Franco Defines His Regime As an 'Organic Democracy'

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practice their faith in our country."

Denies Protestant Persecution

"Only in the large cities, some groups of foreigners, or some Spaniards who, generally speaking, have lived outside of Spain, attend the few Protestant chapels existing in our country," said the General. He denied vigorously there had been persecution of Spaniards, or foreigners, because of their religious creed," even when a reason for this could have been found," adding: "Some Protestant elements during the Red dominion used the shield of their Protestant faith to stimulate, as happened in Madrid, the persecution of the Catholic Church and her ministers. Others of these small groups were made the cloak with which some Masonic lodges concealed themselves. But, despite all this, the Spanish Government tries to distinguish between the licit and the illicit, and to suppress abuse by the reestablishment of law."

The General explained to me that "participation of the people in the life of the State is carried on by means of the municipality, the family and the syndicate," and that "to acquire public office and leadership, it is not necessary to belong to any kind of organization."

As to the Cortes, Spain's legislative body, General Franco pointed out that "the majority of its members are elected by suffrage." "This applies not only to representatives of the syndicates and the **Ayuntamientos** (municipal governments)," he added, "but also to the representatives of provincial and professional corporations." He continued: "Although we have moved relatively slowly along this road, it does not seem slow when one considers that a tremendous internal war has been liquidated, the years of a perturbing world war have been experienced, and even the machinations and excitations to infernal rebellion, uselessly provoked from abroad, still are being endured."

No Personal Positions

General Franco also said "the Chief of the State has no personal position on this or other problems, but rather seeks to ascertain the will of the country in each matter." "Its currents, counsels and, at times, pressures," he added, "but it is the nation itself, through its interested sectors, that inspires and stimulates national positions."

Declaring "nationalization" and "statification" (state control) to be "two distinct things," General Franco said "to nationalize is to convert into national that which formerly was foreign," while "to statify is to convert into a state enterprise that which was functioning as private enterprise."

"It is the general sentiment of the nation," he continued, "that key industries and public services, having attained their full maturity, should be in national hands. This constitutes a general aspiration of all countries, and in Spain it has been tangibly attained. With regard to other resources and industries that require foreign assistance or capital, foreign capital is permitted to hold a certain percentage of these, and the collaboration of Spaniards and foreigners is protected and stimulated by our State.

"Statification is another and very distinct thing. The Spanish State does not advocate statification. For it, statification is exceptional and obligatory only when the national interest or the public service makes this imperative, and when private initiative and interest have failed to serve the general good. In other cases, the State operates by substitution when private initiative does not exist at all and there is need to fill the gap. But even in these cases, the State acts in conformity with the principles of private enterprise and for the period that is strictly necessary."

Private Enterprise Unimpeded

The General said the social laws promulgated so far "not only do not impede the development of private enterprises, but rather strengthen and stimulate them." He observed that "until now, social principles have been a dead letter in Spain." He added that "Spanish social laws affect private enterprise to a certain extent of the payroll, and affect to a lesser degree the one who produces (the laborer)."

"On the basis of good moral principle," Franco continued, "private enterprise that depends upon the misery of those who contribute in a direct manner to production, cannot be accepted. To us, the worker has a perfect right to be assured of economic well-being. If, in attaining this, a small rise in prices results, all Spaniards are disposed to share it. On the other hand, private enterprise has attained peace, the continuity of production, and the attention and care of the State which does not abandon it."

General Franco said "the general crisis" caused by the destruction of so much of Europe's economy "obviously reached Spain." "This produced the phenomena of production crises," he said, "augmented by international interventions, and a disregard for the legitimate interests of neutral nations. The coincidence of these difficulties in international trade with the extensive drought from which our country has suffered for two years, accentuated the scarcity of articles of prime necessity, causing a natural scarcity that, obviously, will disappear with good harvests and normal imports.

"Spain, on the other hand, faces important economic problems relating to her production and her balance in international credits. This problem is not of today, but has been accumulating for 50 years of internal political conflict and misgovernment. These problems are being faced and studied and are on the verge of solution, so that, with in a few years, Spanish recovery and progress will be an indisputable fact."

Medical Order Founder Visits Nigerian Missions

Dublin—(RNS)—Mother Mary Martin, member of a wealthy Dublin family, who founded the Congregation of the Medical Missionaries of Mary less than 10 years ago, has left the Congregation's headquarters in Drogheda, County Louth, to visit missions established by the order in Southern Nigeria.

All trained nurses, the Medical Missionaries have charge of St. Luke's Hospital, Anua, Nigeria, which is recognized as a training school for African nurses and serves 31 bush stations. The nuns also look after three leper settlements in Ogoja Province.

100 YEARS AS PRIESTS

Edwin Ryan, whom in years, in the United States and Canada, an eloquent preacher and ordainer, some forty priests have ordained a combined total of 218 years in the priesthood, the December 28, the two, who often worked together on missions, will observe the golden jubilee of their ordinations, some 2,000 miles apart. They are, the Rev. Bertrand L. Conway, C. S. P. (left) of New York, general treasurer of the Paulist Fathers, and Very Rev. Thomas F. Burke, C. S. P., pastor of Old St. Mary's Church, San Francisco, and former Superior General of the Paulists. (NC Photos)

SWIM STAR SETS WORLD RECORD

Philadelphia — (NC) — A new 300-yard breast-stroke world record of 2 minutes, 18.5 seconds was set here by Joseph Verdeur, of La Salle College as that institution triumphed 49-31 over the University of Pennsylvania in the opening of the college swimming season.

Verdeur's record bettered by 1.1 seconds his own record-breaking performance last April at Bainbridge, Md., where he won two of his three National A.A.U. championships. The accepted record 2.22, was established by Richard Haugh, Princeton University, in 1939 at Ann Arbor, Mich. Applications have been made for recognition of Verdeur's 2.18.6 clocking. He also will apply for acceptance of his mates' record.

In rolling up his new record, Verdeur finished almost one and a half pool lengths ahead of teammate Ed Geisa in the 25-yard pool. Verdeur also defeated Penn's Don DeForrest in the 220 yard freestyle. DeForrest was Penn's best point scorer having touched inches ahead of Jack Lusden of LaSalle in the 100-yard freestyle and joined Verdeur as a double winner by finishing first in the 440 freestyle.

Chile Bishop Hails Catholicism in U. S.

Santiago, Chile — (NC) — Catholicism is the outstanding spiritual force in the United States, Bishop Augusto Salinas Fuenzalido, Auxiliary of Santiago, declared upon his return to this country from the national Congress of the Confraternity of the Christian Doctrine in Boston.

The intense work of the Church in North America, he said, is reflected in practically all phases of life, creating in many circles of the population a genuine Catholic environment. The prelate stated that the Church's accomplishments in the United States must be attributed, first of all, to the large army of some 20,000 priests and 200,000 Religious who are carrying on Christ's work with unflagging zeal.

Oldest U. S. Jesuit Dies at Age of 94

Cincinnati — (NC) — The day after his 94th birthday, death claimed the Rev. Ferdinand A. Moeller, S.J., oldest Jesuit priest in the United States, at the Milford Novitiate of the Sacred Heart.

But Father Moeller was not even aware of his birthday. He had been unconscious for four days and death resulted from complications due to his advanced years. Nationally prominent as the founder of the Catholic Deaf Mute Conference, a branch of the National Catholic Educational Association, Father Moeller was one of four members of his family who entered the religious life.

Columnist Heads Institute

New York — (RNS) — Jimmy Powers, sports columnist of the N. Y. Daily News, was elected president of the Catholic Institute of the Press here.

Pilgrims Cover 60,000 Miles On Foot to Meet Pontiff

Vatican City — (Radio, NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has received in audience a group of French pilgrims who had been traveling afoot from France to Rome. They were members of a missionary movement which was initiated at Lourdes on Mar. 23, 1943, following the consecration of France to the Sacred Heart of Mary.

The members of this movement, which aims at bringing about the total return of France to God's law, have traveled 90,000 kilometers (60,000 miles), visiting about 12,000 parishes where they enlisted a total of ten million volunteers who have individually dedicated themselves to acts of special prayer and penance.

His Holiness in addressing the pilgrims praised the abundant and magnificent fruits of their movement. He gave them the watchword "persevere" in their pilgrimage along the Royal Road of the Cross, in prayer and penitence. The Pope counseled the pilgrims that the spirit of fervor, demonstrated in night watches or in barefoot processions over burning hot or frozen ground, is not their most difficult part. Such things are but passing episodes, he said. Their hardest task rather consists in constant fidelity to the duties—even disagreeable ones—of a Christian, to pious practices and to little sacrifices of the daily life, in a spirit of humility, reparation and love. He impressed on them the importance of reshaping their lives to that of Christ as they follow the road of briars and thorns.

FAMED PAULISTS TO MARK JUBILEE

New York — The two priests are the whole country apart, now — about 3,000 miles — but no doubt will be thinking of the other when December 26 rolls around. That's the day when they will observe the golden jubilee of their ordinations as Paulist Fathers. Both will celebrate the event officially on Sunday, December 26.

They are: the Very Rev. Thomas F. Burke, C.S.P., pastor of Old St. Mary's Church in San Francisco and former Superior General of the Paulist Fathers, and the Rev. Bertrand L. Conway, C.S.P., general treasurer of the Paulist Fathers, stationed at their motherhouse in New York.

Some phases of the early lives of the jubilarians read like carbon copies. Both were born in this city and both attended public schools. Father Burke, whose younger brother was Msgr. John J. Burke, C.S.P., first General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, attended St. Francis Xavier's College in New York, and Father Conway went to St. Charles College, Catonsville, Md., but their paths merged again in 1892 when they entered the Paulist Novitiate at the Catholic University of America in Washington.

U. S. Birth Controllers Blamed for Jap Meatrice

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ity of each sovereign political jurisdiction for making sure for its own population, can encourage migration restrictions against any country that fails to keep its own members in control."

Sterilization Laws

4. "They can encourage sterilization laws on the basis of social criteria as well as on a hereditary basis. There are many cases in which sterilization could supplement means of contraception in controlling the quantity of the population as well as raising the biological quality."

5. "The peace delegates can bring to the consideration of an attentive world the fact that lax marriage laws are related to poverty. They can emphasize the need for the adoption and enforcement of appropriate marriage and reproduction conditions as a prerequisite to autonomy in the conquered countries and can encourage the adoption of such qualifications in all countries."

A proposal made by a certain Col. J. J. Kerrigan towards the end of the war hoped that only by reducing the birth rate of Germany, Japan and Italy and the curse of militarism be eliminated.

Note the suggestions made by the Colonel: "The rationing of having babies could be easily and fairly accomplished through the following three laws: 1. Any unmarried woman allowing herself to become pregnant shall be sterilized on the first offense; 2. The husband of any married woman, who exceeds her ration allowance of babies, shall be locked up for three months on the first offense; 3. The governments of the defeated nations shall give free and full contraceptive instructions and materials to all married persons."

Unnatural Vice

Yet, the Western World has by means of its deliberate program of contraception, abortion, and sterilization in planner words, by its deliberate program of unnatural vice, of child murder, and of the maiming of the human body — brought its people a state that will drag them down? It is not inconceivable the answer to this question will some day affect our own destiny. Nations rise far down the ladder.

Furthermore there is no evidence that it will not go beyond the "point of stability" often spoken of into actual decline. Is this Western World now in try

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