New Conflicts Hit Church Of England

London—(NC)—The bitter conflict inside the state-supported Church of England between Anglo-Catholics and the Protestant faction has flared up again on two fronts.

Anglo-Catholic clergymen have issued a leaflet condemning the recent union between the Church of England and the Church of South India, a grouping of small Protestant sects. They regretted the lack of effort by the Church of England to seek reunion with the Holy See. Anglo-Catholics form a minority group within the Church of England whose members consider themselves Catholics even though they are not in union with Rome.

AT THE SAME time the Church of England Newspaper, weekly voice of the Protestant wing, attacked the appointment of an Anglo-Catholic, Dr. Michael Ramsey, as Archbishop of York, second highest prelate in the Church of England hierarchy. Dr. Ramsey's appointment was announced earlier this month by Queen Elizabeth, the head of the Church of England.

The Anglo-Catholic leaflet supported the Church Unity Octave for the reunion of all Christians under the Pope. It said:

"If all the energy and zeal and such willingness of adaptability which have been put into the manipulation of the South India affair had been shown instead for the amendment of the schism between us and the Holy See, how near by now the end of the schism would have been brought. How much greater a good would have been effected for the glory of God and the salvation of souls of men by such zeal than by giving to a heterogeneous collection of Protestant dissenters an episcopate of doubtful validity which very many of them do not want and in which few truly believe."

THE CLERGYMEN who issued the leaflet said they would not accept union with the Church of South India and would refuse to allow its ministers to use their churches. They added that they had the support of 1,000 Anglican clergymen for their protest.

The Church of England Newspaper editorial, which was headed "Sad by most of the nation's dailies, charged that Dr. Ramsey, 51 year-old former Bishop of Durham, has "yet to prove himself" and that his appointment had been engineered by a group within the Church of England.

The Church of England Newspaper is edited by the Rev. Donald Hankey, brother of a group of clergymen who still maintain the Anglo-Catholic position in the Church. The Bishop to whom the leaflet refers is the Bishop of Durham, who signed one of the letters and is married to a Catholic.

Bereavement 'Racket Hit' By Paper

Boston — (NC) — Catholics were warned of a "religious junk" business which takes advantage of bereaved families who have had a recent death. The Pilot, archdiocese newspaper, which gave the warning, estimated that the scheme could yield a possible profit of nearly 600% to the operators.

CITING THE operations of one of the promoters of the scheme, The Pilot said this company "has apparently been combing the obituary sections of Boston newspapers for 'leads' to new business. Obituaries are clipped by the company, mounted on a cheap "holy card," coated with plastic and mailed to bereaved families with a letter asking for $1.

Asked to estimate the actual value of the product, a Boston religious goods dealer said that the card was worth about one cent and that the plastic laminating process would cost about a dime.

"PRESUMABLY, A newspaper for clipping would cost about a nickel," The Pilot commented, "but each obituary page would present dozens of business opportunities for the enterprising promoter."

"This is 'the last buck' with a vengeance," the paper commented, "and we can be certain that those who are making the massive profits involved are not religiously motivated nor are the funds going anywhere but into someone's already large bank account."

British Convert, Scientist, Dies

London — (NC) — Dr. Frank Sherwood Taylor, one of England's most eminent scientists who became a Catholic 13 years ago, has died here at the age of 56.

After his conversion Dr. Taylor, who directed London's Science Museum, wrote [illegible] against the attitude of [illegible] opinion held [illegible] of his fellow scientists.

Dr. Taylor entered the Church after preparing a study on Catholic 17th century Polish astronomer who was tried by a Church court. The study, in detail, gave an appreciation of the Catholic position in Galileo's [illegible].

Cardinal Rides In Tank

Baumholder, Germany—(ENS)—Cardinal Spellman poses with Maj. Gen. Clark L. Ruffner, Commanding General of the 2nd Armored Division (left) and Capt. Carmelo Milio, during his recent visit to American troops here. In the background is an M-48 tank, named the Archbishop, in which the Cardinal was given a ride. He is wearing a tank helmet with a chaplain's cross painted on it.

Cardinal's Visits To GI's Cover 350,000 Miles

Washington — (NC) — When the plane bringing him home from his fifth consecutive Christmas visit to U.S. armed forces in the Far East touched down at Idlewild Airport here, it was estimated that Cardinal Spellman had traveled more than 350,000 miles in his capacity as Military Vicar of the Military Ordinariate, an office he has held for 17 years.

THE MILITARY Ordinariate's jurisdiction embraces all Catholics of the U. S. Armed Forces and their dependents stationed with them anywhere in the world. The scope of its work is marked at present by the stations of American military units in Greenland on the north, on "Operation Deepfreeze" at the South Pole, and from continental United States east and west through Europe and Asia across the world to the Far East.

Msgr. Thomas J. McCarthy, Chancellor of the Military Ordinariate, has estimated conservatively that there are a total of 1,800,000 Catholics in the Armed Forces of the United States, and at least an equal number of dependents living with them, placing within the spiritual jurisdiction of the Ordinariate an estimated 3,000,000 Catholic men, women and children.

Approximately 1,900 Catholic chaplains take care of the spiritual needs of these Catholics with the Armed Forces.

ONE OF Cardinal Spellman's first official acts following his return will be to consecrate Bishop-elect Philip V. Furlong as Military Delegate of the Armed Forces and his auxiliary, in St. Patrick's Cathedral on January 25.

In his work in the Ordinariate, following his consecration, Bishop Furlong will be associated also with Bishop William R. Arnold, Military Delegate.

Bishop Arnold, former Chief of Chaplains of the U. S. Army with the rank of major general, has traveled some 50,000 miles annually since 1945 on the work of the Ordinariate.

Poland Seen Red 'Lab' For Terror

Vatican City — (NC) — Communism has selected Catholic Poland to serve as a laboratory for its experiments in religious persecution.

Poland has also been chosen by Providence to show by its steadfastness that Catholicism follows the way shown by God and counseled by the Pope.

THESE STATEMENTS were made in Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily, in its comments on the recent letter of Pope Pius XII to Cardinal Wyzynski, Primate of Poland, who is being held by communists.

"On the long proved loyalty of our brethren (in Poland) depends in no small measure the future of the Catholic religion in all other countries dominated by communism," Osservatore said.

The newspaper said that in writing to the Cardinal the Holy Father thought of the "special mission which Providence . . . has assigned to Poland's Catholics . . . Nothing can break this mission—neither persecution nor death — because it is especially where suffering is most acute and injustice is wickedest that the Son of Man is present with the consoling certainty of His promise."

Missioners Study Falling Attendance

Dartmouth, Mass. —(RNS)—Twenty-two priests from Catholic mission orders which operate in the northeastern states met here for talks on falling mission attendance and other problems.

The Rev. Francis M. Valentini, C.S.C., of the Holy Cross Mission House here said the group gave most of its attention to ways of increasing attendance at parish missions.

He said the decreased attendance was not due to lack of devotion but to the increased tempo of living and changes in people's habits.

People are just as religious now as in former years but "express it in a different way," the priest added.

Protestant Bishop's Home Sold To Nuns

Tuam, Ireland —(NC)— The Presentation nuns have bought the former residence of the Protestant Bishop of Tuam. The residence and three acres of land were purchased for $7,000.

21 Girls Who Swam To Freedom Among Refugees From 'Tito's Paradise'

Sydney, Australia —(NC)— A group of 46 refugees from communist Yugoslavia have arrived here.

Australian immigration authorities and the Catholic Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference of the United States cooperated with the Australian Federal Catholic Immigration Committee in chartering a plane to bring the refugees from Rome. The party consisted of 35 girls, five married couples and one baby.

MANY OF THEM had narrow escapes from Red border patrols and had spent months in Italian refugee camps.

Typical evidence of the courage of the escapees and the dangers encountered in their flight to freedom was the story of 22-year-old Branka Ivankovic, a Croatian girl.

Together with seven other girls, Branka stole out of Fiume one dark night past Red sentries and in constant danger from patrolling guardboats. Five days later, after suffering from exposure, thirst and hunger, the girls were picked up by an Italian ship and taken into Venice.

Twenty-one of the other girls reached the West by swimming from the Red zone in Trieste to Italian territory. One of them, 18-year-old Maria Petani, a dressmaker, said hundreds of young Yugoslavs were risking their lives to escape because of unemployment and lack of religious freedom in their homeland.

The Federal Catholic Immigration Committee has arranged accommodations and employment for all the escapees.

WHILE IN the Italian refugee camps the girls were given lessons in domestic science and English by N.C.W.C. representatives.

Zaro Firm, a 30-year-old Slovenian woman, had a doubly happy New Year's. Zora joined her younger brother who was brought to Australia though the auspices of the Federal Catholic Immigration Committee last year.

Bishops Honor Adenauer

Bonn —(ENS)— Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West Germany (left) was presented by the German hierarchy with three colored glass windows to be installed in war-damaged Rhoendorf church, located 150 yards from his residence. The gift was made on the occasion of the chancellor's 80th birthday. He is shown receiving sketches of the windows from Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne (right). Dr. Adenauer regularly attends Sunday Mass at the Rhoendorf church. He was also awarded the Order of the Golden Spur by Pope Pius XII.

'Lady Of Poor' Shrine Given New Status

Banneux, Belgium — (NC) — The shrine of Our Lady of the Poor, also called Our Lady of Banneux, has become one of three shrines in the world whose surrounding land is "exempt episcopal territory."

This means the shrine is separated from its parish and comes under the immediate control of Bishop Louis Kerkhofs of Liege. The only other two shrines enjoying such a privilege are those at Lourdes in the Diocese of Tarbes and Lourdes and Fourvieres in the Diocese of Lyon, both in France.

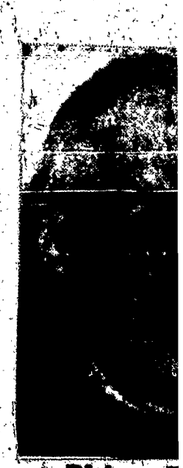
THE VATICAN granted the privilege to the shrine here because it has become such an important pilgrimage center. Some 1,000,000 pilgrims are expected to visit Banneux in 1958 during the 25th anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady here.

Bishop Kerkhofs will henceforth be called Bishop of Liege and Banneux.

A few weeks ago it was announced that a huge basilica will be built on the spot where the Blessed Virgin appeared eight times to a young Belgian peasant girl. Work on the shrine—to be dedicated to Our Lady, Queen of Nations—is scheduled to begin this Spring.

Jailed In Kaying

Hong Kong —(NC)— Three Chinese priests in the diocese of Kaying have been arrested by the Communists, according to reports here. Five of the 15 Chinese priests in that See have been in prison for the past two years.



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St. Bonaventure —(ENS)—Bishop-e J. Smith, O.F.M., vi Christ the King Ser will be consecra Bishop of Aparnea Vicar Apostolic of Latin Rite Catholic on on Feb. 2. Th will take place in can Monastery, D.C., with Archbis Giovanni Cicognani Delegate to the U consecrator. Bishop- will be the first bi Vicariate Apostolic Pope Pius XII on He will be the spir of some 11,000 Latin olics in Leb

Father Lomba Coming To U

Rome —(NC)— Jo Riccardo Lombardi, the Movement for World, is enroute America to give priests on the princi the movement which growing in Italy.

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