

Chinese Pressured To Accuse Priests

COMMUNIST pressure on the Chinese people to accuse the missionaries is so strong that the missionaries are being forced to accuse themselves for help to the Chinese people.

At the same time, it was learned here that an Italian-born priest, who was a delegate to the Chinese People's Congress in Peking, was forced to accuse himself of being a spy for the United States.

THE CANADIAN priests, the Rev. Maurice Babin, Leon Valois and Philippe Ouellet, all from Montreal, had been imprisoned for three and a half months and then expelled for being "imperialistic in spirit and tendency."

The accusation was made against the priests at a "public accusation meeting" on September 25 at Tsau-ku, Kiangsu province, where they were stationed.

They were accused of being "imperialistic" and "reactionary" by the Chinese people. The Chinese came to the meeting to accuse the missionaries of being spies for the United States.

At the same time, the Chinese "public accusation" of the priests were made through the Chinese People's Congress, which is the highest authority in the country.

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Bribe Offer Revealed By Priest Editor

Covington, Ky. (NC) — A Covington priest editor has revealed here that he rejected an offer which would have given \$100,000 to a Kentucky charity if the priest observed editorial silence in his campaign against slot machines.

THE REV. HENRY Haacke, editor of The Messenger, official newspaper of the Diocese of Covington, brought the offer to light in connection with a letter he has written to the regional office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Louisville. The letter praises the FBI for the "splendid work" of its agents in a round-up of alleged slot machine figures and the confiscation of 3,500 machines over a weekend.

Father Haacke told the FBI office that "one of the syndicate men" called at the office of The Messenger and offered \$100,000 for a proposed hospital in Campbell County, in return for editorial silence by The Messenger on the matter of slot machines. Father Haacke said the offer was refused, and that he at once reported the matter to his attorney.

Medalist



Former Minister to the Holy See, Dr. John M. C. Wu (above), now on the faculty of Seton Hall University, N. J., has been awarded the 1952 Christian Culture Award of Assumption College, Windsor, Ont. (NC Photos)

Catholic High School Ousts Boys Joining Fraternity

Toledo (NC) — Nine boys were dismissed from Central Catholic High here after the administration learned they belonged to a fraternity in violation of a rule of 10 years standing.

BOYS AND GIRLS who enroll at Central sign a pledge which states that they do not belong to any fraternity or sorority and will not join one. "I realize that a violation of this rule will mean expulsion," the pledge says.

Membership of the expelled boys in a group called "Epsilon Epsilon Phi Club" was learned after police thwarted a scheduled fight between boys of two Toledo high schools.

THE REV. JOHN L. Harrington, principal at the Catholic high school referred to, later he

wrote to parents of all students in 1945, it said:

"We know of no greater danger to a high school than fraternities and sororities. They destroy school loyalty and spirit, they eventually lead to the banding together of students who are disciplinary problems and although they may be outside organizations they are made up of students from the school and difficult problems are brought into the school for that reason. We shall not re-register any student who has a membership in any organization forbidden by the school."

Convict Destroyed

Bathurst, N.B. (NC) — Destruction by fire of the provincial motherhouse of the Hospital Sisters of St. Joseph at Bathurst caused a monetary loss of more than \$100,000. Ten religious and 35 novices escaped before the flames devoured the building.

'Time' Story On 'Catholic' Journalist Draws Reply From CPA President

Washington, D.C. (NC) — E. A. Fink, president of the Catholic Press Association and managing editor of Our Sunday Visitor, has written Henry Luce, publisher of Time, protesting that opinions expressed by Thomas Sugrue, quoted in the January 21 issue of the weekly news magazine, are "not at all representative of Catholic thought."

"YOUR RELIGION" editor calls Sugrue a "Roman Catholic journalist and author," wrote Mr. Fink. "Just because he was born into a Catholic family? A better designation would have been a 'journalist who claims to be a Catholic'."

"A look at Sugrue's autobiography, 'Stranger in the Earth,' published by Holt in April, 1949, would have convinced your editor that religiously Sugrue is a very confused man. By his own admission he has had little, if any training in his religion; he reveals prejudices against the Church; he does not seem to accept its spiritual authority, and is acquainted with its literature."

Commenting on Time's observation that Sugrue "is upset by discord between Catholics and Protestants" and that he "thinks that his own Church—particularly in the U. S.—deserves a good share of the blame," Mr. Fink asked Mr. Luce: "But is he qualified to speak for Catholics or even as a Catholic?"

"The stock charges, reiterated by Sugrue, that the Catholic Church has been in politics in the United States, that it seeks a union between Church and State, that it longs to get control of the public schools, have been circulated by anti-Catholic organizations since George Washington's time. Yet there is absolutely no proof for them whatsoever," the CPA president continued. "The accusers are the very ones who are guilty of the things with which they charge the Catholic Hierarchy, which they falsely believe to work as a unit in temporal as well as spiritual matters."

MR. FINK pointed out that each Bishop "is supreme in his own diocese" and "need not collaborate with other Bishops in any matter outside the realm of faith and morals." After listing several other arguments raised by Sugrue, Mr. Fink concluded with: "There are weightier things with which the Religion Editor of Time could concern himself with—things which tend to lift man up instead of pulling him down, things less sensational but infinitely more helpful."

Time Piece Reveals Sugrue Not Church

In his weekly editorial column in the New York Catholic News, Editor Richard Reid makes the following remarks concerning Thomas Sugrue, described in Time magazine as a "Roman Catholic journalist":

Editor, Catholic News
Thomas Sugrue, described as a "Roman Catholic journalist and author," contributes to the Protestant Christian Herald an article, extensively quoted in Time, which tells us more about Mr. Sugrue than it does about the Church.

While anti-Catholics are shivering over the prospect of the Vatican taking over the United States, Mr. Sugrue is disturbed over the possibility of the Catholics in the United States "dictating to Rome."

HE ASSERTS: "Some Catholics in the United States may dream of converting their nation and joining Church and State, but if Rome gets there first, they will lose this ambition. . . . Before too long, there may be an American Pope, with a 'summer residence' here, and a College of Cardinals packed with local Bishops." That's something that never occurred to "Protestants and other Americans United for Separation of Church and State."

Mr. Sugrue talks about "the success" of "Catholic pressure and censorship." Here he is talking like a Ku Kluxer. There is not a Catholic on the Supreme Court, and only one in the Cabinet, although the Supreme Court is largely drawn from Democrats, and Catholics constitute a much larger proportion of the Democratic Party than they do of the American population. How many Governors and Senators are Catholics? In New York State, one of the alleged "centers of Catholic power," we have a Protestant Governor and a Protestant and a Jewish Senator.

Massachusetts, where Catholics preponderate, has a majority of Catholics in the House of Representatives, the Catholic representation is far below what it is in the general population. That is not a complaint, but merely the statement of a fact. Knowing how ridiculous this talk about "Catholic pressure" is.

Wins Award



Mr. Harry Williams, Negro Catholic of New York City, who was presented with the first F. & M. Schaefer Achievement Award for his work in preventing juvenile delinquency in the Harlem area, Mr. Williams received a medal and the organization which he founded, the National Cyprian League, received \$500.

State Pamphlet Aids Parents In Sex Training

Albany (NC) — Decision of the New York State Department of Health to issue the booklet, "The Gift of Life," as a simple text-book for parents in teaching the biological facts of life in the home, has been endorsed by leaders of all religious faiths, including the Catholic Church, state officials disclosed here.

DR. HERMAN E. Hillboe, Commissioner of Health, has sent advance copies of the illustrated booklet to all members of the clergy in New York State, prior to general distribution.

He advised the clergymen that "copies for distribution to parents in your congregation may be obtained upon request," and added that the booklet will be available without charge to residents of New York State "as a service of the Department." The booklets are for use in the home only.

At one time the State had considered having the booklets printed for use in public schools. This drew a unified protest from the Religious Advisory Committee which assisted and advised in its preparation. As a result of the question of moral issues, not covered in the booklet, the Department of Health decided the only place in which sex education can be properly taught is the home.

Serving on the Religious Advisory Committee were Messrs. Sylvester J. Holbel, Superintendent of Schools, Diocese of Buffalo, who emphasized that sex education entailed more than biology and that parents were more properly equipped to teach the subject from a moral standpoint.

ONE CATHOLIC educator said the booklet "might be used profitably by parents in learning the techniques of imparting sex instruction to their children. The fact that the booklet stresses the need for moral and religious convictions in relation to sex should make it acceptable to Catholic parents."

Another commended the decision of the New York State Health Department to "emphasize the wisdom of restricting sex education to the home instead of having it in the classroom." This decision, he added, should "merit on our part a rather generous degree of cooperation."

Thanks Expressed
New York (NC) — Deep gratitude to the "really well-wishers" who supported the plan to establish The New York Banner, a Catholic Daily here, was expressed by Miss Norma Ann Kruse, general manager of the project, which has been discontinued.

Colombia Bishop Cites 'Calumny' In Press Attack

Santa Rosa, Colombia (NC) — Bishop Miguel Angel Bule of Santa Rosa has described as a "calumny" charges that he recommended "the extermination" of anti-Catholics in this country.

The charge was made in El Nacional, a Liberal party daily of Barranquilla, Colombia. It was later reprinted in Spanish and English in a half-page ad in a leading daily in the United States capital. The ad was sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals, Chicago, and called on "American Roman Catholics" to "help remove the stigma of religious persecution" in Colombia. "We appeal to you American Catholics to voice your opinion to the international Roman Catholic authorities to stop the inquisition of 1952," the ad read.

THE BISHOP also described daily as "anti-Catholic" the political party organ that made the charges. It is widely noted here also that far from the Church inciting or approving violence in the country, only a few months ago the Colombian Bishops issued an earnest appeal "frankly" against such violence.

The National editorial spoke of "a frightful church circular of the Bishop of Santa Rosa, recommending the extermination of anti-Catholics, including members of the Liberal party."

Msgr. Hoch Named Bismarck Bishop

Washington (NC) — Monsignor Lambert A. Hoch, Chancellor of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, since 1933, has been named by Pope Pius XII to be Bishop of Bismarck, North Dakota, the Apostolic Delegation announced here. He succeeds Bishop Vincent J. Ryan, second Bishop of Bismarck, who died last November. Bishop-Elect Hoch was born in Elkton, South Dakota, February 6, 1903, he studied at Creighton University, Omaha, and St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul. He was ordained in Sioux Falls in 1928.

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