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Bishop Joseph P. Hurley of St. Augustine, Fla., Regent Ad Interim of the Apostolic Nunciature at Belgrade, rises and bows as Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac enters the courtroom.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Holds Eighth National Congress

Boston, Oct. 25.—(NC) — Attracting one of the largest assemblies of Catholic prelates and laymen in the recent history of the nation, the eighth national congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine opened its five-day sessions here with upward of 14,000 delegates and their friends in attendance.

A total of 65 sessions with 479 participants has been programmed for the congress. There will be 196 formal addresses; 97 talks by discussion leaders; remarks by 69 chairmen and 65 presiding officers, and 45 demonstrative talks on methods of teaching religion.

From all quarters of the Western Hemisphere and from several foreign nations, some 100 members of the Hierarchy have arrived for the sessions. The theme of the Congress is: "Religious Instruction — the Basic Need of the Peoples of the United Nations."

The central event of the Congress will be an address via radio from the Vatican by His Holiness Pope Pius XII. In addition to the Papal address, His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, and Archbishop Richard J. Cushing, Archbishop of Boston and host of the congress, will address two of the most important events — one a Solemn Pontifical Mass and the other a general meeting in the Boston Gardens, the city's largest meeting place. His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, will be the celebrant of the Mass.

President Praises Rural Life Work

Green Bay.—"The dignity, independence and freedom of men can reach its fullest stature on the farm, not in the industrial world," Bishop Peter W. Bartholome, Coadjutor of St. Cloud, declared at the opening session of annual meeting of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference here, striking the keynote of the convention. A score of Bishops and hundreds of priests, Religious and laymen came here to attend the sessions.

President Truman sent a telegram to the delegates, in which he stressed the necessity of making rural life attractive through religion and education. "As one who was born on a farm and has actively engaged in farming," the President said, "I have great pleasure in sending you hearty

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Budenz Names Gerhard Eisler As Secret Communist Leader

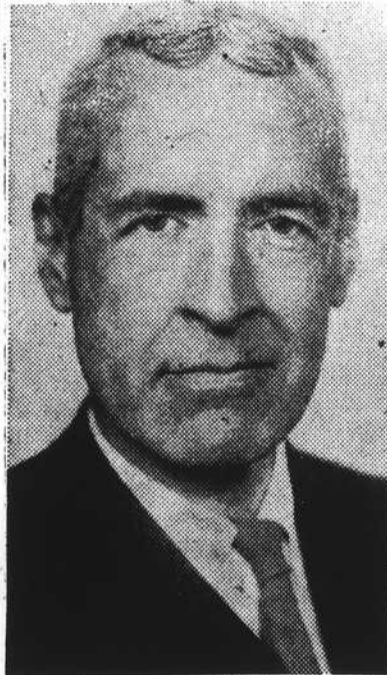
Polish Cardinal Hits at Reds

Warsaw—Catholics in Poland were reminded that Poland is a "democratic and Catholic country" in a letter by Cardinal August Hlond this week.

The letter said that some nations had turned away from God and it urged that every Catholic vote in the elections, scheduled for January, and to cast his vote for the party that would defend his faith.

Cardinal Hlond's letter, which was read in all Polish pulpits last Sunday, mentioned no personal or party name. It was, however, a clear blast against the Communists and would probably serve to align Catholics with Vice Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk's Peasant Party.

The Polish government has been attacking Mikolajczyk in an attempt to discredit him. They have charged that he is a foreign agent because he was reported to have sought Anglo-American supervision of the January elections. Meanwhile, Mikolajczyk has been silenced by censorship.



G. Howland Shaw, former Assistant Secretary of State, has been appointed chairman of the Commission on Community and Civic Organizations of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Allyn Robinson, North Carolina director, announced today. Formerly president of the NCCC, Mr. Shaw began work with the State Department in 1917.

New York. — (NC) — Louis F. Budenz, former editor of the Daily Worker, who renounced communism to return to the Catholic Church, has identified an Austrian named Hans Berger as the person he earlier referred to in a radio broadcast as "the equivalent of a representative of the Communist International in the United States."

Mr. Budenz declared that he would elaborate upon Mr. Berger's activities and connections when he is called before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Ernie Adamson, chief counsel for, this committee, announced in Washington that he has invited the former communist editor to appear at a public hearing at a date convenient to him.

After Mr. Budenz had made his accusation in a broadcast over a Detroit radio station from Pittsburgh, Frederick Woltman, of the staff of the New York World-Telegram, said that he had established the identity of the man described by Mr. Budenz.

"He is Hans Berger, an Austrian, a former member of the German Communist Party's central committee and an agent of the Communist International since 1918. His real name is Gerhard Eisler," he wrote.

(In a Daily Worker interview, Gerhard Eisler denied that he has been a Comintern representative in the United States, saying: "I have been a member of the German Communist Party but I have never been a leader or representative of the Communist International during its existence." He told the Communist daily's reporter that he had been about to sail for Leipzig but that his exit permit had been canceled this week. Mr. Eisler also denied that he is Hans Berger.)

AFofL Protests Archbishop's Trial

Chicago.—(NC) — In a strongly worded resolution, the powerful American Federation of Labor at its annual convention here adopted a resolution deploring the conviction of Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac of Zagreb at the recent trial in Yugoslavia.



This pieta, the name given to statues of the dead Christ with the Blessed Virgin, is a reminder that the month just passing is the month of the Rosary. Every Catholic is urged to say a daily Rosary. This statue, which is in the national museum in Washington, D. C., was photographed by Louis Hoover, Charlotte correspondent of the North Carolina Catholic.

Sacred Heart Starts Fund Drive

Belmont—The Alumnae association of Sacred Heart Junior college and academy in a meeting of its executive committee and campaign workers at the college launched a drive for the purpose of raising \$250,000 for its building fund.

Mrs. Thomas Baugh of Gastonia, general chairman of the campaign, read a letter from Governor R. Gregg Cherry, a native of Gaston county, in which the college is located, expressing his interest in the campaign and conveying his hope that it will be successful. Mrs. Baugh announced that the drive would be in progress from October through March, 1947.

Mrs. Baugh also announced that prominent business men and leaders in Gaston county and Charlotte had indorsed the campaign and had pledged their support.

Campaign workers will solicit funds in the form of individual donations, the founding of scholarships and the establishment of memorials. Pledges may be paid over a period of three or four years.

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