

Aid In Puerto Rico

(RNS) — A strong campaign against the proposed constitution for Puerto Rico is being conducted by the American people. The constitution, which would place the island under a form of government known as "commonwealth" status, is being opposed by a large number of Americans who believe that the island should remain a territory of the United States.

The constitution, which was drafted by a committee of Puerto Ricans, provides for a form of government known as "commonwealth" status. This would give the island a measure of self-government, but it would remain a territory of the United States. The constitution is being opposed by a large number of Americans who believe that the island should remain a territory of the United States.

Anglican Hails Tolerance Of Irish Catholics

(RNS) — A tribute to the tolerance of Irish Catholics was paid by the Anglican Dean of Ossory in a sermon at Christ Church Cathedral here marking the annual Citizenship service.

The Very Rev. G. Sawyer said that although members of the Church of Ireland (Anglican) were a very small minority in the country their Roman Catholic fellow citizens had dealt understandingly with them.

"We are free to conduct our worship in our own churches and in our own way," the dean said. "Let us never cease to be grateful for that tolerance and let us strive to prove ourselves more and more worthy of that regard."

Canadian Nuns Condemned By Red 'Court' In Canton

By REV. THOMAS J. BAUER, M.M.

Hong Kong — (NC) — Chinese communist authorities in Canton have condemned two Canadian nuns to five years in prison. Three other nuns were also condemned by the Red "court."

At a well rehearsed denunciation meeting heard by this writer here over the radio, three men, two children and five hysterical women screamed charges of "cruelty" to substantiate the arrest of five Canadian Sisters of the Congregation of the Immaculate Conception last March 12.

THE VERDICT announced at the end of this communist travesty of justice sentenced Sister Alphonse du Redempteur of Ste. Dorothee, Que., and Sister Marie Germaine of Ste. Prosper, Que., to five years' imprisonment and expulsion. Sister St. Germain of Pont Rouge, Que., and Sister St. Isidore of Nashua, N. H., were sentenced to expulsion for life. Sister Ste. Foy of Bale de Fernbre, Que., was sentenced to simple expulsion.

Inured as Catholic missionaries in Hong Kong are to the tragic news of persecution of priests and Sisters on the mainland, the sentence still came as a severe shock.

The five Sisters already imprisoned for eight months are known to be in poor health.

It is reliably known that three of the nuns have contracted tuberculosis while in prison and the two others are suffering from a heart condition. This news was brought out by a communist nurse who was sent to examine the nuns when they reported themselves unable any longer to live on their diet of rice alone.

The condemnation of defenseless women who were not afforded an opportunity to defend themselves at the "trial" points up the general position of Christian missionaries in China.

Twenty-two Catholic Bishops and 300 Chinese and foreign priests and Sisters are languishing in communist jails today in the regime's effort to obliterate Christian influence in a political community that comprises almost one quarter of the human race.

THE CANTON Canadian Sisters, like all Catholic nuns working in orphanages in China, were dedicated to the medical and spiritual care of the hundreds of thousands of China's unwarsted babies.

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STILL IN THERE FIGHTING



Once one of the big names of boxing, Mike McGuire, former light heavyweight champion, is now a wheelchair patient at the New York City Home on Welfare Island. McGuire, who is 58, is broke and suffering from an old back injury. Born in County Clare, Ireland, Mike began his career in 1914 and won the light heavyweight crown by defeating Battling Siki in Dublin in 1923. He is pictured above with Father Dooley, City Home chaplain. (NC Photos)

Nazareth College Host To N. Y. State Educators

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NAMED TO THE Legislative Committee were: Very Rev. Mark Kennedy, O.F.M., Siena College, president; Rev. Joseph T. Timmel, C.M., Dean of St. John University, School of Law, Brooklyn, and James F. Tuohy, New York State Catholic Welfare Committee, Brooklyn.

Sessions were opened by His Excellency Bishop Kearney with prayer, Wednesday morning and by the Most Rev. William A. Scully, Coadjutor Bishop of Albany in the afternoon.

The report of the Legislative Committee given by its chairman, Father Kennedy, was followed by a discussion on the topic, Present and Future Enrollment of Students in our Colleges.

Brother Bonaventure Thomas, F.S.C., president of Manhattan College, led a discussion on scholarships available in Catholic colleges and universities.

REPORTS ON participation of Catholic colleges in the scholarship program provided for by the Fulbright Act were presented by the president of the Conference, Father Schlaerth, S.J.

Bishop Scully opened the afternoon session with an address on Catholic Higher Education in New York State.

A discussion on State scholarships was led by Sister M. Geraldine, S.S.J., of the Department of Chemistry, Nazareth College.

Other topics discussed were: The Place of the College in a Local Civil Defense Plan, Adult Education Programs in our Colleges, and Orientation Courses for Military Service.

REPRESENTED IN the New York State Conference of Catholic Colleges and Universities are 27 institutions of higher education for men or women.

They are: Canisius College, Buffalo; Cathedral College of the Immaculate Conception, Brooklyn; Cathedral College of New York; College of Mount St. Vincent, New York; College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle; College of St. Rose, Albany; B'Youville College, Buffalo; Fordham University, New York; Good Counsel College, White Plains; Holy Cross College, Dunkirk; Iona College, New Rochelle; Ladycliff College, Highland Falls; Le Moyne College, Syracuse; Manhattan College, New York; Marymount College, Tarrytown; Nazareth College, Rochester; Niagara University, Niagara Falls; Notre Dame College of Staten Island; Rosary Hill College, Buffalo; St. Bonaventure University, Olean; St. Francis College, Brooklyn; St. John Fisher, Rochester; St. John's University, Brooklyn; St. Joseph's College For Women, Brooklyn; St. Joseph's Seminary and College, Yonkers; and Siena College, Loudonville.

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