations Organisation, charging the Union of South Africa with discriminating against the 250,000 Indians living in South Africa.

The complaint was filed by Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, head of the Indian

U.N.O. delegation, who called on the U.N.O. Secretary-General, Dr. Trygve Lie, to place the case before the General Assembly, which meets on Sept. 3.

Sir Ramaswami said that difficulties between the two British States had already caused India to terminate her trade agreement with South Africa and recall her High Commissioner.

The situation was now so serious, he said, that it threatened "to impair relations between India and South Africa."

Sir Ramaswami, in his communication to Dr. Trygve Lie declared: "Indian settlers in South Africa have progressively suffered discrimination and deprivation of elementary rights ever since 1885."

The Indian complaint will probably be the first to go directly to the General Assembly instead of to the Security Council.

Under the Charter, cases which threaten international peace are handled by the Security Council while those which merely threaten to impair friendly relations can be taken to the General Assembly.

The General Assembly, after considering facts, has the authority to make recommendations to the States involved or to the Security Council.

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