Philippine Regime:

Orders Masonic Book For Schools

By JESS PAREDES

Manila — (NC) — President Elpidio Quirino of the Philippines and his cabinet have approved a ruling which places a Masonic book on the list of required reading in all public high schools. The approval was granted in spite of a joint, strongly worded statement by the entire Philippine Catholic Hierarchy, protesting against the action. The book is entitled, "The Pride Of The Malay Race," and was written by the late Rafael Palma.

The book, which is a biography of the Philippine national hero, Jose Rizal, presents a thesis that Rizal died a Mason and ridicules as a forgery the document of retraction existing in the archives of the Manila archdiocese.

THE AUTHOR is an unretracted Mason and wrote the original manuscript in Spanish for a contest by the Philippine Commonwealth before the war. The present edition, of which 10,000 copies were printed by Prentiss Hall, New York, at a cost of $17,000 to the Philippine Government is a literal translation by Philippine Supreme Court Justice Roman Ozaeta.

The text of the statement released by Archbishop Gabriel M. Reyes of Manila and by all members of the Philippine Hierarchy contained two major objections: the imposition as compulsory reading of an anti-Catholic book by all public high school students, most of whom are Catholic, and the use of public moneys for its printing.

THE STATEMENT made it clear that the Bishops were not asking the government to place a ban on the printing of the book by a private publisher nor to the selling of the book through privately owned book shops.

Referring to Dr. Rizal as a great national hero, who gave his life for his country and was an inspiration to the youth of the nation, the statement says that definite, unimpeachable proof is available that Dr. Rizal re-entered the Church shortly before he died.

The statement continued: "In retracing his past religious errors, Dr. Rizal did not thereby necessarily retract his political and social ideas, which referred to the freedom and to the greatness of his country. The retraction of his religious errors, therefore, did not diminish his stature as a great patriot; on the contrary, it increased that stature to greatness because in the final analysis, it meant going back to the Faith and the ideals of his fathers, in a word, to the Faith of his own people.

"WE CANNOT but denounce Dr. Palma's book as a piece of anti-Catholic propaganda, and this is confirmed by the fact that the greatest interest in making this book a required reading by high school students, at the expense of the taxpayers, has been shown by Masonic and anti-Catholic elements."

This case is looked upon by discerning Catholic observers in the Philippines as a symptom of the attempt of Masonic elements in Philippine officialdom to reassert their pre-war influence upon the education of Catholic public school children.

The growth of Masonry in the Philippines received impetus during the American regime. Key positions open to Filipino participation were quickly awarded to Masons. Even the late President Quezon was a Mason during his rise to government leadership. It was not until a few years before his death that he retracted.

Germany Pleads For Sisters' Vocations

Munich — (NC) — There is an immediate need of at least 25,000 Sisters in Germany today, according to a Bavarian clergy newspaper. Some 280 institutions operating under the auspices of Catholic charities had to be closed down in recent years, due to the shortage of new vocations.

The statement is of particular importance in view of the requests constantly received from religious Orders in the United States which would like to obtain Sisters from Germany. Few of these requests can be met in view of the needs prevailing in Germany itself which must be given preference.

Four Priest Sons - - - All Franciscans

Mrs. Terrance Colloty of San Francisco, with her four priest sons, all Franciscans, following the first solemn Mass of Rev. Philip H. Colloty, recently ordained. He was assisted at the Mass, sung in Holy Name Church, San Francisco, by his three brothers. Left to right: Rev. Coleman Colloty, Phoenix, Ariz.; Rev. Aidan Colloty, St. Boniface Church, San Francisco; Rev. Ronald Colloty, principal, St. Mary's High School, Phoenix; Rev. Philip Colloty, newly-ordained and Mrs. Colloty, mother. (NC Photo)

Reds Curb Processions

Warsaw — (NC) — A decree issued by the communist regime here makes it necessary to get the consent of the authorities for all outdoor religious processions, with the exception of Corpus Christi processions. The decree was issued by Wadyslav Wolski, communist Minister of Public Administration, and became effective at the beginning of the new year.

Applications for religious processions must be filed with the security police three days in advance of the event, the decree rules. The police may permit or prohibit the processions at their discretion, it adds.

In announcing the decree the communist press attacked the clergy for spreading "superstition and medieval backwardness."

Train Pupils in Safety

Boston — (NC) — Pupils in the Catholic schools of Boston will soon attend classes in Science, Health and Safety Education.

Psychiatry Proves Religion Right, Says Msgr. Sheen

Bayonne, N. J. — (RNS) — Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen declared here that psychiatry "merely proves how right theology and religion always were."

The Roman Catholic orator and faculty member at the Catholic University of America spoke on "Psychiatry and Religion" to open a lecture series sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

He originally planned to speak on "Saints and Revolutionists," he said, but changed his subject because "it has been suggested that within the next 20 years one of every 20 persons in this country will be under psychiatric treatment.

Msgr. Sheen asserted that millions of people are suffering today because their sins are not forgiven and that psychiatrists who deny moral guilt cannot help them.

"Dr. Carl Jung, who certainly could not be said to be prejudiced in favor of religion, stated that he treated Protestants, Jews and five or six Catholics and that he never had a case in which the patient would not have been all right if he had had a religious faith," Msgr. Sheen said.

"And he added that he never cured a patient until he acquired a religious faith."

Holy Name Talks Win New Converts

Dayton, Ky. — (NC) — With regard to the old adage that "If you bring a soul to God you'll save your own soul," the little church of St. Bernard here ought to be near the top of the list. During the year 1940 alone, 34 converts embraced Catholicism in the church. Credit for the many converts goes to the church's pastor, Rev. Hubert Schmitz, its assistant, Rev. Ralph W. Betting, and the Holy Name Society. For years the Society has been sponsoring series of talks to non-Catholics, explaining Catholic beliefs.

Columnist Tells U. S. Preachers To Leave Italy

Houston — (NC) — Observing that "there is enough work in the salvation line to be done in Texas to keep all native missionaries busy here, instead of in Italy," Carl Victor Little, columnist in the Houston Press, has expressed the hope that the State Department would return home the group of American Protestant missionaries, including 11 Texans, who have complained that they were ill treated by the people in some Italian villages.

Mr. Little is a Baptist.

"These missionaries," Mr. Little stated, "supported by money raised in Texas, have been preaching to someone else in the Italian hinterland that have been Catholic since the dawn of Christianity, that their conception of the One God is the only true one."

"We wonder what these Texans who were missionarying in Italy expected the plain, uneducated people to whom they are presuming to do, serve them spaghetti and give them a Baptist?" Mr. Little asked. "These innocents abroad, the Texans, go right into the back yard of the Pagans and denounce the Vatican and all its works. Then they cry and protest to the State Department, because the peasants greeted them with a shower of missiles, according to a dispatch, there were no injuries, except, perhaps to their delicate feelings.

"We wonder what would happen if a group of Italian missionaries from Rome would come to some residence of Texas and tell us Protestants that we have been taking through our theological but and that ours is not the only true belief, after all?" Mr. Little continued. "A shower of stones would more than likely be the punishment that these hypothetical Italian missionaries would receive for their trouble in trying to save the heathen of Texas."

Blessed Gianelli

Rome — (NC) — The Sacred Congregation of Rites held a preparatory meeting here to discuss miracles attributed to the intercession of Blessed Antonio Maria Gianelli, who was Bishop of Bobbio whose cause for canonization is being considered.

Waldensian Says:

Protestants In Italy Enjoy Legal Rights

By REV. JOSEPH J. SULLIVAN

Rome — (NC) — Protestants in Italy have the same legal standing as Catholics, Dr. Guido Comba, moderator or treasurer of the Waldensian Church of Italy, told this correspondent. He said the Waldensians form the largest non-Catholic body in Italy.

"Our Church has never been molested in any of its charitable activities," Dr. Comba said. "All the institutions owned and conducted by the Waldensian Church can do their work without interference by anybody."

CONTROVERSY ABOUT Protestants in Italy rose from reports that the populace at Civitavecchia, site of the papal summer villa, threw stones at the "Church of Christ" missionaries as they tried to enter that town. The missionaries said they had been greeted with manifestations of ill will from other towns in the area.

Dr. Comba's statement was significant in view of charges printed here that demonstrations by local populaces against American, non-Catholic representatives are part of "a real plan of persecution inspired by the Catholic Church." The charges were given prominence in the communist press here and were attributed to Pastor James Wood of Brownfield, Texas, and a member of the "Church of Christ" whose missionaries in Italy have met with ill will from the populace.

DR. COMBA STATED that there are some 300 Waldensian pastors in Italy who are doing their regular work without interference. As a general rule the pastors experience no interference in their church services or in any other activities. There have been occasional reports of pastors meeting resistance from people in the smallest towns, he said.

"From the legal point of view Waldensians have the same rights and same footing as Roman Catholics," the Waldensian official stated. He pointed out that many of their members were high government officials and magistrates.

"There are 17 Waldensian institutions in Italy: five orphanages, four homes for the aged, two hospitals, two refugees, two hostels for boys, an industrial home and a home for invalids.

"Italy's population of 45 million is considered more than 90

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