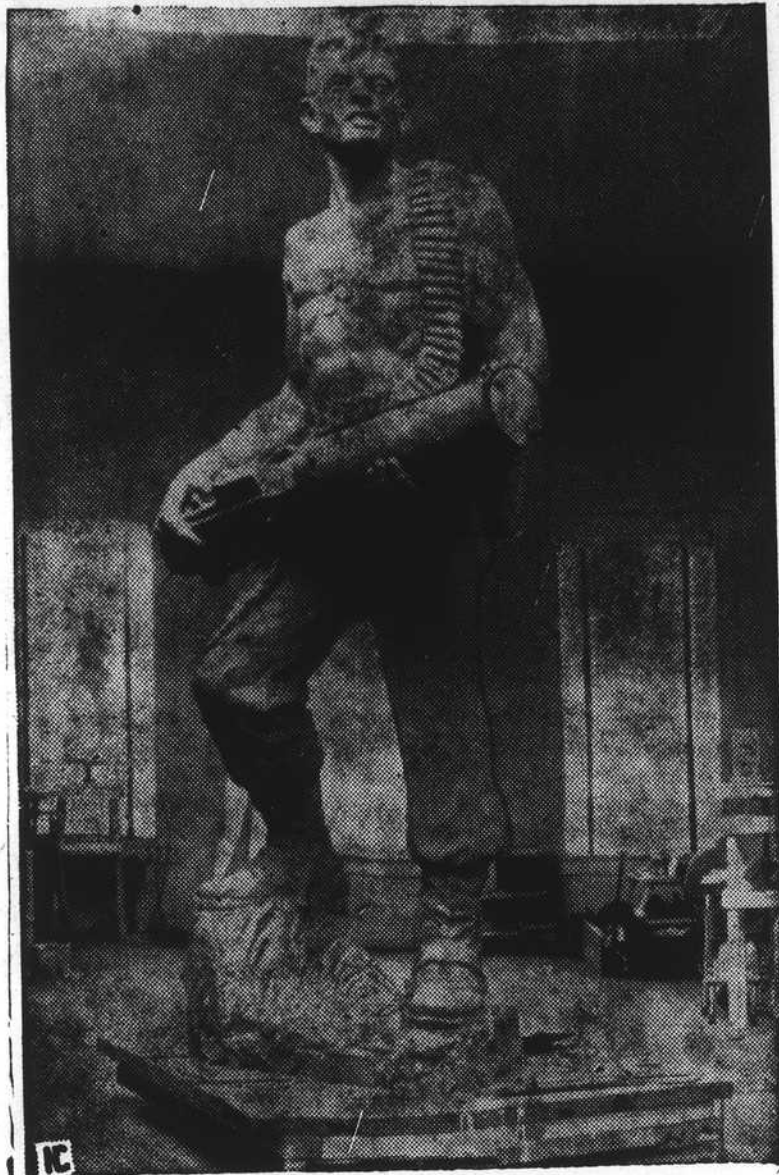


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This heroic statue to U. S. Marine Corps hero Sgt. John Basilone, of Raritan, N. J., has been completed by sculptor Philip Orlando, of Plainfield, N. J., friend of the winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Sgt. Basilone, a Catholic, won the nation's highest award for heroic services in Italy, the first enlisted man in the Marine Corps so honored in World War II. He was later killed in action on Iwo Jima. Press Association photo. (NC Photos)

## Monsignor Sheen Sounds Battle Cry In Struggle Between Good and Evil

NEW YORK —(NC)— Announcing that the subject of his talks this year is "the all important subject of communism," Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, returned to the Catholic Hour last Sunday and declared that

### Grace Moore Killed Was Under Instruction

Copenhagen, Denmark — Grace Moors, world famous as a star of the opera and screen, was killed last Sunday in an airplane crash in this city only a few months after she had announced her intention to become a Catholic.

Miss Moore was known non-professionally by her married name (Continued on Page 7)

civilization is on the threshold of an era in which men either passionately cling to God or violently oppose Him.

He returned to the Catholic Hour program, which is produced by the National Council of Catholic Men and broadcast over the network of the National Broadcasting Company, for the 17th year. His talk was the first of a series of eleven addresses entitled "Light Your Lamps."

Stating that civilization today is (Continued on Page 7)

## Poles Afraid to Vote Against Reds Writer Says After Trip Thru Nation

By G. R. Burnst, Staff Correspondent

Warsaw.—(NC Radio) — Skillfully conditioned and thoroughly cowed according to tested methods of totalitarian regimes, the Polish people went to the polls in large numbers for the January 19 general election, but it was not a "free and unfettered" election.

In casting their vote, the Polish people were motivated by fear, not genuine political convictions.

This impression, shared by most foreign correspondents here, I gained during a 400-mile trip on election Sunday through Poland's new western territories to the former German Baltic port of Stettin,

which now is called Szczecina.

I heard many reports of pre-election terror and intimidation, and the effect of such methods was shown by the pitiful eagerness with which most voters exposed the "right" ballot to scrutinizing eyes of election officials, among whom were few representatives of Vice Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk's Polish Peasant Party, the only opposition permitted by the Warsaw regime.

The Poles knew and were afraid of the consequences of an anti-government vote.

In Podkowa Lesna, near Warsaw, a school inspector warned (Continued on Page 7)

## Orders To Destroy Opposition Given By Warsaw Government

By G. R. BRUNST, Special Correspondent

WARSAW—(Radio)—The Warsaw regime, riding high as an aftermath of the obviously rigged January 19 election, has evidenced a determination to wipe out the last vestige of democratic rule in Poland, it has been disclosed here by Jakub Berman, Vice Minister, who is regarded generally as the Soviet representative in the Warsaw Government and the real behind-the-scene power.

Using the word "ruthless" six times, Minister Berman predicted the sternest measures would be employed to stamp out the so-called illegal activities—destroying the underground. He warned Vice Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, leader of the Polish Peasant Party, that the coalition in the

### Polish Citizen Tells Outcome of the Election Before It Ever Begins

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. —(NC)— "Today, twenty-three days before the election, I prophesy that the Red will carry at least 70 per cent of the votes. It is high time the other nations, allied with Russia, make an end to this lying business."

Writing from the heart of Russian occupied Poland, a young relative of a Central Illinois resident, whose identity is withheld for obvious reasons, not only predicted the outcome of the election but also describes in detail the tyranny of the red oppressors in Eastern Europe. The letter, now in the possession of Bishop James A. Griffin of Springfield in Illinois, was smuggled out of Poland.

"What we have endured these past two years is more than we suffered all through the war years, due to the fact that I am a recognized opponent to the new paganism," the writer states. "In my employment," he continued, "I am subjected to all sorts of indignities and hardships, although I have never failed to do my work ably and conscientiously. My hope, and the hope of thousands like me, (Continued on Page 12)

### Dominican Fathers Plan Series of Missions

COLUMBIA, S. C. — Eight missions will be conducted by Dominican Fathers in North Carolina parishes, it was announced this week by Rev. Patrick Walsh, O. P., whose headquarters are in Columbia.

Missions will be conducted at Holy Trinity church, Kinston; St. Paul's, Henderson; St. John's, Roanoke Rapids; St. John's, Waynesville; St. Lawrence, Asheville; Immaculate Conception, Durham; St. Paul's and St. Joseph's, New Bern.

The Forty Hours Devotion will also be conducted by the Dominican Fathers in many parishes throughout the Diocese of Raleigh. The missionaries are under the direction of Father Walsh.

### Bishop's Relief Drive Will Open Next Month

Washington.—(NC)—His Excellency, the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, Chairman of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, announced this week that six regional meetings will be held throughout the United States within the next three weeks in behalf of (Continued on Page 12)

present government will continue only if, the Polish Peasant Party "discontinues its league with the underground and imperial forces abroad."

Seeking to sever Poland's traditional ties with the West, the Warsaw regime cunningly has appealed to Polish patriotism. While carefully refraining from open attacks against the Church—recognizing the fact that Poland is 90 per cent Catholic—the regime seeks in devious ways to weaken the link between the Church in Poland and the Holy See and aims at creating the Polish "national church," which would be subservient to the State in the same manner as the Russian schismatic church has become the tool of the Soviets. But there are little or no signs of success on the part of the regime in shaking the loyalty of the Poles to the universal Church

"What will America and Britain do?"

That's the question that I have been asked by many Poles. They hold the two Western powers morally responsible to the Yalta pledge of a truly democratic Poland and declared that only the firmest policy toward Moscow can bring about a change which will prevent Poland from being submerged completely in the Soviet power sphere.

Meanwhile Vice Premier Mikolajczyk, as leader of the Polish Peasant Party, has announced that he will ask the United States, Britain and Russia, co-signers of the Yalta agreement not to recognize the balloting in the January 19 general election as a "free and unfettered election." He said he also will demand that the highest Polish court declare the election invalid, but this is regarded generally as a futile gesture.

Mr. Mikolajczyk insisted that the election's results, topheavy in favor of the communist-dominated regime, were brought about by the (Continued on Page 6)

### False Soviet Charges Turned In Reverse By Vatican Newspaper

VATICAN CITY—(Radio, NC)—An emphatic repudiation of the charges made against the Vatican in an article appearing in the Soviet publication New Times, and broadcast over the Moscow radio, is made by Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper, which at the same time states that the accusations unjustly made against the Vatican are very true about Soviet Russia.

The Soviet article, titled: "The Vatican's Anti-Democratic Activities," had charged that during the first five years of the war the Church expected "a certain victory for Hitlerian Germany and fascist Italy," and added.

"Encouraged by the policies of the axis powers, the Vatican centered its hopes on the downfall of the Soviet Union and on the defeat of the democratic movement in all countries. But the Vatican's calculations proved false. After the defeat of the fascist aggressors the Vatican began to revise its tactics in order to influence the progressive masses, attempting to bring them under its reactionary influence." (Continued on Page 7)

### Many Are Applying For Mission Priesthood

RALEIGH — "Vocations to the priesthood are coming in so fast at the Maryknoll Seminary all the applicants cannot be accommodated," is the good news Father John J. Flinn has to tell North Carolinians.

Father Flinn is making a tour of the southeastern states in behalf of (Continued on Page 12)

## Pope Pius XII Deplores Political Usage of Supplies Sent by the U. S.

Vatican City.—(Radio)—Food and supplies that the United States "so lavishly" has sent overseas, in some countries have been tagged "with a price of adherence to a political party." His Holiness Pope Pius XII told a group of ten U. S. newspapermen, whom he received in an audience.

He told the journalists that world leaders who are "genuinely devoted to the physical and social betterment of all classes" in the light of Christian principles will recognize gladly that which was so clear to George Washington—that "religion and morality are the indispensable supports of political prosperity and that mor-

ality will not be maintained without religion."

The American newspapermen accompanied Prime Minister Alcide de Gasperi back to Italy from his mission to the United States. The Prime Minister submitted his resignation a few days after his return to Rome in a cabinet controversy. Franklin C. Gowan, attache of the staff of Myron Taylor, President Harry S. Truman's personal representative to the Vatican, arranged for the audience between the Holy Father and the group of journalists. There were a few of U. S. military personnel who also were received during the (Continued on Page 7)