

Fair Work Policies Asked In Dixieland

MOBILE, La. (NC)—Fair employment practices and an end to job discrimination will be major steps in bringing peace to the South, the Rev. Vincent J. O'Connell, S.M., said in a labor-management conference here.

"Southern employers are not doing enough to put practices and fair employment policies now resulting in discrimination," said the New Orleans priest. "Both employers and union bargaining agents must seek to include in collective bargaining contracts, provisions for equal pay for equal work and equal opportunity to work."

FATHER O'CONNELL appeared in general chairman of the Catholic Committee of the South, organization of Catholic priests and laymen, seeking to spread Catholic teachings on race, labor, economic and social justice.

In regard to FEPC, he declared: "It is no answer to the problem to say that the federal government has no right to interfere."

"Job discrimination must be ended. And if we Southerners do not do it ourselves we cannot be sincere in saying that the federal government must keep them out."

"The economic peace in the South was outlined by the Catholic economist, Esteban Hernandez, president of the National Council of Labor Management and Government, organization of unorganized Southern workers, ending of wage discrimination in race relations and elimination of jurisdictional disputes were among them."

"The interdependence of wages, prices and profits in the economic formula must be recognized by all," Father O'Connell declared. "Organized cooperation must be substituted for competition as the main spring for our economy."

Citing the statement of Pope Pius XII that economic life is a law of nature, he said: "When all and which are supplied with all the goods that the resources of nature can furnish, the price paid for both labor and management water into economic life with that viewpoint, management will not naturally seek the highest profits and labor will not look for only the highest return for work done."

He told employers that management must "cease using violence and false accusations to prevent labor organization" and must accept unions "not as a necessary evil but as a necessary good."

China OKs Catholic Schools of Nursing
CHONGKING, China (NC)—Two new Catholic schools of nursing have been approved by the education department in Hunan province within the past year.

One of these is connected with the Catholic hospital conducted by the Sisters of Charity from Convent Station, N.J., at Yuanling, 180 miles west of here. Yuanling mission is staffed by American Missionaries under Bishop O'Hara, C.P., of Yuanling.

U.S. Catholic Groups Give Aid For Holy Land

NEW YORK (NC)—Two Catholic organizations have voted emergency appropriations totaling \$75,000 for the relief of refugees in Palestine. It has been disclosed here.

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, as president of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, has transmitted \$50,000 to the Holy Land cause.

"HALF OF the appropriation was sent to Archbishop Gustavo Testa, Apostolic Delegate to Palestine, and the other \$25,000 to Archbishop Arthur Hughes, W.F., Apostolic Intendant to Egypt and Arabia."

The remaining \$25,000 was sent to Archbishop Testa by War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference, it was announced.

The Rev. Aloysius J. Wycislo, assistant executive director of the relief agency, recalled that since February, 1944, WRS, N. C. W. C. has expended some \$1,500,000 in food, medicines, clothing and other relief materials to aid refugees from Europe in Palestine, Syria, Iraq and North Africa.

THE EMERGENCY aid of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association is in addition to its general relief program which has entailed shipments of materials to the Holy Land at frequent intervals. These shipments have been stepped up in recent months in response to reports of increased needs brought on by the emergency in Palestine.

The Association also has just been able to release to Bishop Vincent Gelat, Auxiliary to Archbishop Testa, who also is Regent Ordinary of the Latin Patriarchate in Palestine, more than 20 cases of food, medicines and other supplies.

In addition to the relief which has gone directly from the Association's headquarters here to the Holy Land, the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church in Rome, in the name of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, also has been making extensive contributions toward relief of refugees in the Holy Land through funds provided by the Association. It was disclosed here.

Named to Fordham Post
NEW YORK (NC)—The Rev. Vincent de P. O'Beirne, S.J., has been appointed Head of the Department of Communication Arts at Fordham University. The Department includes the Divisions of Radio, Theatre and Journalism, and supervision over the operations and programs of Station WFUV, the university's FM station.

Crosier's Leader



The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas Brandon, O.S.C., Vicar General of the Crosier Order in America, is celebrating this month his silver jubilee in the Order of the formal approbation by Pope Innocent IV of the Order of the Holy Cross (Crosier Fathers) was observed Oct. 1.

Costa Rica Court Purges Red Party

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (NC)—The Communist party has lost its legal status in Costa Rica with the decision of the Supreme Court of Justice upholding prohibition of the party by the provisional government. Following the lead of Chile and Brazil, Costa Rica thus becomes the third Latin American nation to outlaw revolutionary Marxism.

When the regime of Teodoro Picado, which had the support of the communists, capitulated in April of this year to the revolutionary forces of Gen. Jose Figueres, the new provisional government promised protection to the leaders of the opposition.

HOWEVER, in July the provisional government proscribed the Communist party, known here as the Popular Vanguard party, because the government charged, the party did not surrender its arms and planned a counter revolution.

In upholding the government's outlawing of the party the Supreme Court held as illegal the "functioning of political parties which by their program and methods . . . are opposed to a representative and democratic government of the Republic or which permit attempts against national sovereignty."

Inside the Holy Land

Convents in Nazareth Area Looted by Israeli Troops

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Jerusalem, via Amman.—(By Radio)—Further light on the attitude and behavior of Israeli forces toward Christian institutions and their occupants in Nazareth and vicinity is shown in an official report submitted to ecclesiastical authorities by Msgr. Anthony Vergani, Vicar General for Galilee in the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

The report, dated September 9, has just become available here. Based on Monsignor Vergani's personal observations during a visit to the Nazareth area after its occupation by Israeli forces last July, the report, on the one hand, details several instances of disrespect for Christian institutions and Religious, lootings and theft, but, on the other hand, also recognizes several cases of correct and polite behavior.

The findings presented in Monsignor Vergani's report can be summarized up as follows:

NAZARETH: All Catholic institutions have been respected. In the beginning of the occupation, some have been inspected by Israeli troops marching for arms. The troops have acted in a correct manner toward the priests and Sisters; the only exception occurred during the occupation of the Salesian orphanage which was filled with refugees.

On July 18, about 40 Israeli soldiers entered the orphanage which flew the French flag, marking it as a French ecclesiastical institution. Some soldiers entered the monastery, shots were fired and there were outrages against the refugees. The banging at the door did not stop until the superior protested. The refugees were lined up under armed guard but later released at the request of the superior.

At the same time, two armored cars entered the Salesian property after forcing its iron gates. Following protests by the superior, Israeli authorities promised that the gates would be repaired.

In the early hours of the morning of July 17 several monasteries and convents were searched. The most serious incident occurred at the convent of the Poor Clares, where Israeli soldiers entered the chapel enclosure, disregarding the protests of the Abess who pointed out to them that the convent housed cloistered Sisters and was French property. The soldiers searched the en-

tire convent, including the chapel and the private quarters of the Sisters.

On August 10, the monastery of the Brothers of St. John was occupied by Israeli forces and the refugees housed there were driven out.

SHEFRAME, near Nazareth: The convent of the Dames de Nazareth was damaged by mortar bombs.

CANA: Troops did not act in a correct manner toward the Sisters stationed there; they rushed into the convent and "messed up" everything.

KARMESSAH: A claim for damage caused to the Franciscan property there was presented to the Israeli Minister for Religious Affairs, but nothing has been done. The same goes for the farm of the Dames de Nazareth at Maceby, West Nazareth.

SEPHORIS: Monsignor Vergani commends the good manners and the help given to the Sisters of St. Anne by the Israeli officers and troops and thanks them for their kindness.

MOUNT THABOR: On July 18, Israeli forces climbed up the sacred mountain and occupied by force the hospice conducted there by the Franciscans—without any previous arrangement with ecclesiastical authorities.

"The conduct of the troops toward the Franciscan Fathers was always correct," the report says, "but the Fathers were kept as internees, they were not allowed to leave the monastery without special permission and nobody was allowed to go to the shrine to perform his devotions." In other words, the Basilica of the Transfiguration was inaccessible to its Franciscan guardians.

MUGIDEL: This village west of Nazareth was searched by the Israeli forces. The priest was taken to the Rev. Lorenzo Massa of the Salesian Order, in the San Lorenzo sporting club stadium, to announce that "a priest in a red cassock" was outside.

The "priest" proved to be His Eminence Luis Cardinal Copello, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, come with thousands of others to pay honor to Delfo Cabrera, Olympic marathon champion.

To Japan



Miss Dorothea F. Sullivan, administrative assistant and assistant professor at the National Catholic School of Social Service of the Catholic University of America, who has been named by the War Department to do special work among Japanese youth for a period of six months. Miss Sullivan has been given a leave of absence from the University for this assignment.

Refugee Group
Amman, Transjordan.—(NC)—A committee to aid Catholic refugees in the Holy Land has been formed in Jerusalem. It is composed of pastors of the four Catholic rites there, a Latinrite priest and six laymen.

Canada Jocists Ask More State Aid For Family

OTTAWA (NC)—Increased Government aid to Canadian families through larger tax exemptions, bigger family allowances and more housing construction was asked by Paul Martin, Federal Minister of Health and Public Welfare, by a delegation of Young Catholic Workers (Jeunesse Ouvriere Catholique).

THE VISITORS, headed by Maurice Bouchard, national JOC president, made the following recommendations:

1) That family allowances be increased from \$5 to \$10 a child and that there be no reduction in allowances for the fifth and subsequent children, as is the case under present regulations.

2) That income tax be increased from \$1,500 to \$3,000 for married persons, and from \$750 to \$2,000 for single persons.

3) That Provincial and Federal Governments come to some agreement to solve the present housing question.

THE JOC memorandum showed that of 200,000 young workers questioned, mostly in Quebec, there were 88,000 who had started to work when but 15 years of age or younger. Some 40 percent of the young workers reached the age of 25 years without learning any trade.

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