

# Hungarian Monks And Nuns Made 'Second-Class' Citizens By Red Rulers

## Missioners In Red China Hold Posts

ROME (NC) — Catholic missionaries in Red China have established an impressive record, 14,000 of them — almost full strength — having remained with their flocks, says Monsignor Gilligan, secretary to the Apostolic Intersubstitutary in China, said in a sermon here.

Giving his reasons for their indomitable loyalty to their flocks in Red China, Monsignor Gilligan said the Catholic missionary gives up his native land to adopt the land and people of the people to whom he ministers. On this basis, he said, he will not desert his people in time of trouble — a part of the age-old Catholic tradition and its discipline.

"THERE ARE almost 14,000 Catholic missionaries in China today," Monsignor Gilligan said. "This figure includes priests, brothers and sisters, Chinese and foreign. This body of missionaries is spread from Manchuria to Hainan. This is indeed a fine record, a record that is unmatched. The Catholic missionaries have remained at their posts at almost full strength.

"Why have these 14,000 missionaries remained in China? There is a temptation to answer this question by denying all the fine things which are made about these missionaries. I prefer here just to affirm positively, in simple and plain language, the principal reasons why our missionaries remained at their posts.

"They did so, first, because of their sincere friendship for the Chinese people. The missionary can never be a merely foreign missionary. He is not an ordinary foreigner, but he is one who gives up his native land and home and adopts the land and the people of the people to whom he ministers.

"THE SECOND reason why our Catholic missionaries remained in that this is a part of the age-old Catholic tradition. The Church takes the spiritual life of man very seriously. From century to century, in peace and in war, she has affirmed the primary importance of the spiritual man as against the animal man, the economic man or the political man. No matter what exterior circumstances prevail in human society, the Church will continue her mission to souls.

"The third reason might be attributed to the discipline and organization of the Catholic Church. The Church has no police force, no armies, no bombs of any kind. But the Church does command free obedience and the Church does have a recognized leader. We are witnessing in China today a magnificent example of how this serene and fruitful discipline and organization carries on in time of crisis, in obedience, patience, in hope."

## General Collins Honored



At the University of Notre Dame Commencement exercises, the Very Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, O.S.A., President, formally confers the 1949 Astaire Medal upon General J. Lawton Collins, Chief of Staff of the United States Army. The medal is awarded annually to the outstanding American Catholic layman.

## Religious Tell Plight Under Communists

ROME (NC) — The Hungarian communist authorities stand charged with "treating religious as second-class citizens, robbing them of their houses and possessions and isolating them from the people as though they were 'bearers of contagion'."

"The charges were made in a memorandum addressed to top Red officials by 45 of the country's highest ranking superiors of men and women's religious communities. Heading the list of signatories was Abbot Paul Sarkozy, O.S.B. of the Pannonhalmi Abbey. The memorandum was drawn up several weeks ago. The text has just now been received here.

"IN A SOBER, restrained manner the monks and nuns set down the many blows they have suffered from the regime. They asked redress on two counts, the constitutional guarantee of religious freedom and their long record of self-sacrificing service to the people.

"The very concept of religious freedom, the monks and nuns told the Red authorities, includes the freedom to live the life of a religious, 'which is only the intensified practice of religion.' It also means that one should not be lowered to a 'second-class citizen merely because he is a religious.'

"Religious freedom, therefore, means," the memorandum continued, "freedom to carry on those activities which are proper to religious, conducting missions and retreats, the spiritual care of the faithful and of youth, ownership and unhampered use, within the limits of the law of religious houses, chapels, retreat houses, cultural institutions, printing establishments, book stores and stores for the sale of religious articles."

"THESE RIGHTS were respected 'until the most recent times.' The religious stated. But now some local authorities are frequently isolating us from the elementary contact with youth as though we were bearers of contagion and in a manner which strikes a blow at our basic human dignity," they added.

"We are often reduced to living as though in a ghetto in our own homes, or are forced to abandon them altogether," the monks and nuns stated.

"Through an insupportable interpretation of the law nationalizing schools, we have been deprived of courtyards, gardens, small orchards, furniture, furnishings and domestic goods, even the houses of disordered religious which have no connection with schools or colleges.

"In numerous places we have been stripped of our chapels, retreat houses, cultural institutes and printing establishments. We have been impeded in our work of giving missions and retreats and leading pilgrimages.

"At every step we have been blocked from contacting the faithful for such purely religious reasons as pastoral care or visiting the sick. Our schools of theology and novitiates have been confiscated.

"Nursing Sisters have been dismissed from hospitals in great numbers. This despite pleas of the doctors and the sick to the contrary. Furthermore, through offers of special rewards, pressure is put on religious to abandon their vows."

"We ask legal redress before a court because we are faithful to the principles of Christian morality prescribing respect for law and legal authorities. We are all for the people and we desire to serve the people in poverty and simplicity."

## Church Restoration Grants Sought

PARIS (RNS) — The French Assembly has approved a motion asking the government, to in the next year grants for the restoration of churches of all denominations. This year's budget appropriation for church restoration is the equivalent of \$30,000.

## HEARING CONSERVATION



As part of a Hearing Conservation Program for the nation's Catholic Schools, a six week's Institute for the Preparation of Teachers for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, gets underway at Catholic University, June 26, under the direction of Rev. Dr. Francis T. Williams, C.S.V. In this photo, taken at a recent convention, Father Williams demonstrates a new auditory training unit, with Sister M. Vincentine, of St. Elizabeth's School, Selma, Ala.; Mary V. Gibbons, Minneapolis; Sister M. Laurentia, Selma, Ala. (NC Photos)

## American Nun Heads New Japan College

Yokosuka, Japan (NC) — Seisen (Atoning) University for Girls in Yokosuka was formally inaugurated with appropriate ceremonies at which the speakers included Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida, Dr. Kotaro Tanaka, Chief Justice of Japan, Dr. Teiyu Amano, Minister of Education, Rear Admiral Benton W. Decker, U.S.N. Chief of Yokosuka Naval Base, two Bishops and two nuns. The university is directed by the Religious of the Sacred Heart.

President of the new University is Mother Clare Marlon-Crawford, daughter of the well known writer, Francis Marion Crawford.

FOR ADMIRAL Decker, whose help and guidance the establishment of the university was largely due, the ceremony was somewhat a farewell party. He retired from active duty yesterday. Visibly moved, the Admiral expressed the hope that God would continue to bless the great work the nuns had undertaken. Principal speaker of the day was Chief Justice Tanaka. He served formerly as dean of Law at the Tokyo Imperial University and was Minister of Education.

IN ANOTHER address, Prime Minister recalled how it came in contact with the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart in Rome and had befriended them on their arrival in Japan.

The Congregation of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart was established in Spain in 1878 and has been active in Japan since 1934. It now has 71 members in this country of whom 3 are Japanese, 30 Spanish, 20 Argentinians (including the Superior), one Italian and one American. Mother Clare, in addition to their new university, the nuns conduct an elementary middle and high school in Yokosuka, a parochial school in Katakura, a middle and high school in Nagano and a kindergarten. Tokyo Total enrollment in departments of the Yokosuka school is 1234.

## Texas Prohibits Free Bus Rides To Parochial Schools

AUSTIN, TEX. (RNS) — Use of state funds for the transportation of parochial school students, faculty and staff members has been banned by the State Board of Education.

The board adopted unanimously a resolution which cited the state constitution and a ruling of the state attorney general prohibiting transportation for other than pupils and employees of the public schools.

THE BOARD announced that state funds would be withheld from school districts found to be transporting other than public school students and personnel. Discussion of the resolution took place in a closed doors session with the board acting as a committee of the whole. When the session was opened the resolution was adopted unanimously without further discussion.

The board's action is expected to affect mainly the South Texas area where two-thirds of the state's Catholic population estimated at 1,500,000 resides.

## Near East Missions

Francis Cardinal Spellman, President  
Mgr. Thomas J. McManis, Nat'l Sec'y  
Rev. Wm. Xavier Dunn  
Rev. Andrew M. Rogosa  
Rev. Joseph F. Connolly

### City of Churches

No. not Brooklyn. We mean Gerash in Transjordan. Archbishop Assaf writes of this town: "Gerash is a city of beautiful ruins. One can count the remains of about 10 ancient churches. Our church, dedicated to the honor of St. Joseph, threatens to become shortly just another ruin unless it is repaired." Since it is the only church in the town and since replacement would be a financial impossibility, if the structure had to be abandoned, the Archbishop appeals for \$1,000 to make the necessary saving repairs. Will any of the kind friends of St. Joseph help save his church from becoming a beautiful ruin?

**FLAME OF LOVE**  
The soft, dancing finger of light in the sanctuary lamp before the Blessed Sacrament is a flame of love. It is an eloquent reminder of the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for men. It is a plaintive appeal to the love of men for the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We're trying to furnish the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal at Trivandrum in India. An attractive Sanctuary lamp can be supplied for \$50. It would be your flame of love, burning throughout the day and year.

**THE CONQUEROR**  
Alexander the Great wept because he had no more worlds to conquer. Another Alexander, a seminarian, is not weeping for lack of world to conquer. He aspires to conquer his little piece of the world for Christ. But there is danger of tears. He must first conquer the inevitable problem of support during his seminary years. He's through the first year. Five to go means \$500. Would you care to adopt the priest of tomorrow?

**MY HOME TOWN**  
That's what every Christian can call Nazareth. It is the home town of Christ Our Brother. It has become the home town for several hundred Moslem refugees from nearby towns during the last two years. The Salesian Fathers there have given eloquent voice to the spirit of Charity one should expect in Christ's home town. They have taken in the children and given them good training in the trades. But they need help. \$10 will greatly help this program of Charity in Christ's Home town.

**ORIENTAL ROSES**  
Two novices, Rose by name, growing in sanctity in the warm sun of God's grace. They're Basilian Sisters who will one day go out to work among their people in the Near East. But before they go out to work they must finish their novitiate, a matter of two years and \$300 each. They have the time, but not the money. We'd like to help these two Roses.

**SHEPHERDS HOTEL**  
No, not the famous tourist spot in Cairo, but a little school of Children. The Christian Brothers opened St. Joseph's School on March 19. About 110 kids all pathetically poor, poured in 80 shepherd boys from the surrounding area planted themselves with natives and friends in town to attend school. About 10 more hike 4 or five miles each way to school every day. The Brothers need some help to maintain this Shepherds Hotel. \$5 is a lot to them.

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**OPERATION RECOVERY**  
The Refugee program for the Summer might be so named. A "camp" plan calls for taking the needier refugee children out of the camp they've been living in during the year and using seminaries, school etc. unoccupied during the Summer, as "camps" where the children can recover their health, and even more importantly, some experience of normal, decent living. \$15 will send a child to "camp."

Send all communications to:  
**Catholic Near East Welfare Association**  
480 Lexington Ave., at 46th St. New York 17, N.Y.

## Erection Of New Dioceses In Africa Marks Progress

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Indication of the great progress the Church is making in Africa is seen here with the announcement of the establishment of a number of new sees on that continent.

By a decree of the Sacred Congregation "De Propaganda Fide" published here, His Holiness Pope Pius XII has established the hierarchy in the mission territories of British West Africa and the British mandate Cameroon and Togo.

ACCORDING TO the decree three ecclesiastical provinces will be set up. The first, in Eastern Nigeria, will comprise the Archdiocese of Onitsha with suffragan sees at Owerri, Calabar and Umuahia, the latter in Cameroon.

The second will embrace the Gold Coast with the Archdiocese of Accra, Kumasi, Tamale and Keta, the latter in Togo.

The third, in Western Nigeria, will be made up of the Archdiocese of Lagos and the suffragan sees of Ondo and Benin City. Furthermore erected in Sierra Leone are the Dioceses of Freetown and Bo which will be immediately subject to the Holy See.

ALL THE NEW archdioceses and dioceses hitherto have been Vicariates. In some cases the names have been changed. The new sees remain under jurisdiction of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith as were the Vicariates.

They also remain entrusted to same Mission Societies that administered the Vicariates. The total number of Catholics in the areas affected is given as 662,338. The number of catechisms is given as 380,086.

## Total Abstinence Group Sets Meeting

PHILADELPHIA (NC) — At the invitation of His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, the 77th annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America will be held in New York from August 11 to 13. It has been announced by the Rev. John W. Keough, union president.

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