

Quebec Assembly Curbs Abuses Of Free Worship Law

Quebec — (NC) — The Quebec Legislative Assembly unanimously adopted a government sponsored bill aimed at curbing abuses of the "freedom of worship" statute.

George C. Marler, Liberal party member and an Anglican, said that "the bill intends to put an end to abusive and insulting attacks against any religious profession or denomination." It is designed, he said, "to prohibit comments or remarks which are beyond the normal right to exercise religious beliefs."

THE BILL, which amends the Quebec Freedom of Worship Act, provides penalties ranging from \$200 for the first offense to \$1,000 for continued offenses, with alternatives of full sentences of one to six months.

Premier Maurice Duplessis, Attorney General of the Province, introduced the bill. He stated that "Quebec has always given to the rest of Canada, a great example of the respect for freedom of worship, of the respect of rights of minorities and religious beliefs." Mr. Duplessis said that among those who do not seem to realize that Quebec's religious and national rights should be respected were the Jehovah's Witnesses, who were interned in concentration camps during the war and who have become, through their activities, real public nuisances.

WHEN SUCH people force their way into homes and circulate insulting literature, they are abusing the freedom of worship, Mr. Duplessis added.

George Lapalme, leader of the Liberal party, in giving the full support of his party to the government bill, declared that "In such cases as the expression of freedom and freedom of speech should not be involved in their behalf."

The Jehovah's Witnesses are conducting an intensive lobby of members of the Federal House of Commons to have the Quebec Legislature "discredited."

Only 100 Pro-Red Priests in Poland

Przemyslaw, Switzerland — (NC) — Only one per cent of the Polish priests have been lured into the government's organization of "patriotic priests," according to a well informed Polish priest here.

This information is supplied by Father J. Bochenek, professor at the University of Fribourg and director of the Center for the Documentation of Catholic Affairs in Poland.

Father Bochenek stated that the number of so-called "patriotic priests" in Poland does not exceed 100. In all, there are an estimated 10,000 priests in Poland. One thousand are in prison. Another 2,000 are prevented by the regime from exercising their priestly office.

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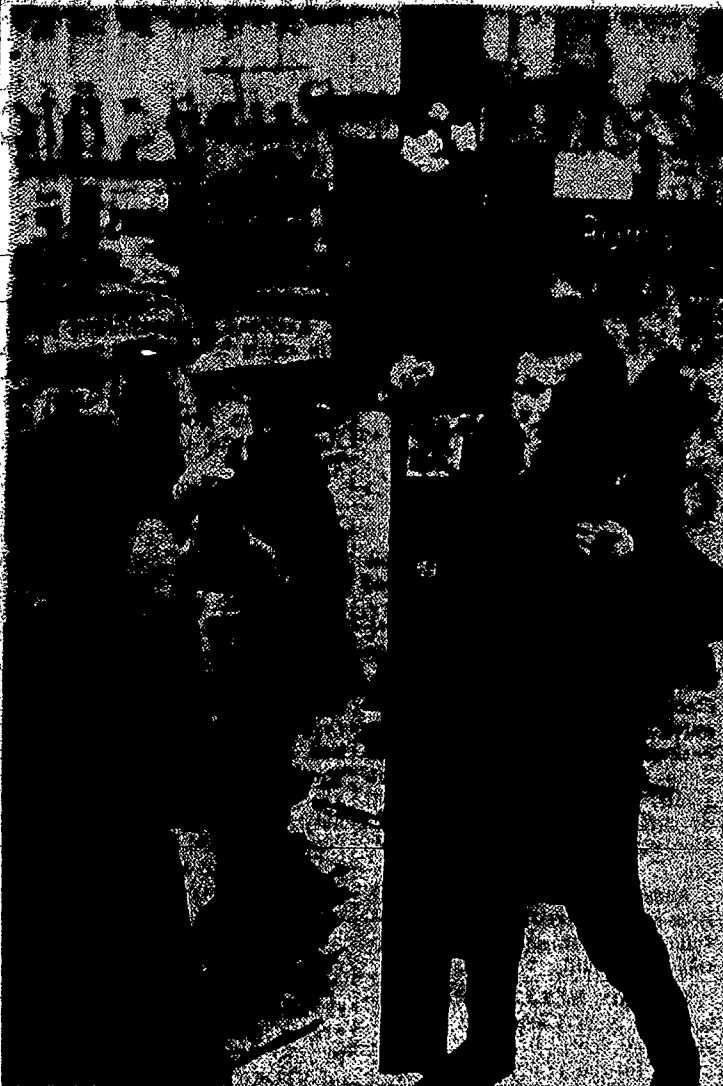
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WALKING TOUR OF SHRINES



Fluores, Italy — Priest Emil Walter of Berlin is keeping vows made in 1961 to go on a walking tour of famous Catholic shrines in Europe. Here he is carrying a large wooden cross with a mounted painting of the Madonna as he passed through this city. The pilgrim planned to visit the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, France, after touring Rome. (RNS Photo).

Anti-Red Chinese Prisoners Greet Priest As They March To Freedom

By REV. P. J. O'CONNOR

Manila, Philippines — (NC) — "Sen ful Sen ful" (Father! Father!)

This was one of the first words heard when ranks of banner-bearing Chinese ex-prisoners crossed the line from the demilitarized zone and Indian custody. The first person any of them recognized in a group awaiting them was a Catholic priest. He was Father Thomas J. O'Sullivan, who had served as civilian chaplain to Chinese prisoners of war from November, 1951, to September, 1953.

At the end of his talk, Archbishop Kuo urged Catholics everywhere to pray for the freedom of all peoples.

It was announced that the remaining 14,500 Chinese ex-prisoners would arrive shortly by boat in Keelung Harbor, and would be taken to a new training district to be opened in their new life of freedom.

U. S. Relief Aid Reaches India
Bombay — (NC) — Medicine and foodstuffs from War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference—have been unloaded from the Norwegian ship Hesperus. The cargo from the American Catholic relief agency will be released through His Eminence Valerian Cardinal Gracian, Archbishop of Bombay.

Pope Defines Bases Of True Peace

Vatican City — (NC) — There will be no secure peace in the world until justice and charity inspire reciprocal confidence between nations and between different classes within a nation, thus laying the foundation for a united effort toward a common noble ideal.

This statement was made by His Holiness Pope Pius XII in a brief address of welcome to Sir Douglas F. Howard, new British Minister to the Holy See, who presented his credentials. The Pope's talk was published in Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper.

"Now, easily the word, 'peace' comes to the lips of men today, while the substance of true peace continues to elude their grasp," the Holy Father said, adding that the reason was that although the Prince of Peace came into the world and His Birthday is celebrated every year, "His teachings still so often fall on deaf ears."

The Pope declared that in addition to justice and charity there must be an end to sheer force and attempts to stifle the human spirit. He said that "the shackles of enslavement must be struck from those God-given freedoms that are postulates of the dignity of man and human society and are today denied to entire peoples."

French Bishops Ask Obedience To Pope On Church's Stand On Priest-Workers

Paris — (NC) — Members of the French hierarchy, led by three Cardinals, have urged strict obedience to the Pope on the part of all Catholics, both laymen and priests.

Although all the prelates did not mention them specifically, their remarks are generally understood to have been inspired by criticisms of the restrictions recently placed on the priest-worker movement by the Holy See.

Various criticisms have appeared in the secular press, mostly in newspapers not usually favorable to the Church, including Marxist and socialist "Progressive" Christian publications. Among them is La Quinzaine, a review against which the Bishops have warned the faithful.

In addition to the press, various Leftist groups have also put pressure on priest workers, telling them in effect:

"You must give proof of the sincerity of your love for the people. You will have to choose between the people and the Pope."

It was in answer to such remarks that several prelates have spoken out.

His Eminence Maurice Cardinal Feltin, Archbishop of Paris, said the heads of all branches of Catholic Action that it was necessary to "purify" the air

must have faith in the hierarchy, combat individualism and have a sense of discipline and obedience.

"We must pray," he added, "for priest-workers, whose cause is difficult and complex, so that they may remain disciplined and obedient."

His Eminence Jules Cardinal Saliege, Archbishop of Toulouse, speaking to the priests of his diocese, emphasized the strict duty of Catholics to submit faithfully to the directions of the Pope and to guard against intellectual pride.

THE CARDINAL asked his priests to meditate on the example of Father de Lubac, one of whose books was refused the approval of Catholic authorities. "Father de Lubac could have sulked," the Cardinal noted. "He could have kept silent. What did he do? He wrote an admirable book on Holy Mother Church."



CARDINAL FELTIN
"Remain disciplined..."
In matters of doctrine by correcting errors, Catholics, he

Catholic Orders Plan Conferences

Rome — (RNS) — A series of regional conferences will be held this year in various parts of the world to discuss the role of Roman Catholic religious orders and institutes in the light of modern needs, it was announced here.

The conferences will be a follow-up to the first international Congress of Religious which took place here in 1950, under the auspices of the Sacred Congregation of Religious.

His Eminence Valerio Cardinal Valeri, Prefect of the Congregation, will preside at the regional conference scheduled for France in June, while its secretary, Father Arcadio Larrazola, C.M.F., will attend similar meetings in South America from the end of January until late in March.

Other conferences are planned for Canada and South Africa in September.

Africa Visitation

Maryknoll, N. Y. — (NC) — Bishop Raymond A. Lane, Superior General of the Maryknoll Fathers, is enroute to Africa for a three-month visit of Maryknoll missions in the Tanganyika Territory.

Unbaptized 'Catechist' Heads Convert Drive

Matukou, Japan — (NC) — An unbaptized "catechist" has become the center of the Christian movement in the remote town of Dendo.

Miss "X," a school teacher, will not be baptized for many months, yet she has rounded up quite a group of prospective converts at the school. She instructs them with the help of pictures and filmstrips borrowed from the pastor.

Although the mission in Matukou has had a resident priest for less than a year, it boasts of three other volunteer catechists, none of whom have been baptized more than three years. One, a man also teaching in Dendo, is instructing four adults and in addition is helping to instruct the group rounded up by Miss "X."

Missionaries Aid Former Mau Mau

Karuma, Kenya — (NC) — Two rehabilitation camps for former members of the terrorist Mau Mau are being operated by the Consolata Missionary Fathers here.

These natives, who come out of the jungle starving, sick and clothed in rags, receive treatment from the same mission which cares for orphans of Christian parents butchered and quartered by the Mau Mau.

In addition, complete families of refugees who abandoned their homes to escape the terrorists are being cared for.

One of the latest Mau Mau outrages against missions occurred at Kyangoni, where the chalice and ciborium were taken away and consecrated hosts were scattered all around the church.

Press Month

Pittsburgh, Pa. — (NC) — Pittsburgh Knights of Columbus will again spur Catholic Press Month (February) in this area with displays and handouts of Catholic literature.

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