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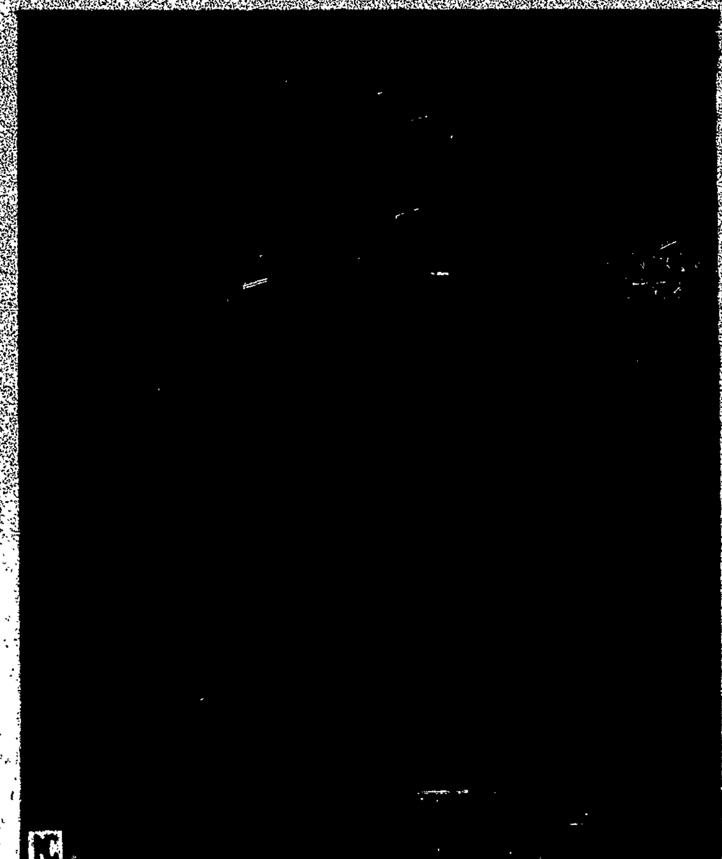

BANISHED FROM HIS CITY: Archbishop [illegible] Beran of Prague, who has been fined and [illegible] latest move against the Church by the Communist [illegible] government of Czechoslovakia. [illegible] repeatedly defied the Red regime [illegible] in 1948, flanked by two army officers. (NC Photos) [illegible]

Syracuse University Chaplain:

Campus Of Secular Colleges Hunting Ground For Reds

Syracuse, N. Y. — (NC) — American secular colleges and universities frequently display a "lack of leadership in the fight against Communism," the Rev. Gannon F. Ryan, Catholic Chaplain at Syracuse University, charged this week. "Front organizations have found happy hunting grounds on campus after campus," Father Ryan added, "inducing hundreds of gullible educators and students into their ranks."

FATHER RYAN'S statement was made in a letter to the editor of the student newspaper Daily Orange in connection with the recent withdrawal of the invitation to Professor Kirtley Mather to address an interdenominational dinner. Professor Mather was originally invited to speak at the Chapel Banquet conducted under the joint sponsorship of Catholics, Protestants and Jews. Father Ryan withdrew the invitation when he learned that the Harvard geologist was a member of several organizations listed as subversive by the Attorney General. The Rev. Charles C. Noble, dean of Hendricks Chapel, then asked Dr. Mather to speak at a non-Catholic service instead.

"The slanted way in which the Daily Orange handled this case resulted in unnecessary disagreeableness and acrimony," Father Ryan writes, adding that "anti-Catholic elements" rallied round. "There are enough of them," he declares. "In many classrooms on this campus repeated and serious distortions of Catholic teaching seem to be the order of the day.

"It would seem that some of your editorial writers, and contributors to your correspondence, are apt pupils of the unscholarly teachers who are busy about the nefarious task of sowing seeds of suspicion among Americans of diverse religious beliefs," Father Ryan continues. "Obviously, tripartite religious cooperation on this campus has been dealt a mortal blow. When the practical gauntlet of brotherhood was laid down, many revealed that brotherhood was to them — a word."

Rochesterian First Negro Professed In Mission Order

Brother Ralph J. Carpenter, M.S.C., of Rochester (second from left) and first Negro to take vows in the American Province of the Sacred Heart Missionaries, poses following profession rites with (left to right): Brother Jerome, F.S.C.; Brother Carpenter; Rt. Rev. Msgr. George W. Eckl, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Rochester; and Brother Alban, F.S.C.

Brother Ralph J. Carpenter, M.S.C., formerly a member of St. Andrew's parish, Rochester, is the first Negro to take vows in the American Province of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

He made his perpetual profession of vows as a Sacred Heart Missionary last Thursday at Sacred Heart Missionary Seminary, Geneva, Illinois, in the presence of the community of which he has been a member for the past eight years. The Very Rev. Clement Geppert, M.S.C., seminary superior received Brother Carpenter's vows in the name of the Society.

ATTENDING THE rites from Rochester was the Rt. Rev. George W. Eckl, pastor of St. Andrew's Church where Brother Carpenter attended before entering the religious life.

This year also marks the 25th year of Brother Carpenter's conversion to the Catholic Faith. Orphaned at the age of nine, he was sent to the New York Catholic Protectorate and there placed under the care of the Christian Brothers. It was there that he embraced the Catholic Faith. Later in life Brother Carpenter moved to Rochester, and was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brocco of 14 Mitchell St..

SINCE HIS entry into the Society of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Brother Carpenter has been in charge of the laundry and bookbindery. In June, 1949, he was sent to Benet Lake, Wis., by order of his superiors, to learn the fundamentals of printing. At present he is devoting himself exclusively to the art of printing.

Firms Urged To Close Good Friday

Business firms throughout the country are being asked to extend the practice of closing between the hours of noon and 3 p.m. Good Friday in observance of the death of Christ.

Bishop James E. Kearney of Rochester has indorsed efforts by the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus in his diocese to bring about the closing. "We do well to lay aside our marketing to beg the Prince of Peace to bless our country and save our American way of life," the Bishop said.

(Ninety firms have pledged to mark Good Friday in Rochester.)

Posters are being prepared for cooperating firms to display in store or factory windows.

IN FORT THOMAS, Ky., the Better Business Association announced that for a second year 100 per cent of the business in that community will close for the three hours on Good Friday. The Messenger, Covington diocese newspaper, said it would publish an honor roll of the business houses closing.

New York's Fire Department Anchor Club is urging business establishments to observe the three hours. Moderate success was reported by members. In a statement asking the public to cooperate, the Club said:

"MANY THINK that they, alone and unaided, can bring peace and stability out of the existing chaos. All material means have been tried . . . Yet peace is further away than ever. Why not try some spiritual means?"

Howling Infants Stop Missioner

London —(NC)— The Rev. Joseph Ahearne, O.M.I., invited mothers to bring their babies to a mission service at the Birmingham Oratory.

The response was too good. The babies howled him down.

Father Ahearne strove valiantly to make himself heard, but in the end gave the babies best, blessed them and let them go.

Father Riefer Buried In Perkinsville

Perkinsville — Funeral services for the Rev. Charles P. Reifer, pastor, were held in Sacred Heart Church, Perkinsville, with His Excellency Bishop Kearney presiding, Saturday, Mar. 10.

Father Riefer

Father Riefer died March 7, 1951. He was an outstanding teacher of Greek and Mathematics and in his early days was known throughout the state for his baseball ability. Ordained in 1914 he taught at St. Andrew's Seminary and old Cathedral High School and was pastor at Perkinsville since 1929.

SOLEMN REQUIEM Mass was offered by the Rev. William J. Riefer, nephew of the deceased, assisted by the Rev. Adelbert Schneider, Deacon and the Rev. Herbert L. Sturman, Subdeacon.

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The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, V.F., was Assistant Priest. Deacons at the throne were: the Rev. Frank Mason and the Rev. Joseph V. Curtin.

Bishop Kearney pronounced the absolution in the church and at the grave in the priests' plot.

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Prelate's 'Address' Unk[illegible] Red Smear Move Fore[illegible]

Paris —(NC)— Czechoslovakia's Red government will attempt to link former communist Foreign Minister Vladimir Clementis and Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague as fellow conspirators when the former goes on trial in Prague on treason charges. This was reported by Czech and Slovak political exiles here who are constantly informed of Red plans by an underground courier system from Prague, which operates via Western Germany.

THE REPORT from Prague says that the Red government, fearful that its influence is declining even among pro-communists and knowing that its prestige has fallen to a new low among non-communists, hopes by this move to restore its position with the first group and throw the second group into confusion.

Mr. Clementis, who was forced to resign as Foreign Minister some time ago and who was recently arrested on charges of spying for the West, nationalist deviationism and conspiracy to set up an independent Slovak state, was popular among those communists who felt that the Czech government was working in the interests of the Soviet Union rather than in those of Czechoslovakia.

Archbishop Beran by his refusal to capitulate to the Reds, which has resulted in his virtual arrest, has been a popular symbol of the anti-communist feelings of the majority of the Czech and Slovak people.

By forcing Mr. Clementis to testify that he has been conspiring with the Archbishop, the Reds expect to reduce his popularity among the [illegible] communists, the exiles said. At the same time, they believe the [illegible] will deprive Archbishop Beran of the support of Catholics and other anti-Red groups, who will be [illegible] to learn that he has been reportedly conspiring with a communist like Mr. Clementis.

Dr. Alois Houcek, Czech Catholic political leader in exile here who was a permanent official of the Czech foreign ministry before the Reds captured the government, said that the Czech Catholics are unlikely to be taken in by the communist trick, however.

The Archbishop and Mr. Clementis probably have never even met, Dr. Houcek asserted.

Central figure in the war waged against the Catholic Church by the communist-dominated government of Czechoslovakia, Archbishop [illegible] Beran of Prague has been [illegible]

Vienna — [illegible] Beran of Prague [illegible] Roman Catholic [illegible]

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Italians Warned On Youth Group

Rome —(RNS)— Osservatore Romano, Vatican newspaper, issued a warning here to Catholic parents against permitting their children to belong to the Association of Pioneers of Italy, a Communist youth organization.

Record Bus Pilgrimage To Leave Holy Cross Sunday

Largest Holy Year pilgrimage to the four designated churches in Rochester will move out of Holy Cross parish in old "Charlotte" on Palm Sunday in 15 chartered buses.

Close to 700 men, women and children will be in the buses leaving Holy Cross Church at 2:15 p.m. according to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. Casey, pastor. The pilgrimage is being sponsored by the Holy Cross Men's Club and Rosary Society.

This will be the largest number of buses chartered by the Rochester Transit Corporation up to the present time, Vice President William A. Lang said this week.

THE HOLY CROSS pilgrims will visit Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, St. Joseph's, Our Lady of Victory, and Old St. Mary's. Because of the large number, the group will be divided in half in making the visit to the "Little French Church."

Monsignor Casey, and his two assistant pastors, the Rev. John P. O'Malley and the Rev. John T. Walsh will accompany the pilgrims. Also on the tour will be a doctor and two nurses. A police motorcycle escort will head the procession.

Eight buses will be required to transport 350 parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Rochester of which the Rev. Joseph A. Cirrincione is pastor, on Palm Sunday.

Third highest number of buses going from one parish on a single Sunday was the six from St. Andrew's Parish of which the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George W. Eckl is pastor. These made the tour of the churches on Sunday, March 4. Two more buses from St. Andrew's will make the trip on Palm Sunday and two will carry St. John Fisher Club pilgrims from Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral.

Methodists Have Largest Congress Representation

Washington, D. C. —(RNS)— Members of the Methodist Church are the most numerous in the United States Senate, an unofficial census of the [illegible] members discloses.

Presbyterians and Episcopalians tie for second place. By religious faiths the Senate comprises [illegible] Protestants, ten Roman Catholics, and one Jew.

Protestant members include [illegible] Methodists, [illegible] Presbyterians, 14 Episcopalians, [illegible] Baptists, [illegible] Congregationalists, six Disciples of Christ, five Lutherans, [illegible] Mormons, three Christian Scientists, two [illegible], one Unitarian.

A preliminary survey of the House of Representatives indicates that Methodists also are the largest [illegible] in that chamber. The proportion of Protestant-Roman Catholic members is about the same [illegible] Senate.

Bus Bills Die In Two States

Olympia, Wash. —(RNS)— An amended bill that would have permitted parochial pupils to ride public school buses over routes established by public school officials died in the House of Representatives here.

As originally passed by the House, the bill did not carry the "established route" restriction. It was finally passed after a stiff fight in the lower chamber. When brought before the Senate the restriction was added, the bill passed 36 to 14, and went back to the House for reconsideration.

Indianapolis —(RNS)— A bill to allow the use of state funds partially to reimburse townships for school bus transportation of parochial pupils died with the adjournment of the Indiana General Assembly.

The measure was never reported out of committee in the House, where it originated. Under present law school trustees may provide transportation for parochial pupils between points normally on school bus routes, but the state "equalization fund" shares in the expense of transporting only public school pupils.

Prisoners Awaiting Death Converted

Hiroshima —(NC)— The Rev. Anthony de Changy, S.J., known here as the "apostle of the prisons," converted five of six men sentenced to death. When the date for the execution was about to be set, Father de Changy quoted to them the words of Christ to the Good Thief as He was dying on the Cross — "This day wilt thou be with me in Paradise."

The converted prisoners devote themselves to hours of prayers every day awaiting execution.

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Jesuit Offers 'Gambling Tips'

'Money In Gambling Not For Gamblers,' Says Father Lord

St. Louis, Mo. (NC) Gambling in order to make money is the "greatest possible mistake," says the Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J., author and youth leader of this city, in a pamphlet "There's Money in Gambling," issued by The Queen's Work here.

Gambling, says Father Lord, which becomes a fixed habit will corrupt one's way of life and blight his character, although he adds that there are "many legitimate ways in which an individual may wager in his daily life." The worst luck, he says, is "beginner's luck," and adds that the man who collects the bets, not the man who makes the bets, has a chance to win.

FIFTEEN GAMBLING tips are given by Father Lord, as follows:

1. To gamble in order to make money is the greatest possible mistake. If you bet because you need the money, you may as well kiss good-by the money you bet; only those who have plenty to lose seem in the long run to win.

2. Dishonest gambling is a sin of theft.

3. To gamble and lose money that will bring pain or deprivation to others is evil.

4. To allow gambling to interfere with one's duties is a serious failure of obligation.

FATHER LORD

5. **TO ALLOW** gambling to become a fixed habit or to corrupt one's way of life is to put eventually a blight on character — a net result too sadly common not to be noted.

6. To bet for fun and with money that one can afford to lose is not wrong.

7. To play for the purpose of developing skill and scientific technique might even be another way of enlarging one's capacities in other fields and adding a new interest to life.

8. **GAMES OF** chance, especially games of chance and skill combined, may be harmless recreation. But once there are manifested any signs that the harmless element is disappearing, such games should be dropped; they must not become a consuming habit.

9. Those who bet on horses (and all other bettors) die poor. You can't beat the gambling racket. You win briefly — and even then you lose; and when you lose, you lose for good.

10. The worst luck in the world is "beginner's luck." Everyone seems to have it. The devil, a great gambler who lost the biggest stake, sees to it that beginner gamblers win at the start.

11. No gambling systems are successful systems.

12. The man who collects the bets, not the man who makes the bets, has a chance to win. And in the end even he loses.

13. Gambling winnings are witches' gifts; they fade with the dawn.

14. Play for fun, never for funds.

15. If you are gambling with anything you can't afford to lose, stop gambling entirely.