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## Tito Reds Block Religious Vocations

Vienna — (NC) — A ruthless strategy of the Yugoslav communists aims at "killing" religious vocations.

A growing number of young Yugoslavs are aspiring to the priesthood — so many, in fact that there are not enough facilities for them at the country's few remaining seminaries.

IF ALL THOSE who have expressed a wish to become priests could be ordained, it would not take long to fill the gaps in the ranks of the clergy thinned out by assassination or imprisonment, especially in Croatia, where a third of all priests were put to death by Marshal Tito's partisans at the time of the "liberation."

Nobody knows this better than the communists, who are now making every possible effort to discourage priestly vocations.

They see their best opportunity to achieve this during the two years of compulsory military service which every aspirant to the priesthood must complete before he is allowed to begin his theological studies.

THAT SO MANY young men have turned their eyes toward the priesthood is one of the most encouraging manifestations of Catholic faith and steadfastness in the face of communist oppression.

However, the communists have their own ways of preventing these young men's dreams from becoming a reality.

Every recruit known to have a religious vocation is to the special notice of his commanding officer. The latter is under strict orders to use every means of persuasion, pressure and demoralization to change the young man's mind.

IF THE OFFICER fails in this task, he knows he will be punished. He may find himself transferred to the most undesirable garrison in the country. On the other hand, if he is successful, he will be automatically promoted.

This system has proved effective in many cases.

One dramatic case in point concerns about a hundred young men who, before joining the army, had applied to their Bishop for admission to the seminary after completion of their military service. Not one reported to the seminary after his army service ended. All withdrew their applications, expressing deep regret.

Some confessed that the immoral life they had been tempted to lead had destroyed their vocation.

**Catholics Gain 138,100 In Britain**

London — (RNS) — Membership in the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales increased by more than 138,100 during 1954 bringing the total to 3,148,500, according to estimates in the Catholic Directory for 1955.

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Buffalo, N. Y. — (NC) — "Humor is the gift of God and takes us back to Him," a prominent educator told the Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's Church here.

Dr. Marius Risley, field secretary of the Great Books Foundation of Chicago and visiting professor of Mount St. Joseph Teachers' College here, quoted Seton Hall University's Dr. John C. H. Wu as saying, "The devil paints religion as solemn and severe in order to keep souls away."

Dr. Risley related that on the other hand, Edith Stein, convert-philosopher and Carmelite nun who was slain by the Nazis, had once said she "laughed more during convent recreations than she ever laughed in all her days in the world."



**Center Of Interest At School Open House**

CENTER OF ATTRACTION at Open House in St. Thomas School, Irondequoit, marking remodeling of older part of school was this beautiful statue of the Blessed Mother. Surrounding it are: (from left) Linda Keefer, Sister Mary Ruth of the Sister of Mercy; Thomas Duffy, Carolee Gerstner, Robert Boney and Monsignor Richard K. Burns, pastor. The statue was selected by His Excellency Bishop Kearney and blessed by the Bishop on May 31, Feast of the Queenship of Mary. It has been standing on a temporary altar in front of the school since then. Now it has an honored place in the school. Remodeling consisted of installation of new floors ceiling and lights in classrooms and corridors conforming with 12 other classrooms in new part of school. (Tom Casey Photo).

**Sick, Nasty Get Aid In Vietnam**

Saigon, South Vietnam — (NC) — A legless refugee received two artificial limbs, two leper settlements got grants for urgent needs and a user charging refugee fishermen 30 per cent interest was foiled.

That's just a fraction of last month's work by Catholic Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference in Vietnam.

Clothing and food were distributed to refugees and local needy. A cool-weather spell made the clothing extra welcome even in the south. In the mountains and coastal regions the clothing came as a lifesaver.

Two medical teams treated 5,885 sick refugees.

Two refugee villages that had to buy drinking water brought by boatmen across a canal were given rowboats to fetch their own. The refugee fishermen saved 140 million usurers' clutches got money to finish building two large boats and buy fishing nets.

Construction work went ahead on a 200-bed hospital to be operated by Canadian Brothers of St. John of God in a refugee area.

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**Special Services, Radio Broadcast Set Saturday**

Spiritual preparation for the advent of 1956 is planned for churches throughout the Diocese of Rochester and a special radio broadcast holy hour is scheduled according to schedules submitted this week.

The special Holy Hour to be broadcast will come from St. Francis of Assisi Church, the Family Rosary for Peace Center, at Orange and Whitney St. and will come over WSAJ from 11:15 p.m. New Year's Eve until 12:15 a.m. The Rev. E. Charles Bauer will be celebrant of the Holy Hour. The Rev. Joseph A. Cirincione, pastor will lead the prayers over the air.

MEMBERS OF the Women's Eucharistic League and the Third Order of Mt. Carmel will be heard in the responses. The public is invited. Time on the air is annually donated by WSAJ.

Sacred Heart Cathedral according to His Excellency Bishop Casey, rector, will have Pontifical Low Mass at 7:45 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 31. Masses at the Cathedral on New Year's Day will be as follows: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11:15 a.m., 12:15 (noon) and 4:30 p.m. (afternoon).

A SPECIAL Holy Hour will be conducted in St. Joseph Church, Franklin St., Rochester from 11 to 12 p.m. New Year's Eve. The afternoon Mass on New Year's Day will begin at 5 p.m.

Schedule of Masses on New Year's Day at St. Joseph's follows: 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.

The Holy Hour according to the Very Rev. Gerald Whelan, C.S.S.R., rector of St. Joseph's said will make it possible for everyone to spend the last moments of the year before the Blessed Sacrament awaiting the coming of the New Year.

St. Mary's Church, Washington Park will have the Sunday schedule of Masses—7, 8, 9:30, 10:15, 10:30, 11, 11:30, 12:15 and afternoon Mass at 5 p.m.

New Year's Day Masses at Our Lady of Victory Church, Pleasant St. will be at 8:30, 9:30, 11 a.m., 12 p.m. (noon) and 5 p.m. (afternoon).

**Overseas Aid Cited By Medical Missions**

New York — (NC) — The Catholic Medical Mission Board, Inc. sent 173,732 pounds of medical supplies to 107 missionary groups in 60 countries and districts last year, the organization's annual report states.

Father Edward F. Garesche, S.J., who has been president and director of the Board for more than 30 years, was re-elected at the annual meeting here, where the report was presented.

During the past year, the Board also supplied enough medicine for the treatment of leprosy to take care of some 6,000 sufferers for 12 months. The report said. It added that sufficient Daraprim was shipped to the missions to cure 10,000 stricken with malaria and enough Isoniazid was sent to treat 25,000 afflicted with tuberculosis.

The man who lives in the past can't do justice to the future.

**N.Y. Prelate Honors St. Patrick In Tokyo**

Tokyo — (RNS) — Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, laid the cornerstone here of Japan's first church to be dedicated to St. Patrick, and donated \$5,000 to its building fund.

Describing himself as "the parish priest of a sister parish of St. Patrick," the cardinal expressed hope that "the same blessings which have come to our church through the intercession of St. Patrick may come to this parish here in Tokyo."

Cardinal Spellman stopped off in Tokyo on his fifth consecutive Christmas visit to American servicemen in the Far East.

Last December, on a similar trip, he blessed the cornerstone of St. Patrick's church in Seoul, Korea, which is planned as a small counterpart of New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral. He also gave \$5,000 to the priests of St. Columban's Foreign Missionary Society who will staff it.

After the cornerstone ceremony here, the cardinal flew by helicopter to Camp Schimmelpenninck, 200 miles north of Tokyo, to celebrate Mass for some 600 men in the U.S. Cavalry Division, which he first met in 1945 when the unit helped liberate the Philippines.

**Catholic Group Asks Racial Integration**

New Orleans — (RNS) — A Catholic group here went on record favoring racial integration in "all Catholic organizations, schools and parishes" in the New Orleans archdiocese.

The Commission on Human Rights of the Catholic Committee of the South took a "firm stand against enforced racial segregation" and gave its approval to "full integration in Catholic life."

Parochial schools in the archdiocese are presently segregated. But Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans has indicated that desegregation may take place sometime after September, 1956.

Societies in several parishes have passed resolutions urging the archbishop to keep the races separated in New Orleans Catholic schools.

**Mass At Cathedral**

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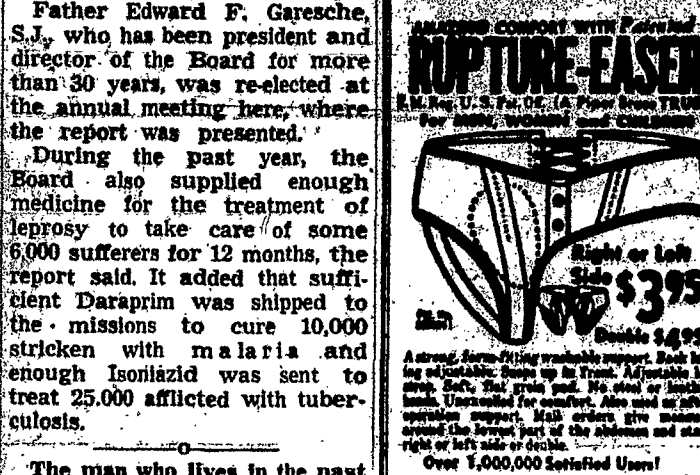
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