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FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 1946

Noted Lithuanian Bishop

## Calls Ruthenian Schism 'Political Move'

By Joseph J. Kozak  
(From the NEW WORLD)

Moscow's recent announcement that the Ruthenian rite church of Western Ukraine had decided to break with Roman Catholicism and return to the Russian Orthodox church was branded as "another Soviet political move attained under duress" by the Most Rev. Peter Francis Bučys, M. I. C., Superior General of the Marian Fathers.



Bishop Peter Bučys, M.I.C.

The message sent to Premier Stalin announcing the severance of the 350-year-old tie, according to Bishop Bučys, whom Pope Pius XI created titular bishop of Olympus in the Byzantine rite of the Russian section, was signed by a few strategically-placed followers of Alexis, Patriarch of Moscow.

"The schism was made possible", said the Bishop, "after Roman Catholic priests in high positions had been eliminated by deportation or imprisonment. Those who signed the message to Stalin had no authority to act because they were followers of Alexis, administering the dioceses of the Catholic bishops.

"Such an act is not only a transgression of all human and civil rights, but also of the Soviet constitution which, on paper, guarantees freedom of religion".

Bishop Bučys pointed out

that faithful Catholic clergy who opposed the break were faced with one of two alternatives; leave Rome and join the Russian Orthodox Church of Alexis or give up food ration cards — which meant starvation.

"The Soviets stand at war with the Catholic church", continued Bishop Bučys, "because they see Rome as the chief obstacle in the path of Moscow atheism.

"Pope Pius XII does not wish the Russians to give up their rite. Stalin and his follower, Alexis of Moscow, see the Holy Father's tolerance as the most effective means of eliminating the misunderstanding which occurred in 1054 and which is known as the separation of the East and West churches".

The superior general of the Marian Fathers emphasized that Moscow is also attempting to bring other

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## Slogan Contest for 1946 Catholic Book Week

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This CONTEST, now in progress, closing on May 10, is open to ALL bona fide students (kindergarten through the 12th grade) attending classes in ANY Catholic school or other Catholic institution in the United States, its possessions and dependencies, and in Canada.

### PRIZES:

a) DOUBLEDAY-DORAN & COMPANY, INC., have donated 225 books, to be selected by the winners from the Doubleday-Doran publication READING FOR A BETTER WORLD, an extensive book list, approved by a competent committee of Catholic book people.

b) The PRIZES will be competed for in TWO groups: 1) primary and elementary students (kindergarten through the 8th grade); 2) high-school students (the 9th grade through the 12th grade).

c) In EACH group PRIZES will be awarded as follows:

1st Place: 35 books (20 to the institution, 15 to the student).

2nd Place: 25 books (15 to the institution, 10 to the student).

3rd Place: 20 books (12 to the institution, 8 to the student).

4th Place: 15 books (9 to the institution, 6 to the student).

5th Place: 10 books (6 to the institution, 4 to the student).

d) An additional 15 books will be awarded to the overall winner, to be determined by a comparison of the first-place entries in each of the two groups — 5 books to the institution, 10 to the student.

e) If possible, the overall winning entry will be selected as the official slogan for 1946 CATHOLIC BOOK WEEK. THE CATHOLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, however, reserves the right to make such revision as it may see fit.

f) The winners will be given national publicity.

### RULES:

a) Each contestant may enter either one or two slogans.

b) A slogan entered should be the effort of the contestant.

c) A slogan entered should be one that may be applicable to the promotion of Catholic Book Week. Official slogans in other years were 1) BOOKS ARE WEAPONS, 2) READ FOR A BETTER WORLD, and 3) KEYS TO WORLD PEACE — CHRISTIAN BOOKS.

d) A slogan should NOT contain more than seven (7) words. It might be well for the contestant to consider the possibility of expressing his idea in even fewer words.

e) On a BLANK envelope should be printed (by hand or otherwise) or typewritten ONLY the following: 1) The slogan or slogans submitted (in ENGLISH) by the individual contestant, properly punctuated; 2) The GROUP in which the contestant is competing; 3) The school grade of which the contestant is a member.

f) Inside this envelope there should be a card or a slip of paper on which is given: 1) The contestant's name and complete address; 2) The name of the school or other institution; 3) The signature of the head of the school or other institution; 4) The complete address of the institution.

g) This envelope should be sealed, placed inside of a larger envelope containing a return address, and then mailed to BROTHER J. SYLVESTER, F. S. C., CONTEST DIRECTOR, c/o Christian Brothers College, 6501 Clayton Road, St. Louis 17, Missouri.



## COMMENTARIES

Edward J. Kubaitis

Stalin, believe it or not, has become spiritual-minded. Not content with merely propagating the Communistic gospel of a material heaven-on-earth ("we'll make you happy if we have to kill you in doing it"), Joe has recently become greatly concerned over the spiritual salvation of the people under his benevolent rule. He has taken the Russian Orthox Church under his fatherly wing, and it is no play upon words to observe that he is killing it with kindness.

The Soviet Generalissimo is no slouch when it comes to taking advantage of every means to entrench himself and his party still more deeply in the consciousness of his people. The NKVD, it is true, serves a valuable purpose in keeping recalcitrant Soviet citizens in line. But the methods of the Russian secret police are — shall we say — a bit messy? The prisons are over-crowded as they are; concentration and slave labor camps are, to say the least, a questionable asset to the government, since the inmates persist in dying like flies; and the increasing necessity of liquidating "enemies of the people" is painful to the refined and benevolent sensibilities of the gentlemen in the Kremlin.

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So it was that Generalissimo Stalin looked about him several years ago, when his eye fell upon the venerable and bearded Sergei Alexei, as nice and agreeable an Orthodox ecclesiastic as you could find anywhere.

Sergei Alexei, being a practical man, agreed that it would be very nice to play ball with Stalin, in return for which the latter let down the bars a bit and permitted all Orthodox churches to reopen and to resume the teachings of the Orthodox faith, interspersed, of course, with generous encomiums of praise for the Soviet system and its officials. To further prove that his heart was in the right place; Stalin appointed Alexei the Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church. The only condition for Stalin's continued benevolence to the Orthodox Church was that Alexei see to it that his clergy follow the Communistic party line in their preaching and teaching among the good Russian people. If the Orthodox Church would do its part, the Soviet government would be most generous in its support and in helping Alexei to get back under his fatherly wing those Eastern Rite Catholic churches in Soviet Russia which were still walking in the darkness of error by continuing to recognize the Holy Father in Rome as the true Vicar of Christ on earth. Stalin assured Alexei that, if he would but be patient, it would take no time at all before these Catholic churches would be back in the Orthodox fold — or else! When Patriarch Alexei observed that perhaps there might be a little difficulty with those stubborn Ruthenian Catholics in western Ukraine, Stalin tut-tutted him reassuringly. He remarked that evidently Comrade Alexei was not familiar with the fervent apostolic zeal and effective missionary methods of the NKVD!

We now see that the Communist missionaries have not been napping during the last several years. On March 17th, several weeks ago, the Soviet government propaganda office joyously announced to the world that the efforts of these missionaries had born rich fruit — the Ruthenian Catholic Churches of western Ukraine had officially informed Stalin that they had renounced allegiance to the Holy Father in Rome and were returning to the Russian Orthodox fold!

This news appeared in an Associated Press dispatch from Moscow on that date and was printed in all the newspapers in this country. The report stated: "... the Ruthenian Catholic Churches of the western Ukraine informed Generalissimo Stalin today that... they had renounced allegiance to the Vatican and had decided to return to the bosom of 'our grandfather, the holy Russian Orthodox church'... the letter addressed to Stalin and signed by church officials said the decision had been reached at a church assembly held at Lwow, attended by 216 delegates..."

The schism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church then, according to Moscow, is a fait accompli. Some two hundred "delegates" got together one day, took a vote, and decided to break with Roman Catholicism. Hereafter, the Ukrainian Catholic Church will be a part of the Russian Orthodox Church and will be obedient only to the Orthodox Patriarch Alexei. That is all (continued on p. 4).

h) All entries become the property of THE CATHOLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. None will be returned. LIMITATIONS:

There is NO limit as to the number of students who may participate from a single school or other institution. DEADLINE:

All entries must be in the hands of Brother J. Sylvester, Contest Director, by 8 o'clock p. m. of May 10, 1946.

### Talking It Over

## WAR and DIVORCE

The Empire State Express was just about to pull out of Grand Central when he dropped into the seat beside me. His well-tanned face and six overseas bars made it evident that he hadn't spent the past three years in the State of New York. "What a life", he mumbled, as he offered me a cigarette. "Three years in the Pacific; three years of thinking and waiting for this moment when I would be taking the train home, and now that I'm here, I wish I hadn't come back. We were going to



meet at Niagara Falls and have a second honeymoon, but — yea, you guessed it — she got tired of waiting."

Certainly his story wasn't a new one. Everytime one picks up a newspaper one reads about similar cases. Divorce and war seemed to have joined hands and pledged to break as many hearts as possible. What does war care about the boyish G. I. sitting in a mud-hole dreaming about "the prettiest girl in all the world?" As for divorce — why, Divorce is the favorite guest at all the gala parties and choice gatherings from Hollywood to New York.

War and divorce are co-starred in countless plays which too often have the same ending — unhappiness. In one it's the young girl confidently waiting for her husband who will never come back, because his plane is buried in the waters off the island of New Caledonia.

In another, a dejected, despairing captain returns home, seeking the support and love of his life. He has been wounded and can no longer walk. But the wife can't bear the thought of not having the same good times which she had previously enjoyed. So she seeks the easy way out — the divorce court.

Many are the cases of broken hearts and shattered dreams, but now at last, thanks be to God, war steps off the stage. Divorce has lost her leading man. Yet divorce is still luring countless couples into a selfish way of life. All we have to do is glance at the daily papers which carry glowing accounts of successful divorce trials. A hasty word, approaching baldness, cold coffee, a disagreeable moustache, and false teeth are some of the ridiculous causes of easy divorces.

Have people forgotten the meaning of true love? There is no joy in life that surpasses the joy of knowing that one is the object of real love on the part of another. Love means giving and forgiving. Has all this been forgotten or discarded? Perhaps some day these poor people who have been taken-in by Miss Divorce, will see that they have entered upon a lonely and unhappy road, and that they have tossed away the most important thing in life. Perhaps my friend on the Empire State Express will someday re-find his greatest possession and pick up all the loose threads which are so mixed up in the unhappy past.

## Her Soldier Daddy's Gift Brings Death To Baby Girl

CHICAGO. — It was his little daughter — his first child — and Sgt. Reginald Gregory of the U. S. Army Air Forces wanted to buy something for her. All fathers of little girls are like that.

So, when he was home on his first furlough and saw little Hope Darlene, Sgt. Gregory bought her a lot of things, including a celluloid doll. Then his 12 day furlough was up, and he had to go back to Shreveport, La.

He kissed his wife, Helen, 19, goodbye and left her with her mother. He had all sorts of plans for Hope, of course.

Later Hope's mother put her in the bathtub, turned on the spray, and left the lug out of the drain, so just a small amount of water would trickle through. She left toys with her, including the doll.

Hope had broken a hole in the doll, though, and it filled with water. Presently, while Mrs. Gregory was at lunch, leaving Hope alone, the doll pugged the drain. The tub filled with water.

Hope was dead when they found her, her dolly still plugging the outlet that would have meant life for her.

Sgt. Gregory has been transferred recently, Red Cross authorities were trying to locate him.

But they hate the thought of telling him about that little celluloid doll he bought for his little girl.





(Herald-American photos)

Competing spiritedly for honors in the Andrew Jackson Oratorical Contest, sponsored by The Herald-American and other Hearst newspapers, are students of public speaking at ST. CASIMIR'S ACADEMY, Marquette road and Rockwell st. Her fellow pupils (and severest critics) here correct the faults of Christine Bickness (standing), 7633 So. Campbell Ave.

## IN AND AROUND

**K of L CIRCLES****K. OF L. YOUTH CENTRE PROJECT  
REQUIRES WHOLE HEARTED SUPPORT**

As has been stated previously, plans for the K. of L. Youth Center are forging ahead and it is only a matter of a few more technicalities before the transaction will be completed.

But the mere acquisition of property will not be enough. Every K. of L. member in the district, in every council and the Seniors group must put his or her shoulder to the wheel to assure the success of this project. Financial obligations will have to be met, operational and maintainance expenses will have to be paid, proper remodeling, equipping and furnishing will have to be provided. All this entails expense, but with the whole-hearted support of all, **THIS CAN BE EASILY ACCOMPLISHED.**

This K. of L. home will not be for the benefit of only a few or of a particular K. of L. group. It will be a centrally located home for ALL K. OF L. MEMBERS here in the Chicago district. Here various K. of L. groups will meet, such as the Choir for rehearsals, theatrical groups, committees, debating teams and so on. District and Seniors organizations will hold regular meetings here, and individual or groups of members will gather here for an evening of relaxation, enjoyment or to pass the time in friendly surroundings either in the Library or recreational rooms that will be provided. That such a home is a vital need no member will deny. It will add much to the individual member's benefit and the organization's future welfare.

All members will be called upon to do their bit, in whatever capacity they are able. Funds will be solicited. Those that can, please donate generously. All types of social promotions will be necessary to raise funds. Active participation will be needed on the various committees in order to insure success of these promotions. There are many ways in which each and every member can do his or her bit. So, let's all together strive for the success of this enterprise.

**SPORTS ACTIVITY GROUP TO MEET APRIL 7th**

All K. of L. members in every council interested in Sports activity are cordially invited to attend a Sports Promotion Committee meeting under the auspices of the K. of L. Chicago District organization. Various aspects of sports activity will be discussed and plans made accord-

**Mine For Pillow; Ho-Hum!**

FLUSHING, N. Y. — (NC) — Two nights of peaceful sleep with a case of explosives, the largest booby trap uncovered on Iwo Jima, under his pillow, was the experience of Chaplain Joseph F. Hammond, former assistant pastor of Holy Family church here.

**Influence**

Our Lord once gave St. Peter a list of people who were not to be admitted to heaven. Later on He saw them all walking around inside. He went to St. Peter and said, "Peter, I told you these people were not to be allowed into heaven. Why were My orders not obeyed?"

St. Peter replied, "Lord, I did what you ordered. I locked my door securely against them all, but Your Mother opened a window and let them all come in".

Father Hammond and Lt. Roger Barney, Protestant chaplain, dug in for the night in an abandoned Japanese gun emplacement. Father Hammond, finding an innocent looking piece of string, cut it and let it fall to the ground. Over it he placed his pillow, and slept on the spot for two nights.

A bomb disposal squad checked the foxhole on the third day. They found the biggest booby trap on the island, at the other end of the string.

**To A Mother Whose Son Did Not Come  
Back**

By Frances Angermayer

Mother, your son died on a hill of War's Calvary.

It is hard for you to understand — This is your Gethsemane.

Yes, Mother — it hurts — hurts deeply — to know you lost your son;

But you will find that untold peace, if you can only say: "Thy Will be done!"

Separation is not forever. After this wordly strife.

You will meet him again — there in the eternal life!

You are asking: "Why?" "Why?" — Just like our Lord did that night.

Like Him, Mother, accept the Chalice — and everything will be all right.

ingly. Men and lady sport-enthusiasts are requested to be present. The official announcement is as follows:

"The Knights of Lithuania Sports Promotion Committee will meet April 7th (Sunday) at 2:30 p. m. at the Nativity B. V. M. parish hall, 68th and S. Washtenaw.

All councils' members interested in this endeavor please attend. Lady members are also invited to participate.

**ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE:**

Anthony P. Zickus, Supr. Vice-pres.

Stanley Šukis, K. of L. No. 112 vice-pres.



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there was to the matter, according to the Soviet government press release.

While there is a tragic undertone to this news report, revealing the oppression and persecution of the Catholic Church by the Soviet government, we were nevertheless greatly amused at the ridiculous stupidity of this bit of Communist buncombe. What is most amazing of all is that the Soviet government actually seems to believe that the world will swallow this palpable Communist propaganda, hook-line-and-sinker!

Who were the "216 delegates"? The report does not enlarge on this point, except to state that they were "church officials". We have since learned, however, that one of the "church officials" who signed the document was a Dr. Gavril Kostelnik.

We were much interested in finding Dr. Kostelnik's name among the "delegates", because his presence among them reveals the true nature of the group that took it upon itself to break the ties which have existed for centuries between the Ukrainian Church and Rome.

Dr. Gavril Kostelnik is an apostate priest who was excommunicated by the Catholic Church over a year ago. He also had been the chairman of a "Committee for the Transference of Eastern Catholics to Orthodox" — a Soviet-sponsored anti-Catholic organization openly working for a schism between Uniate Catholics and Rome.

If the apostate Dr. Kostelnik is typical of the rest of the "delegates" — and we have very little reason to believe otherwise — then their "decision", in the name of all Ukrainian Catholics, is another Soviet puppet show, with Stalin and his associates pulling the strings.

There are about 4 million Ukrainian Catholics altogether in Eastern Europe, the great majority of whom are under Soviet rule. Somehow, we find it difficult to swallow this most obvious of Soviet frauds — that several hundred delegates, hand-picked by Moscow and led by apostate priests, have the authority to suddenly decide for several million Catholic people that they no longer wish to be members of the True Faith. The will of the Ukrainian Catholic people in this case was consulted about as much as the Communist hand-picked "delegates" of Lithuania consulted the will of the Lithuanian people when they "voted unanimously to return to the Soviet motherland".

Some people may ask here — what about the position of the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops in this matter? Perhaps they, too, took part in the break with Rome? Perhaps they were even among the "216 delegates"? What do they say about it? Why did they not prevent such a decision?

These questions are very reasonable, but it is unfortunate that no one can possibly get the opinion of the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops on the matter — for the simple reason that there are no Catholic Bishops left in western Ukraine! The Soviet secret police eliminated them from the scene long ago.

Western Ukraine, of which the Moscow report speaks, comprises three Ruthenian Catholic dioceses: those of Lwow, Przemyśl and Stanisławów. The following is the known fate of the Bishops of these dioceses:

The Archbishop of Lwow, Most Rev. Joseph Slipyj and his Auxiliary Bishop were arrested and deported to eastern Russia, where Archbishop Slipyj died in the Soviet prison at Kiev;

The Bishop of Stanisławów, Most Rev. Gregory and his Auxiliary, Bishop John Latyevskyi, were also arrested and taken to eastern Russia where both met the same fate — death in the Kiev prison;

The Bishop of Przemyśl, Most Rev. Josaphat Kocylovskyj was arrested and deported into Russia; his Auxiliary, Bishop Gregory Lakota was arrested and deported to Poland, where he died.

In addition to the arrest and deportation of all the Catholic Bishops of western Ukraine, over 400 Catholic priests in these dioceses have already been arrested and deported to Russia. The remainder are being constantly persecuted, intimidated and prevented from fulfilling their priestly duties.

These are the facts in the case of the "schism" of the Ukrainian Catholic Churches from Rome. They place an entirely different light on the report which emanated so joyously from Moscow.

In conclusion, we might suggest a parallel. Suppose 216 or more "delegates" got together one of these days in this country and decided for you and me and some 25 million other American Catholics that we had suddenly renounced all allegiance to the Holy Father and that henceforth we would all be members of another faith. Would their "decision" have any meaning? Would you and I and millions of other American Catholics meekly submit to their "decision"? The Ukrainian Catholics in eastern Europe will no more submit to the decision of the Lwow delegates, than we would, under similar circumstances!

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The mountains of the Kremlin have rumbled and heaved and labored mightily, and have brought forth — a mouse, and a not very prepossessing mouse, at that!

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Orthodox churches into the Soviet orbit. Their most ardent efforts in this respect are directed at the Orthodox churches in Rumania, Bulgaria and the Patriarchates of Antioch, Jerusalem, Alexandria and Serbia, he said.

"In this way", explained Bishop Bučys, "Moscow hopes to establish a powerful force against Rome. Although the Soviets have been partly successful in this strategy, they are opposed vigorously by those who desire to remain loyal to the Holy See".

When asked if he had a message to the people of Chicago, Bishop Bučys said that the entire world attaches most renown to Abraham Lincoln's name because he

brought freedom to an enslaved people of America.

"President Truman's name will become greater than that of Lincoln", the bishop concluded, "if he brings freedom to the enslaved people of the world".

Bishop Bučys, who was born in Lithuania in 1872, has visited the United States ten times since 1916. His present stay will extend until September.

(This interview was conducted in Polish by Joseph J. Kozak, New World staff writer. An American citizen born in Poland, Mr. Kozak was able to discuss with His Excellency conditions in Poland and other occupied countries in Europe, having studied and traveled there from 1938 to 1940).