

## Jewish Convert Sees God's Plan For Return Of Israel To Fold

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Cape Town, South Africa (NC)—Father Elias, O.C.D., a Cape Town Jewish doctor who became a Catholic and is now a Carmelite priest believes the return of the Jews to Palestine to be a part of a "divine strategy" for their conversion.

Fr. Elias, who is soon to go to the motherhouse of the Discalced Carmelite Order on Mount Carmel, Haifa, told the Catholic Luncheon Club a monthly gathering of Catholic professionals and businessmen here.

"It is a pertinent question to ask a Catholic missionary on his way to Israel what chances of apostolic success he expects to have for the history of the attempts to convert the Jews during the last 1,900 years has been that of complete failure. Most therefore, the Catholic missionary accepts that St. Paul defined the limits of apostolic success when he said he hoped to save a few, or are there any signs of a new perspective opening up which would be more promising?"

The answer to this question was Father Elias said, that the apostolate to the Jews was governed by a providential condition which until this condition was realized, would make difficult converting more than a few. But now this condition is realized, he said, and a new form of apostolate can and should be embarked upon, with the hope of converting the entire people, according to the prophecy of St. Paul that all Israel would be brought back.

THE GRADUAL realization of this condition, in Father Elias' opinion, provides a basic principle for a national apostolate. The signs which justify this affirmation are none other than the fact of the State of Israel itself, on the one hand, and the spiritual condition of modern society on the other.

These two aspects, he said, seem to correspond exactly to the double-winged prophecy of St. Paul in his epistle to the Romans when he said that there would be a conversion of the Jews which would bring about the resurrection of the spiritually dead Gentiles.

Father Elias took the Carmelite habit in Ireland in 1947 and has spent the last six years at various monasteries in France. He is the author of "The Redemption of Israel," a book dealing with Catholicism and the Jews.

## India's Needy Served By Church Groups

New Delhi, India (NC)—Catholic charitable agencies in India are carrying an impressive share of the burden of India's needy millions, recent statistics here show.

Figures given in a new Indian Catholic directory show the total number of persons benefitting from the Church's charitable institutions to be near three million a year. Though this is only a fraction of the vast Indian population, it adds up to a striking contribution to the nation's humanitarian services when measured against the small Catholic percentage of India's total population.

According to an independent estimate, more than 60 per cent of the beneficiaries are non-Catholic, mostly Hindus. Comparative figures show that the Church is carrying the greater part of the combined services of similar institutions.

There were 95 hospitals under Catholic auspices in India at the beginning of 1954 with a total bed capacity of almost 3,000. Some of India's 35 dioceses have as many as nine hospitals. Catholic dispensaries total 405. The Jesuit-staffed diocese of Patna, headed by American-born Bishop Augustine Wildermuth, S.J., conducts 43 of these.

Next in importance come the Church's orphanages, of which there are 304 with 38,512 inmates. Other figures in the new Indian Catholic directory show: 53 foundling homes, with about 600 inmates; nine leper asylums with accommodation for 700 patients; 36 homes for the aged with about 1,000 inmates; and 22 poor homes benefiting some 468 persons.

All of us  
There is no much good in the world of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it's hard to tell which of us should reform the rest of us.

## First Burmese



Mandalay, Burma—The Most Rev. John Joseph, rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral here, was consecrated Titular Bishop of Lela and Auxiliary to Bishop Albert F. Fallero, Vicar Apostolic of Mandalay, at a colorful ceremony held on an outdoor altar before 2,000 persons. He is the first native Burmese to become a Catholic bishop. The consecrating prelate was Archbishop Martin Lucas, Apostolic Intermuncio to India. Born in 1891, Bishop Joseph was educated at Pangsang (Mandalay) Central Seminary and ordained in 1924. He has been rector of the Sacred Heart Cathedral since 1932. (RNS Photo.)

## Gold Coast Cabinet Has 3 Catholics

Accra, Gold Coast—Three Catholics are among the ten members of the Gold Coast's first all-African Cabinet which was formed here by Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah, following the recent general election which gave this British colony the first exclusively African legislature it has ever had.

A LANDMARK in African history, the election, which witnessed the triumph of the Convention People's Party, has ushered in, in the opinion of many sound observers, an era of far-reaching political and economic development in this country where an incredible amount of expansion is already taking place.

The three Catholics Prime Minister Nkrumah has chosen to help administer the affairs of this colony, whose size approximates the State of Nebraska, are: **BOYO BOYO**, a member of the former Cabinet, who was given the portfolio of Minister of State; **J. E. A. A. A.**, at one time ministerial secretary to the Ministry of Justice, who was named Minister of Agriculture; and **JOSEPH M. ALLEMAN**, formerly ministerial secretary to the Ministry of Development, who was appointed Minister of Education.

Another member of the Cabinet is **IMORU EGAKI**, who, although not a Catholic, has shown a consistently favorable attitude toward Catholic missionaries in the Gold Coast, and has pledged he will do all he can to help them in the field of medical care. He has been named Minister of Health.

The fact that the Gold Coast today numbers only 350,000 Catholics out of its total population of 4,000,000 makes the comparatively large Catholic representation in the new Cabinet a matter of special rejoicing to Catholic leaders. Dr. Nkrumah himself was baptized a Catholic, but lapsed from the faith after going abroad for study in the United States and England. He is regarded as an outstanding statesman.

One of Dr. Nkrumah's first actions as Prime Minister in the new government was to send a letter to Archbishop William T. Porter of Cape Coast asking him to introduce regular prayers in his churches for divine guidance and help for the government and the legislative assembly.

## Missionary Clothes Korean Families

Pusan, Korea (NC)—An American missionary reports that he has distributed American-donated clothing to 1,036 needy families in the past six weeks.

Father Joseph M. Connors, Maryknoll missionary from Pittsfield, Mass., distributed 150 bales of clothing received from War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference and 10 bales of clothing donated by American GI's here.

## Vietnam Empress Visits Pontiff



Vatican City—Empress Nam Phuong of Vietnam (near Pope on left) is shown with Pope Pius XII after a private audience. The Empress, a convert to Catholicism, is the wife of Emperor Bao Dai. Also in the photo are members of her family and personal aides. (RNS Photo.)

## India Opens Clinics For Birth Control

Trivandrum, India (NC)—Twelve birth-control clinics are to be opened in Travancore-Cochin, India's most Christian state, as part of the government's program for solving overpopulation problems.

The new family planning program marks the first in a series of the projects of the government's Family Planning Research and Programs Committee. The program has been prepared, according to a government report, in view of the "steady increase in population during the past three decades and of its effects on the health and welfare of the people. It is proposed as an integral part of the health services of local government authorities."

The family limitation drive raises a serious issue for Indian Catholics who are opposed to any program of artificial birth control. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of India has warned the faithful against countenancing this "sin against marriage" as undermining the welfare of the family and the state.

Consecration Date  
Burlington, Vt. (NC)—Consecration of Bishop-elect Robert F. Joyce as Auxiliary Bishop of Burlington will take place in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception here, Oct. 7, the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary.

## British Catholics Deplore Geneva Pact On Indo-China

London (NC)—The Catholic Press, almost alone in this country, stressed the moral and spiritual disaster that had shaken Christendom in Indo-China and through the Big Powers' talks at Geneva.

"The Indo-China armistice agreed upon at Geneva this week is a victory of the greatest possible significance to communism and a major defeat for the West," wrote Douglas Hyde, lifelong student of political communism, in the Catholic Herald. "That is how the communists see it and how it will be regarded all over Asia."

FOR THE FIRST time in history, a communist-led indigenous national movement has fought a western power in an open war and has been able to establish communist rule over large territories and on a permanent basis as a consequence.

In the area which now disappears behind the Iron Curtain live well over one million Catholics, known as active opponents of communism, and the most solidly Catholic community in all Asia. What will happen to them is by no means clear but their future looks black indeed.

MR. HYDE CRITICIZED the way French premier Mendes-France cold-shouldered the Vietnam delegation at Geneva although they represented the people whose country was being "parceled out by others and who will know the consequences in their own lives." He said the French leader, for the sake of a political gamble, not understanding their religious and ideological opposition to communism, had pushed them aside as a stumbling block to his personal plan.

The Catholic Herald also had a two-column editorial article on the cease-fire in which it said: "It would be fantastic to see the cease-fire in Indo-China as being anything but a victory in the field for communism. And in the case of this victory Catholics cannot but feel bitterly at the betrayal of many hundreds of thousands of excellent Catholics who it would seem at present must be left to the tender mercies of the communists."

Named Prelate  
Milwaukee (NC)—Pope Pius XII has elevated Msgr. Paul F. Tanner, Assistant General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, to the rank of Domestic Prelate. It was announced by Archbishop Albert G. Meyer of Milwaukee.

The 49-year-old Milwaukee priest has been assigned to N.C.W.C. headquarters in Washington since 1941, and assumed his present office in 1945.

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## Colombia Chief Proposes Ban On Red Party

Bogota, Colombia (NC)—A recommendation that Colombia's constitution be amended to outlaw the Communist Party and other subversive groups which seek the destruction of this country was made here by President Gustavo Rojas Pinilla.

He spoke at the formal installation of the Constituent Assembly which has before it proposals for reform of the constitution submitted by a special Committee for Constitutional Studies set up by General Rojas Pinilla following the military coup of June 13, 1953.

THE PRESIDENT declared that action against subversive organizations was a matter of extreme importance "at this time of decisive struggle between Christianity and Communism."

The proposal was one of four "urgent reforms" recommended by the government head. The others called for giving women the right to vote, reforming the administration of justice, and replacing the suspended local government councils with administrative bodies by agreement among the various political parties.

Urging the right of women to vote and to be elected to Congress, the President declared: "Colombia, being an essentially Catholic country, cannot continue to deny this sacred right to those who form the soul of its domestic hearths."

## Poor Sermons Cause 'Sag' In Liturgy

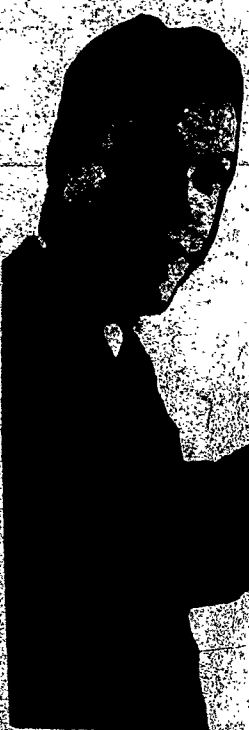
Washington (NC)—The "sag" in the liturgy caused by ill-prepared, poorly delivered sermons can be avoided by more concerted effort, said Father John J. Madden of Catholic University's School of Theology.

Father Madden directed a French Institute at the university, now in the final days of its six weeks summer session. "The sermon," he said, "is inserted into the beautiful liturgy of the Mass. There is no reason why there should be a 'sag' at this point. The aim is to make the sermon match the beauty of the liturgy as far as possible."

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