

Pope's Greatest Challenge Lies Behind Iron Curtain

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Vienna—(UP)—The greatest challenge to the new Pope, John XXIII, lies behind the Iron Curtain, where millions of the faithful are largely cut off from the mother Church and are torn between their own religious convictions and the requirements for survival under Communist rule.

Coexistence with the Roman Catholic church is present Communist policy in Poland and Hungary. But in Czechoslovakia the Red regime recently accelerated its drive to deprive the Church of its members.

The Czech Communist authorities intensified their anti-Church campaign this September, recent visitors to Prague report, by forcing most civil service officials to quit the Church. It is the first time Czechoslovakian Communists have gone this far.

State employees, these recent visitors say, often are told their children will not be admitted to high school or to other higher educational institutions unless the parents first drop their Roman Catholic affiliations.

In other cases, state employees were threatened with loss of their jobs unless they left the Church.

But in Poland and Hungary, since the de-Stalinization campaign and subsequent revolutionary upheavals in 1956, the Communist authorities have aimed at coexisting with and using the Roman Catholic church.

The reason for the difference in approach probably is that the Church never has been such an influential organization in Czechoslovakia as in Poland and Hungary.

Moscow Radio, in a mid-October broadcast to Portugal and South America, discussed the present party line for Poland and Hungary:

"Christianity, as Engels pointed out, was revolutionary in origin. . . . There is an identity of social class interests between the Catholic working masses and the Communists. . . . Today, the Christian's loyalty to his ideals demands unity of action with the Communists."

In line with this policy, the Communists in Poland and Hungary have come to a certain agreement with Roman Catholic leaders granting them a small measure of religious freedom in return for political support.

The Communists have no intention of granting the Church full freedom. In Poland, Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski is hard put to preserve those few concessions he has managed to wring from the Gomulka regime.

The Gomulka regime's propagandists this autumn have been vilifying Cardinal Wyszynski for allegedly breaking his 1956 agreement with the Communists by stumping for the restoration of private property rights. The Reds warn that the Catholics may have a measure of religious freedom only as long as they support all "Socialist achievements," in the economic field.

The backbone of overt Roman Catholic resistance to Communism in Hungary was broken when, after a few

brief days of freedom during the 1956 rebellion, Josef Cardinal Mindszenty sought asylum in the American legation in Budapest.

Since then, Archbishop Joseph Groz, acting hierarchical head of the Hungarian church, has adopted a policy of political cooperation with the Communists. Archbishop Groz apparently believes this is the price for preserving what is left of the Church's organization and prerogatives.

He is seen at formal functions with priests excommunicated for political activity, and has accepted the Com-

munist "Order of the Red Banner."

How much actual freedom he can win for the practice of religion remains to be seen. His actions have been tolerated but not approved, by the Vatican. How to treat Archbishop Groz and other East European church leaders who attempt to make similar arrangements probably will be one of the earliest issues that the new Pope must deal with.

It was probably one of the major issues considered by the College of Cardinals in its selection of a new Pope.

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CHURCH NEWS

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Week End Services Are Planned at Friends Church

Thanksgiving weekend services will be held at the Friends church tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:45 and 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., with Dr. Paul P. Petticoard, president of Western Evangelical semi-

and the Oregon Temperance league.

His sermons major in Bible preaching. He approaches the problems of people out of his wide experience and finds God's answer from the Bible. Mrs. Petticoard's chalk drawing at each service will be given to the individual who invites the greatest number of people to the meeting.

The rally is sponsored by the churches of southern Oregon and northern California who conduct the summer Bible camps at Lake of the Woods.

New Steeple
The Butte Falls church now has a steeple of brown masonry topped by aluminum. It was built by James Irwin in the high school shop, assisted by Robert Cupples, shop teacher, an accident in raising the steeple damaged the aluminum part so the spire had to be shortened.

Inside the chapel, the walls and ceiling have been finished with a clear seal to preserve the natural beauty of the knotty-pine and sugarpine woods.

N. V. Means, painter from Ashland, brought his own equipment and donated his time to the work and direction of the painting.

Others who volunteered were Elga Abbott, James Irwin, Thomas Wright, Louis and Philip Cramer, Mr. Simmons, Russell Scott, Daren Baker and Delores Brown.

Valley Presbyterians Tell Topics for Sunday Sermon
Sunday Dr. D. Kirkland West will preach at both morning worship services of the First Presbyterian church. His sermon will be "Lessons From the Master." Miss Kathy Barr, soprano, will sing a solo at both services and the chancel choir will sing the anthem "With a Voice of Singing."

The church membership courses for adults and youth which have been meeting for the last four Sundays will meet with the Session of the church Sunday at 4 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to admit these people as members of the church. Those coming by confession of faith will be baptized on Sunday. Parents of the youth who are joining the church are invited to attend.

The junior high fellowship will meet at 5:30 p.m. for another program on role playing entitled "Seeing is Believing." All the young people attending the meeting will participate. Miss Mariou Garner is the advisor for the group. Westminister fellowship for senior high youth will meet at 7 p.m. for a brief worship service after which the film "Martin Luther" will be shown. Fireside will be held afterwards.

Ashland—The Rev. B. J. Holland, pastor of First Presbyterian church, Ashland, will speak on "The Christian Pilgrimage" at both the 9:45 and 11 a.m. worship services Sunday.

Central Point—The Rev. Bruce J. Weber, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Central Point, will commission those who will take part in the every member canvass Sunday at the 11 a.m. service. He will also speak on "If It Doesn't Happen." The junior

choir will sing. Westminister fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. and plans will be made for their annual Christmas pageant. LaRue Morris is advisor for the group.

Jacksonville—The Source of Life" will be the sermon topic Sunday at 11 a.m. at Jacksonville First Presbyterian church by the Rev. King K. Jones. The women's trio will sing "In the Garden." Trio members are Mrs. Rafe Anders, Mrs. Melvin Hall and Mrs. W. A. Worden.

Butte Falls Group Holds Activities; Steeple Finished

Butte Falls—The Young People's group of the Butte Falls Community Bible church sponsored a skating party at the Ashland roller rink Monday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Pupils of the grade school with parents' consent, went on the school bus, while high school students went in private cars. Principal C. L. Stratton and room mothers, Mrs. William Lytle, and Mrs. Elvina Thompson, accompanied about 45 grade school pupils and 20 high school students.

Among others attending were the Rev. and Mrs. Howard Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Thomas Stanton, and Ray Chambers, bus driver.

Guests from the community churches of Hills, Central Point, and Ashland also attended, making a total of 90 at the skating party. Devotions and refreshments were part of the program.

Another event this week is the Thanksgiving rally today at the Central Point Community Bible church. Services were held at 1:30 o'clock and are planned at 7 o'clock tonight. This afternoon beginning at 3 p.m. a basketball game was played.

Potluck dinner will be at 6 o'clock today with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Collins in charge. Three members of the Butte Falls church will assist.

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Film Tells Story of Science Monitor
Names in the news and journalists who record it are featured in "Assignment: Mankind," a motion picture in color which will be shown Monday, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, at 100 Windsor avenue.

Subject of the half hour documentary film is The Christian Science Monitor, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

The public is invited to the film.

"Assignment: Mankind" tells the story of a day in the life of the Monitor. Besides showing the activities of editorial, advertising, production, and circulation personnel in Boston, the picture includes a round-the-world survey of Monitor correspondents at work in the United States and abroad.

Anthony Quayle, British actor-director, is narrator of the film. The documentary was produced and directed by Jack Alexander, formerly with the March of Time television series. The script is by John Beaufort, New York theater and motion picture critic of the Monitor.

Methodists to Hear Series of Sermons
Dr. George C. Roseberry, First Methodist church, will begin a pre-Christmas series of sermons Sunday at the local church. Advent Sunday's topic will be "Love and Sorrows Meet." Other topics for December include "Heaven's Royalty," "Bring Me the Book" and for Christmas, "Jesus Had a Purpose."

Church membership and baptism will be observed in each of the services Sunday. All new members of the church since last June 1 will be guests for the potluck dinner at 12:30 p.m. Sunday. Richard Fanger and Mrs. Milton Snow will be in charge of the fellowship dinner program.

The choral music for Sunday is "For the Lord is a Mighty God" by the youth choir. Mrs. Milton Snow will sing "The Virgins Slumber Song" and the chancel choir will sing "As Lately We Watched."

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Speaker to Talk on Recent Conference

The Rev. Wilmer N. Brown, regional director of the Northwest region of the National Association of Evangelicals, will be the guest speaker in two Medford churches Sunday.

In the morning he will speak at the Free Methodist church and in the evening at the Assembly of God church.



THE REV. W. N. BROWN
Two Churches Host Speaker

He will speak on the All American Conference to Combat Communism, which was held at Indianapolis, Ind., last week. Mr. Brown was one of three delegates chosen from NAE to attend the conference.

National and world leaders who participated in the conference included Madame Chiang Kai-Shek; Herbert Philbrick, author of the book "I Led Three Lives"; J. Anthony Marcus, president of the institute of foreign trade; J. Frank McNamara, research specialist for the House Un-American Activities committee, and John Noble, who spent nine years in a Soviet labor camp.

Westminster Church To Be Organized Dec. 1
Westminster Presbyterian church of the United Presbyterian church, U.S.A., will be officially organized Monday at 8 p.m. by a commission from Southwest Oregon Presbytery.

The Rev. John O. Reynolds will be appointed by Presbytery to act as organizing pastor and moderator of the session. John Furness, an executive of the Oregon synod, will speak briefly at the service in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian church. Incorporation of the new church will immediately follow organization.

Westminster church will be located on the east side of Medford, at Glen Oak court and Oakwood dr. Members have requested a "conservative-contemporary" design, one story, styled in conformity with the site. There is to be ample off-street parking, and a land area for potential playgrounds. Architect is Jack A. Edson and initial construction is expected to be completed by next summer.

Election of 12 elder-trustees and six deacons will take place after Presbytery officials organize the church. Members will be received into the new church on the occasion, and a membership transfers should be in the First Presbyterian office by Monday.

There will be a reception immediately following the service.

Former Pastor Visits Cave Junction Group
Cave Junction—The Rev. and Mrs. Robert Kingsbury will be guests of their former parish for the weekend. They will arrive in the valley today and will be houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Oliver. Saturday they will be guests of the Jack Pattees in Wilderville where Mr. Kingsbury is scheduled to meet with the Wilderville Methodist Men.

Sunday morning worship hour at both the Wilderville and Immanuel Methodist will be conducted by Mr. Kingsbury. The special which was scheduled at Immanuel for last Sunday at the request of Mr. Kingsbury will be held over until Sunday, to give him the opportunity of talking on Christian higher education.

The Masons, Eastern Star, Jobs Daughters and DeMolay organizations will be attending the Immanuel Methodist Sunday for their joint "Go to Church."

Following the worship hour, a potluck dinner will be held in honor of the Kingsbury family. Mrs. James Allen is in charge of arrangements.

DENVER PASTOR VISITS
The Rev. and Mrs. Randy Nichols, Denver, Colo., visited in the Medford area this past week. Mr. Nichols, pastor of the Apostolic Faith church, Denver, and former member of the local church, spoke at the Medford church last Sunday evening. Mrs. Nichols addressed a group of young people at a Sunday afternoon meeting.

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Stewardship Sunday Planned

Stewardship commitment Sunday will be observed at the Eastwood Baptist church, North Keene Way dr. at Ridgeway ave. Sunday. The pastor, the Rev. Richard M. Jones, will speak on the theme "No Trespassing!" at the 11 a.m. service.

Opportunity will be given during the services for members to make their stewardship commitment for 1959 in a consecration service. The chancel choir will sing "Praise Ye, the Lord of Hosts."

The Junior High and Senior High Baptist Youth Fellowship will meet at 6:30 p.m. for their meetings.

The report meeting for the Lay Development program will be held at 7:30 p.m. During the past five weeks, four workshops have been held during which time the work of the deacons, deaconesses and evangelism committees, Christian education, missionary promotion and youth were discussed. Recommendations and suggestions will be given to the church at the evening meeting.

Eastwood Baptist church is located north of Hedrick Junior High school and is affiliated with the American Baptist convention. Visitors are welcome to any of its services.

Idaho Minister Here for Crusade
The Rev. Eugene L. Stowe, international president of the Nazarene Young People's society, and for the past seven years pastor of the College church on the campus of Northwest Nazarene college in Nampa, Idaho, will be the speaker in an evangelistic crusade at the First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly st., Nov. 30 to Dec. 7.

He will give his first message in the series on Sunday at 7 p.m. The services are scheduled each day at 7:30 p.m. with exception of Saturday.

Assisting him in the campaign will be Lowell Bassett, youth director and minister of music from First Church of the Nazarene, Eugene. Mr. Bassett, a specialist in youth programs, will lead the chancel choir each service and present instrumental and vocal numbers.

Numerous prayer triangles have been meeting throughout Medford vicinity each day as First Church members join together in special prayer for the series.

Advent Sunday Service Planned by Churches
Men who are members of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Prospect, and St. Martin's Episcopal church, Shady Cove, will bear witness to God and their church at the Advent Sunday services at the two churches.

The services will center around the observance of Holy communion. All men of the churches who are confirmed will receive communion, according to the vicar, the Rev. W. B. MacHenry, while the boys will receive a blessing.

PHOENIX REVIVAL
Phoenix—Laymen services will be held tonight and Saturday at 7 o'clock at Phoenix Church of the Nazarene. Starting Monday, Dec. 1, and continuing through Saturday, Dr. W. D. McGraw Jr., Oregon Pacific district superintendent of the church, will conduct a series of revival meetings. The services will start at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

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"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalms 27:1.

EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
(American Baptist)
North Keene Way dr. at Ridgeway
Richard M. Jones, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Church school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
6:30 p.m.—Baptist Youth fellowship
7:30 p.m.—Lay development program and workshops
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Hour of prayer
Thursday: 7:30 p.m.—Choir rehearsal
Friday: 8 p.m.—Young adult social.

APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH
North Central ave. at Third st.
Loyle Carver, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Radio broadcast KMED
9:30 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
3 p.m.—Young people's meeting
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic service
Tuesday and Thursday: 7:30 p.m.—Bible study and prayer service

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
2501 Barnett rd.
Elvin S. Tollefson, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school and adult Bible class
11 a.m.—Divine worship
7:30 p.m.—Luther league
Monday: 8 p.m.—Church council meeting
Tuesday: 8 p.m.—Sunday school teacher's meeting
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Senior choir
Thursday: 10:15 a.m.—1st year confirmation class
Saturday: 10:15 a.m.—2nd year confirmation class.

BETHLE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
1729 North Riverside
L. D. Krause, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship service
6 p.m.—C.A. Youth service
7 p.m.—Evangelistic rally
7:30 p.m.—Bible and prayer hour

CHURCH OF CHRIST
1626 Court street
Sunday: 8:30 a.m.—Radio program, KMED
6:30 a.m.—Youth choir; 7:30 p.m.—Worship services
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Bible Study

CHURCH OF CHRIST
1701 West Main st.
Rosie W. Long, minister
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Bible classes
10:45 a.m.—Morning worship
7 p.m.—Evening worship
1:30 p.m.—Ladies' Bible class
Wednesday: 7 p.m.—Midweek Bible study

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Escil Hiser, pastor
Sunday: 10 a.m.—Church school
11 a.m.—Worship
7 p.m.—Youth choir; adult study and children's Bible hour
7 p.m.—Youth fellowship

COMMUNITY CHURCH
West Main at South Orange
Joseph A. Ebdowin, pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning service
7:45 p.m.—Evening service
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting and Bible study

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
(United Church of Christ)
300 Oakwood dr.
(1 block south of East Main on Groveland ave.)
Thomas McCamant, minister
Sunday: 10 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Church worship
7 p.m.—Pilgrim fellowship

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Office SP 2-8902

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"Whoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. . . if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another. . ."
1 John 4:15, 1:7

Sunday School at 9:40 a.m.
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