Education Under Reds a Grand Farce

Communist Party delegates, or so-called “Partorgs,” have been appointed to supervise Lithuanian universities and other schools of higher education. The Partorgs are more powerful than university rectors or high school principals. They may appoint or dismiss the teaching personnel, the teaching of Communist subjects. The acceptance of new students is restricted; individual cases are examined by the Partorgs. Children of parents who possessed more than 26 hectares of land in the past are considered “of bourgeois origin” and are excluded from university study. The same rule applies to those students who were formerly members of any public organization, and they are barred from admission to schools of higher education. All examinations passed by the students in former years under professors such as J. Ambraszevic, I. Iviniskis, or J. Maceina, who were non-Communist in outlook and stood for complete Lithuanian independence, have been declared null and must be passed again.

The Soviets boast that numerous scholarships are offered to students. They omit to mention that the largest scholarship is 170 rubles — while a pair of shoes, for example, costs one thousand rubles. The educational program is extensive on paper, but in practice it is but a fiction and is little observed. No original textbooks are permitted to be published. In cases where the students’ knowledge of the Russian language is insufficient, which is the rule, textbooks are translated only from the Russian language.

Acquaintance with the literature of various nations within the Soviet Union is compulsory. The study of Marxist-Leninist doctrine is one of the most important subjects. Without it, no student is permitted to defend a thesis or obtain a diploma.

Educational standards are incomparably lower than those that existed in independent Lithuania between the two World Wars. In

St. Therese Society Plans Gala Anniversary Dance

(Picture on page 3)

BRIGHTON PARK — Better put a big circle around Saturday, November 16th, because you're all invited to a merry birthday party at Darius-Girenas American Legion Hall, 4416 S. Western Avenue, The St. Therese Society (Immediate Conception parish, Brighton Park) will be fifteen years old and the members cordially invite all their friends to help them celebrate at their Anniversary Dance and Fashion Show.

Johnny Walker and his famous orchestra will provide captivating dance music in the main ballroom, while Paul Shimkus and his boys will give out with polka tunes in the Ratskeliar. So, they're fun for all — young and old.

There will be a Fashion Show, during which beautiful models will model the latest in fur coats. A “Junior Miss” of Brighton Park will be chosen from among several lovely candidates. Who will it be? Why not find out? In fact, why not come out and help choose your favorite candidate?

Festivities will get under way at 8:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC BOOK WEEK November 3rd to 9th

Good books are food for the soul! Put yourself on a diet of one or more Catholic books each month!
SHOULD REFUGEES BE THE PAWN OF INTERNATIONAL BARGAINS?

By THE OBSERVER

While the General Assembly of the United Nations convenes in Flushing Park, N. Y., besides problems of high politics, it will have the important task of establishing the International Refugee Organization, an institution that is to take over the duties of UNRRA when on June 30th 1947 the latter will cease to exist. On what type of organization, the Assembly sets up, will depend whether displaced persons and refugees will continue to be the pawn in the political bargaining between the large powers, or be assisted on a purely humanitarian basis. On its provisions will also depend, if in repeating the mistakes of UNRRA, the IRO will become another international machinery serving communist aims, as to a large degree UNRRA has been. Judging from certain parts of the draft Constitution already worked out for the IRO by a Sub-Commission of the Social and Economic Council of the U. N., there is serious danger that the IRO may in fact become a tool in the hands of Russia and its satellites to hunt for anti-communist refugees. It should be the concern of the American people, whose money covered more than 70% of all UNRRA funds and will provide also the bulk of the IRO resources, that this does not happen and that the new international institution to care for refugees and displaced persons is not established on premises strikingly opposed to the principles set in 1944. Now, before final decisions are made, it is time to act.

According to statistics, there are approximately two million refugees and displaced persons of Allied origin, who remain homeless in various parts of Europe and Asia outside of the Soviet controlled areas. A large proportion of these people, whose origin is from countries now in the Soviet zone, refuse to return home because of fear of political and religious persecution. The Soviet Union and her puppets are doing their utmost to compel them to go back. Hence their effort to introduce into the new International Refugee Organization stipulations that would permit communist control and pressure over the displaced persons. Concerning this problem the fundamental principles were established at the London meeting of the General Assembly of the U. N., on October 12th, 1946, when the following resolution was adopted: "No refugees or displaced persons who have finally and definitely in complete freedom, and after receiving full knowledge of the facts including adequate information from the governments of their countries of origin and any displaced persons even stronger than in UNRRA. Although only those "who desire to return home" are to be assisted to do so, it is not the impartial officers of the IRO, but representatives of the countries of origin, i. e. of Tito's Yugoslavia, En- rüt's Poland etc. who are to furnish information to potential repatriates about conditions in their homelands in this way, before making up their minds about their future. These officials will be absolutely left to the mercy of oassed information and blackmail by communist agents. Also, in this way an enormous network of communist spies, most of them probably NKVD and I. e. security police officers, will enter all parts of Europe and other continents and perform legally their subversive work.

Another point of the draft Constitution which is still more revolting, concerns the displaced children. Again, against British and American proposals, the Soviet-Yu- goslav-French formula was adopted. It provides that "all measures shall be taken for the repatriation of those (children) whose nationality has been determined". In this way homeless children, whose number in Europe is appraised at about 100,000, will be delivered to the communist governments of their homelands for state control and re-educated into Soviet styled Kommomols. Thus republics from Poland, Yugoslavia, Estonia, Latvia etc. will be forcibly deprived of Christian educa- tion and delivered to the hands of those who will make them enemies of God and Democracy. And this will happen with the permission of the big nations, and with their money. Already UNRRA has embarked on this policy and all UNRRA schools in Germany for Polish children were ordered closed from October 1st.

There is a huge conspiracy afoot to completely turn the remnants of UNRRA into a Soviet tool and to provide regulations for the IRO, which will make it a powerful weapon in communist hands. Only real action by the American people can prevent it. American Catholics should be informed about it, since their pressure can save many human lives.
"Lithuania is proof that a nation's strength, is not necessarily in her size geographically, or in her wealth. Her greatest might is the iron souls of her people, who refuse to surrender their souls to aggressors or to compromise with evil."

Thus finely and aptly did Senator David I. Walsh characterize the Lithuanians, people who have suffered all that a nation could - first from the Russians, then from the Germans and now from the Russian again. The three years of German occupation, which stripped the country of its wealth and took the lives of many citizens was terrible, yet the inhabitants feared the Russians so much that they were willing to flee into Germany to escape the oncoming Red armies.

In spite of allied bombardments from the air directly mainly at civilians and their homes, these Lithuanians have preferred to cling to their refuge in Germany rather than to return to their Soviet-occupied country.

In round figures there are about 250,000 Lithuanians in American and British occupied Germany. Among them are 241 Catholic priests and 3 bishops.

Most of these refugees are intellectuals: professors, lawyers, teachers, and they are living in the most extreme misery and destitution. Although they would do any kind of work, employment is practically impossible considering the appalling devastation of Germany, which is a desert inhabited by the dead and those slowly dying of disease and starvation.

Some of the Lithuanians are in camps, and theoretically UNRRA should aid them, but - it is no secret that UNRRA does not look favorably or generously on avowed enemies of communism. "If you are a Red, you can get anything you want out of UNRRA, otherwise you starve," is a statement made so often from so many different parts of Europe, that it now bears the stamp of truth.

Many Lithuanians are hiding from UNRRA. They shun the long questionnaire, and their fear of being returned to the Soviet-occupied land whence they have fled, transcends the dread of starvation. Anything, even death is preferable.

Shameful to say, the United States policy has been to return these poor people forcibly. American soldiers have thrust these fugitives at bayonet's point on board of waiting trains, and slammed the doors against screams, cries and prayers for mercy. Sometimes our men have been ordered to fire on the recalcitrants.

This is democracy at work - American democracy! This is the design now being used to show the "American way of life" at first hand. Such are the blessings of liberty, as imposed on a subjugated people. If our Army of Occupation is being used for Stalin's dirty work, the sooner our men come home the better. However, they are merely carrying out the terms of the infamous Yalta Agreement. The British however, have refused to repatriate any of the Baltic peoples or Poles against their will.

It is marvellous how the Lithuanians have kept their self respect and their morale, even in prison camps. For example, Lithuanian refugees have opened 100 elementary schools, 50 kindergartens and 10 high schools. They do not intend that their children shall grow up forgetful of their mother tongue or uneducated.

Teachers certainly are not lacking, as about 75% of the faculties of their schools and colleges fled Lithuania before the Russian advance. Priests care for the religious needs of their flock and for the children's religious instruction, for Lithuania, it must be remembered was 81% Catholic when the Lithuanian refugees have opened 100 elementary schools, 50 kindergartens and 10 high schools. They do not intend that their children shall grow up forgetful of their mother tongue or uneducated.

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Food rations are hardly above the borderline of starvation - 1,200 calories daily. At that they are far better than what the Germans are getting. Only small children are entitled to sugar.

Naturally, typhus and tuberculosis are spreading rapidly, since it is evidently the will of the Allies that civilians so unfortunate to be spared by bombs shall be killed off by disease.

In many instances, Lithuanians have been summarily ejected from their living quarters to make way for a vociferous minority, more precious in the view of the Allied Occupation authorities.

(To Be Continued)
U.S. Marine Corps Observes
171st Anniversary of Founding
November 10th

On the tenth day of November, 1946, United States Marines, wherever they are, will pause in the midst of their duties to give proper observance to the 171st Anniversary of the founding of their Corps — the nation’s most honored military organization.

Founded in 1775 by an act of the Continental Congress, the Marine Corps was originally authorized to consist of two battalions. These early Leathernecks enacted their first amphibious landing in the Bahamas and were with General Washington at Long Island and Trenton, in addition to serving at sea with the American Navy.

In later decades, the soldiers of the sea fought at Tripoli, the Mexican War, the Civil War, Spanish-American War, Boxer Rebellion, Haiti, World War I, Nicaragua, World War II, and numerous smaller combat episodes to protect American interests abroad.

Outstanding attribute of the United States Marine Corps has always been its ability to be prepared and ready when the nation is in danger from aggressors. The quotation, “First to Fight for Right and Freedom…” taken from the Marines’ Hymn, was realistically portrayed in World War II when Leathernecks struck the first offensive blow at the enemy.

IN AND AROUND
K OF L CIRCLES

DISTRICT MEETING SUNDAY AT 2 P. M.

Because of the K of L Building Fund Dance and Caba- ret on the evening of Nov. 10th, the regular monthly K of L Chicago District meeting will convene this coming Sunday, Nov. 10th, at 2:00 p. m. sharp, at the K of L Youth Center, 2451 W. 47th St. ... Delegates and members are urgently requested to be present because many important matters await immediate attention.

Aside from the various reports regarding the K of L home, rituals, revival of councils, etc., there will be discussion on the revival of sport and athletic interests in the K of L District... This should interest eager K of L sport enthusiasts... We promise to make the meeting a short one.

A GRAND TIME WAS HAD BY ALL...

Wednesday evening, Oct. 30th, at the K of L Youth Center, will long remain a pleasant memory to those who happened to attend the Halloween party sponsored by the Marquette K of L council. Large groups from all council attended the affair and enjoyed immensely the warm hospitality and enjoyable evening prepared by the Marquette’s. A special thank you goes to Jack Juozaitis for his gift donated to the Youth Center — a gorgeous julep box, which made for a most enjoyable full evening.

BUY MORE VICTORY BONDS!
AND KEEP THEM!