Washington — (NC) — Government officials said here the administration is "still pressing" for gelease of the remaining Americans imprisoned by the Chinese Reds. This

icans of all categories,"

Passionist priests,

The Reds are "detaining" five

Jesuits, three Dominicans, three

Franciscans, one Maryknoller, a Divine Word Missioner and two

The most recent indication that the 15 are alive was the

acceptance by the Chinese Red Cross of a list of Americans to

be delivered food parcels. The

Chinese accepted a State Depart-

ment list of those imprisoned without adding or taking away

Catholic Actionists

Rio De Janeiro — (NC)

Plan Rio Meet

Includes 15 missionary priests
from the United States.

A State Department spokes maining three are probably failed man saio that the number of One of those imprisoned is Bish. Americans now jailed by the op Ambrose Pinger, O.F.M. a Reds is 63. This includes 11 more Franciscan from Lindsay, Neb. fliers 41 civilians, and 11 Newy and Coast Guard personnel about officer. Henry Suydam said that whom the Chinese have so far professed complete ignorance General in Geneva, Switzerland The best information indicates that 12 of the priests are defi-Red China's consul general there

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Indians Serve As Altar Boys



NEW YORK-Eight Indian boys in full costumes, who won scholarships from the Marquette League for Catholic Indian Missions, served as altar boys and ushers at a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving in the Church of the Resurrection here. The Mass was celebrated by Msgr. Bernard A. Cullen of New York, director of the League (center), in honor of the 25th anniversary of his original of the high school scholarship to St. Ann's Academy here were established for Indian mission students in 1949 by Msgr. Cullen. In the evening following the Mass, the Indian boys attended commencement exercises at Hunter College for graduates of St. Ann's. One of the graduating students was Henry (Bluebird) Dodge, grandson of a Navajo Chief, who won a League scholarship in 1951. (RNS photo)

Belgians Confident State Will Aid Catholic Schools

By THEODORE LEFEVRE Brussels — (NC) — The future in regard to Belgium's school question definitely permits optimism on the part of

There is great enthusiasm on Delegates from various Catholic our side and we have perfect

action organizations throughout unity. North and South America will THE NATIONAL Protest Day meet here to discuss the respondin Brussel's on March 26 resibility of laymen in the crisis stored the confidence of Catholics who, since their 1950 defeat of the modern world.

Their sessions will be held in on the King Leopold question, conjunction with the 36th Internation have suffered from an interiornational Eucharistic Congress, ity complex. That has now been which will be held in Rio from removed.

Also, while there is no question school issue, neither is there any contrary to the Belgian constigrestion that, if consulted, they tutton. The founding fathers of would defeat the government's 1830 (the year the constitution policies. This is true in part be-cause non-Catholic opinion is lar importance to barring the non-Catholics support the Catholic road to a state monopoly of eduolic position.

not merely trying to prevent the government from cutting state subsidies to Catholic schools. The important thing is the wact that the government is trying to establish the supremacy of the, public school over the Catholic school. The government is trying to influence parents by granting all sorts of advantages to those sending their children to public schools. Education in public schools is free, for example, and the diplomas given by the public securing government employ-ment than diplomes from Cath-

In this way, by denying true equality between the different school systems, the govern-ment is violating the rights of citizens. The time has gone when people believed it was enough to grant purely theoretical rights. Today we believe that in addition the state put at the individual's disposal the rights.

lonary priest in China and well known in the Rochester tain that freedom of education exists if one school system is supported entirely by the government, while in another system parents have to pay heavy fees and schools have to appeal to the generoalty of the faith-

The effort to make the public schools supreme is, moreover, Fr. Mecus Red Chinese officials revoked his citizenship April 29 of this year and exiled him to Hong

ful if they wish to exist.

Very Rev. John S. Randall, dication, for they had had experience with such a monopoly under rector of the Society of the ester, and Managing Editor of won there has always been a the Courier Journal, Father school problem in this country. Meeus thanked friends in Roch-In 1879, for instance, a leftist ester for their prayers in his behalf. He plans to visit Li-

Fr. Meeus Exiled,

Listed To Attend

Mission Scenerama

Father Peter C. Meeus, mis-

diocese, left

his adopted

country June

2 for Belgium.

He became

Chinese citi.

zen in 1936

and has served

as a priest of

the Haimen

diocese there

since that

erals tried to impose anti-clerical sieux, shrine of St. Therese the school legislation on the country Little Flower on his trip to his native Belgium. the 1884 elections and has The veteran missionary is exnever recovered from the blow pected to attend the Mission it received at that time. The edu Scenerama at the Rochester cational conflict of 1879-1884, War Memorial in October, Monhowever, was far less important signor Randali stated. than the present one because it affected only the relatively small

number of children who could then afford to attend school. 14. Furthermore, more and more chools have greater value in children are attending high schools. Anti-reliations laws there fore, are much more dangerous for the souls of our people today than 75 years ago.

> Yakima - (NC) - Bishop Joseph P. Dougherty of Yakima observed the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood by ordaining Rev. Joseph A. Graat, first native priest of the four-year old Diocese of Yakima in St. Paul's Cathedral here.



March Of Martyrs

Testimonial Set For Victims Of Red Tyranny

New York - A testimonial to "Martyrs Throughout the Who Have Suffered under and fought against Communist Tyranny," will be held here on June 19 under the auspices of the Assembly of Cap-

tive European Nations. Charles Albert McLain, general Catholics Increase chairman for the testimonial 200,000 in W. Africa world by Radio Free Europe and the Voice of America. Roman Catholic Bishop Cuthbert O'Gara nal growth of the Church in C. P., of Yuanling, China, will French West Africa, which tobe the principal speaker. Bishop day has some 800,000 Catholics, O'Gara was held prisoner by the Chinese Communists for more has taken place almost entirely

MR. McLain, one of the nation's outstanding singer-conducthe Catholic mission are ws choir of the Ensemble Chorale Society in religious, classical and traditional American songs to provide the musical part of the program. program. A feature of the testimonial

will be a "March of the Captive Nations" in which representatives of the nine member groups of the Assembly will take part as vell as delegations representative of such "other subjugated nations" as China Korea, Viet Nam and Yugoslayla.

The A.C.E.N. comprises premiers cabinet members and other government officials and one-time elected delega as of the parliaments of nine European countries, when they were free, who now live in the United States. The nations are Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania.

REPRESENTATIVES of each

group, clad in national costumes, will march to the stage to lay, a wreath at the base of a special memorial tablet in memory of the "martyrs to Red tyranny" in their native lands, Mr. Mc-Lain said.

Among those who will particle pate, he said, are Archbishop Paul Yu Pin, of China; Msgr. Bela Varga, of Hungary, and Dr. George Dimitrov, acting chair-man of A.C.E.N. Chinese (Nationalist) Ambassador Welling ton Koo and porean Ambassador Ben C. Limb and other foreign dignitaries will attend, Mr. Mo

Buenos Aires Feast Rites Postponed

Buenos Aires -(RNS)- The traditional outdoor procession held here on Corpus Christi Day, which falls this year on June 9,

religious days removed from the list of those observed nationally in a March decree by President Juan D. Peron. The others and their 1955 dates are: Epiphany, Jan. 6: Assumption, Aug. 15; All Saints Day, Nov. 1; and Immaculate Conception Day, Dec. 8. Plans call for holding the Corpus Christi procession in the Plaza de Mayo.

Friday, June 10, 1955

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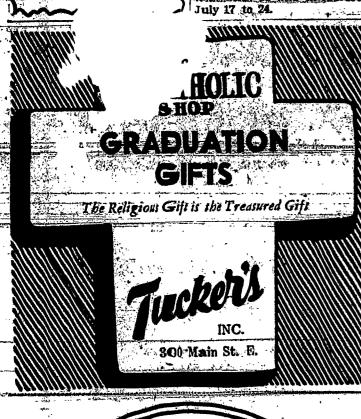
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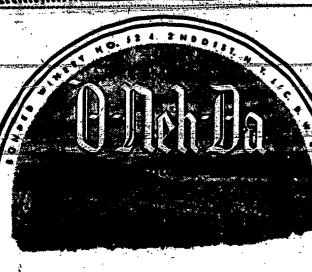
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