

Two Deaths Reduce Cardinal College

Vatican City — The death within a few hours of two Princes of the Church has reduced the number of Cardinals — traditionally limited to 70 — to 57 members, 21 of whom are of Italian and 36 of non-Italian nationality.

News of the death of His Eminence Raffaele Carlo Cardinal Rossi, Secretary of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, reached the Holy See shortly after it had been informed of the death of His Eminence Mariano Cardinal Azevedo, Archbishop of Tarragona in Spain.

CARDINAL ROSSI died at the invitation of the Scalabrini Fathers near Bassano del Grappa in the Italian Alps where he had gone to attend a meeting of bishops and chaplains. His death came unexpectedly although he suffered a slight heart attack several months ago.

A native of Pisa, Italy, where he was born on October 23, 1876, Cardinal Rossi entered the Order of Discalced Carmelites when he was 20 years old, and was ordained in December, 1901. In May, 1920, he was consecrated Bishop of Volterra, and three years later became Assessor of the Consistorial Congregation, meanwhile being promoted to Titular Archbishop of Thessalonica.

He was created a cardinal in June, 1930, by Pope Pius XI, and later became secretary of the Consistorial Congregation.

MEANWHILE CARDINAL AZEVEDO, Archbishop of Tarragona, died in a Barcelona hospital at the age of 69. He was one of three Spanish prelates elevated to the Sacred College of Cardinals by Pope Pius XII in February, 1946.

Of Basque origin, Cardinal Azevedo was born in Pamplona and educated at the diocesan seminaries of Pamplona and Tarragona, subsequently completing his studies at the Gregorianum in Rome.

He was ordained in July, 1904, and named Bishop of Zamora in February, 1929.

Later he was transferred to the diocese of Oviedo, and in March, 1934, was promoted to the archiepiscopal see of Tarragona.

Colombia Bishops Open Moral Drive

Bogota, Colombia (NC) — The hierarchy of Colombia has today opened a moral drive against communism, the illicit press and immoral films and other detriments to social restoration.

Approved by the Episcopal Conference which held a two-day meeting here, the principal points of the crusade are these:

FATHERS AND Catholic bishops are urged to start Catholic Action programs immediately, to stimulate them if they already exist. The bishops hold that "no other work is more urgent and necessary, after that of priestly vocations."

The Institute of Social Studies for the Clergy, at the Pontifical Xavierian University was established to prepare properly priests in order to encourage and counsel social action through the study of the Church, social legislation, trade unionism and cooperativism, social services, atheistic communism in its doctrine and methods.

Catholic colleges are reminded of their "duty to cooperate with the hierarchy in the solution of educational and social problems," and to this end are asked to operate evening and Sunday schools for workers and their children. An increase in educational work to "infuse into students the social ideas of the Church" is also strongly recommended.

Pope Pius Blesses Rome Rally



Carried aloft in his chair through the throng of celebrants, Pope Pius gives his Pontifical Blessing to the 300,000 persons that jammed St. Peter's Square in Rome during the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Young Men's Catholic Action. Delegates arise from almost every country in the world for the celebrations.

Red China Crisis Told By Missioner

Washington (NC) — Taking time off from missionary duties in China, a determined Jesuit priest has been climbing up on lecture platforms across the country during the last few months and drumming a stern warning into the ears of his listeners. Bolled down, the warning is this:

The United States had better begin balancing the attention it pays to situations created by Soviet Russia in Europe by paying more heed to what the communists are accomplishing in Asia.

THE PRIEST is the Rev. James F. Kearney, S.J., a Kansas City native, who has been working in the China mission fields for the last 18 years.

He is convinced that some of the Russian-created situations in Europe — such as the present Berlin crisis — are smokescreens to distract attention from communist expansions in the Far East, especially China.

Interviewed at N.C.W.C. headquarters here, Father Kearney disclosed that since last April he has lectured from the Pacific to the Atlantic coasts on the gravity of the Red crisis in China.

"Russia will not move in Europe," the Jesuit said, "until she is certain that she has China and other parts of Asia under control."

THE MISSIONER declared that the authority for his assertion is none other than William Z. Foster, head of the Communist Party in the United States. Father Kearney recalls that Mr. Foster, in an address to the party heads on November 18, 1945, made this statement, which subsequently was published by The Daily Worker, U. S. communist organ.

"On the international scale, the key task... is to stop American intervention in China. The war in China is the key to all problems on the international front and it is here above all else where we have to deal the hardest blow to reaction."

Father Kearney was astounded to find Americans, especially residents of the Pacific Coast, had little or no knowledge of the gravity of the communist situation in China.

"When I'd get through talking to them," he said, "pointing out that if China went communist it meant moving the Soviet frontier 5,000 miles nearer to their own doorsteps, they all wanted to know why they had not been told before of this danger."

Father Kearney said he was surprised to find in high places of the nation, very few critics of the country's foreign policy regarding China.

NEWMAN CHAPLAINS CONFER



More than 70 chaplains attended the Newman Clubs Chaplains' Institute, at St. Thomas College, St. Paul, Minn., held in connection with the 24th National Convention of the Newman Clubs. Pictured are: Bishop James E. Kearney, of Rochester N. Y., (seated) Episcopal Moderator of the Newman Foundation, and standing, left to right: Rev. Joseph Schleder, Director of the Youth Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference; Rev. William McPhillips, Ann Arbor, Mich., National Chaplain, and Very Rev. Vincent J. Flynn, president of St. Thomas College, host (NC Photos).

Catholic Labor Organization Starts In Italy

Rome — (RNS) — Catholic Action leaders have announced plans for a new independent Catholic labor organization which will seek to draw workers away from the Communist-dominated CGIL, or Italian General Federation of Labor. The new group is expected to appeal especially to the 10,000,000 unorganized Italian workers who belong to no union.

Scheduled to begin operating at the end of September, the Catholic labor organization is being sponsored by the Civic National Committee, an offspring of Italian Catholic Action, a lay movement supervised by the Vatican.

In a preliminary move, the Committee posted placards on the walls of Rome buildings warning against the CGIL and declaring that "Italy and her young workers want a federation that will defend their sacred rights and be free from political influences."

According to Catholic circles, the CGIL, which is said to control about 5,000,000 workers, has often been used by the Italian Communist Party to call strikes for political reasons.

Catholic Philatelist Dies

London — (NC) — Well-known British philatelist who numbered among his customers, Martin A. McGoff, leading Liverpool Catholic layman, died here at 58. He was also a bookseller in the city and a founder-member of the local branch of the Catenian Association, society of Catholic professional men.

Open Beatification Cause Of Colorful French Monks

Paris — (RNS) — Beatification of Father Charles de Foucauld, desert monk and one-time Foreign Legionnaire and French secret service agent, is being studied in Rome. The cause was opened on September 15, the 50th anniversary of Father de Foucauld's birth.

A second miracle attributed to Father de Foucauld involved the young daughter of an Italian workman who was dying of tuberculosis. A priest called to administer the last rites passed a relic of Father de Foucauld over the child's forehead. Within a few minutes all symptoms of the disease allegedly had disappeared and the girl was soon out in the street playing with her young friends.

Hereafter the boat will carry Bishop John M. Aubin, Vicar Apostolic of the South Solomon, and his assistants to the many islands of the group.

Mission Boat Makes Solomon Island Post

Honiara, Guadalcanal (NC) — The Lina Maria, 40-foot auxiliary ketch donated for mission work in the Solomons by Catholics in Brisbane, Australia, has reached her home waters and now is prepared to carry forward the work to which she is dedicated.

Sailed from Brisbane to the islands by two Brisbane laymen, a Marxist missionary, and two mission students, the craft was requisitioned immediately on arrival here to make a 300-mile voyage after a missionary, seriously ill on San Cristoval.

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Irish Youth Pay Cost of Lights In St. Peter's

Rome — (NC) — The expense of lighting St. Peter's Basilica for the Saturday night services held during the three-day congress of the Irish Catholic youth of the Legion of Mary, it was reported in Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily.

The illumination was hailed generally here as the most impressive ever witnessed in the Holy City. The facade of the Basilica was so completely lighted with oil lamps and candles it appeared as a veritable living flame. For the first time in 12 years the cupola was clearly visible.

ND Enrolls 1,200 Freshmen Notre Dame, Ind. (NC) — Each of the 48 states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and six foreign countries are represented in the class of 1,200 freshmen registered at the University of Notre Dame. Slightly more than 10 per cent of the class are World War II veterans.

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New Zealand Has Catholic Growth

Auckland, New Zealand (NC) — An increase of over 20,000 in Catholic population during the period between the census of 1936 and 1945 represents the largest increase for any religious group, according to figures now analyzed by the Government printer.

Numerically, Catholics are the third strongest religious group with a total of 215,629 out of New Zealand's 1,700,000 population. The Anglican Church has 601,786 members, and Presbyterians number 374,956.

A close connection is seen between the Catholic increase — over ten per cent in the ten-year era — and the fact that Catholics in New Zealand have always endeavored to insure the religious education of their children. They have paid the expenses of such education without state aid. The building of a church in any era of the country has almost always been followed by the erection of a Catholic school.

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