

Statement of New York

The following is the text of a statement issued jointly by the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Brooklyn, explaining their resignation from the Welfare and Health Council of the City of New York:

"The Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Brooklyn have this day submitted their resignations to the Welfare and Health Council of the City of New York, effective July 1, 1953. We take this step because the Planned Parenthood Committee of Mothers Health Centers has been admitted to membership in the council, effective on that date. This action has been taken because we are opposed to cooperating in the council with an organization whose principal program involves a practice contrary to the law of Almighty God.

"In resigning from the council, we exercise the right to determine for ourselves, in the framework of a free society, the application of our religious and moral principles and the extent to which they permit us to act or not to act.

"Membership in the council actually means cooperating in fostering the welfare and health programs of all member agencies. The principal activity of a planned parenthood organization is in contradiction to our principles and programs. Objections by Catholics in cooperating with such organizations is long standing and has been well known to the welfare agencies and leaders of the community. The recent controversy was in fact initiated by those seeking to admit such a group despite our known opposition based on moral and religious convictions. In our judgment, the circumstances do not justify the cooperation involved.

"We do, indeed, believe in community cooperation with responsible groups of all kinds, and representing the various religious beliefs, for the promotion of proper welfare and health programs and services. The long history of the Catholic health and welfare agencies in our city—thirty years' association with the present council and its predecessors—gives abundant evidence of our belief in all responsible community cooperation. In this instance, however, cooperation presents a moral problem, because the council has admitted an organization whose principal activity, in our judgment, is gravely immoral, and the circumstances do not justify membership with the Planned Parenthood group.

"As a matter of fact, in our judgment, the practices involved in the principal program of the Planned Parenthood organization do not only immoral, but

Polish Regime Pushes Attack On Jesuit Order

Rome — (RNS)—The Polish Communist regime is preparing to crack down on the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), the Vatican Radio reported.

The station said the current issue of the Polish Communist organ, Nowe Drogi, contains instructions on how to conduct the anti-Jesuit campaign.

There are two Jesuit Provinces in Poland. In 1952 they had a total of 702 priests and clerics.

(Polish Catholic sources in New York suggested the attack on the Jesuits is being pushed because the Communists believe Polish members of the order are cooperating with Jesuit establishments in the United States and Italy which are training priests for eventual missionary work behind the Iron Curtain.)

Prelate Confirms 31,000 In Year

Manila — (NC) — In his first year as apostolic administrator of the Prelacy Nullius of Ozamis, Msgr. Patrick H. Cronin of the Columban Fathers has confirmed more than 31,000 persons.

Of these 27,000 were residents in his own prelate on Mindanao island.

Among the others were a number of American boys from the U. S. Navy base at Olongapo.

Priest Smuggles Out Order Deporting Him From China

Maryknoll, N. Y. — (NC) — A young Maryknoller has smuggled out a copy of the Communist court action sentencing him "to be deported from the soil of China forever," according to Maryknoll headquarters. It is believed to be the only authentic copy of a sentence imposed on an American missionary to reach the free world.

The document describes the case of "Prisoner number 322, Fu Wing Faat, (Edward Moffett), male, 29 years, of Paak Sha and 32 Richeleu Place, N.Y.," who was "captured and brought to trial by the Kweping Peace Preservation Bureau."

Only "Edward Moffett" and "Richeleu Place" are written in English; the rest is in Chinese characters.

In biographical notes accompanying the sentence—which was imposed on Father Moffett two years ago—the court of the People's Government" of Kweping County, Kwangsi Province notes that the priest had come to China as a missionary in 1948, and had been assigned to the Catholic mission at Paak Sha the following spring.

"FROM THE VERY beginning of his residence at Paak Sha the prisoner used all his ability and powers to excite the populace and stir up trouble," the court said.

"During one-year period, the Christianity of Paak Sha increased from 1,500 to 3,000, and many more were preparing to become Christians.

"A large percentage of the Christians of Paak Sha are bandits, vagabonds, degenerates, bums and beggars. Religion in this region had expanded to more than 40 clan villages."

The court said Father Moffett had spread lies among the Christians—"the running dogs of this foreigner"—and previously had been convicted of underground activities and for secret meetings "with a band of traitors."

Warned by the government "he could not freely move about," the court said that "before very long, the defendant, under the pretext of visiting and healing the sick, on the sly went into the country and collaborated with bandits."

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Twin Brothers Ordained, Decide On First Mass

St. Marys, Kans. — (NC) — The problem of which one shall offer his first Solemn Mass first when identical twins are ordained at the same time was settled here.

The problem confronted identical twins Charles A. and Joseph B. Leininger of St. Mary's College, here, who will be ordained to the Jesuit priesthood June 17 by Bishop Thomas J. Toolen of Mobile, in the chapel of Spring Hill College, Mobile, Ala. A class of 12 other members of the New Orleans Province of the Society of Jesus will be ordained also.

The Leininger brothers decided that since Charles was the first born — by a matter of minutes — he will offer his first Solemn Mass first in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, New Orleans. His twin will be deacon at the Mass. The following Sunday at the same church, Joseph will offer first Solemn Mass and Charles will be the deacon.

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