

Vote Reduces Leftist Strength Despite Gains by Reds

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At first sight, the results of last Sunday's election in the French National Assembly appear to be a triumph for the communists who have gained 200 seats in the 483-member body. But a closer look at the vote reveals that the Popular Front, the coalition of the strongest party in the French parliament, has actually lost 100 seats to the right. The communists will have 180 seats in the new Assembly, against 200 seats for the Popular Front.

In the previous Assembly the left parties, including the communists, had a combined strength of 261 seats, with the other parties together having the same number. With the help of 12 centrist delegates in the Assembly, the communists will now have 180 seats, a net gain of 100 seats. The centrist parties, however, have lost 100 seats, leaving them with 100 seats.

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Awarded Confraternity Cross

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The newly instituted award of the Cross of Honor of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine is bestowed upon the Rev. Miguel Grullon R. of Medellin, Colombia, for his establishment of Escharras de la Fe in the Province of Antioquia. The presentation was made by Bishop Edwin V. O'Boyle of Knoxville (Tenn.) at the Eighty-Ninth National Congress of the Confraternity, in Boston. Medal presentations were also made to Archbishop Ambrose G. Coughlin, Apostolic Delegate, and Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston, (NC Photos)

Christian Stake In Palestine Is Emphasized

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Boston — (NC) — Any solution of the Palestine problem which ignores the Christian claims and their right to freedom of religion and of religious organization will be worthless, and will make "the very stones of our Holy Places cry out," Mr. Thomas M. McMahon, national secretary of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, stated in an address before the League of Catholic Women of the Boston Archdiocese.

"The entire Holy Land is a Christian sanctuary," he declared. "It is Christianity's cradle. Today there are only 125,000 Christians in Palestine, but their stake is 20 centuries old. Our whole problem centers around keeping Christ in His homeland, and His solution should be a matter of concern for every Christian in the world."

It is not only a matter of maintaining free access to the Holy Places, for which the crusaders fought for centuries, the Monsignor said. "There is also the necessity of securing the rights of indigenous Christians, whose roots go deep into the soil, because their forefathers have dwelt in Palestine for days without measure."

Monignor McMahon satly rejected the idea of a State or Enclave of the Holy Places as a solution. "Aside from the fact that such a partition would drive down the line of Jew and Arab alike," he declared, "can we say that the city of Jerusalem and the inclusion of Christian town like Bethlehem, with a corridor to Nazareth and environs, would include all the Holy Places sacred to the Christian pilgrim? Further, would such a partition guarantee the free entrance of the Church of Christ in every corner of His homeland?"

"It would be strange logic on the part of Christians, of whatever persuasion," he continued, "to admit that Jesus Christ could be excluded from the places which bear the indelible marks of His sacred footsteps. The Holy Land is a Christian Sanctuary centering around the sepulcher of Christ. The Christians there are, in the main, citizens of the country, and though they exist in the minority, they have the strictest right to freedom of religion and freedom of religious organization."

Human Rights Work Seen Basic UN Task

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(Written for N.C.W.C. News Service)

The halting, preliminary steps of the UN meetings quite naturally reveal a strange melange of concern for basic issues, trivial political questions and completely irrelevant questions that have a way of intruding themselves in the midst of the discussions. It cannot be emphasized too much, especially for that sector of public opinion which feels a terribly let-down because the UN has not yet cleared up every touchy and thorny problem in the agenda all at once, that the UN is still getting under way and is scarcely on its feet yet.

What is taking place in New York is not one meeting but a multitude of them. The General Assembly is simply the focal point for the moment. Let it be remembered that the Security Council is in session — it is always in session according to the Charter and the Foreign Ministers, as representatives of the victorious powers have chosen to forego their in-juxtaposition to the UN although not a part of it. On top of that, the multitudinous special commissions and smaller bodies that the UN has already spawned are meeting, notably the groups that are the creation of the Economic and Social Council. This spread of activity over an incredibly large field tends to confuse things a bit and make a proper perspective difficult.

One of the things we should have learned in the old League of Nations — and apparently we have not learned — was that the full dress gatherings where oratory is the rule and rhetoric flows freely, is not necessarily a reflection of the substantial work of an international organization. In many cases, the big pep-meetings are much less significant than the orderly, quiet work of the technical commissions or whose shoulders rest the responsibility for giving form and method to specific challenges.

In this sense, one should eye the UN with a certain skepticism. The halting, preliminary steps of the UN meetings quite naturally reveal a strange melange of concern for basic issues, trivial political questions and completely irrelevant questions that have a way of intruding themselves in the midst of the discussions.

Two Sons Officiate At Parents' Jubilee, Sister's Wedding

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Chicago — (NC) — The parents celebrating their golden wedding anniversary, the daughter being married, and two sons officiating at the service — these were the unique details of a Solemn Mass in old St. Stephen's Church here on Armistice Day. The parents were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Krakowski; the daughter is Helen Jane Krakowski who became the bride of ex-serviceman Paul Keilling of Alton, O., and the priest was the Rev. Francis R. Krakowski, pastor of St. Stephen's Church, celebrant at the Mass, and Edward S. Krakowski, of St. Simon's Church, Bellwood, Ill.

The constant hammering of the problem of the veto shows that no one outside perhaps of the major powers, considers the question closed for all eternity. It is a healthy thing that within eighteen months of San Francisco, men from the little nations should speak out and make plain their opposition to the way things have gone to date.

The veto question is not a settled issue by any means. It will not be a settled issue as long as the assumption that underlies its inclusion continues as false or even in serious doubt. This assumption of the indispensable agreement of the Great Powers about which so much has been said since San Francisco has been demonstrated to be a shaky premise. The so-called East-West cleavage is there for everyone to see. When inaction becomes the rule because the premise is wrong, it is not strange that representatives of the smaller nations even though they are considered grade B by the majority of the world should perceive the defect. The fortunate part of the business is that they are not hesitating to say so.

Boxer Survivors to See Martyrs' Beatification

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San Francisco — (NC) — Four day he is alive and vigorous. Sister Assunta's uncle and grandfather were both slain.

Sister Marie de Saint Damien, the fourth nun of the group, is Belgian by birth and acting superior of the party. She is also interpreter for the three Chinese Sisters who speak only their native language. The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary who died in the Boxer rebellion had been in Shensi Province only one year and three months at the time of the uprising.

The seven Sisters to be beatified are Mother Marie Hermine, Mother Marie de la Paix, Mother Marie Chiara, Sister Marie Natalie, Sister Marie de Saint Juste, Sister Marie Adolphe and Sister Marie Amandine. The Bishops to be beatified are Bishop Gregorio Grassi, S. J., S. M., then Vicar Apostolic of Talyuan Fu, Francisco Foglia, O. F. M., his Coadjutor, and Antonio Fantozzi, O. F. M., Vicar Apostolic of Talyuan Fu.

The beatification ceremonies will honor not only the seven Franciscan Sisters but also three Bishops, one lay brother and 20 of the lady who were slain in the outrages perpetrated at Talyuan Fu in 1900. The Sister of the third surviving nun, Sister Assunta Marie, was almost beheaded by the Boxers, but his pistol miraculously stopped the axe. Just fifteen years old at the time, he was left for dead and nursed back to life by his mother. To

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