POLAND WILL SEIZE CHURCH'S SCHOOLS AND ORPHANAGES

WARSAW (Reuters) — All schools and orphanages in Poland run by monks and nuns will be taken over by the Education Ministry within a year, a spokesman for Poland's Office of Religious Cults said.

The take-over will be carried out under a law, enacted last year that stipulated that only law schools will be allowed in Poland, the spokesman added in an interview.

Asked about evictions of nuns from nurseries and convents, as reported by Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, Roman Catholic Primate of Poland, in a pastoral letter read in the Warsaw Diocese, the spokesman replied:

"We ordered officials to proceed with gentleness and tact. There may have been some isolated cases of tactlessness, but as often as not the officials were provoked by the nuns."

Resistance Charged

The spokesman said officials, acting under last year's law, sometimes had to enter convent premises when they were forcibly barred from discharging their duties.

He said this had happened in Mlociny, five miles north of Warsaw, where nuns barricaded the door, rang bells and shouted to the population for help. This was one of the cases mentioned by the Cardinal.

"Members of religious orders were never thrown out on the street," the spokesman declared. "They were always lodged in some convent where there was more room than prescribed by law for inhabitants."

He added that in no case were children evicted.

Convent Schools Dwindle

The spokesman said seventeen schools out of fifty and thirty orphanages out of 460 remained in the care of convents.

"They will be taken over gradually," he said, "but some schools may remain open longer than a year, until children studying there finish their course."

"We have proposed," he added, "to all members of religious orders other jobs, such as taking care of special institutes for backward children, for old people, for hopelessly ill people. There is a shortage of personnel for such establishments, while there are enough qualified teachers and nursery governesses."

BLACKMAILING BRITAIN

Under papist Chancellor Adenauer, Western Germany daily becomes more powerful and arrogant, while in European schools, which are rapidly being established in Common Market countries, the history of Nazism is largely glossed over. There is only too much evidence to support the conviction of Edmund Paris, author of "The Vatican against Europe," that Germano-Vatican understanding is one of the keys to unlock the doors of European, even world politics. Even the Americans are now beginning to see how they have been led up the garden path by Dr. Adenauer, who makes it unmistakably clear that he seeks reunification of West and East Germany, with Berlin as the capital, and recovery of territories beyond the Oder and Neisse. The Vatican was closely linked with the rapid rise of Fascist and Nazi powers. These predominantly Romanist powers have risen again with phenomenal speed, while Great Britain is in danger of being blackmailed into surrendering much of her sovereignty.

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6. The Word of God has power to make wise. Psalm 119:130 is worthy of the most careful attention: "The entrance of Thy Words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." There is more wisdom in the Bible than there is in all the other literature of the ages. The one who studies the Bible, if he does not study any other book, will know more of real wisdom — wisdom that counts for eternity as well as time, wisdom that this perishing world needs to know, wisdom for which hungry hearts are starving today — than the man who reads every other book and neglects his Bible. The man who studies the Bible and neglects all other books, will be wiser than the man who studies all other books and neglects the Bible, The man who studies the Bible, will have more to say that is worth saying, and that wise people wish to hear, than any man who studies everything else and neglects the one book. This has been illustrated over and over again in the history of the church. The men who have greatly affected the spiritual history of this world, the men who have brought about great reformations in morals and doctrine, the men that others have flocked to hear and upon whose words people have hung, have been Bible men in every instance, and in many cases they knew little beside the Bible. I have seen men and women without culture, who have had almost no advantages in school, but who knew their Bibles, and I would rather sit at their feet and learn the wisdom that falls from their lips, than listen to the man who knows much about philosophy and science and theology even, and does not know anything about the Word of God. There is wonderful force in the words of Paul and Timothy: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instuction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly (the Revised Version says "completely") furnished unto all good works." Through what? Through the study of the Book.

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