

Only 265 Foreign Catholic Missionaries Left In China; 71 Held In Jail, 12 From U. S.

Hong Kong — (NC) — Of the more than 5,000 foreign Catholic missionaries in China before the Communists seized control only 265 remained there at the beginning of the new year. Almost a third of them—71—were in jail.

Only 22 of the remaining foreign missionaries are Americans. Twelve, or over half of these, are in prison. Before the Reds seized China, somewhat over 500 American Catholic missionaries were working there.

Figures released by the China Missionary Bulletin, a Catholic monthly here, show that, at the beginning of 1964, 15 Bishops, 155 priests, ten Brothers and 85 Sisters were still on the China mainland. Of these eight Bishops, 69 priests, and three Brothers were in jail. The Bulletin listed no nuns in prison.

The Bulletin staff stated it was unable to ascertain the exact number of Chinese priests, nuns and Brothers in prison. However, from reports available, it estimated that the total would exceed 400. In all, there are some 7,000 Chinese priests, Brothers and nuns in the China mainland. About 2000 of these are priests, 750 Brothers, and the rest nuns. However, many of the nuns have been forced to put away their religious dress and return home.

THE MISSIONARY Bulletin list shows that French Catholic missionaries form the largest foreign national group imprisoned in Red China. The list shows 17 French missionaries in prison, 13 Italians, 12 Americans, 7 Belgians, 7 Germans, 6 Spaniards, 3 Canadians, 2 Dutch, 2 Koreans, a Canadian and a Hungarian.

The 12 Americans in prison are: Bishop Ambrose Pinger of Chautauq, Franciscan of Lindsay, Neb.; Fathers Fulgence Gross of Omaha and Cyril Wagner of Pittsburgh—both Franciscans; Fathers Thomas Phillips of Butte, Mont., John A. Houle of Glendale, Cal., Charles J. McCarthy of San Francisco, John W. Clifford of San Francisco and Armand Proulx of Lowell, Mass.—all Jesuits; Father Joseph P. McCormack of New York, a Maryknoller; Fathers Justin Garvey of Ridgewood, N. J., and Marcellus White of Waltham, Mass.—two Passionists and Father Harold Rigney of Chicago, a Divine Word priest.

THE SYSTEMATIC ouster of the foreign Catholic missionaries in China can be seen in the following table giving the total of foreign Catholic missionaries in China at the beginning of five different years.

	1946	1949	1952	1953	1964
TOTAL:	5,330	3,650	1,835	723	265

The figures show that the Chinese communists forced 458 foreign Catholic missionaries to leave China during 1953.

Says Syracuse Madonna Wept Over War Danger

Rome — (RNS) — Don Luigi Sturzo, Italian priest-statesman, said here that the Weeping Madonna statue of Syracuse, declared "miraculous" by the Sicilian bishops, shed tears because of the increasing war danger.

Don Sturzo, 82, said the war danger stemmed from the fact that "men cultivate hatred more than love; jealousy more than understanding; racial pride more than fraternity and international co-operation."

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Protests Fail To Halt First TV Mass In Britain

London — (NC) — Bitter protests by two Protestant action groups failed to halt the televising of a High Mass from St. Anne's Cathedral in Leeds on the Feast of the Holy Family. The occasion marked the first time that the Catholic ceremonies were televised in Britain.

Three days before the Mass, which was sung by Bishop John C. Heenan of Leeds to the accompaniment of a commentary by Father Agnellus Andrew, O.F.M., Britain's well-known "radio priest," the Protestant groups made formal objections to the British Broadcasting Corporation.

ONE OF THE groups was the National Union of Protestants, which claims a membership of 50,000. The other was the Protestant Truth Society, whose aims include combating "the intrusion of illegal ritual in the National Church and the potential domination of Roman Catholicism in the State."

A wire sent to the BBC by M. Arnold Perkins, general director of the National Union of Protestants, read: "We call upon you to ban the televising of the Roman Catholic Mass planned next Sunday, on the grounds that the Mass was abolished at the Reformation, is

condemned by the law of the land, and is a grave offense against the conscience of Her Majesty's loyal Protestant subjects."

The protest from the Protestant Truth Society was signed by J. A. Kensit, secretary of the organization. It called on the BBC "to remember that England's greatness dates from her rejection of the Mass in the days of the Reformation," and said that the televising of the Mass from the Leeds Cathedral "introduces into English homes the very thing the Reformation cast out."

Both the protests were overruled by the BBC, which stated that its religious broadcasting policy was guided by its central religious advisory committee, which represents all the main denominations in the country.

BBC OFFICIALS pointed out that the committee some years ago had approved the broadcasting of Mass among other church services, and said that the projected televised Mass was one of a series of televised events that

Sunday Duty Not Fulfilled By TV Mass

Vatican City — (NC) — Catholics cannot fulfill their Sunday obligation by watching Mass on television.

This point was re-emphasized here by Osservatore Romano, Vatican daily, in the wake of the formal inauguration of Italy's government-operated TV system.

The paper said following Mass over TV is a commendable thing to do, but Church authorities point out that this does not satisfy the obligation to assist at Mass on Sundays and holy days.

would cover many denominations.

"We do not consider there is any difference in policy between broadcasting the Mass in sound on radio and broadcasting it on television," the officials added.

The statement by the BBC spokesmen brought more protests from the Protestant groups, this time in the form of letters to Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill and Home Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe. At the same

Paris Votes City Funds For Churches

Paris — (NC) — Over Communist and socialist opposition the Paris municipal council has voted a subsidy of 10,000,000 francs (about \$35,000) to help maintain a number of the city's Catholic churches.

The churches to be subsidized are those built since 1905. Older churches are already supported by the city.

REASON FOR this apparently odd distinction is the following: Before the passage of the law separating Church and State in 1905 all church buildings—Catholic, Protestant and Jewish—belonged to the State, which was responsible for their upkeep.

After separation churches built before 1905 were put in charge of municipalities, which became responsible for their maintenance. Those constructed after 1905 were given no State aid. They were built and supported by the diocesan associations which owned them. The diocesan associations are headed by the Bishops.

Last year the older Paris churches received 71,000,000 francs (about \$250,000) from the city for their support. It was also decided to replace two of the run-down buildings with new churches at a cost of some 400,000,000 francs (more than \$1,000,000).

Historic Church To Be Razed

Vicksburg, Miss. — (NC) — Historic St. Paul's Church was so severely battered by the tornado which swept through Vicksburg earlier this month that it will be demolished. It has been announced. A new and larger church will be built on the site.

The church, which was dedicated on October 14, 1849, by the Most Rev. John J. Chanche, S.S., first Bishop of Natchez, withstood the heavy, month-long bombardment during the siege of Vicksburg in the War Between the States.

'Priest-Worker' Role 'Impossible,' Says French Cardinal

Lille, France — (NC) — It is impossible for a man to be both a priest and a worker, His Eminence Achille Cardinal Lienart, Bishop of Lille, has declared in the strongest statement yet issued on the priest-worker question.

Cardinal Lienart's statement follows closely upon the removal of Jesuit priest-workers from their jobs by the Order's Superior General. It also follows recent reports that the Mission of France Seminary, which trains young men for work similar to that of priest-workers, will be closed at the end of the current school year.

THERE HAS as yet been no clarification as to how the Cardinal's statement relates to the decision on the priest-worker movement reached last November. At that time three French Cardinals, including Cardinal Lienart, issued a declaration after consulting with the Pope in Rome, in which they stated that the movement would continue, but under stricter controls than in the past.

The importance of Cardinal Lienart's new stand, has been stressed by the country's newspapers in view of the fact that he heads the French hierarchy's special committee on the clergy and seminaries.

Speaking at a meeting of the clergy of the Lille diocese, the Cardinal said: "The decision of the Holy Father in regard to priest-workers includes two points, both of which must be considered and neither neglected."

"First, the present experiment cannot continue in its original form. Second, this apostolate should be pursued by new methods."

"The Holy Father made this decision for doctrinal reasons. To be a priest and to be a worker are different functions, two different states of life, and it is not possible to unite them in the same person without changing the idea of the priesthood. A priest is created to consecrate his life to the service of souls. The worker performs a

task which is different from that of the priest."

Cardinal Lienart added that His Holiness had stressed the need for continuing the apostolate by new methods and urged French Bishops to find and apply new means of maintaining contact between the Church and the working class.

Europeans End U. S. Study Year

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — Forty-one European workers took part in special commencement exercises at the University of Notre Dame here, marking the end of a year of studying U.S. industry.

The young workers, representing seven European nations, combined a 40-hour week of work in Indiana industrial plants with special classes at Notre Dame. They worked on assembly lines, joined American unions, attended labor courses — all for a first-hand glimpse at American industry.


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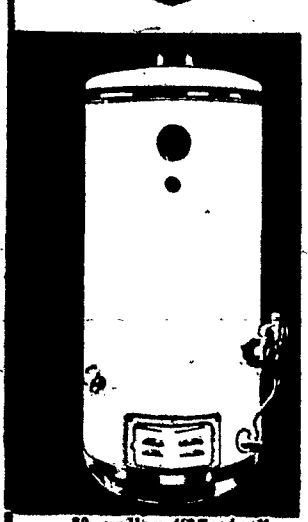
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