Spaniards Form Religious Order In Workers

Barcelona, Spain — (RNS) — Thirty devout Spaniards—miners, factory hands and field laborers — are building a Roman Catholic religious order whose aim is to bring workers back to Christ.

The order, called Hermandad de Cristo Obrero (The Brotherhood of Christ the Worker), is led by 70-year-old Jesuit Father Juan Soler de Morell and has the approval of Bishop Gregorio Modrego y Casaus of Barcelona.

MEMBERS OF THE order, recruited entirely from among workers, take the usual vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. They labor in factories and mines and while on the job wear overalls and a large crucifix.

The first five years of training in the order are devoted to theological and general studies to prepare members for the priesthood. Once they are ordained priests, members generally are assigned to strictly religious duties.

In this respect the Brotherhood differs from the worker-priest movement in France although the aim of both groups is the same. In the French movement ordained priests become workers to carry on their special apostolate. The Spanish brothers work in plants only as long as they hold the status of lay brothers.

THE DECISION to restrict the Brotherhood in this way apparently was made on the advice of the Spanish hierarchy after a study of the French priest-worker organization.

Father de Morell said the problem of whether priests should become workers had not yet been seriously faced because members of the order had not finished their training for ordination. The Brotherhood received episcopal approval in 1948.

This announcement was made here by Archbishop Julius Czapik of Eger in stating that examinations for new seminarians will be held here on June 30. The recommendations must be submitted here during the time of the examination, the Archbishop's announcement said.

Other documents needed by the aspiring seminarians, according to the announcement, are: baptismal certificates, certificates of confirmation, and a certificate of the church marriage of their parents.

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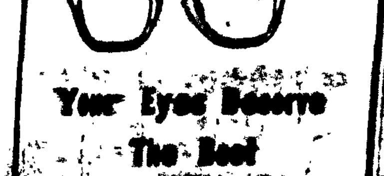
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Persecuted Bishop Undergoes Operation

London—(NC)—Bishop Stanislaw Adamski of Katowice, forced from his See last year by the Polish Communist regime, has undergone a difficult eye operation and grave concern is felt for his eyesight.

The 78-year-old Bishop, who has been partially paralyzed for several years, underwent an operation for removal of a cataract in his right eye. The operation was delayed for some time because the Bishop could not find accommodation in a hospital.

It was erroneously reported earlier this year that the aged Bishop had died in his communist-imposed confinement. The Bishop, forcibly ousted from Katowice by the Reds, is now residing at the convent of the Ursu[illegible] in Lipnik[illegible].

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Awards For Softball League Champs

CITY CHAMPIONS in the Parochial Softball league, SS. Peter and Paul's team members were feted at a dinner in the parish hall on July 15. In photo are principals and trophies (from left) Al Mistretta, coach, Rev. Robert Kress, assistant pastor and team moderator; Francis Lipani, captain and most valuable player and Rev. Robert J. Fox, pastor. (T. Gordon Massecar photo).

Team Feted On Winning Trophy

Members of the city championship SS. Peter and Paul team of the Parochial Softball League were feted at a dinner sponsored by the Holy Name Society at SS. Peter and Paul hall on July 15.

Trophies were presented by the Rev. Robert J. Fox, pastor. Thirty-seven persons attended the dinner.

A leather brief case was presented to the Rev. Robert Kress, assistant pastor for his interest and encouragement to the team.

Father Fox presented a trophy to team captain Francis Lipani for being the most valuable player and to Coach Al Mistretta for winning.

After the presentations Father Fox spoke to the team on the value of teamwork and cooperation. President Joseph Morin of the Holy Name Society stressed the importance of the boys joining in the Holy Name program when they become men.

The Rev. Robert C. Pollock of the Salt Lake City diocese, an honored guest, emphasized the importance of athletics in Christian training.

Resistance Leader Honored By Germans

Munich—(NC)—Germans honored the memory of a man who 10 years ago, on July 13, 1943, died under the Nazi axe because he was one of the leaders of an underground resistance movement.

The man honored was Dr. Kurt Huber, a professor at Munich University where he was one of the teachers of two Catholic students, Hans Scholl, 25, and his sister Sophie, 22. They, together with several others, attempted to organize a resistance movement called "The White Rose," distributed leaflets in the university, were arrested, tried and executed within a few days. The 10th anniversary of the death of the Scholls was marked last February.

Professor Huber was arrested a few days after the execution of the Scholls and sentenced to death on Apr. 19, 1943. In his defense, Huber declared before the Nazi court: "I demand that liberty be restored to the German people. We do not wish to go through life fettered by the chains of slavery, even if they were the golden chains of material riches."

Out of Patience

Whoever is out of patience is out of possession of his soul.—Bacon.

Iron Curtain Escapee Urges Boycott Of Red Satellites

London — (NC) — A free world economic boycott of Iron Curtain countries would be far more effective than vocal protests in halting the anti-religious persecution in those areas.

This was the opinion expressed here by a recent escapee from Red Poland, who said that persecution of the Catholic Church was being intensified there to such a degree that Polish Catholics may be facing the final test of their tenacity and courage.

The escapee, whose name must be withheld for security reasons, declared that the satellite countries are in desperate need of materials form the West to fulfill Soviet-imposed production quotas, and hence any measure affecting their programs would most likely prove highly effective.

"A WORLDWIDE boycott by Christian firms of goods coming from communist-dominated countries, and refusal by Christian labor to handle boats carrying merchandise to and from these lands would have far more effect," he said, "than fine speeches in halting persecutions of the Church."

Stresing that the Communists are fearful of any form of pressure from the West, the informant referred to a recent statement by a high ranking official of the Polish Communist Party. He said the officers had expressed his "happy surprise" that no one in the United Nations nor in the international labor organizations had ever seriously and openly condemned the Warsaw and other Red regimes for religious persecutions.

APPEALS CONTINUE to be heard here meanwhile for greater unity among Polish exiles in order to strengthen their political effectiveness. It has been urged that the legitimate Polish government in London include representatives of all the Polish parties who accept the basic idea of the continuity of the Polish Republic and are opposed to the Yalta agreement.

Leader in the unity movement is 60-year-old General K. Sosnkowski, who has received encouragement from Archbishop Joseph Gawlina, Ordinary to Polish Catholics in exile. Writing from Rome, where he resides, Archbishop Gawlina recalled the statement made by the late Adam Cardinal Sapieha during a visit to the Eternal City in 1946: "Poland expects the emigration to defend its rights. With this aim, you must be united and act in a common effort. If you fail to do that, the country will not want to hear about you."

Briens Observe Silver Jubilee

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Brien of 86 Kenwood Ave., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary by assisting at Mass and renewing their marriage vows in SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Rochester on Saturday, June 27 at 9:15 a.m.

The Mass was celebrated and vows heard by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, V.F., pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, brother of Mr. Brien.

The Rev. Robert J. Fox and the Rev. Robert Kress were also in the Sanctuary and congratulated the couple after the Mass.

A dinner for the immediate family took place at the Wishing Well, Chili Ave. at 5 p.m. following which the jubilarians were gretted by relatives of both families at their home.

The couple has two children, their son William, a student at St. Bernard's Seminary, and a daughter, Joan Marie Brien.

Mr. and Mrs. Brien were married on June 26, 1928 in SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Rochester by Monsignor Brien who also celebrated the Nuptial Mass.

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Protestant Activity Threatens U. S. Friendship In Colombia

Bogota, Colombia—(NC)—A warning that Protestant activity in Colombia is endangering the bonds of solidarity between this country and the United States was made here to Milton S. Eisenhower, brother of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The president of Pennsylvania State College made a stop here during his fact finding and good will tour of the Latin American countries.

The warning about the menace of Protestant activities to Colombian - U. S. friendship singled out particularly what it called the campaign to create a "hostile climate" for Colombia in the United States by the release of "exaggerated or adulterated" facts concerning an alleged persecution of Protestants in Colombia.

THE WARNING to Mr. Eisenhower came in a letter to him, signed by some 300 Catholics, including professional men, students and workers. Heading the list of signatories were Dr. Pablo Foreno Novas, a lawyer; Dr. Alfonso Pachon Bonilla, a doctor, and Dr. William Villa Uribe, a lawyer and university professor.

"Permit us to urge you to consider a question which we think of special importance for the purpose of your mission," the letter stated. "We refer to the problem created by the religious propaganda carried on in these (Latin American) countries by numerous Protestant sects supported by agencies in the United States."

The letter complained that the propaganda of some of these sects is such that it seriously offends the sentiments of the Colombian people and has led to disturbances among the uneducated.

"WE REALIZE that the U.S. government is not responsible for the campaign carried on among us by the Protestant sects in this country," the letter continued. "But the uneducated do not always make this distinction. They see only that those carrying on this Protestant propaganda are from the United States. As a consequence the propaganda becomes an obstacle to the strengthening of the bonds of solidarity which we all desire to render stronger and more sincere."

The letter stated its signers realize that neither Milton Eisenhower nor the administration headed by his brother have the power to remedy this situation, but they felt compelled to call it to his attention on the occasion of his good will visit to Colombia.

Theology School Reaches Milestone

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — A milestone in Catholic higher education will be reached this month when the pioneering Graduate School of Sacred Theology for Laywomen and Sisters holds its tenth anniversary commencement at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana.

Called the first American school to offer graduate work in Theology to women, the Saint Mary's Graduate School has conferred 25 doctorates and 82 masters degrees since its founding during the summer session of 1943.

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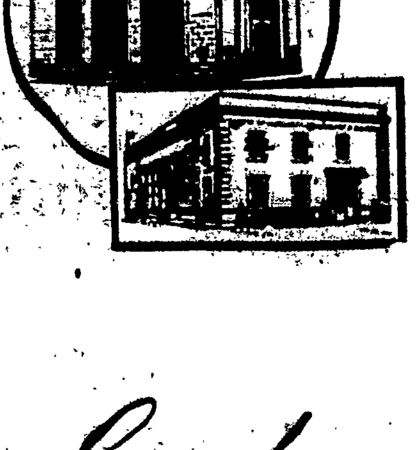

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