

Stockpiles Of Ideas On Morality Urged

Washington — (NC) — When war threatens, a nation is bound by God's law to include with its stockpile of nuclear weapons some ideas on the morality of warfare.

FATHER FRANCIS J. CONNELL, C.S.S.R., dean of the theological school at the Catholic University of America, emphasized this point in an article "When Is War Justified?" appearing in the August-September issue of publication of the National Council of Catholic Men.



FATHER CONNELL

He warned that a nation can do so only if there is sufficient cause.

"This would have to arise," he said, "from the need of defending its own rights or the rights of a smaller nation." Nations must "honestly foresee" that good will result from the war, he said, and to gain power or prestige or even the intention of bringing culture or extending Christianity are not just causes.

"IF, HOWEVER, a nation is in extreme need of more territory for its growing population," he continued, "and other governments will not help solve the situation the expanding nation may take even by armed force some land from a country that has more than it needs itself."

Appeasement to avoid war is permissible, he stated, as long as the compromises are not evil and do not make matters worse.

Reds Want Souls And Minds, Not Land, Bp. Sheen Says

Detroit — (NC) — Speaking to 3,500 persons here at the opening of the Assumption College Christian Culture Series at Detroit University, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen said

the Reds have perfected brainwashing to such a degree that "dope and injections" are no longer needed to get persons to change to Communist ideologies.

REFERRING TO the Communists as "today's imperialists," the New York Auxiliary Bishop said that they want souls and minds, not land.

"Souls of 37 out of every 100 persons in the world," he said, "now are possessed by the imperialists, who have reversed baptism and applied it to their own nefarious ends."

He told of one Catholic missionary in Red China who was forced to stand 72 hours before a glaring light, was given 35 minutes sleep, and forced to stand another seven hours. Bishop Sheen said that after six months of "fatigue and starvation the priest couldn't remember prayers which he had been reciting his whole life."

He asked: "How can Communism and Christianity co-exist in being practiced by so-called men this world with things like these of good will?"

WALTER BISHOP Sheen

told luncheon guests at the Detroit Athletic Club that time has proved Karl Marx's theories wrong and forced Communists to do an about-face in their thinking. According to Marx, in capitalistic nations the rich would get richer and the poor poorer until the poor class revolts against the rich.

"Yet it was in Russia, the least industrialized and capitalistic," he explained, "that the revolution first came. It was to China that it spread eastward."

He said that "here, in the most almost totally unindustrialized capitalistic and most highly industrialized of nations, the poor have not grown poorer, for there has come into being a great and strong middle class." He said Communism is meeting its greatest difficulty in the United States.

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Cardinal Tien At Students' Seminar



South Bend, Ind.—A Vietnamese student in the United States kisses the ring of Thomas Cardinal Tien, S.V.D., exiled Archbishop of Peking, China, at a Seminar for Far Eastern and Near Eastern Students held at the University of Notre Dame here. The girl is Miss Camy Phung of Saigon, one of the foreign youths at the seminar, held in connection with the 16th national convention of the Catholic Students Mission Crusade. Looking on is Msgr. Edward A. Freking of Chicago, national secretary of the CSMC. (RNS Photo).

Houston Outlaws Crime Comics

Houston, Tex. — (RNS) — An ordinance outlawing "crime comics" was adopted by the Houston City Council after a two-week campaign by religious groups, school officials and newspapers demanding action to halt the sale of objectionable literature at the city's newsstands.

Only a fortnight before the Council action, the Houston Holy Name Union had served notice

on the city fathers that unless "indecent and licentious" publications were removed from newsstands within 30 days the Roman Catholic group would institute court suits against individual newsdealers.

The new ordinance, which will become effective Sept. 25, defines crime comics as "any book, magazine, pamphlet or other publication in which there is prominently featured an account of murder, criminal assault or other crime."

Sale or display of such publications to any person under 18 years of age is prohibited by the ordinance, and violators are subject to a \$200 fine for each such sale or display.

Houston Protestant and Jewish leaders joined with the Catholics in the fight for the ordinance.

Men's Religious Communities Gain In World Membership

Men's Religious Communities List 271,500 Members

Washington — (NC) — Membership of religious communities of men which have houses in more than one diocese has risen 14 per cent since the end of World War II to a worldwide total of more than 270,000, a study made here reveals.

Of the 270,000 members some 113,000 are priests. More than 18,000 of these are active in the United States, which has a larger number of religious priests than any other country. Italy, with close to 15,000, has the next largest number, followed by Spain, France and Germany.

THESE FIGURES do not include diocesan priests, who total some 28,600 in the United States. The world total of diocesan priests is 256,152.

The following tables give the number of religious priests by continents and for countries where more than 2,000 of them are now serving:

Number of Priests in Religious Communities:

Europe	58,150
North America	23,882
Latin America	18,741
Africa	7,892
Asia	7,787
Oceania	1,826
Total	112,728

Countries with more than 2,000

Religious Priests:	
United States	18,175
Italy	14,917
France	7,445
Germany	6,432
Belgium	5,224
Canada	4,815
Spain	4,467
Brazil	4,381
Netherlands	3,416
Great Britain	2,818
Austria	2,652
Argentina	2,187

Changes in the total membership of the different communities since war's end in 1945 have varied widely, from an increase of 56.9 per cent for the Augustinian Recollect Fathers to a decline of 34.5 per cent for the Assumptionist Fathers. Of the 50 communities with more than 1,000 members, 45 showed a postwar increase in membership, 11 of which rose by more than 25 per cent.

The following table shows the size and rate of growth since the end of the war of religious communities of men with more than 1,000 members.

Growth in World Membership since End of War 1945 1954 Per Cent

Community	1945	1954	Change
1 Jesuits	27,000	32,000	18.5
2 Franciscans	23,122	25,438	10.0
3 Salesians	14,990	17,356	14.0
4 Christian Brothers	14,829	17,892	20.5
5 Capuchins	12,914	14,198	9.9
6 Benedictines	11,200	11,100	-0.9
7 Dominicans	8,000	8,543	6.8
8 Marist Brothers	7,990	8,050	0.7
9 Redemptorists	6,732	7,319	8.6
10 Oblates of Mary Immaculate	6,300	6,264	-0.6
11 Vincentians	5,400	5,096	-5.6
12 Holy Ghost Fathers	3,985	4,500	12.9
13 Divine Word Fathers	4,350	4,905	12.6
14 Conventuals	3,415	3,650	6.9
15 Augustinians	2,825	3,500	23.5
16 Passionists	3,250	3,500	7.7
17 Discalced Carmelites	3,111	3,438	10.7
18 Trappists	2,702	3,420	26.6
19 White Fathers	2,185	2,920	33.6
20 Missionaries of the Sacred Heart	2,420	2,916	20.5
21 Claretians	2,300	2,800	21.7
22 Marianists	2,240	2,600	16.1
23 Brothers of the Sacred Heart	2,485	2,568	3.3
24 Fathers of the Sacred Heart	2,458	2,530	2.9
25 Parisis	1,825	1,916	5.0
26 Holy Cross Fathers	1,497	1,585	5.9
27 Christian Brothers of Ireland	2,040	2,125	4.1
28 La Mennais Brothers	1,885	1,980	5.0
29 Carmelites	1,811	1,887	4.2
30 Hospitalers of St. John of God	1,950	2,145	10.2
31 Presentation Brothers	1,915	1,915	0
32 Mariists	1,601	1,689	5.5
33 Assumptionists	2,200	2,366	7.5
34 Sons of Divine Providence	1,535	1,700	10.8
35 Pallottines	1,485	1,575	6.1
36 Schout Fathers	1,325	1,405	6.0
37 Victorians	1,428	1,498	4.9
38 Fathers of the Sacred Hearts (Picpus Fathers)	1,405	1,454	3.5
39 Cistercians	1,250	1,300	4.0
40 Premonstratensians	1,244	1,311	5.3
41 Brothers of Charity	1,605	1,648	2.7
42 Servites	1,394	1,511	8.4
43 Brothers of Christian Instruction	1,281	1,459	13.9
44 African Mission Fathers	1,248	1,327	6.3
45 Montfort Fathers	1,265	1,297	2.5
46 Blessed Sacrament Fathers	884	1,250	41.4
47 Camillians	890	1,187	33.6
48 Salvatorians	1,010	1,076	6.5
49 Augustinian Recollects	854	1,000	17.6
50 Verona Fathers	670	1,005	50.0
Communities with under 1,000 members	25,854	32,688	26.4
Total	238,672	271,500	14.0

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