

It's Sad,' Says French Colonel

**Red Banner Raised, French Flag Lowered
As Communists Take Vietnam Town**

Below Sonay, North Vietnam—(By AP Staff)—The communist flag has just been raised over Sonay. It's the red flag with a yellow star, the flag of the Vietnam People's Army. I saw it hung out in the main street, 30 yards from the church.



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MARY'S BANK this month goes to the Sisters of Charity and their Sanatorium for the tubercular at Bhamas, Lebanon. Sister Gabriel, the Superior, writes they were never so much in need in all her thirty-three years there. Please do make a deposit in Our Lady's Bank.

BISHOP THARAYILLE

This new Bishop of Kottayam in India ventured a trip to the United States, to plead for his new Caritas Hospital at Thelakom. On his arrival he fell ill. Please do help him with this great project for his beloved poor. Can you encourage this young Bishop by giving \$10 for a stone in this humble hospital?

SPEAKING OF DOLLAR-MONTH CLUBS: Your dollar goes this month through OPHIANS' BREAD to the Carmelite Fathers at Tripoli, Lebanon. Deposits in the DAMIEN LEECH FUND go to the Damien Institute at Trichur, India. Father Leone Foggi of Kena, Egypt, will get the valued dollars from the BASHLIANS, our School Club. Won't you join one of these clubs?

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1790 CHAPEL RESTORED



Port Tobacco, Md.—Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington, D. C., reads a prayer before laying the cornerstone for the new Chapel of Our Lady of Mount Carmel here. The chapel is being built over the original foundation stones of the first Catholic convent chapel in the United States. Established in 1790 by Carmelite nuns from Antwerp, Belgium, it was occupied by the order until poverty forced the sisters to leave to Baltimore in 1851. The chapel's nave and part of the sanctuary are scheduled to be completed in October, when dedication ceremonies will be held. Archbishop O'Boyle expressed the wish that the chapel would become a national shrine for pilgrims. (RNS Photo).

CWV Parade, Field Mass Honors Blessed Mother

Philadelphia—(NC)—"It's a good old American custom to worship God," Msgr. Francis F. Furey, rector of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, told a gathering of several thousand Catholic War Veterans here.

Belloc Windmill Repair Planned

London—(NC)—A fund has been started here to restore an old-world windmill in Sussex as a memorial to Heloise Belloc, distinguished British Catholic poet and author, who died last year.

British Queen Guest Of Catholic Families

London—(NC)—Queen Elizabeth spent three days at Sledmere Hall in Malton, Yorkshire, as the guest of Sir Richard and Lady Sykes, who are Catholics. An old Catholic stronghold, Sledmere Hall has had its own chapel for many generations.

Buddhists Harass Ceylon Catholics

Colombo, Ceylon—(RNS)—Police escorted Catholic women to public waterfalls at nearby Mettalamulla after the women complained they had been obstructed by Buddhist followers.

Spain To Be Consecrated To 'The Immaculate Heart'

Zaragoza, Spain—(NC)—Biggest Marian Year event in Spain will be the solemn consecration of the nation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on October 12, the feast of Our Lady of the Pillar, one of the most popular designations under which the Mother of God is honored by the Spanish people.

Reds To Enlarge Atheist Museum

London—(RNS)—The Moscow Radio announced that the atheist museum of the Soviet Academy of Sciences in Leningrad would be enlarged this year by the addition of departments on the origin of religion and the origin of Christianity.

INDIAN CONGRESS

Dublin—(RNS)—Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. of Albany, N.Y., founder and director of the Family Rosary Crusade, will address the closing function of the Indian National Congress in Bombay on Dec. 8. It was announced here.

Nehru Gives Stand On Foreign Clergy

New Delhi—(NC)—Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru has deplored the "aggressive attitude toward missionaries" shown in some political quarters.

At the same time the Indian leader has declared that restrictions placed on foreign missionaries are not connected with "a religious question... but rather with the question of admitting foreigners to India for any purpose."

THE PRIME MINISTER'S latest statement on the question of foreign missionaries—principally Christians—came in a circular issued to local committees of the Congress Party. The party is headed by Nehru and has governed India since it gained independence in 1947.

The Prime Minister's declaration comes at a time when there is high feeling in India over the question of foreign missionaries. Fanatical Hindu and nationalist elements are conducting a nationwide propaganda campaign charging Christian missionaries with activities harmful to the interests of the nation and its culture.

EVEN MORE moderate Hindu elements have expressed the view that while foreign missionaries should be allowed to carry on social and educational work in the country they should not be permitted to propagate their religion. Among those expressing this view is the country's president, Rajendra Prasad.

The Nehru circular declared that every religion in India has freedom to propagate its beliefs, subject to certain considerations. It added:

"Where foreign missionaries are concerned, it is not a religious question at issue, but rather a question of admitting foreigners to India for any purpose. We do not wish to close India to foreigners, and indeed we have welcomed them. But we apply certain rules in regard to their entry which have nothing to do with religion. Large numbers of foreigners in a country may well create new problems. They may affect certain professions or some activities which we do not wish to encourage. Therefore, certain rules have to be laid down."

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THEY ARE AT present not only Christian missionary activities, but Hindu and Moslem ones also in various areas. There is the largely political Hindu Shuddhi (re-conversion) movement. This political tirade is deprecate.

THERE IS ALSO a tendency in some parts for an aggressive attitude toward missionaries. This should be sternly discouraged. It creates apprehension in Christians—a very considerable and important element in the national community.

OUR CONSTITUTION is based on a secular conception and gives freedom to all religions, even Freedom to proselytize. Personally, I do not appreciate attempts at proselytization. But that is a personal opinion of my own and I have no business to thrust it on others. I can understand an individual changing his religion because of certain convictions. I do not understand attempts at mass conversion which can have no business with individual or personal conviction and which have often some political urge behind them.

THE TITLE Our Lady of the Pillar, comes from the tradition that the Virgin appeared to St. James, seated on a hard marble rock, while he was praying on the banks of the Ebro—the river from which the entire Spanish peninsula derived its name of Iberico—and instructed him to build a chapel there.

A small statue of the Blessed Mother now rests upon this pillar of rock. Time, and the constant flow of praying pilgrims, have left deep indentations of its surface.

New Provincial
Arlington, Va.—(NC)—Father Peter J. Kelkernans, C.I.C.M., former pastor of St. Agnes Church, San Antonio, Tex., has been named to a five-year term as provincial for the American province of the Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Mission Society.

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