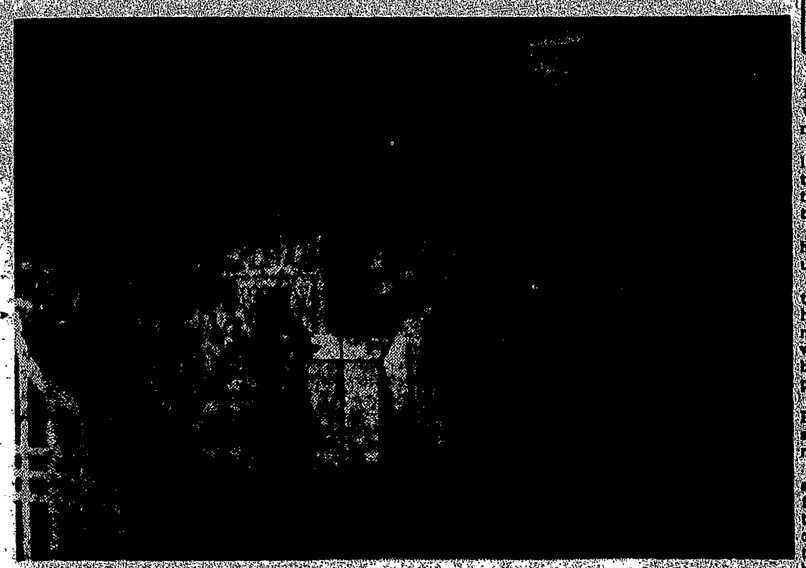
Mass Celebrated In Nine Rites



Philadelphia—The Divine Liturgy (or Mass) is concelebrated in nine Catholic rites on a circle of altars erected in Convention Hall here as the highlight of a three-day National Eucharistic Congress of Oriental Rites. This marked the first time in the history of the Church that the Liturgy was concelebrated simultaneously in so many rites or variations. The rites used were the Byzantine in five variations, the Armenian, the Chaldean, the Maronite and the Latin. More than 11,000 persons from 216 Ukrainian and other Eastern rite parishes attended the Mass. (RNS Photo)

30,000 Attend Oriental Congress

By JACK DALY, JR.
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Philadelphia — An estimated 30,000 people took part here in the three-day National Eucharistic Marian Congress of the Oriental Eastern Rites. It was believed to be first Eucharistic Congress of its kind.

Prayers in thanksgiving for the blessings in the free world and prayers for others not so fortunate, especially those behind the Iron Curtain, were the intentions of the gathering sponsored by the Ukranian Catholic Eparchate of Byzantine Slavonic Rite.

In addition to the thousands of the laity, the Congress was attended by many members of the Hierarchy of both the Eastern and Western Rites from this country and from many parts of the world. Three Cardinals, eight Archbishops, 12 Bishops, four monsignori representing Bishops and two Abbots were among the prelates.

THE CARDINALS are Their Eminences Peter GV Cardinal Eminences Peter XV Cardinal of the Armenians from Beirut, Lebanon; Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, and Thomas Cardinal Tien, S.V.D., exiled Archbishop of Peking, China.

Sermons at the ceremonies were given in both Ukranian and English.

A highlight of the Congress was the concelebration of the Divine Liturgy (Mass) at nine altars arranged in the civic auditorium of Convention Hall here. About 12,000 attended the ceremony.

His Excellency Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, presided at the concelebration and gave a sermon in English.

"Where could one find a stronger bond and a more significant expression of unity of faith than in this," said Archbishop Cicognani, "where Bishops and priests of different rites renew the Eucharistic Mystery?"

THE APOSTOLIC Delegate said this Eucharistic Marian celebration brings with it a realization of our debt to the Orient: "There in Palestine the Savior was born and lived, there the gospel of redemption and of salvation was announced, from there the Christian civilization went forth. From the Orient came the Apostles, from the East came great luminaries of the Church. There were held the first great Councils . . ."

Labor Delegates Unconvinced By Reds' 'Religious Freedom'

London — (NC) — Two leading members of the British Labor Party mission to China have labeled as unconvincing the "evidence" of religious freedom proferred by the men of Peking.

But the Labor delegates believed the Christian representatives they met were honest men trying to do what they could in the circumstances.

One delegate, Sam Watson, head of Britain's mineworkers union, declared:

"I want to be fair to the Christian men I met. I think they have the idea that by creating a national church within the framework of the new state they will be able to preserve Christian principles."

He and Morgan Phillips, Labor Party secretary general gave a special interview to the Universe, national Catholic newspaper.

Both said that in fulfilment of a pledge made to Catholics before they left Britain, they did try to probe into the persecution of the Catholic Church but that they failed. Mr. Watson declared he asked questions and received answers that were "most unsatisfactory."

THROUGHOUT THEIR meeting with China's "religious leaders" the two Catholic priests present, — one excommunicated and the other in bad standing—remained absolutely silent and left all the talking to a layman who claimed to represent a well-known Protestant organization but who was probably a political officer.

None of the Labor delegation made any headway when he tried to get to grips with the persecution issue. One Chinese official said there is no persecution. Another said that action against Catholics was only taken for political offenses or for crimes against the State. Mr. Watson pressed for a definition of such "crimes" and several instances were quoted without evidence.

The Labor men were told of a Catholic priest, a layman and a Japanese agent found translating official documents. They were told other stories but "the more we pressed for evidence the more they relied on documents we never saw," said Mr. Watson.

HE TOLD THE Universe of one piece of evidence he did see: children being taught from picture books showing American soldiers ill-treating North Koreans. It was explained that the pictures had been chosen to impress on the children the evils of imperialism.

"I suppose it would have been a crime against the state to teach the children to love Americans," Mr. Watson said.

Both Mr. Phillips and Mr. Watson seemed inclined to believe that the communist regime's attitude to religion was dictated partly by an upsurge of intense nationalism, following the break with the west and the imposition of marxism. They said the Chinese government seemed out to destroy the missions because they were established by foreign sources.

They saw the churches filled but learned that religion was banned from the schools.

Quads Born To Canadians, Dedicated To Our Lady

Bathurst, N. B. — (NC) — Quadruplets born here to Mrs. Lawrence Doucet, 26, have been dedicated in a special manner to Our Lady of Fatima.

The three girls and a boy, born between 9 and 10 p.m., October 18, are reported doing well.

The boy has been named Francois and two of his sisters Jacynthe and Lucie. These are the names of the three children to whom Our Lady appeared at Fatima, Portugal, in 1916. The third girl has been named Maria in honor of being born in the Marian Year.

The multiple birth took place at Hotel Dieu Hospital here. The attending physician was Dr. C. H. Johnston. Four other doctors assisted and the babies were placed in incubators for a time.

First born was Francois, who weighed four pounds, five ounces. The three girls each weighed four pounds, three ounces.

Mrs. Doucet, the former Viola Veirneau of West Bathurst, was overjoyed. "I expected a big baby, but not four," she said with a happy smile. They have one other child, Theresa, 14 months.

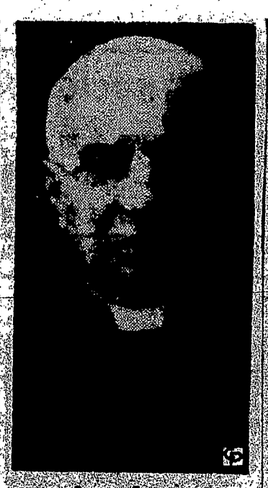
HER HUSBAND, 42 and a World War II veteran, is a $50-a-week truck driver and has worked 17 years for his present employers. For two weeks prior to the quads birth, he had been on vacation. He was to have returned to work the day after the quads arrived but his employers gave him a third week of vacation with pay and cigars to distribute in honor of the new arrivals. The four were born on Mr. Doucet's 42nd birthday.

The arrival of the quadruplets is going to mean a lot of changes in the plans of this happy couple. They had been living in a small apartment at the home of Mr. Doucet's father, Charles H. Doucet, 74, a retired painter. That now is too small for the enlarged family, but a neighbor has offered a six room home at a small rental.

Mr. and Mrs. Doucet had been planning to build a bungalow for themselves. He already had bought the bricks. Now the plans for the house will have to be enlarged.

THE BATHURST town council, meeting the night after the births, voted to donate a tax-exempt building lot to the children and also to give them each a $100 government savings bond. Other friends are helping also, since Mr. and Mrs. Doucet will need assistance for the family budget is limited.

Sacred Heart University has offered to educate Francois through high school and to a Bachelor of Arts degree.



Cardinal Jorio, Papal Official Dies At 87

Vatican City — (RNS) — His Eminence Domenico Cardinal Jorio, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments, died here of a heart attack at the age of 87.

His death reduced the Sacred College of Cardinals to 66, four below its full complement of 70 to which Pope Pius XII raised it in January, 1953, for the first time in 250 years. There are now 22 Italian members of the Sacred College and 44 non-Italians, including four Americans.

Cardinal Jorio was born Oct. 7, 1867, at Villa San Stefano in Italy. He was educated at the Diocesan Seminary of Ferentino and the Pontifical Roman Seminary (Rome). He was ordained in 1891 and entered the offices of the Apostolic Datary in 1897. The following year he became Secretary of the Datary and Prefect of the Marriage Section of that office.

In 1908, Cardinal Jorio was appointed Under Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments and in 1935, after he had been made a Prince of the Church, he was named Prefect.

HE WAS ALSO a member of the Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church, Sacred Congregation of the Council, Sacred Congregation for Propagating the Faith and Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities.

Vatican Gives Aid To Pakistan Needy

Karachi, Pakistan — (NC) — A check for $10,000 was turned over here to the Pakistan government for flood relief by Archbishop Cornelius van Miltenburg, charge d' affaires of the papal internunciature here.

The check was given to Interior Minister M. A. Gurmani. It represented half of the gift made by His Holiness Pope Pius XII for flood relief in Pakistan.

The other $10,000 will be used by Archbishop Miltenburg for the rebuilding of chapels and churches destroyed by the flood.

It was recalled here that the Pope made a $10,000 contribution for relief in Pakistan after last year's flood.

Top Reds Admit Falseness Of Coexistence Between Marxism, Christianity

By JUDITH LISTOWEL
(Written for N.C.W.C. News Service)

London — Can communism and Christianity co-exist?

In Soviet satellite countries, Red propagandists have often deemed it expedient to argue that Marxism and Christianity can exist peacefully side by side.

But this is an absolutely false argument, according to none other than the top men among the atheistic propagandists of the U.S.S.R.

Their grim, implacable opposition to any form of religion is reflected in a handbook for anti-religious propagandists which is not for export and which utterly contradicts some of the "tolerant" statements on religion which the Moscow Radio has been broadcasting of late for foreign consumption.

This handbook is called "No. 24 Bloknot Agitatora" (Agitators' Notebook No. 24). It was designed to help atheistic propagandists who are now conducting an all-out campaign against religious "superstition" in the Soviet territories, especially among the young people.

Here is what Bloknot Agitatora says:

"An increasing number of people are convinced that religion does not interfere with the building of communism, that it stands apart from communal life, that it is occupied with its own heavenly affairs and does no harm to believers.

"THERE ARE people who quite seriously believe that religion and communism do not contradict one another. There are even some comrades who misguidedly believe that freedom of conscience means freedom to follow a religious cult.

"Such people fail to understand the attitude of the Communist Party, which regards religion as the ideology of the bourgeoisie, which must be extirpated."

Bloknot Agitatora is full of advice on how to approach the believer. He is not to be scolded, mocked or derided. He must be talked to patiently and understandingly. It says:

"The modern believer is not the former cowed, unresisting slave of God who blindly follows his shepherds. Years of Soviet rule have left their mark on the believer, who, although approving the policies of the communist authorities, is still under the pressure of the past. The religious man is attracted toward what is new, but the relics of the past bind him and . . . prevent him from marching forward."

STRIPPED OF their communist verbiage, these and similar passages from the handbook mean simply this: The young Soviet citizen has learnt Marxist dialectics and now applies them to embarrass atheist propagandists. He accepts the economic system of communism — he knows no other—but he does not accept the materialist doctrine as the answer for his spiritual problems.

This new mental independence is one of the most serious concerns of the Kremlin today.

"It must be realized," says Bloknot Agitatora, "that the destruction of a religious outlook is a complicated and lengthy process. It is impossible to convert a believer into a non-believer by means of one or two talks. Systematic propaganda is necessary, a kind of propaganda which, drop by drop, will form in people a godless, scientific outlook."

THE HANDBOOK insists that "it is no use asserting that religion is harmful, that it serves the exploiters, or that it is a drug, without proving, explaining, convincing."

Lebanon Consecrated To Blessed Virgin

Beirut, Lebanon — (NC) — Lebanon — the only country in Asia besides the Philippine Republic that has a Christian majority — was solemnly dedicated to the Mother of God in a climax to a Marian Year Congress here.

During the Congress, which was one of the highlights of Lebanon's religious history, a special message was read from His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

The act of consecration was performed by His Eminence Angelo Giuseppe Cardinal Roncalli, Patriarch of Venice.

OF SUCH THE KINGDOM

Monsignor McMahon looks fondly on these foundlings in the orphanage of the Sisters of Charity in Beirut, Lebanon. They never knew father or mother, but they will grow to man's and woman's estate under the care of Mother Church. We have three such foundling homes in the Near East. It costs only $7 to support a homeless child for a month. Can you, dear reader, help us as Christmas draws nearer? It is the feast of homeless children. Remember that the Lord promised eternity only to such as become little ones.

PAUL AT ST. PAUL'S: We are hoping that a kind Near East friend will adopt Paul, who is beginning his six years' training for the priesthood at St. Paul's Seminary in Harissa, Lebanon. It will cost $600, $100 a year, and you can boast that he is your own priest.

FAMILY FAMILY

Read about the family of Saint Pius X in our pamphlet "Once Upon A Time," which we send to all who give a mite for his new Shrine Chapel, which we intend to build among poor refugees beyond the River Jordan. To all who give $10 to add a stone to this lovely shrine, we send a colored picture of the new Saint. This week we are asking for $100 to provide a beautiful gold ciborium, the chalice-like article in which the priest brings the Divine Food of Holy Communion. Can you make this your special gift?

NO SWEET ADELINE, MUCH SWEETER: Sister Adeline is a novice with the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary at Biklaya, Lebanon, and she has one year to go before her solemn profession as a missionary Sister. She needs $150. Can you make her your adopted daughter, paying this amount in any installments over this year?

OPERATION ISRAEL

Yes, we have many orphans, foundlings, aged, sick in our Catholic institution in Israel. Right now, we are preparing precious food packages for them. Can you give $10 for one? We need so many. Out of gratitude, we send you a special Rosary of Olive Seeds from Palestine.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES: You remember how St. Paul took up a collection in Antioch for the poor of Jerusalem. At Christmas, we hope to distribute through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to the needy of that Holy City. Can you give a mite to make up the $500 we need. Today Jerusalem is a city of the starving. Please help.

ADORN GOD'S HOUSE

Bishop George Alapatt writes from far off Trichur, South India: "Please do appeal to those good Near East friends for a little chapel I wish to build for my poor next to my hospital. The chapel will cost $1,000. Only the poor will use it. Their prayers will open heaven's gates." So, we do appeal for Bishop Alapatt's chapel. If you cannot give such a large amount, why not donate a sacred article? The altar for $75; the chalice for $30, the sanctuary lamp for $15; the sanctuary bell for $5. God will rest near His Holy House among His poor. Can you be His instrument?

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