

### Italians Reported 'Mildly Resentful' At Foreign Effort To Import Religion

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Rome — (NC) — Italian law and Italy's post-war constitution guarantees freedom of religion and of religious worship in private and in public. But there are regulations...

These regulations, which are established by law itself, are by the nature of public order...

hot profess principles and follow rules that are contrary to the public order or good custom.

Under the treaty between the Holy See and Italy which was concluded on February 11, 1929, and which is still in force, "the Roman Catholic and Apostolic Religion is the sole religion of the State."

THE LAW governing non-Catholic forms of worship also grants them the right to become a moral entity possessing property and performing civil acts.

The law states that religious discussion "is fully free" and provides for authorization of the cult ministers.

Furthermore, this law establishes that difference of worship shall not affect the exercise of civil or political rights or the appointment to civil or military positions.

The "Church of Christ" and other sects have asserted that this requirement of authorization violates the constitution and denies the religious liberty which it guarantees.

THESE LEADERS have stated that whenever the "Church of Christ" entered a locality to open activities there, they contacted the police, identified themselves and asked what formalities were necessary or required to operate.

Local police authorities, these leaders say, always answered that self-identification was sufficient and that the group would have no trouble, provided its activities were orderly and proper.

The "Assembly of God," another sect, has asserted that for four years they have applied for authorization, without getting any action — either refusal or authorization.

The whole matter has not aroused great interest here except in the leftist press which customarily seizes upon anything that could possibly cause trouble or embarrassment to the Italian government.

The average Italian however, who has read of the events and is asked about his own feelings in the whole matter, demonstrates what might best be described as mild resentment.

There are still hundreds of millions of people who do not enjoy the benefits of an enlightened religion... in Africa and Asia, for example," the letter said.

"THEY OUGHT to emulate the holy zeal of robust young missionaries... much better than we poor Italians who, well or badly, have had a religion for a couple of thousand years—and a religion, if we must judge by results, which is not one of the decadent ones."

SPAKING OF the relations of Italy to the Anglo-Saxon world, the writer further says: "We have accepted democracy with noteworthy satisfaction, the renunciation of all past conquests, with resignation, the Atlantic Pact with understanding. Because of a lost war, they cannot ask more of us. They cannot send us pastors to 'evangelize' us as if we were pygmies of equatorial Africa... Our Anglo-Saxon friends of all denominations who speak sweetly of the hope that Tito's Yugoslavia may line up on their side, should not speak sharply to the Italy of St. Sarnarina."

(Third-century Italian Bishop Marcellus and patron saint of Naples whose feast day occurs on September 18.)

### BISHOPS OUSTED BY REDS



Fale and haggard, two missionary Bishops who have spent many years in China have arrived in Hong Kong, ousted by the Communists following their imprisonment. At the left is Bishop Edward J. Galvin, of Hanyang, China, Irish-born founder of the Society of St. Columban, as he arrived in "free" territory. Right photo, Bishop John O'Shea, of Kanchow, a Wisconsin native of Deep River, Conn., broken in health, is confined to a hospital in Hong Kong, following seven months of cruel imprisonment in Red China. He served 31 years in the China missions. Bishop Galvin spent 40 years there.

### Ousted Spanish Nuns Bare Duplicity Of Chinese Reds

Hong Kong — (NC) — Two Spanish Sisters of Mercy, who were sentenced to prison terms by a Chinese communist court in Wuhu last Christmas Eve for "killing 1,600 children in their orphanage," have been released and deported over the Hong Kong.

The nuns are 55-year-old Sister Mercedes Isal of Bilbao, and Sister Teresa Eklordy of Munguia who is 41. They were told privately after their court "trial" that their sentence was "only a formality" and that they would be released "after the publicity of your case has died down, if your conduct is good."

Release of the nuns emphasized the complete insincerity of the communist officials in the charges they make against the missionaries and the true purpose of the campaign of vilification.

THE AUTHORITIES revealed that the passing of sentence was a part of the "formality" that had to follow the denunciation of the missionary works of charity. It was pointed out here in Hong Kong, however, that few of the condemned missionaries have so far been released.

The Spanish nuns were arrested in August, 1951, after a public accusation meeting had condemned them "in absentia" of

### Secret Arrests Of Polish Priests Grow

London — (NC) — Increasing numbers of diocesan and order priests are being arrested by the Security Police in communist Poland, informed sources here disclose.

THE ARRESTS are seen here as part of a long-continued policy aimed both at discrediting the so-called "reactionary" clergy and strengthening the influence of the "patriotic" priests. These are the comparatively small number of clergymen who have pledged militant support of the Warsaw regime.

Several arrests of "reactionary" priests are known to have occurred during recent months. Those arrested include Father Grajner, chancellor of the Wloclawek Diocese and Father Adamczyk, rector of Katowice cathedral, who was taken into custody for the "crime" of not declaring to government authorities an American dollar he received in the Sunday collection.

ANOTHER PRIEST recently arrested was Father Slomkowski, former rector of the Catholic University in Lublin, whose brother, a layman, also was taken into custody. In July, Mother Benigna, of the Congregation of the Holy Family of Nazareth, was arrested in connection with the case of Bishop Czeslaw Kaczmarek of Kielce, who is still in prison.

The apparent aim of the communist regime is to throw fear into the clergy and force them to become subservient to its aims. One immediate plan is to utilize the priests to drum up popular support for the regime's six-year economic plan as well as for its broad program of communism.

### Tokyo Archbishop To Visit U. S.

Tokyo — (NC) — Archbishop Peter Tatsuo Doi of Tokyo will leave here by air on Sunday next (Oct. 5) for the United States, en route to Rome. This will be his first visit to the United States, and his first to Rome since he became head of the Tokyo archdiocese in 1938.

### Red Blueprint For Australia Revealed

Sydney, Australia — (NC) — The Catholic press here has given wide publicity to revelations of what are called the tactics to be adopted in the future by the Communist Party of Australia.

The tactics are outlined in an article by L. Aarons, secretary of the Party's New South Wales Committee, in the Communist Review, which describes itself as "the organ of theory and practice of the Party." The magazine is regarded as the leading communist publication in this country.

ACCORDING TO the article, the Communist Party's policy in Australia at the present stage is based on the following three points:

1. To force the Federal Liberal Party Government of Prime Minister E. G. Menzies out of office, using every form of struggle — the economic strike, the political strike, petitions, mass demonstrations, public meetings, factory gate meetings and resolutions.
2. To split the Australian Labor Party, (which, like the British Labor Party, has left-wing elements, though probably to a less degree), and create a United Front with the Left Wing on the basis of Marxism-Leninism.
3. To secure the election of a Federal Labor Government, and then immediately work to secure its fall so that its place might be taken by a "people's government."

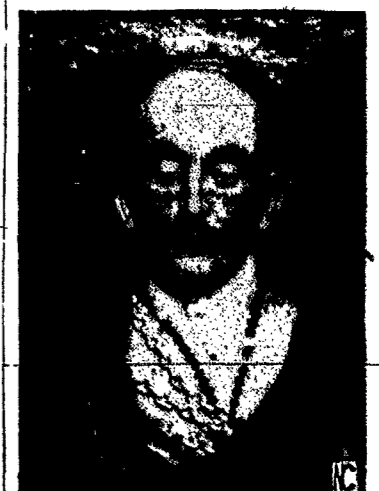
In other words, the Australian Communist Party aims to repeat what happened in Hungary, Czechoslovakia and other Central European countries.

THE COMMUNIST Review made no secret of the fact that its first bid for power will be in New South Wales. Nor was its program presented as a long-range one, as indicated in the concluding paragraph of Aarons' article:

"Our future is not a far-away dream that may happen for our children, or our children's children; it is right within our grasp."

Fordham Post New York — (NC) — The Rev. Leo McLaughlin, S.J., has become chairman of Fordham University's Communications with Department, succeeding the Rev. Alfred J. Barrett, S.J.

### Cause Advanced



This high relief portrait of Matt Talbot, Irish laborer whose cause for canonization is under study, has just been unveiled at the Matt Talbot Legion headquarters, St. Cecilia Church, Englewood, N. J. Into the picture the artist has worked the chains and rosary found on Matt's body when he died in 1925. Rev. Ronald F. Gray, O'Carroll, director of the Legion is sponsoring a movement of prayer and education for alcoholics, a movement inspired by the life and example of Matt Talbot. (NC Photos).

### Vincentians Ousted By Red China

Hong Kong — (NC) — All but one of the some 50 American Vincentian missionaries once working in China have been ousted by the Chinese Reds with the arrival here of two more expellees.

They are the Revs. Joseph Gately, Vincentian superior at Kanchow, China, and native of Dorchester, Mass., and Francis Moehring, of Woodhaven, L.I. Both had been under house arrest at Kanchow for some time.

The only American Vincentian still in Red China is the Rev. Joseph Hill, of Philadelphia, mission procurator at Kanchow.

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