

Dallas Catholic Hospital To Admit Negro Doctors

Dallas, Tex. — (RNS) — St. Paul's Hospital here, operated by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, became the first Dallas hospital to open its facilities to Negro physicians.

The decision was approved unanimously by the hospital's medical staff, which includes about 300 white physicians. Details of the new set-up were worked out at a meeting in the hospital by Sister Mary Helen, St. Paul's administrator, Dr. John L. Goforth, medical staff chief, and five Negro doctors chosen as the initial group to practice at St. Paul's.

DALLAS HAS 125 Negro physicians but because of limited hospital rooms and facilities only five may admit patients to the hospital at present. It is hoped that additional Negro physicians may be added to the list later, Dr. Goforth said. St. Paul's has about thirty-two beds for Negro patients. St. Paul's move is a significant one for Negroes here. Because much of medicine's swift advances are learned by doctors as they work in big modern hospitals.

War On Indecent Comics Spreads Throughout U.S.

The San Diego County Pharmaceutical Association gave a sharp jolt to the publishers of objectionable comic books and other printed filth when they imposed a voluntary ban on "obscene, obnoxious and immoral" comic books.

Similar forces were in action throughout the whole country. In Covington, Ky., the Pharmacists Guild of St. James joined hands to ban the sale of immoral literature in their drug stores. Taking their cue from the Covington group, the same action was presented to the Louisiana State Pharmaceutical Society in New Orleans.

IN MICHIGAN, the Knights of Columbus passed a resolution at their Mackinac Island convention to bring about concerted action against obscene newsstand material. In so doing, they were giving their support to what the National Council of Catholic Women had already begun in the state. High school students in Stratford, Ill., organized a League for Decent Literature and were supported by more than 1,800 signers in a petition which they presented to the city officials of their town. In New Waterford, Cape Breton, N.S., the Town Council supported the efforts of the parish-

Cardinal Spellman Blesses Airliner



Idlewild, N. Y. — His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, blesses the airliner Santa Maria, Super-Consolidation ship of the Iberia Spanish Airline, at the International airport here. The 63-passenger ship is the first of three which the airline will place into service between New York and Madrid. The other two are the Nina and the Pinta, all named after ships used by Columbus in discovering America. Partly hidden behind the Cardinal is Senator Rubio Fax, president of Iberia Airline.

Missioner To Indians Dies

Guelph, Ont. — (RNS) — The Rev. Joseph Richard, S.J., who spent 60 years as a missionary to the Indians of Lake Huron's northern shore, died here. Father Richard had celebrated his 100th birthday in February and was believed to be the oldest Jesuit priest in the world. During his active years, the priest traveled from one end of the vast lake shore area to the other, teaching Indians at every mission station from Sudbury to Sault Ste. Marie. Father Richard was credited with the erection of 11 churches. He learned the languages of all tribes in the area, could speak fluently with any Indian he met and became known as an authority on the Ojibway language. He taught the Indian tongues to many younger priests. ABOUT 20 YEARS ago Father Richard's eyesight began failing, and soon after he went into semi-retirement. But he invented a sort of braille system of his own, had a set of hand-tooled blocks made to produce books in it and thus was able to continue reading his religious works.

Yugoslav Bishop Fined By Reds

Trieste — (NC) — For the second time within two weeks a communist court in Yugoslavia has imposed a fine on a Catholic prelate. He is Archbishop Joseph Ujčić of Belgrade, fined for alleged "abuse of religion." Two weeks ago Archbishop Michael Puhic of Evar was sentenced by a Starigrad court to a fine of 40,000 dinars (about \$133.00). He was charged mainly with opposing the government sponsored priests' association in his diocese.

472,000,000 Reported In World Catholic Populations

Paris — (NC) — Of the 2,440,000,000 inhabitants of the earth, 472,000,000 — or close to 20 per cent — belong to the Catholic Church.

That is the conclusion of a study by Father Adrien Bouffard published here in the review, "The Priest and the Mission." Here is a breakdown of his findings.

IN A TOTAL Asian population of 1,300,000,000, Catholics number 31,000,000 or 2.3 per cent. In Europe, Catholics account for 39 per cent of the population, 230,000,000 in a total population of 590,000,000. The Americas have 150,000,000 Catholics or 56 per cent of the total population of 337,000,000. Africa is 8.5 per cent total Catholic, with 17,000,000 in a total population of 198,000,000. Of Oceania's 14,000,000 people, 2,800,000 or 20 per cent are Catholics.

The countries with the largest numbers of Catholics are the following:

- Brazil, 48,000,000; Italy 47,500,000; France 35,000,000; the United States, 30,000,000; Spain, 28,000,000; Germany, 25,000,000; Mexico, 23,000,000; Argentina, 16,000,000.

With a worldwide total of 250,000,000 Protestants and 200,000,000 schismatics, the total Christian population is 920,000,000 or 37.8 per cent of the earth's people.

WHILE THERE are 5,400,000 Catholics born yearly, the increase for the non-Catholic world amounts to 22,300,000 births annually. The total number of Christians born each year is 10,400,000 compared to a non-Christian total of 17,900,000. Taking into consideration conversions, which averaged somewhat more than 1,000,000 a year, the Catholic population is increasing by close to 7,000,000, compared to a non-Catholic annual increase of about 22,000,000 — of which 17,000,000 are non-Christians.

At the present time Communism controls 184,000,000 people, or 32 per cent of mankind. Of these 64,000,000 are Catholics. At the same time Mohammedanism presents an almost impenetrable barrier to missionary efforts. The 17 countries in which most of the inhabitants are Moslems have a total population of 198,000,000 — the equivalent of Africa — of whom only 2,680,750 are Catholics.

Irish Stamp



Dublin — This postage stamp depicting John Henry Cardinal Newman, 19th century English educator and convert to Catholicism, will be issued by the Irish Department of Posts and Telegraphs on July 19 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Catholic University of Ireland here. The college was opened in 1854 under the leadership of the then Father Newman. The stamp features a reproduction of a bust of Cardinal Newman by Sir Thomas Farrell, which now stands in the university's chapel. The word "Ire" is at the top of the stamp between the dates 1854 and 1859, when Cardinal Newman served as rector. It will be issued in two denominations, 2d. (brown purple) and 1 1/2d. (dark blue).

Woman Red Returns To Catholic Faith

Manila, Philippines — (NC) — "After long study and due consideration of the matter, I am constrained to write to you to consider my earnest desire to return to the fold of God and the Catholic Church."

In these words Illuminada Calonge, better known as Salome Cruz, top woman communist leader in the Philippines, expressed her wish to return to the faith of her youth.

THEY WERE addressed to Father Antonio Espelata, chaplain of Bilbid Prison where the former Red leader is awaiting execution. Along with four other top communists she was sentenced to death following the communist trials in Manila in 1951.

After making her profession of faith in the prison chapel in the presence of other prisoners, she was readmitted to the Church by Father Espelata, who was instrumental in her return to the faith. For returning to Catholicism she was expelled from the Communist party.

Before becoming a communist, Mrs. Calonge had been a devout Catholic. She became a Red, Father Espelata reported, after her marriage to an important Red leader. "I have a funny feeling," she said after receiving the Sacraments for the first time in years. "I feel like a wayward child coming back to my father."



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