

Protestants Plan Churches In Italy Towns

Rome (NC) — Protestant groups have requested permission from the Italian government for construction of two churches, it has been learned here. One would be located at Nizza Monferrato in the Piedmont region and the other at Montecatini in Tuscany.

Reports from these areas say that the number of Protestants in both localities is very small. Present Italian legislation requires an appreciable large number of adherents before the opening of a church for religious worship is permitted.

Criticism was voiced of the method of evangelizing used by some Protestant missionaries, that it is often aggressively anti-Catholic and uses slander to ridicule the Church's doctrine.

Presbyterians Incite Mexican Townfolk

Chicago, Mexico (NC) — The parish priest at Tixtla saved a Presbyterian from being beaten by a mob during a turmoil which developed in that town several weeks ago at the time of a convention of the sect called the Presbytery of the Pacific. Protestant sources charged that Catholic priests were the instigators of the incident.

In what is considered here as an impudent move, the Presbyterians started by circulating among parishioners as these were leaving the church, invitations to a meeting of that sect featuring the Lord's Supper.

When convention speakers hurled accusations upon the Catholic Church, a group of townfolk invaded the place. About 100 masked men, armed with sticks and machetes, cut electric wires, and started to disperse the attending delegates.

When the priest came in person to appease the populace he found standing high on the wall a member of the sect; pale with fear. When he invited the man to come down assuring him of his safety, the rescued man succumbed, but instead of thanking the priest broke out with insults against the priesthood.

THEY DISCUSS PIPE OF PEACE



Pastor of the largest Catholic church in Lithuania when he was arrested by the Reds in 1941, the Rev. Ramon C. Klumbia, Chicago-born priest, again becomes pastor of a full-fledged church. Featured on the occasion of the dedication of the newly-completed Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Palm Springs, Calif., Father Klumbia is shown inspecting an Indian pipe of peace, with Chief Strongheart of the Chippewa tribe and Chief Lightning of the Winnebago. The chiefs were among a throng of their fellow tribesmen who attended dedication ceremonies.

Courage Of Bishop Killed By Communists Revealed

Madrid, Spain (NC) — The ecclesiastical tribunal in the beatification cause of Bishop Anselmo Polanco Fontecha of Teruel, has begun its hearings here, with Bishop Leopoldo Eljo Garay of Madrid, president.

Bishop Polanco Fontecha was put to death by the Marxists on February 7, 1939 at Geroza, Spain.

The Rev. Filiberto Diez Pardo, magistral canon of the Cathedral of Toledo, one of the witnesses who will testify, told of a conversation he had with the Bishop shortly before he was murdered.

"IT WAS IN Buñavilata de Vaidavia, province of Valencia," Father Diez Pardo said, "and I remember exactly the date: August 28, 1937, feast of St. Augustine. I still see before me the amiable Bishop Polanco Fontecha in his ancestral home,

QUEBEC BISHOPS URGE:

Teamwork Between Workers, Employers

Quebec (NC) — A call for the restoration of Christian values in industry has been issued by the hierarchy of the Province of Quebec. Teamwork by the workers, employers, professional men, members of government and the clergy, both spiritually and socially will accomplish this, the heads of 25 archdioceses and dioceses have declared.

ANKING ALL residents of Quebec to show generosity, courage and a Christian spirit in the efforts the Bishops laid down these guidelines for the overhaul of industrial life.

First, religion is the indispensable basis inspiring virtue, strength and cooperation.

Next, family values must be placed in the forefront—practical consideration must be given to matters pertaining to salary, housing, education, social security and leisure.

The dignity and place of work in the Christian plan must be stressed. A real pride in the individual job must be instilled in the worker.

WORKERS MUST organize. "This renewal movement" supposes the convergence of two simultaneous actions, one in the religious order and the other in the temporal order. The workers pursue this double action by uniting themselves in groups of Catholic Action and in professional, economic and social organizations.

Like the workers, the employers also have the right and duty to unite in professional organizations. About employers, the Bishops said in part: "Respect of private property, establishment of a good market for their commodities, relations inspired by justice and charity towards their employees, their clients, and labor organizations, their participation in the progress of the national associations, in a word their faithfulness to their mission."

"I KNOW IT," he replied. "However, do you think it right for me to abandon my sheep in these circumstances only because the wolf is marauding around?"

"Other worthy prelates have temporarily transferred their sees," I dared to insist.

"They, surely must have reasons that I do not have."

"BUT BISHOP, valor and heroism are one thing and temerity another."

"If this were so," the prelate concluded, "no one would remain in the trenches nor on the battle fields. My trench and sheep fold are none other than Teruel, God and Spain wish it so."

NEGRO CATHOLICS STORY



In St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans, Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel confers Papal honor, "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice," on Prof. Vlejo Labat, of Xavier University, second Negro to win award in the United States. The photo is one of 128 taken in preparation for story of "Negro Catholics in the Archdiocese of New Orleans," which appears in April issue of the picture magazine, "Our World." The photos are on exhibit in the library of Xavier University, New Orleans. (NC Photos)

Cardinal Spellman's Double 'Crashes Gate' In Rome

Church Point, La. (NC) — Back home from a Holy Year trip to Rome, Msgr. Gas. A. Bienvenu, pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church here has a new store of stories about the great albeit unwitting impersonation he carries on continually. It seems that His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, that even some of his own parishioners make the mistake

"EVERYWHERE WE went in Europe," the Monsignor related in New York. He and his companions landed at L'Algarida Airport and were met by a delegation of New York newspapermen who kept shouting "It's Cardinal Spellman! It's Cardinal Spellman!" as he descended from the plane.

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Quebec Archdiocese. Quebec (NC) — Out of a total population of 82,000 persons, living within the Archdiocese of Quebec, there are 82,000 Catholics. They include 40,000 French speaking and 42,000 English speaking Catholics.

New Jersey Bible Case Seen Vital

Washington (NC) — Watch a New Jersey public school Bible reading case for the most important court decision on religious status in the United States. It is the case of the National Catholic Welfare Conference against the State of New Jersey.

The coming trial in this case will be fought before the New Jersey Supreme Court. There is a possibility that the case will go before the highest court in Washington according to Mr. Reed.

WHEN THAT happens the points of the New Jersey Supreme Court will have to clarify its Medium case decision of 1948 in which it made the sweeping statement that government cannot aid one religion or all religions. The Medium decision outlawed religious instruction classes on public school property.

The law in dispute in New Jersey provides that public school teachers shall read, without comment, five verses from the Old Testament each day of the school year. Any child may be dismissed from these Bible reading exercises, however, on submission of a parental request.

THE PARENTS who brought suit against the Borough of Hawthorne, New Jersey did not ask that their children be exempted from the exercises but claimed that the State law violates the First and 14th Amendments to the Federal Constitution as interpreted in the Mitzman decision in Lake Mead, Wash. Methodist of Chattanooga, Tenn. who fought the religious education program, lost their case in the local court, but are continuing their fight.

The parents argue that the compulsory school attendance laws of the State are used to recruit listeners to the Bible and that such government facilities are being used to aid religion.

"Obviously, this argument, if successful, will affect the whole practice of Bible reading, a practice which is very widespread," Mr. Reed declares.

Doctor Witnesses Nun's Beatification

Huesca, Spain (NC) — Dr. Jose Maria Gomez Irujo, who was present after praying to Blessed Virginia Maria Lopez Vicuna attended her beatification process.

In Gomez Irujo's contracted illness from malaria had been cured by her experiments. A relic of Mother Lopez Vicuna was placed in the hospital and was used to cure other patients.

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