

Priest-Workers Obey, Quit Jobs

(Radio, N.C.W.C. News Service)
Paris — Of the 90 priest-workers in France who formerly held full-time jobs in factories, 50 have obeyed the rules laid down by the French hierarchy earlier this year restricting their activities.

These figures were revealed for the first time by His Eminence Maurice Cardinal Feltin, Archbishop of Paris, at a luncheon given in his honor here by the Paris Association of Foreign Journalists.

The remaining 40 priest-workers, he reported, have not yet submitted to the hierarchy's regulations. These limit a priest-worker to a day a week of manual labor, forbid his participation in labor union activities and oblige him to live in a community with other priests.

The Cardinal pointed out that the new worker priest experiment now being made in Paris is based on strict cooperation with the parish clergy and lay members of Worker's Catholic Action and is being engaged in by priests specially trained for work in a laboring class environment. To avoid the dangers resulting from isolation, he added, those priests taking part in the experiment will live together in a community.

CARDINAL FELTIN asked the newspapermen to allow this experiment to take place in an atmosphere of calmness and to endanger its success by intemperate or erroneous reports.

Meanwhile a full report of the Cardinal's recent address on the priest-worker problem at the annual retreat of the Paris clergy has been published in his official diocesan bulletin.

"The priest-worker problem

has not yet been solved. Neither has it been buried," the Cardinal told his priests.

"At the present time in France," he continued, "a good number of former priest-workers have left the factories where they worked and the non-religious organizations in which they were involved. But some still remain at work and, under a variety of pretexts, have not yet accepted the decisions of the Church."

THE CARDINAL said that the priest-workers who had submitted and given up their jobs were at present living in monasteries and other religious houses. Several meetings, he stated, have been held between these priest-workers and the Bishops in an effort to find a way to permit them to continue their working class apostolate while remaining faithful to the laws of the Church. He asked the priests of his diocese to pray for those priest-workers who in a spirit of great faith and with heavy sacrifices had obeyed the hierarchy's regulations. He also asked prayers for those who have not yet submitted. He noted that the latter are no longer regarded even by non-Catholics as representatives of the Church.



CARDINAL FELTIN

Spanish Government Honors Tokyo Nun

Tokyo — (NC) — The Cross of Isabella, the Catholic, a high civic honor, was conferred by the Spanish government on Mother Dolores Sierra, a Religious of the Handmaids of the Blessed Sacrament at the Kitarai convent here.

The honor was awarded Mother Dolores on the eve of her departure for Spain after an absence of 24 years. The Spanish Charge d'Affaires, Marques de Pedro Sevane, presented the award at a formal ceremony in the convent.

While in Spain, Mother Dolores will attend the General Chapter of her Congregation due to take place at Madrid in November. She is expected back in Tokyo early next year.

At Parish Silver Jubilee Mass



ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH, Irondequoit was the scene Sunday of a Silver Jubilee Mass at which His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey presided and preached. In photo above after the Mass are: (from left) Rev. Robert Doherty, Bishop Casey, Rev. Charles J. Bruton, pastor and founder of the parish and the Rev. John Maloney.

25 Boys, Escaped From Reds, Find Haven

Sydney, Australia — (NC) — Twenty-five Croatian boys, who succeeded in escaping from their communist-dominated Yugoslav homeland, will find a haven in Australia.

Arrangements for their migration to his See were made by Archbishop Matthew Beovich of

assisted by representatives in Europe of War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference, U. S. organization.

The young escapees are aged 15 to 18. Their homes have been along the east coast of the Adriatic Sea. Their families were mainly fishermen, most of whom also had small farms. Some of the boys had helped on their families' farms or worked on fishing boats. Others were still attending schools.

THEIR ESCAPE was an arduous one, each making his own plans, and arriving in Italy at different times between March and August of this year.

One boy, aged 16, with seven

friends spent two days and a night in a row boat. Another one, aged 18, spent three days at sea making the journey. One party, consisting of the crew of a fishing boat, came over together when the captain was drunk. The escapees were not without danger.

One boy, aged 17, had been dismissed from school on account of his brother's escape in 1951, and for that reason also

unable to obtain work. One of his brothers came with him to Italy, but proceeded alone to France. The boys' family is now in further trouble on account of the latest escape.

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