

Future Of Church Blooms In Orient, Says Bp. Sheen

By MSGR. JOSEPH J. SULLIVAN (Radio, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Vatican City — One of the world's outstanding mission men met several hundred actual and potential missionaries in the central mission college of the Church.

This happened when Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Auxiliary of New York, spoke to more than 1,200 clerics at the College for the Propagation of the Faith on "The Missionary Spirit in the Priest."

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Missionary Union of the Clergy and it certainly was a striking manifestation of union and unity. Bishop Sheen is National Director in the United States of the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

STUDENTS ATTENDING the Propagation College came from 43 different countries around the globe. It is safe to say that for at least half of Bishop Sheen's audience English was not the native tongue. And of the native English speakers more than half did not come from the United States but from the British Isles and dominions and other outposts of the Commonwealth.

Whether they were native English speakers or not, they all understood Bishop Sheen as he told them that there are only two kinds of people in today's world: those who have found God and those who are looking for him—both in lands already called "Christian" and in the countries termed "missionary" in the strict sense of the word.

ALL WERE DEEPLY moved by Bishop Sheen's charge to those from the West, "to glory in handing on the torch of Faith to the men of the East, for they will be our masters." The Bishop expressed it as his deepest conviction that the coming glorious era for the Church will have its heart and its center in the East. "Confucius is at least as good a stepping stone as Aristotle," he said, "and what a procession of new Augustines, Aquinases, Bonaventures and Alberts the Great the world of another generation will see rising and shining from oriental lands."

MORAMMEDANS, Bishop Sheen explained, are today as important politically as Russia or the Western World. They constitute, he said, the balance of power between the Western World, which is post-God, and communism, which is anti-God.

Priest Blames Sex Crimes On Bad Leaders

Chicago — (RNS) — Sex crimes are a characteristic, to a certain degree, of a society which lacks religious leadership, a group of prison chaplains were told here.

The Rev. Vincent V. Herr, S.J., chairman of Loyola University's psychology department, made the statement in an address to a regional meeting of the National Association of Prison Chaplains.

FATHER HERR said societies characterized by "softness and self-seeking sensualism are on the downward grade — doomed perhaps like the ancient Romans to complete extinction."

He attacked "some theorists who, under the name of modern science, try to slur over the whole question of sex offenses on the score that man is just no more than another animal who seeks the same kind of outlets which every animal does."

Father Herr said religion can help "misguided human beings to preserve behavior patterns" satisfactory to society as a whole.

Lutherans Reject Church-State Dispute

Alexandria, Va. — (RNS) — Absolute separation of Church and State was rejected here by three prominent Lutheran theologians.

They said that the division of human life into two spheres, one belonging exclusively to the Church, the other to the State, "tends to give up the doctrine of creation, that God is Creator and Lord of both Church and State and that His will is law in both realms."

The theologians' views were contained in a study document submitted to a two-day seminar on the Church and National Life, sponsored jointly by the National Lutheran Council's Division of Public Relations and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's Department of Public Relations.

Canadians Hold Huge 'Family Supper'



Montreal—Photo shows some of the 6,000 persons who attended a "Family Supper" here arranged by the Cercles Lacordaire and Ste. Jeanne D'Arc, two Catholic lay groups similar to Alcoholics Anonymous. Paul-Emile Cardinal Leger, Archbishop of Montreal, who presided over the supper, surprised everyone by singing French-Canadian folk songs in a lusty tenor voice. The supper was the biggest of its kind ever held in the religious or civic history of this city. (Religious News Service Photo.)

Cardinal Leger 'Sings For His Supper'

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CARDINAL LEGER surprised everyone when he sang three solos and motioned the guests to join in. In a strong tenor voice he sang "Sur Le Grand Mat D'Une Corvette" (On The Main-

mast Of A Sloop) and two other of his country's folk songs. Denouncing alcohol as Enemy No. 1 of the family, Cardinal Leger told the gathering: "There can be no mutual understanding, there can be no sense of responsibility when a family is stricken by alcoholism."

ACTUAL VALUE of the meal was \$2.50 but the price was brought down to \$1 through donations of food and services by Montreal stores and agencies, including some under Protestant and Jewish management.

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No Priests Available During Captivity, POW's Declare

By FATHER PATRICK O'CONNOR (Radio, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Munsan, Korea — Sick and wounded United Nations troops reaching "Freedom Village" here from Communist prisoner-of-war camps for the most part remained calm and unemotional. But there were exceptions.

"I've been waiting for this a long time," said Trooper Edward O'Donnell, of St. Helen's, Lancashire, England, as he knelt to receive the Sacraments from Father (Lt.) Thomas Edwards, an Augustinian Recollect from San Francisco and a U. S. Marine chaplain.

O'Donnell, belonging to the Eighth Hussars, a British regiment, had been a prisoner of the communists since April 23, 1951. He arrived at Freedom Village among the first prisoners to be exchanged.

Released POW's — Americans and others — declared that no priest or minister, either Korean, Chinese or captured allied chaplain, was available to them in their captivity, according to Protestant Chaplain (Cmd.) L. F. Meachum of the First Marine Division.

NINE MARINE chaplains—four Catholic, four Protestant and one Jewish—met the returning men in the four processing tents after their arrival in helicopters and ambulances.

The Catholic chaplains, in addition to Father Edwards, were Father (Lt. Cmdr.) L. F. Rice, Redemptorist from New York; Father (Lt.) E. F. Ernst, Precious Blood priest of Fort Wayne, Ind.; and Father (Lt.) Andrew Barry, of Davenport, Ia.

At the next processing stage, a surgical hospital, Father (Lt. Col.) William F. Nern of Milwaukee, deputy Eighth Army chaplain was present.

CATHOLIC chaplains brought the Blessed Sacrament to enable the men to receive Holy Communion in a special section of each tent. They ministered to men of several nationalities.

Morale Low, Terror Increases In Titoland

Trieste — (NC) — Strong anti-British feelings and a sense of despondency have seized the 1,000,000 Catholic population of Croatia and Slovenia since Tito's return from his state visit to London.

Reports from these areas indicate that the people there are not only bitterly disappointed at the West's extending the hand of friendship to the Belgrade dictator.

They are also convinced that London has fallen victim to a political game.

THE YUGOSLAV communist press has not even mentioned Tito's alleged promises in London to relent in his policy of religious persecution—not to speak of introducing any far-reaching internal reforms.

The Belgrade police regime continues and even increases the pressure, thus strangling spiritual life and killing any hopes for the future. There are many developments demonstrating the failure of British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden to obtain any concessions from Tito.

(1) A DECREE issued late in March compels officers and non-commissioned officers in Tito's

Romans Taken To Task For Communist Posters

Rome — (RNS) — Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York took the people of Rome to task in a sermon here for permitting their city to be plastered with Communist emblems and propaganda posters.

Bishop Sheen asked how Romans could "tolerate the spectacle of barbarians invading a place such as this and asking the citizens of Rome and Italy to deliver themselves over to barbarism."

THE BISHOP, ending his week-long visit here, spoke to some 1,500 persons, including many U. S. officials and members of their families, at the American Roman Catholic Church of Santa Susanna.

Referring to the hammer and sickle emblems posted along Roman streets, Bishop Sheen declared: "This is one of the great scan-

dale of a great city and a great civilization. "WHAT MADE ROME great?" he asked. "The cross of Christ and the cross of St. Peter. Will the citizens of Rome exchange the glory of the cross for the hammer and sickle? Rome, rise to your dignity."

Bishop Sheen added that "if someone asked Rome to place itself under the power and control of Washington, I, as an American citizen, would protest and say: 'Romans, be yourselves.'"

Political posters can always be seen on Roman buildings, but they are especially numerous now because of the general election coming up June 7.

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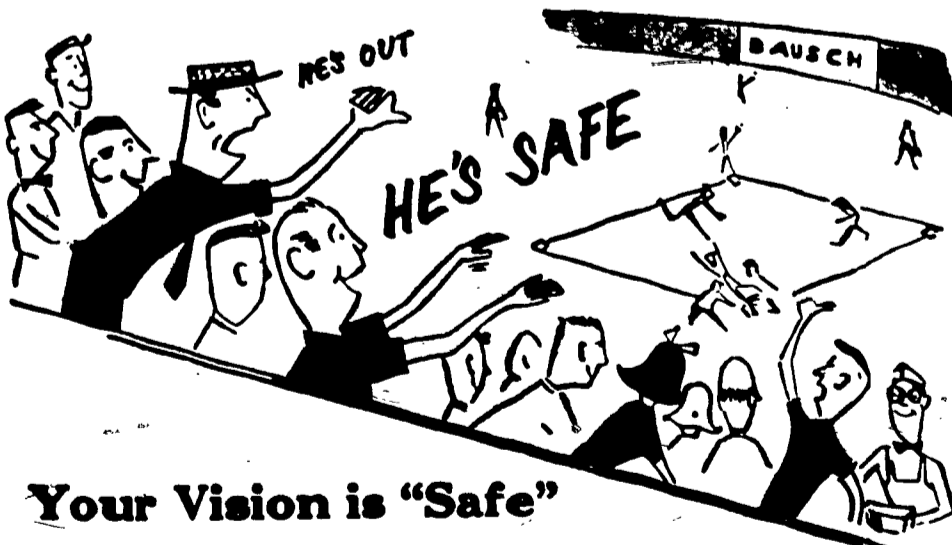
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