

## Polish Regime Grants Concessions to Church

BONN, Germany — (NC) — The Polish communist regime in the new thaw in its relations with the Church has agreed to release to the Church some blocked bank accounts and to allocate enough paper supplies so that the foremost Polish Catholic paper can increase its circulation by more than 50.

The new conciliatory gestures were revealed here by KNA, the German Catholic news agency. KNA said (Oct. 20) that the concessions were made last August by Zenon Kliszko, a top member of the politburo of the Polish Communist party, in the course of a three-hour discussion with Archbishop Karol Wojtyla of Cracow.

The Kliszko-Wojtyla meeting, which took place in Wawel, the ancient hilltop castle compound of the kings of Poland in Cracow, primarily concerned problems within the Cracow archdiocese.

But it did result in the freeing of hitherto blocked Church funds amounting to "several million zlotys." (The zloty at the free rate brings about 4.2 U.S. cents, and this figure would thus automatically be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.)

Kliszko agreed, according to KNA, to a greater newsprint allotment to Tygodnik Powszechny, Poland's leading Catholic weekly, which is published in Cracow, so that it can increase its circulation from 30,000 to 50,000. Editors of the weekly have long maintained that while their paper allocation limits them to 30,000 copies, the demand for the paper is such that they could triple circulation easily.

**BUT THE MAIN FOCUS** of the conversation between Kliszko and Archbishop Wojtyla centered on the question of providing for the religious needs of the Catholics of Nowa Huta, the postwar "model" steel-producing town built on the outskirts of Cracow.

It was indicated that a church will at long last be built in Nowa Huta, which now has a population of more than 100,000.

In September of 1960, Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, Primate of Poland, publicly accused the communist regime of breaking prom-

ises regarding the building of new churches. He specifically mentioned Nowa Huta in his charges.

The issue of churchless Nowa Huta is perhaps a classic example of the seeming ups and the very real downs of the communist approach to the need for churches.

Some 2,000 persons rioted in Nowa Huta in April of 1960 as a result of repressive government action concerning a church which the people sought there.

Nowa Huta is a planned community built since the end of the war around the new Lenin Steelworks, the country's largest steel mill. When the city was planned, it was to be an ideal "socialist town," and thus no provision was made for a church.

Repeated requests for a church from workers at the steel mill were turned down during the Stalinist era, and the city's Catholics had to go several miles to get to Mass.

With the advent of Wladyslaw Gomulka to power in 1956, government permission to build a church was granted. Funds for its erection were collected throughout the Cracow archdiocese, and Church authorities sponsored a contest for the best design for the new building. The prize-winning plans called for a church of contemporary design with a capacity for 5,000 people. It was to be dedicated to Our Lady, Queen of Poland.

In 1957 it was reported that the late Archbishop Eugeniusz Baziak, apostolic administrator of Cracow, had dedicated a cross at the site selected for the church — ironically located at the crossroads of Marx, Great October (Russian Revolution) and Mayakovsky streets. A year later, Radio Warsaw even announced that construction of the church had begun.

But in 1959 there came news that the government had revoked its construction permit, and that a school was to be built on the site instead.

**THE DEMONSTRATION** of April 27, 1960, reportedly began when workmen started to dig up the cross that stood on the site of the long hoped-for church. Demonstrators erected barricades across a street leading from the site to the city hall, which was later set on fire.

When police arrived, they used clubs and tear gas bombs to disperse the crowd. Eventually, calm was restored. But there was still no church in Nowa Huta. It remained an ideal "socialist town."

## Sacred Heart Bazaar Set

The annual bazaar for the benefit of the building fund of Sacred Heart College, Belmont, will be held on Saturday, November 13 from ten o'clock in the morning until eleven o'clock at night.

Homemade candies and cakes, aprons and clothing accessories, hosiery and handkerchiefs and many other items suitable for gifts will be available at the bazaar. Dolls which have been specially dressed will be arranged in a display.

The door prize this year will be one thousand dollars in cash, and a number of other prizes will be distributed during the evening.

The social aspect is an equally important feature of the bazaar, as it attracts alumnae and friends from far and near each November. An elaborate smorgasbord supper will be served from five to eight in the evening. Light refreshments will be available all day.

## Cuban Parents Find Children in Florida

MIAMI — A new chapter is being written in the story of children who were sent unaccompanied out of Cuba to the United States. The parents are now arriving.

The first couple to be reunited with their children since Fidel Castro began to permit a new exodus of refugees are Mr. and Mrs. Antonio G. Cancio-Bello.

Three years ago, they sent their two sons, Antonio, now 15, and Jose Manuel, now 11, off to Florida. The parents finally managed to get away themselves this month, fleeing in a 24-foot boat borrowed from a brother-in-law and carrying sixteen other people.

The sons were cared for by the Catholic Welfare Bureau of Miami which runs an extensive program for unaccompanied Cuban children.

"We thank God for saving the boys from communist terror and atheistic teachings," Cancio-Bello said here.

"These three years," he said slowly, "have been terrible years for us, particularly for their mother. Several times she has been hospitalized for heart ailments and has been very depressed on account of this separation."

Antonio, the eldest, has been living at Opa Locka Shelter for Cuban Boys. He is a student at St. John the Apostle school, Hialeah. Jose has been living in a foster home and attends classes at St. James school, North Miami.

According to the Cancio-Bellos, the Castro regime craftily provided plenty of food in Camarioca, port of embarkation, in order to create a favorable impression among newsmen from other countries.

Elsewhere on the island, they said, there is a great shortage of food.



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