

African Worker Rights Urged In Mission Plea

New York — (NC) — The November mission intention of His Holiness Pope Pius XII is "that the rights of the workingman in Africa may be vindicated in accordance with Christian principles" it has been announced here by the national office of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

BISHOP THOMAS J. McDonnell, Auxiliary of New York and the society's national director, commenting on the intention, asserted that the white population in Africa cannot keep pace with the colored population, but that the whites by their control of industrial facilities, exercise tremendous influence upon the economic life of the colored, affecting the Negroes' social life "for good or evil."

The Bishop said that the white in Africa refuses to align himself with the native colored. The white, he said, regards himself as a "colonial" of some European power and "indignantly, at times, rejects the appellation 'native' even though born in Africa."

"AS A RESULT of this attitude," the Bishop continued, "the progress of the African is materially hampered. The better positions are denied him, so that he is employed in the least lucrative and even here is given a minimum of wages. This is done notwithstanding the fact that the natives have shown themselves capable of complicated technical training and intelligent willing workers who are fully aware of their responsibilities."

The Bishop said that the Church has made the African conscious of his dignity and has striven to develop his talents. He said that 500 African men have been raised to the priesthood, 900 others are in seminaries and that the "ganda vicariate" is staffed by a native Bishop and native priests. He also pointed out that there are 832,330 African pupils in 17,638 Catholic schools in Africa.

BOUND FOR PALAU ISLES



Three Maryknoll Sisters, the first of any Order to be stationed on the Palau Islands in the Southwest Pacific have arrived at Koror, sailing from Pearl Harbor whence they completed their journey by plane from Guam. Before they open a primary school at Koror, they must study Palauan, which "isn't easy." Left to right: Sister Andrew Marie, Sister Loretta Marie and Sister Camillus. (NC Photos).

Colombia Prelate Condemns Movie on Sex Instruction

Medellin, Colombia — (NC) — Archbishop Joaquin Garcia of Medellin has warned the faithful of his archdiocese not to see an American and an Argentinian film dealing with sex because these films constitute "an attempt against faith, morals and wholesome customs."

The American film, "Mom and Dad," tries to put over the point that all sexual evils come from a lack of sex education, while the Argentinian film, "Sin and Sexual Crime," treats of venereal disease and how to avoid it. "Mom and Dad" has been given a "condemned" classification by the Legion of Decency in the United States.

MEANWHILE IN Bogota, the Colombian capital, a local theater immediately withdrew "Sin and Sexual Crime" when Archbishop Ismael Perdomo of Bogota forbade Catholics in his see from seeing the film under pain of mortal sin. No other theater in the capital has tried to show the film.

Magazines and papers have seized on the occasion to point out the dangers of an improper sex education. "Moralists and teachers tell us that where ignorance can be the cause of one downfall, precocious knowledge causes the fall of 99," the Catholic Action publication warns. "This delicate task belongs to parents and to confessors."

"It is sensuality that leads those who fill the theaters. Should the question involved be the prevention of tuberculosis, leprosy or cancer the theaters would be deserted." An article in another publication stated that the effect of such films seems to be "to teach how to sin hygienically."

Part-Time Chaplain Program Announced

Washington (NC) — Commissioners as officers in a part-time Chaplain Reserve are being offered to priests between the ages of 23 and 37 with or without prior Army service according to a new plan announced here by the Army Chief and Chaplains office.

Voters Defeat Birth Control Legislative Bid

By MARY MAHONEY

Boston — (NC) — The maelstrom of voters which swept Massachusetts in the elections, smashed the hopes of those who sought to write into Massachusetts law the so-called Birth Control bill. The measure was beaten by the wide margin of more than 200,000 votes — 896,597 against, to only 695,832 for the bill.

THE BILL was first proposed by leaders in clubs and non-Catholic religious groups, including Bishop Norman B. Nash, a prominent Episcopal. The measure was beaten in the State Legislature, after which its proponents went through the State lecturing and collecting more than 80,000 signatures for the new legislation which was placed on the ballot.

Sermons were preached from every Catholic Church pulpit the Sunday preceding the election, on "Give unto the God the things that are of God and to Caesar the things that are Caesar's" and without any reference to party or candidate, stressed that Catholics should turn up at the polls in large numbers. They did.

Scranton Bishop Orders Group Quit State Body

Scranton, Pa. — (RNS) — Bishop William J. Hickey of Scranton has ordered the diocesan Catholic Charities group to withdraw from the Pennsylvania Welfare Conference, scheduled to convene here Nov. 3, because the League for Planned Parenthood is expected to be represented at the sessions.

A protest to the board of directors of the conference brought the reply that it must maintain "the Planned Parenthood fight to free speech, just as it would the Catholic Charities' right to free speech."

The Catholic Light, official organ of the Scranton diocese, said in reply: "Passing over the impropriety of the comparison, this is somewhat similar to giving subversive organizations the same right for the same reason, when that free speech would be used for the destruction of our country."

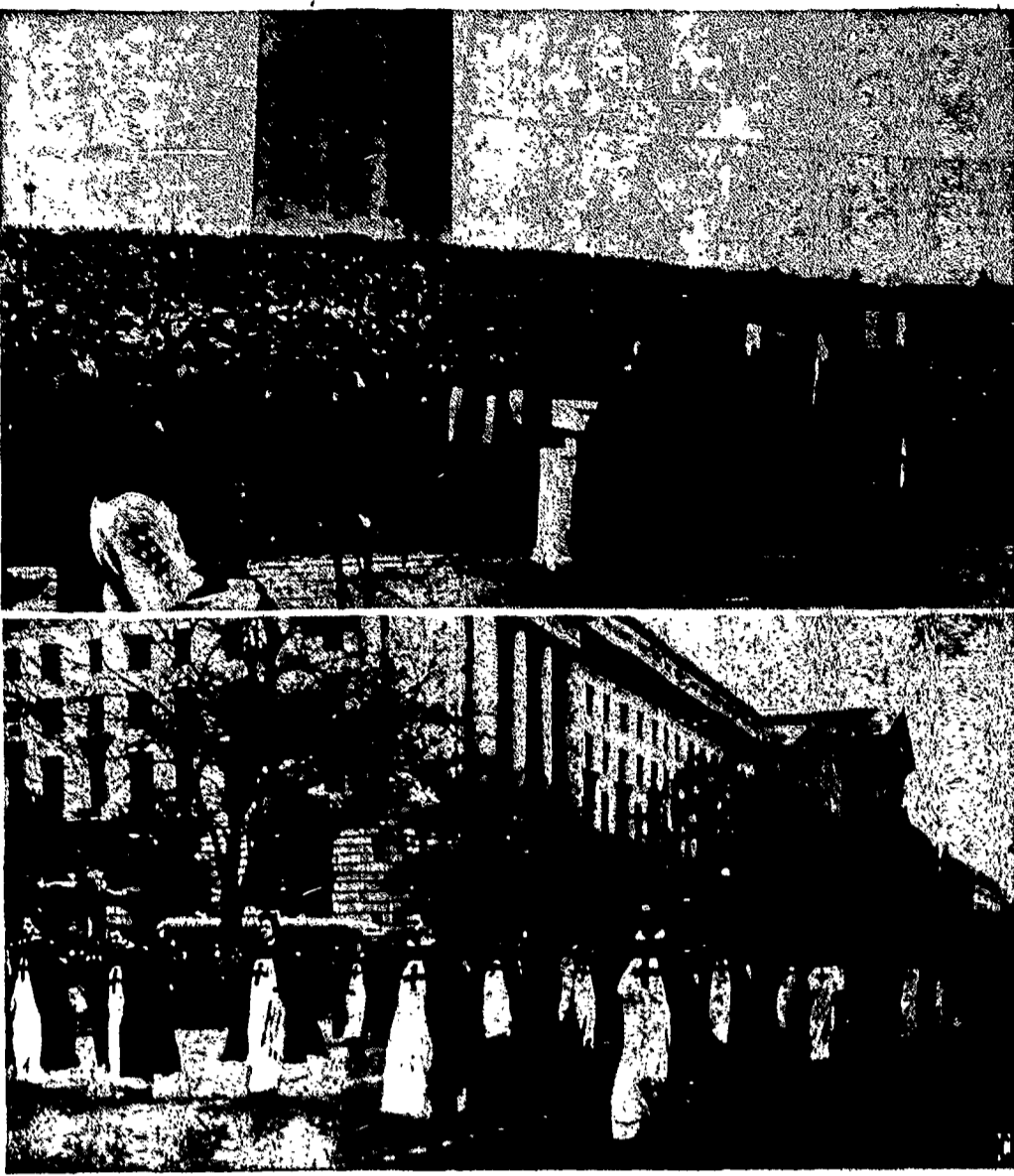
Planned Parenthood Candidate Defeated

Hartford, Conn. — (RNS) — Republicans of the 20th District in this state feel that the reelection of Mrs. Alice V. Rowland of Ridgefield, to the State Senate may partially be credited to the Roman Catholic clergy in that district.

MRS. ROWLAND was named for her fourth consecutive Senate term after Catholic priests warned their congregations that to vote for a candidate who would support birth control legislation "will be a violation of the natural moral law which the Catholic Church and Catholics as individuals are duty bound to uphold."

This warning came after the Planned Parenthood League of Connecticut mailed out post cards urging Republicans not to cast their ballots for Mrs. Rowland, but to cast their ballots for Mrs. Minna Geddes of Brookfield. The cards said Mrs. Geddes would support birth control legislation if elected.

Holy Name Men Honor The King



Typical demonstrations in dioceses through the United States, members of the Archdiocesan Holy Name Union of Washington, observed the Feast of Christ the King in a monster parade and demonstration of faith. Pictured are members of religious orders marching through the streets of the nation's capital and Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle addressing the huge crowd of men at the Washington National Monument grounds. (NC Photos)

Arrest of Hungarian Priests Continues Under Red Regime

Budapest — (NC) — Arrests and prosecutions are continuing against Hungarian priests who warned the faithful of the effects of confiscation of all the country's Catholic schools by the communist-dominated government. Many of the priests are being given stiff prison sentences by the "people's courts" on the premise that their opposition to the confiscation of the schools constituted an incitement against the "democratic" order of the state.

FIVE MORE priests are definitely known to have fallen victims within recent days to the communist government's ruthless determination to blot out all opposition to its program.

The Rev. Stephen Vida, parish priest at Bata, has been sentenced to three months in prison and a year's loss of civil rights for his opposition in sermons to the government's confiscation decree. Confessional advice has been made the basis of an indictment against the Rev. Emery Szente, pastor at Tordas in the Szekesfehervar diocese.

Indictments have also been made against two priests of the Vac diocese, the Revs. John Czokovszky and Francis Vari for the opposition they expressed against the nationalization of schools.

Abbot Michael Csernus of Derecke in the diocese of Nagyvarad, has again been charged with "anti-democratic" conduct by the communist regime. He had previously been sentenced to one year and three months in prison by the regime on a similar charge.

Barred From Buses Baltimore, Md. — (RNS) — A Protestant-supported measure barring parochial school children from riding in Calvert County buses was approved by a vote of 2,046 to 739, according to complete returns from that county.

Tokyo Church Converts 300

Tokyo — (NC) — Twenty years have elapsed since the basement of a new church was built in the Koenji sector of Tokyo, and for these two decades worshippers have attended Mass there in what they call their "catacombs." But the parish is getting out of the catacombs now — both spiritually and physically.

Including those baptized at two schools conducted for boys and girls by the Salesian Fathers and the Mercedarian Sisters, the parish had 300 converts last year, bringing the total (Catholic population up to 1,400 so they have just about grown out of the catacombs physically, too. To remedy the situation, a wooden building will be erected on the old foundation so that the entire basement may be turned over to the schools.

Holy Father Greet French Boxer Cerdan

Paris (NC) — The Catholic writer Maurice Brillant, in an article in the newspaper Epoque, has noted the varied interests of His Holiness Pope Pius XII by stating that he recently received several French orchestra conductors and other musicians and that he had the works of Stravinsky played for him.

Sport also has its place in his receptions, one having been for the Italian bicycle champion Bartali. Marcel Cerdan the French boxer, was presented to the Holy Father a short time before the match in the United States in which he won the world middle weight championship. Brillant said.

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