

Director of Holy Cross Preparatory Seminary, Dunkirk, N. Y., has been appointed associate editor of The Sign.

NCWC Studies Draft Effect On Colleges

Washington — (NC) — Of 9,500,000 American youths who will have to register in the post-war draft, about 375,000 are students of U. S. Catholic colleges, universities and normal schools and 9,000 are in seminaries.

The Department of Education, National Catholic Welfare Conference, which keeps its finger on the pulse of the nation's Catholic schools, agrees here with the U. S. Office of Education that it is too early to judge the effects of the selective service program on school enrollment.

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Italian Workers Threaten To Break Leftist Control

Rome — (NC) — The earthquake tremors that have been rocking the Italian labor world since the attempt on the life of Palmiro Togliatti, the communist leader, and the subsequent general strike, give evidence of continuing for some time and of probably having far-reaching effects.

The leaders of ACLI (Christian Association of Italian Workers) are maintaining their position that the socialist-communist group of the CGIL (Italian General Confederation of Labor) de facto broke the constitution of the CGIL by ordering a general strike for political purposes.

THE SOCIALIST-COMMUNIST leaders on the CGIL executive committee retort by accusing the ACLI leaders of breaking labor unity and betraying the interests of the workers.

Two conditions laid down as

essential to any such new organization are: absolute freedom from political or party objectives, even partial and indirect, and the exclusion of the use of the general strike, which they call a subversive act which paralyzes the life of the country, can obstruct the functioning of civil authority and can be injurious to other categories of the strike.

While deferring the final decision to an extraordinary ACLI national congress to be called before September 15, the national council says it considers it its inescapable duty to declare its own view of "the compelling necessity for new discipline in labor organization and action."

Three American labor leaders now visiting Italy received what has become typical treatment from the left-socialist newspaper L'Avanti, which termed them "specialists in disunion."

The Americans were David Dubinsky of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, Luigi Antonini of the Italia-American Labor Council and G. D. Procopio of the United Shoe Service Employees' Union.

L'Unita, organ of the non-communist socialists led by Giuseppe Saragat, defended the Americans, saying that in addressing a meeting of Saragat socialists they had called for labor unity but stressing at the same time the need of a "free unity."

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REDS SLAY 90 MISSIONERS

By REV. J. McCARTHY, S.J. Peiping, China—NC—Six more Trappist monks have died at the hands of Chinese communists, either by execution or as a result of maltreatment, according to information received here.

This brings to 31 the number of Trappist priests and Brothers, formerly of Yangkiaping Abbey ravaged by the Reds in July 1947, known to have been killed by the communists. It raises the total number of Catholic missionaries known to have been killed by the Chinese Reds since the end of the war to at least 90. Besides these, many lay Catholics have been slain by the Reds, some precisely for their Catholic religion.

ACCORDING TO information received here, two Trappist priests, the Revs. Theodoros Yuan, 33-year-old Chinese, and Maurus Bougon, 48-year-old Frenchman, were killed at Muchiachuang early in February. News of their death comes from non-Catholics who had been imprisoned with them. Exact details of their execution are scanty; however, it is believed they were stoned.

Father Bougon, while a member of the Yangkiaping Abbey, was not at the monastery when the Reds destroyed it and took the monks prisoners. He was taken captive last November when his mission post in the Peiping archdiocese was overrun by the Reds. Jailed in a mountain village in Chahar province he was caught while attempting to escape in retaliation the Reds amputated one, and according to some reports, both of his feet.

On Guard

(Continued from Page 1) —his own record on Negro discrimination. Only last month, Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People, charged that when Mr. Wallace directed the Departments of Commerce and Agriculture a "illy white" policy was enforced. The Jeuit weekly, America, last week made the same accusation against the leader of the new Progressive Party.

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