

Jesuits' Ateneo Supports Priest Aiding Philippine Airline Strike

Manila — (NC) — Attacks upon a priest who has supported the Philippine Airlines strike since May, have led to the formation of a memorandum by the Ateneo de Manila in support of the priest's cause.

The Rev. Father Hogan, S.J., Director of the Institute of Social Studies and a faculty member at the Ateneo de Manila, has been the target of the attacks. In its memorandum the Ateneo administration said it "is pleased to have Father Hogan on its faculty, and to support his work and approval of his position because it is his belief that it is the doctrine of the Catholic Church."

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tion of Father Hogan is but treated by only one argument—that the arena for activity of a Catholic priest is his church or his school and no more.

A REPLY to this line of reasoning was given earlier in the strike controversy by Archbishop Egidio Vignozzi, the Apostolic Delegate. Several company spokesmen contacted the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Gabriel M. Reyes of Manila, and the Very Rev. Leo A. Cullum, S.J., Father Hogan's religious superior. One of these persons told the Delegate that the Church was in no way involved in the dispute. His Excellency replied: "If there is a moral issue involved, then the Church is certainly concerned in the matter."

Father Hogan backed the strikers from the first day of the strike. After Col. Andres Soriano, who controls the Philippine Airlines, started a speech urging the workers to go back to their jobs, Father Hogan took his place at the head of the picket line. When the airline head, Frank J. Kelly, attacked the picket line, Father Hogan urged the strikers to continue picketing.

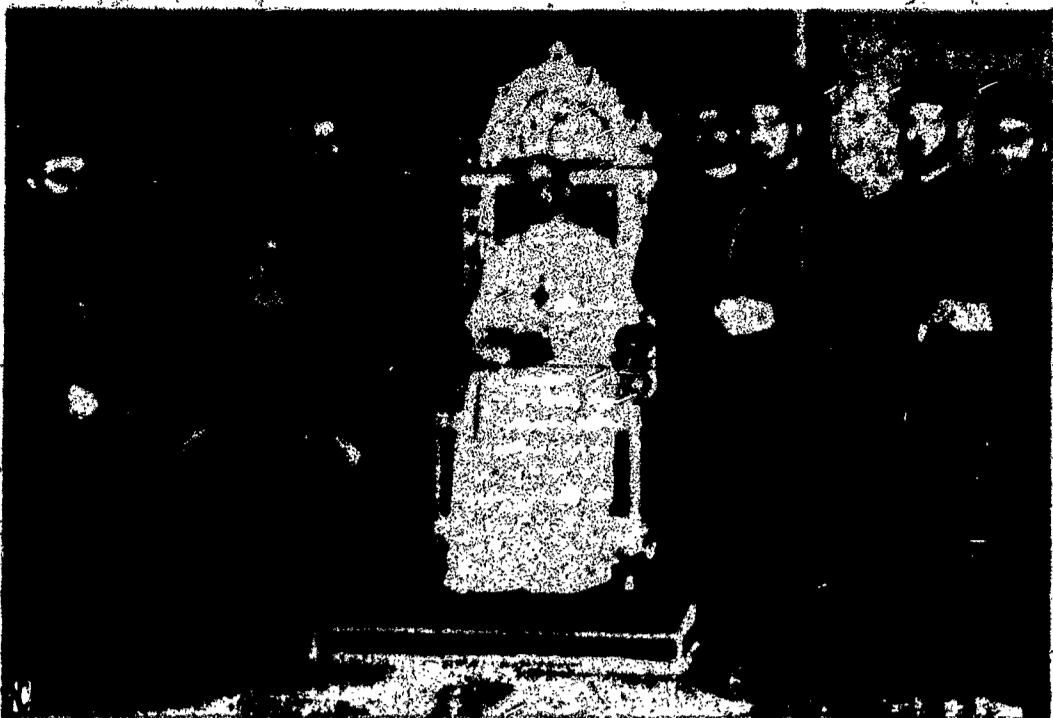
until their four leaders were rehired.

COL. SORIANO complained to Philippine Labor Secretary Lovina, whose son works for the airline. Secretary Lovina responded by calling Father Hogan "an undesirable alien and a mere agitator."

One result of the long-continuing Philippine Airlines dispute has been formation of a Federation of Free Workers, a major labor organization patterned after the United States' CIO and A. F. of L. Its eighth basic principle is: "The Free Workers acknowledge God as the Father of all men and each man as our brother."

New developments in the strike situation include a snowballing boycott of Soriano products by members of the National Labor Union. This action, based immediately on the airline strike, was also motivated by dismissal of 15 National Labor Union members from the Soriano-managed San Miguel Brewery for union activity. In another development college graduates have joined the airline picket line.

Holy Father Receives Coptic Patriarch



His Holiness Pope Pius XII receives in audience the Coptic Patriarch of Alexandria, Mark II Khounza, and members of his hierarchy and clergy. Oriental Patriarchs are accorded the privilege of sitting in the Holy Father's presence. (NC Photos)

Indiana Women Form School For Mentally-Ill Children

South Bend — (NC) — Everybody said it could not be done. Now even the most skeptical admit they were wrong. They did not know that love, devotion and self-sacrifice can accomplish the seemingly impossible.

It is the story of 20 mentally retarded children—children forgotten and neglected by their parents, some given up by psychiatrists as entirely hopeless cases, youngsters rejected by schools and who never have played with other children. Mothers treated them as helpless infants who needed their constant care.

That was five weeks ago. Today they are happy because they have a place where they meet together for instruction and directed play provided by a group of selfless women who have taken them into their hearts solely "for the love of God."

Mrs. C. Robert Egry is the inspiration behind the movement. It was she who conceived the plan to teach these unfortunate children enough religion to enable them to receive their first Communion.

Together we worked, quietly, to enlist the cooperation of mothers," Mrs. Egry recalls. "They were grateful for our wish to help, but dubious of its success."

"We secured the St. Joseph parish town hall for the school; we got the aid of St. Mary's College for teachers; we have the support of the local units affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women for money. We have the cooperation of a large group of women who drive their cars every day to take the children to and from the school."

THE SCHOOL, as conceived by the South Bend division of the Fort Wayne Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and assisted by the Ladies of Notre Dame, was at first organized to provide religious training for mentally retarded children, who because

Georgetown Given Cancer Study Grant

Washington — (NC) — A \$10,000 grant to Georgetown University for cancer research has been announced by Federal Security Administration.

The grant was made by the National Cancer Institute, a part of the National Health Service. It is the largest grant ever made to Georgetown University for cancer research.

The grant will be used for the study of the relationship between cancer and the environment. The study will be conducted by Dr. M. W. Sullivan.

Scottish 'Home Rule' Unit Expels Reds From Ranks

Edinburgh, Scotland — (NC) — Leaders in the National Scottish Covenant "Home Rule" movement at a meeting here decided to ban all communists from their ranks.

Because of its non-political and non-partisan policy, leaders of the movement were apprehensive about communist entry. However, a clause in the proposed covenant expelled this fear. It prevents a person who has an allegiance to a foreign power or ideology from joining the movement.

Polish Bishops Urge Observance Of 'Lord's Day'

London — (NC) — The entire Polish hierarchy has issued its first joint Pastoral Letter in several months. The letter urges the faithful to make continuous observance of the Third Commandment.

The keeping of the Lord's Day continues to be a matter of great concern in Poland. Communist organizations deliberately arrange political and athletic manifestations during the time when religious services are being held in the churches.

They form work brigades of students and officials for construction and repair work to be done exclusively on Sundays. Polish bishops have pointed out these conditions several times but to no avail.

In their letter they again remind of the Christian duty to "keep holy the Sabbath Day," presenting it as a day for worshipping God, as a time for resting after work and for strengthening family life.

The bishops name as enemies "lust for pleasure and greed." They are forced to pass over in silence that the principal enemy is pagan and materialistic communism, which arrogantly and publicly violates the Lord's Day, seeks to destroy all connection between man and God and to pluck from man's soul all religious feelings and render all religious life impossible.

Work in Japan

Tokyo — (RNS) — The Canadian Sisters have launched mission work in Japan, bringing to thirty the number of new Catholic mission societies in Japan since the end of the war.

Philippine Sugar Freighter Seeks Blessing Of Priest

Los Angeles — (NC) — When the SS San Vicente, Philippine cargo ship, eased into her berth here for a six-hour refueling, the Chief Mate made this unusual request of a ship's chandler who came aboard to sell sea stores: "Please, sir, see if you can get a Catholic priest to come down to the ship. We want this ship blessed; we want the priest to bless us; we desire God's blessing and protection. We are only here a few hours. No time for Mass or to go to the church."

The request was quickly fulfilled, and the Rev. Joseph L. Pekarick of Mary Star of the Sea Parish blessed the entire ship from stem to stern. Father Pekarick realized soon that this was a spiritually taut ship—every cabin and forecastle had a Crucifix and a picture of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, instead of the customary pin-ups.

"Practically all the men carried their rosaries," he reported. "All realized the value of prayer."

Earnest prayers and many spiritual communions followed. Then the San Vicente, with 7,000 tons of Philippine sugar bound for New York, shoved off from the port of the Angels.

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