

# Baptist Street Preachers Defy Law In Canada; Given Fines

VAL D'OR, Que. (NC)—Four Baptist street preachers, arrested for violating the traffic laws which prohibit soliciting, have been fined \$40 and \$20 each, with the alternative of serving two months in jail. Street preaching is against the law here.

Similar arrests of Baptist street preachers were made here last fall and recently at La Prairie, also in Northern Quebec, and have been the occasion for much publicity in the Canadian press. One Canadian daily declared the Baptist street preaching a "deliberately provocative" practice.

IN EXPOSING the sentences on the four Baptist street preachers here, Recorder J. L. Ballenger said:

"The accused have sought to justify their conduct by telling the court that the traffic by-law does not concern them and that they would be their own judges as to whether the by-law is legal or not. I would like to remark that the accused or strain upon the authority of power to interpret the law according to their own ideas is up to the courts of justice. I must therefore impose the same penalty on these four Baptist preachers who have violated the law. This is not a question of persecution, but of good order."

ABOUT A YEAR ago the municipal council gave the Baptist permission to preach on the beach at Val d'Or, where there is a stand which can seat 2,000. They refused the city's offer; they preached as usual in the streets of Val d'Or on a Saturday night.

"It is not permitted for anyone to preach in the streets of Val d'Or unless permission has been granted. Such was not the case here."

"The law is simple and clear and must be read in good faith. It says that it is illegal to refuse to obey orders of the municipal police when they order that you should stop."

I HAVE COME to the conclusion that it is evident that the accused are guilty and I also have come to the conclusion that the accused should be very hard on their conduct and their bad faith. They are wicked and as such they must obey the law."

Mayor O. Tetreault of Val d'Or said that the arrests of the Baptist street preachers were due to the fact that they were

non-Catholic, but to carry out the traffic laws. Were Catholics guilty of the same traffic violations, they also would be arrested, he said.

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## Sees 'Provocative Element' In Baptist Street-Preaching

MONTRÉAL DAILY

Montréal, Que. (NC) — Le Devoir, local French-language daily newspaper, sees a "great provoking element" by Canadian Baptists in Northern Quebec, which "will not serve the interests of Christianity and understanding among Canadians."

An editorial in Le Devoir says, in part:

THE WAY things have developed are justified in asking whether this is not a systematic campaign to set Protestant against Catholic. We would like to believe in the sincerity and apostolic zeal of the Baptist preachers, but the least that can be said is that their proselytizing has a definitely provocative element.

"The Baptists have the unquestionable right to preach their doctrine and to try to convert Catholics. But there is a way of doing it."

THEY MUST remember that they are not addressing a primitive population in some backward region. They are not addressing pagans who have never heard of Christ, but rather Catholics who are convinced of the truth of their doctrine. Any conversions, if they do occur, would come only after long discussions on the interpretation of the Gospel instead of speeches in the public square.

"An apostolate among civilized people, particularly Christians, must use mature methods. What do Catholic missionaries, for instance, do in Japan? Do they stand on street corners and cry out to the Japanese that they are

church 1,000 feet away from where they persist in holding their public gatherings on Third Avenue, the most congested artery of the city. Why not hold their meetings in this church instead of where the noise is the greatest and the traffic the most dense?"

Mayor Tetreault said that as mayor he sought to consider the true rights of all persons, no matter what be their race or religion, and as such he must see to the maintenance of good order and peace.

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# Communists Seize, Jail Czech Bishops

VIENNA (NC)—Bishop Michael Ruzicka, Auxiliary of Tereza, Czechoslovakia, was arrested on August 17 by the political police and taken to a Bratislava jail, it has been learned here. He was charged with having opposed the so-called "Catholic action" sponsored by the communist regime in opposition to the real Catholic Action of the Church, and with "terrorizing" priests who did not oppose the government-established movement.

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# Theresa Neuman Reported Improving After Accident



THERESA NEUMANN

Frankfurt—(NC)—The condition of Theresa Neumann, famed stigmatic of Konnersreuth, Bavaria, who was injured in a fall the day before the Feast of the Assumption, is improving.

She was confined to bed after she suffered bleeding of the lung and injuries to the stigmata on both her hands. She had tripped over a village street hole in the dark as she was returning from her church where she had helped to decorate the altar for the Feast of the Assumption.

Her fall was such a bad one that she had to be carried to her bed immediately. The next morning it developed that she had suffered bleeding of the lung and that she had hurt herself on the stigmata of both hands.

Her brother, Ferdinand, who was attending the 500th anniversary celebration of the dedication of a church in the nearby city of Kemnath, rushed home accompanied by Dr. Alois Hundhammer, Bavarian Minister of Education.

# Rules School District Must Transport Parochial Pupils

ALBANY, N. Y. (RNS)—A Long Island public school district must pay the cost of transporting local children to three parochial schools in neighboring communities, according to a ruling here by Dr. Lewis A. Wilson, acting state education commissioner.

Dr. Lewis acted on an appeal by parents from the Notre Dame Roman Catholic parish, New Hyde Park, L. I., whose petition to District J. North Hempstead, was rejected last May.

The parish does not have its own school, and the commissioner cited a department rule that children wishing to attend a parochial school must go to the one nearest home.

He explained, however, that the parochial school nearest the Notre Dame parish—the Holy Ghost school at New Hyde Park—was crowded and could not accept more pupils.

Because of high enrollments in other parochial schools of the area, the Notre Dame children attend St. Hedwig's and Our Lady of Victory schools at Floral Park, L. I., and St. Mary's at Manhasset, L. I.

# Schools In Rumania Serve Reds' Cause

WASHINGTON—(NC)—Rumania's communist regime has transformed that nation's educational system into an assembly line "for the mass production of obedient citizens," according to a survey published by the Rumanian National Committee, here.

This 96-page survey, entitled "The Perversion of Education in Rumania," discloses how the state imposes itself at every waking moment of both pupils and teachers, how registration in the upper grade and above is restricted to the property-less proletariat, and how Russian language courses have been introduced even though adequate teachers were not available.

RELIGION is barred from the schools. The survey quotes Education Minister Vasilich in this regard: "Religious propaganda, which is to be carried out in churches and prayer houses, is one thing. Learning and culture, which must be taught in schools, under state direction and control, are another."

A required subject is the Russian language. However, when this requirement was put in, there were simply not enough teachers to go around. Special streamlined one-month courses for prospective teachers of Russian were hastily organized.

"The competence of such 'quick-order' language teachers is necessarily emphasized," the exile group's survey notes.

DEVELOPMENT of political consciousness in the pupils begins each morning when he enters the classroom. "The pupils' eyes are drawn to the red flags, the communist slogans, and the pictures of the Soviet leaders and Marx and Engels, and of the current leaders of the Rumanian People's Republic," the survey reports.

Even in pre-school centers, children are taught to sing hymns to the glory of Stalin.

Domination of teachers and pupils extends outside school hours. "The problem that perpetually haunts educational authorities in the People's Republic of Rumania is and remains that of leisure time, both of teachers and of pupils," the survey says.

"The tendency is to abolish it completely. In order to keep the individual away from any possible temptation in the intellectual domain."

IN ANOTHER part of its survey, the Rumanian National Committee reports that, "faced with the exceptionally low level of learning of the students, the con-

cern of the educational authorities is directed far less toward an improvement of standards than toward the strictest possible regulation of the children's life in and out of school."

At registration time, prospective school children must bring certificates showing their "origin" and the "material situation" of their parents, the report notes. If these papers show the parents have been public servants of former regimes, or merchants, tradesmen or professional men, or have ever owned a house or to obtain educational facilities are seriously jeopardized, no piece of land, "the child's chance matter how brilliant he may be."

# Rumania Gives Church Property To Apostates

VIENNA—(NC)—The Rumanian Red regime has turned the title of all movable and immovable properties held by the Latin Rite Church over to the small apostate group of priests known as the "Latin-Rite Church of Transylvania," according to a Bucharest broadcast heard here.

The official transfer of the Latin Rite Church properties took place on August 8 at the headquarters of the apostate priests in Kolosvar, according to the broadcast.

THE TRANSFER was made by Teodor Ursu, chief inspector of the Rumanian Ministry for Religious Affairs. Title to the properties was given to the "provisional committee" of the apostate group, the broadcast said. The Bucharest radio described the president of this committee as "Dean Gergely Fodor."

THE REGIME's action in giving to a schismatic group all properties of the Latin Rite Church subject to the Holy See is regarded here as the final suppression of the Latin Rite Church. A corollary of this action, it is believed here, will be a proclamation by the regime that the Latin Rite Church subject to the Holy See has ceased to exist.

CWV Head

New York—(NC)—Edward T. McCaffrey, past national commander of the Catholic War Veterans, will be honored by the New York State CWV at a dinner here October 30.

# Near East Missions

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# "No Sad Songs"

"A great people. You can't keep them down," said a priest friend, describing the Armenians. Victims of one of the bloodiest purges of our century, when the Turks massacred thousands of them in World War I, the Armenians scattered all over the Middle East. But the scimitars of their oppressors could not cut Jesus and His Mother out of their hearts. Today they are such an important part of our Church that their Patriarch is a Cardinal.

In Aleppo, Syria, a group of their priests conduct a school attended by a thousand Armenian children. They want a chapel in it dedicated to "the Birthday of the Madonna." Also, they badly need maps, books, desks and other supplies. How the Queen of Heaven will smile on her birthday, Sept. 8, if someone gives her present to the brave Armenians! \$2,000 would mean the Chapel. \$50 or \$100 would buy many books and maps.

# LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

TIME OUT to admire the great job being done by Father Kabla, Director of the Catholic Workingman's Center in the Kholali section of Cairo, Egypt. Two schools with a total of over 1,000 pupils, two free medical dispensaries, a Youth Club, Choir, School for Catechists—an inspiring picture of the Catholic Church devoted to the workman and his family. The workers have collected some money for a decent Church. Could some of our American workers chip in for their brothers in Egypt? How about \$25 apiece, men?

# 'GOD BE WITH YOU, SOLDIER!'

AS LONG as Moses prayed from the mountain top the Battle of Raphidim went favorably for the Children of Israel. You can support our brave fighting men in Korea by having the missionaries offer a Mass or a Novena of Masses for their success.

# THE HAPPY WARRIOR

FIERY ZEAL and a holy impatience to get out and conquer the world for Christ, by himself if need be—that is the spirit of your young American seminarian. We sense the same heartwarming bravado in letters from youthful seminarians in faraway lands. Kindred souls with our own boys, these lack not kindly hearts to help them realize their dreams. \$100 keeps one in the seminary for a year. Full course, six years. \$1 a month by those who join our Christman Club helps mightily, too.

# YOUR SPIRITUAL TREASURE HOUSE

CONTRIBUTING to the Near East Missions is not all give and no take. Our members, living and deceased, share in 15,000 Masses yearly, daily Mass at St. Peter's, Rome, for the deceased, remembrance in the Masses of the Holy Father, our President and the Missionaries... besides many indulgences. Write for a leaflet.

# STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

ST. STEPHEN DAY is Sat. One time King of Hungary, he must be saddened now to see his beloved land crushed behind the Iron Curtain, her great Mindzenty imprisoned. Maybe you cannot directly help St. Stephen's Hungary today, but you can do him honor and bring a blessing on his land by educating his namesake, Sister Stephanie Saliba, an 18-year-old, Novice of the Basilian Chouarite Order in Lebanon. \$150 for the first year or twice that for the full course.

# MORE THINGS... BY PRAYER...

ON THE SLOPE of the Mount of Olives Jesus once went and prayed for ungrateful Jerusalem that lay below Him. In a convent of the same Mount of Olives today cloistered Benedictine nuns pray ceaselessly for our heedless world. Your \$10 donation will help keep them in food and clothing, as they storm Heaven for us from that sacred hill.

# BRAVEST OF THE BRAVE

BOILING HEAT, disease-bearing mosquitoes and termites combine to make life a struggle at Guba, a village in Eritrea. The priest must stay with his 540 parishes and keep the Blessed Sacrament ready for sudden sick calls. The termites are at his Church. We can rebuild it for \$2,000. Such an act would encourage this brave shepherd and cheer his tortured flock.

# WHAT IT WILL FIT ME!

WITH SCHOOL BELLS about to clang, Mother is checking over Johnny and Mary's wardrobe of fall clothes. How many things will they have outgrown during the summer? Youngsters in the Near East Refugee Camps could use those clothes. Would you send them to CNEWA Warehouse, 52-15 Flushing Ave., Maspeth, L. I.?

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

Load up that picnic basket

THERE'S A HOLIDAY AHEAD!

Let's say, in that picnic basket there'll be olives, pickles, some sort of salad, rolls... and say, if you're a wise old picnicker, plenty of those plump, juicy ARPEAKO HOTI Arpeako Franks and Hots are simply swell no matter how you cook them, but when they're roasted over the embers of a charcoal fire, they take on a flavor that mere words can't describe! They're all meat, remember... pure beef and pork, blended by men who know how... and since they're pure, made under strict U. S. Government Inspection, you, the children, yes, the whole picnic crowd can eat to your hearts' content! Take along Arpeako Hots... they have what it takes to make the eating part of your outing a success from start to finish!

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