

New Chances for Churches Seen Under India Rule

London (AP) — New opportunities may arise for tremendous missions fields in India after the transfer of power to Indian hands, in the next 12 months, according to reliable Indian sources here.

The new self-governing Modern state of Pakistan is expected, however, to prove more of a missionary problem than India's other great independent state of Hindustan, backed by its somewhat more tolerant Hindu philosophy.

The 400,000,000 inhabitants of the most crowded areas of the world, include some 200,000,000 Hindus, 70,000,000 Moslems and 4,000,000 Catholics, mostly in Travancore, Madras and Cochin. While forming the country's third-largest religious community, Catholics represent still only one per cent of the population.

The Rev. Joseph Chittambath, secretary to Archbishop Joseph Alipity of Verapoly Metropolis of the Latin diocese of Malabar, who has been in London on his way to his 14th annual visit to Rome, pointed out that Indian Catholics had particularly benefited a recent statement by Pandit Nehru, Congress Party leader of the Interim Indian Government, and a Hindu, that his aim was the establishment of a state of Hindustan in which all religions would have equal freedom.

Archbishop Alipity, the first Indian Archbishop to be consecrated by a Pope—Pius XI in 1933—has now left London for Rome, where he was for 10 years. He holds a high reputation for a student at Propaganda College, social and educational work in Malabar, half-way down India's east coast.

According to London India sources, the Moslems are the most difficult.

Missionaries in India will in the future, as in the past, have to fight intolerance, apathy, innate conservatism and strong social prejudices, rather than against any form of legal repression.

The greater part of the country's present Catholic community will be inside Hindustan, although the borders of the two states have not yet been defined.

Catholicism, despite current popular belief, is one of India's most ancient religions. It is pointed out, according to legend, St. Thomas the Apostle took Christianity to India and although there is no historical proof for this, it is known that the Syrian Church existed in the country in the fourth century. There does not, however, appear to have been any real missionary effort until the arrival of the Portuguese 1,000 years later.

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Plain as Potatoes

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There is absolutely no convincing argument against planned parenthood unless one believes in God, in the Divinity of Christ, in the immortality of the soul, in the reality of Heaven and Hell, and a final judgment in the next life to determine the ultimate destiny of man.

If there is no eternal life, why should one NOT be a planned parenthooder, or a birth controller, or a burglar, or a liar, or a murderer, or a polygamist, or an adulterer, or anything else that will contribute to his material and earthly wishes. Why should one not ride rough shod over every obstacle that stands in the way of bodily pleasure in this life, if there is no eternal life to come, and no accountability for our doings on this planet?

I well realize that some members of the Planned Parenthood Group do believe in God, and I therefore respectfully present to them a few considerations for their tranquil meditation.

It is quite obvious that the majority of the Planned Parenthood Group are Protestants and Jews. Their ministers and rabbis are often prominently associated with the movement. Since Catholics oppose planned parenthood, and no practical Catholics can associate with it, or follow its suggestions, it is fairly easy to foretell the result. If Planned Parenthood Groups continue their present activity there will sooner or later, and soon at the latest, be a considerable reduction in the number of Protestants and Jews in this country. This is a fact as plain as potatoes.

In other words, Protestants and Jews are selling out the country to Catholics. Unless Protestants and Jews and unbelievers cease their propaganda for planned parenthood they will wake up some morning to find that Catholics have overrun the United States. This is a Democracy; the group with the largest number of votes has always run the country. If Protestants and Jews deliberately set out on a program of killing themselves off with

Christian Century, had a bitter editorial against Catholics, and it was entitled, "NOW WILL PROTESTANTISM AWAKE?" That is a good title for these few remarks. Unless Protestants and Jews awake there will not be very many of them populating America within a few generations. However, if they want to turn our glorious country over to us Catholics, it is quite satisfactory to me, for I have been trying hard to make America Catholic for some time.

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