

Trieste Bishop Seeks Probe of Red Zone

Trieste — (RNS) — Roman Catholic Bishop Antonio Santin of Trieste and Capodistria, called here for a United Nations Commission to investigate religious conditions in the Yugoslav Communist Zone B of the Trieste Free Territory.

BISHOP SANTIN'S call came shortly after two of his priests in Zone B were forced to flee from their parishes and take refuge in Trieste City.

One of the priests, newly-ordained Rev. Louis Lenardon, a graduate of Trieste seminary, was appointed by the bishop to a parish in Bule, in the interior of Zone B. Immediately on arrival at his post, Yugoslav Communist authorities ordered him to return to Trieste within 24 hours. He also was warned never to set foot in Zone B again.

The other priest, Father Joseph Dagrli, for 20 years pastor at Isola, a town on the Adriatic coast of Zone B, was attacked at his home by Communist mobs for two days.

AFTER BEING badly beaten he was called to the town clerk who ordered him not to ring his church bells. The mob returned to the priest's home and threatened to throw him out of the windows. They further demanded that he leave the town.

Communist police, who reportedly refused to protect the priest, advised him to comply with the mob's demand, warning that he might be lynched. The priest was forced to flee to Trieste.

Yanks Give Statue To Austrian Church

Salsberg, Austria — (NC) — A statue of the Sacred Heart donated by American GI's from nearby Camp Roeder was blessed in the historic church of Slezenheim, small town on the outskirts of this Austrian city. St. Marias Church was first built in 1200 A.D., and was rebuilt after a fire razed it in 1500.

The Rev. (Capt.) Paul B. Dillon, C.M. chaplain of Camp Roeder, celebrated a Mass before the statue was blessed.

PRE-INDUCTION COURSES



Holding copies of "Greetings," new pre-induction pamphlet published by the National Catholic Community Service, members of the first pre-induction course sponsored by the Catholic Youth Organization in Baltimore, Md., talk it over with the Rev. Francis McVeigh, S.J., of St. Ignatius Church, Baltimore, former U. S. Navy chaplain.

Order For Blind Nuns Marks Centenary In Paris

Paris — (RNS) — One of the few orders of nuns in the world which accepts blind members marked its centenary here.

The order, the Blind Sisters of St. Paul, was founded a few months after the death of Louis Braille, inventor of the alphabet for the blind. All its members, however, are not blind.

WITH THE approval of the Vatican, the congregation laid down a rule that a blind person could enter only as long as a "pair of eyes" were guaranteed for her. This means that for every blind nun there must be one with perfect sight to guide her. At present the community of 77 has 25 blind members.

The order cares for and educates blind girls and women. It also takes in blind children, trains them and finds work for them when they reach a suitable age.

IF A BLIND person shows no particular aptitude for a trade or does not wish to leave the convent, the order is bound by its rules to harbor the person until she dies. There are 87 such people residing with the community, of whom 26 are over 40 years of age.

Lay Councils Cite Rent Curbs Lapse If Cities Don't Act

Washington — (NC) — Rent control will end in 2,300 communities across the country unless the communities take positive action by September 30 to retain controls, the National Council of Catholic Men and Catholic Women have warned their local units and affiliated organizations in a joint memorandum.

"Experience has shown that where areas have been decontrolled, rents have risen up to 50 per cent," the memorandum said. "Any serious rise in the cost of rents throughout the country would have a harmful effect upon our economy and more especially upon the family budget. This will, of course, affect the standard of living of the family."

THE TWO national councils urged their subsidiary and affiliated groups to take steps to keep rent control in their areas wherever conditions warrant retention. This, the memorandum pointed out, would "be in keeping with the principles of Christian social action."

If a critical housing shortage does exist in your community — according to the Office of Rent Stabilization a critical shortage exists when there are less than 5 percent vacancies in a community — you will want to consider after study, and consultation with the proper authorities, interested individuals and groups, taking appropriate steps to insure the continuance of rent controls," the message said.

It was the first joint memorandum ever issued by the National Council of Catholic Men and the National Council of Catholic Women, both of whose headquarters are here in Washington. Signers were Martin Work, executive secretary of the men's council, and Miss Margaret Miesley, women's council executive secretary.

ENCLOSED WITH the memorandum was a list of 2,300 communities that will be affected after September 30 by the new controls law, passed by the recent Congress. The provision dealing with them reads as follows: "Any incorporated city, town or village in which Federal rent control is in effect may, prior to September 30, 1952, declare by resolution of its governing body or by popular referendum that a substantial shortage of housing accommodations exists which requires a continuance of Federal rent control in such city, town or village."

The Office of Rent Stabilization must be notified in writing of such action promptly after it has been taken. If the resolution or referendum action is not taken, rent control will lapse after September 30 in these communities. CRITICAL DEFENSE housing areas are exempted from this provision, whether certified as such before or after September 30. This means that rent controls go on automatically in them. Also exempted is "any unincorporated locality in a defense rental area in which one or more incorporated cities, towns, or villages constituting the major portion of the defense rental area have made the declaration" stating that a continuance of rent controls is required due to a housing shortage. This declaration, however, would have to be made by the September 30 deadline.

U.S. Fails On Mission Vocations

Cincinnati — (NC) — America is not doing its share of providing vocations for the missions, although it gives them much money, Magr. Edward A. Pecking, National secretary of the Catholic Students Mission Crusade, told summer students at Teachers College — most of them teaching Sisters.

"We have not begun to scratch the surface in mission vocations," he declared, calling this problem more serious than the problem of financial support.

"Little countries like Holland, Belgium and Ireland have a much better record than the United States in mission vocations," he added.

OLYMPIC STARS BLESSED



Mable Landry, national broad-jump champion (senior) and Barbara Jones, junior broad-jump champion visited St. Charles Borromeo Parish, N. Y., and received a blessing from Monignor Cornelius J. Drew before they sailed for Helsinki, Finland where they will represent the United States Track and Field squad in the Olympic Games. Members of the Chicago CYO, Mable Landry is a student at DePaul University, where she is studying on a Shell Scholarship and Barbara Jones is a sophomore at St. Elizabeth High School. (NC Photos).

Young Executive Leaves All To Enter Seminary

Manila — (NC) — Paulino Miranda y Moreta, 26-year-old business executive and prominent Catholic lay leader here, has left for Spain to enter the seminary at Comillas.

Despite his youth Mr. Miranda had accepted numerous responsibilities and had a string of accomplishments to his credit.

He is a Knight of Malta, a Knight of Columbus, president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Philippines, co-founder of the nation-wide YMCA (Young Men's Association of Charity), co-founder of the Catholic Aid Association

Radar Aids Mission Ship on Arctic Trip

Montreal — (NC) — Equipped with a radar set to make navigation easier in treacherous Arctic waters, the Regina Polaris mission ship of the Oblate Fathers has sailed for the Far North.

The 139-ton craft was filled with essential winter supplies for lonely Arctic Missions of the Oblates.

A BURLY SCOT, Capt. James Rose, is in charge of the ship. The voyage will cover 14,000 miles and Captain Rose plans on being back in Montreal by the end of September.

From Montreal, the Regina Polaris sails down the St. Lawrence River, up the coast of Labrador and into Hudson Bay to the port of Churchill which will be her base port during the mission visits. There Bishop Marco Lacroix C.M.I., of the Hudson Bay Vicariate will go aboard to visit his far flung parishes.

There is only one passenger aboard this year. He is a cameraman of the National Film Board of Canada who is making the trip to record the changing life of Canada's northland.

Catholics Win School Tax Aid

Ottawa — (RNS) — Roman Catholics in Yellowknife, North West Territories, have won their claim for a share of corporation taxes to support parochial schools.

The N.W.T. Council approved a bill which compels all corporations in Yellowknife to give part of their taxes for separate schools unless they can certify that 100 per cent of their shareholders are public school supporters.

The bill requires corporation taxes to be divided between public and parochial school boards in direct proportion to the ordinary assessment on properties.

For example, if 10 per cent of the municipality's total assessment (other than corporations) were held by parochial school supporters, the separate school board would be entitled to 10 per cent of the school taxes paid by corporations.

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