

## Witch Hunters Call All Social Gains Communistic, Bishop Sheil Tells AVC

MILWAUKEE —(NC)— Declaring that there can be no compromise between communism and democracy because "communism is intrinsically wrong, under any form, in any possible combination of circumstances," Bishop Bernard J. Sheil, Auxiliary of Chicago, warned against "witch hunts" and "hysterical rantings," in an address before the national convention of the American Veterans Committee here.

## Veterans Urged to Ask For Prayers at Parleys By Bishop C. F. Buddy

SAN DIEGO, Cal. —(NC)— An appeal to veterans to "rise up and demand that peace conferences begin with prayer" was voiced by Bishop Charles F. Buddy of San Diego at a rally of the Catholic War Veterans here.

Reminding that during the war the late President Roosevelt and the King of England had publicly asked for prayers for the success of the allies' armed forces, the Bishop declared: "Now the so-called peacemakers throw God out of their deliberations; they not only ignore Him, but show signs of hatred." He criticized the ideas of those who believe that "we cannot begin any conference with prayers because it might offend participating atheists."

## Suffering Tests Loyalty Hour of Faith Speaker Tells Those Who Suffer

NEW YORK —(NC)— Suffering is the test of loyalty to Christ, the Rev. John A. Coffey, O. S. A., of Villanova College, said in his radio talk on the Hour of Faith program.

"By countless hearts heavy with grief—grief from a sudden death, the sickness of body or mind, the collapse of a fortune, the treachery of a trusted friend, the scorn of a smug world—the whereabouts of God is often sought," Father Coffey said. "If God is the all provident Being we believe Him to be, why does this happen? If He runs the world, where is He when He is needed the most? If tragedy is the particular fate of the just, why be good? Such are the disturbing questions that arise in the minds of men who in calmer moments, when free from sorrow, profess their loyalty to God . . ."

"Our only hope is this: our Blessed Lord has by His Passion and Death, clearly shown suffering to be the condition upon which His followers become truly tested in their loyalty to Him . . ."

"In our time especially, the

"There is a regrettable tendency to find communistic influence in almost every proposal for legitimate social and economic improvement," he said. "And those who favor such measures are arbitrarily accused of being communists. We have been told that if we just let 'free enterprise' alone, big business would bring us straight into a modern Garden of Eden. Those who dared to protest were immediately labelled communists. Even now if anyone points to the evils of modern industrial society, the smear brigade goes in to immediate action."

Opponents of improvement play directly into the hands of the communists "who thereupon appear in the public eye as the sole defenders of the common man," the Bishop said. He added that if the tide of national prosperity receded many citizens may turn to communism in the mistaken belief that communists are the champions of the underprivileged.

Bishop Sheil, supporting the presidential veto of the Taft-Hartley labor bill, said it is entirely

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## Five Guamanian Girls Coming to N. C. to Study For Nursing, Sisterhood

AGANA, Guam — Six Guamanian girls will leave here during July to begin training in the United States, five in the state of North Carolina.

Three of the girls will enter the noviate of the Sisters of Mercy at Belmont Abbey, two will begin nursing training in North Carolina and the remaining girl will go to St. Paul to enroll at St. Catherine's College.

Three Sisters of Mercy from Belmont are now in Guam where they are serving the Catholics of that Pacific island.

The connection between Guam and North Carolina began at the turn of the century when a North Carolina man served in the Marines in the Mariannas. The Marine, Thomas Underwood, met and married a Guamanian girl. Guam,

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## Vatican Proclaims Three as Saints One Died Less Than a Century Ago

VATICAN CITY —(NC)— His Holiness Pope Pius XII has proclaimed three new Saints of the Church: Joao de Britto, a Portuguese martyr, who died in India in 1693; Father Guiseppa Cafasso who died in Turin in 1860; and Bernardino Realina, Italian Jesuit who died in 1616.

Joao de Britto was born of a noble family in Portugal. As a youth he served as page at the court. At the age of 15 he entered the Jesuits novitiate and after his ordination went to India as a missionary. Because of the caste system, he became as regards clothes, food and habits, a member of the

Indian penitential caste. He worked among the untouchables, with tremendous results in baptisms and conversions thus bringing about a rebirth of Christian life in India. The Portuguese king tried in vain to prevent Father De Britto from coming to India, not only the first time but also the second time when the Saint returned to Portugal after some years to care for missionary affairs. His asceticism gave him an open sesame to the highest castes as well as to the untouchables. In 1693, after the most horrible tortures, he died a martyr's death.

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Archbishop Amleto G. Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, officiated at the dedication of the National Center of the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart, Washington, D. C., and the blessing of a replica of the famous statue of the Sacred Heart at Montmartre, Paris. Pictured on that occasion are, left to right: Rev. Francis Larkin, SS. CC., National Director of the Center; Very Rev. Alphonse J. Bertman, St. Aloysius Church, Springfield, Ill.; Joseph J. Ellicott, Chicago, donor of the statue; his pastor, Rev. Charles H. Epstein, St. Henry's Church, Chicago; the Papal Delegate, and Very Rev. Colomba Moran, SS. CC., Provincial of the Sacred Hearts Fathers in the United States. Photographer, Renl. (NC Photos)

## Italy Presents Mixed Situation Communists Go to Sunday Mass

ROME — Symptomatic of the cleavages and contradictions that are disrupting the unity of the Italian nation today is the not unusual sight of an Italian worker, after attending Mass on Sunday morning, attending a communist meeting later in the day.

Practically everyone in Italy professes to be a Catholic. Thus, according to census figures, 99.6 per cent of Italians are Catholics, while only four-tenths of one per cent state that they are Jewish, Protestant or of no religion at all. Of 1,000,000 Italians born, all but 10,000 are baptized. Only

## Strife Between Creeds Fosters Paganism Says Catholic Hour Speaker

NEW YORK —(NC)— A call to all men "holding a belief in a common natural and moral law and in a Supreme Being" to cease wasting their time "in creating and furthering inter-credal ill-will and suspicion" and thus become the unwitting victims of "a crusading, rampant paganism" was voiced by Jerome Kerwin of the University of Chicago on the Catholic Hour.

Pointing out that "when questions pertaining to religious groups are raised, all the dormant prejudices of centuries are apt to be aroused, and reason departs," Mr. Kerwin recommended the following procedure on such questions:

"First, public questions involving inter-credal relations should

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## Sorenson Re-elected As CWV President

CLEVELAND —(NC)— Max H. Sorenson, Philadelphia industrialist was re-elected national commander of the Catholic War Veterans at the organization's annual convention.

During the sessions a letter from President Truman extending his greetings on the occasion of the annual CWV convention was read. Chicago was chosen as the site of the 1948 national convention.

6,000 of 500,000 marriages are performed without religious ceremony. In the schools, out of 5,222,532 students, only 30,000 have not wished to take religious instruction.

On the other hand, the number of members of the Communist Party in Italy is much larger in proportion to the total population than is the case in France, or even in the U.S.S.R. The party in Italy claims a membership of well over 2,000,000, with 1,711,220 paid members and the balance, members in good standing who have not yet paid their 1947 dues.

Despite the fact that Church leaders on one side, and communist writers on the other have time and again reiterated the fact that the materialist philosophy of communism is completely at var-

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## Episcopal Newspaper Endorses Representative At Vatican for U. S.

MILWAUKEE — (NC) — Endorsement of President Harry S. Truman's policy of having a special representative at the Vatican has been voiced by The Living Church, organ of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which declared in its current issue that it had no sympathy "with the frantic protests of Protestant church leaders against the special representation of this country at the Vatican."

Commenting on the recent book, "Wartime Correspondence Be-

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## Osservatore Editorial on East-West Crisis Pleads for Peace in World

ROME —(NC)— A reaffirmation of the declaration made by His Holiness Pope Pius XII on his name day address that the only real security for nations is the security of peace is contained in a third editorial on East-West relations appearing in Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper. It is stressed by officials here that while the article is a commentary on the discourse of the Holy Father to the College of Cardinals on June 2, the Feast of St. Eugene, it is not intended to express the official attitude of the Holy See.

Titled "The Two Securities," the editorial plays on the Italian

word "sicurezza," which means either security or certainty, and refers to the security of peace and the certainty of war. It stresses again that there is a lack of mutual confidence among the great powers. It adds that the "fixed idea of material security" permeates all their thoughts.

"Stalin, Eden, Churchill, Roosevelt, Truman—all once thought that democracy and bolshevism could live together peacefully if each renounced a policy of exporting its own ideas," Osservatore declares. "However, a long chain of contrasts has engendered pess-

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