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# Anti Red China Planks Urged On Both Parties

Toledo — (NC) — Both the Republican and Democratic parties have been urged to adopt planks at their national conventions opposing admission of Red China to the United Nations.

Gerald M. Ryan, Toledo attorney, asked Ohio's U.S. Senators, John W. Bricker and George H. Bender to work for such planks at the Republican convention, and Gov. Frank Lausche, of Ohio, a candidate for the U.S. Senate, to do the same at the Democratic convention.

Gov. Lausche and Senators Bricker and Bender in replies to Mr. Ryan, expressed their opposition to U.N. membership for Red China.

SEN. BRICKER said he was "unalterably opposed" to a U.N. membership for Red China or to diplomatic recognition by the U.S. He expressed confidence the Republican convention will include appropriate planks.

# Priest's Violin Lulled Red Captors Into Good Mood

Liverpool, England — (NC) — Father Fritz Kornfeld, S.V.D., of Vienna, said here that he was fairly well treated during his five-year imprisonment by the Chinese Reds because he was such an able

musician. A violinist since childhood, he took an interest in the primitive Chinese violin, which has two silk strings and a snakeskin sound box, soon after he arrived in China 21 years ago.

WHEN HE WAS arrested by the communists, his knowledge of their violin soon became known to his Chinese captors, the Universe, London Catholic weekly, reported after an inter- view with the missionary.

One of the first orders issued by the communists when they took power was for all Chinese to learn new Red anthems to sing at "liberation" ceremonies. Music books were distributed, but they had been printed in Russia with Western notations.

The embarrassed Red leaders then remembered Father Kornfeld. He was taken from prison to teach the music to party lead-

ers as well as Chinese children. The Austrian priest played Chinese hymns and other music he had written for the violin.

"The music attracted so many local people that the singing lessons were always crowded. Students who had ended their lessons stayed on to hear new groups of trainees. Even the communist leaders kept the priest playing the violin for hours on end."

THE MISSIONARY was treated with such comparative leniency that Red headquarters in Peking began to complain, but local officials kept making excuses.

This went on for some time until Peking was informed that the priest was teaching non-party songs to the communist leaders. That did it.

# Red - Held U. S. Bishop Reported Well

Hong Kong — (NC) — An American bishop and priest held by the Chinese Reds are in good condition, according to reports received here.

It is believed that Bishop Ambrose Pinger, O.F.M., who was arrested by the Reds in 1951, is being held in a Tsingtao jail. The general tone of a letter recently received from the Bishop indicates that he is in good health.

FATHER CYRIL Wagner, O. F. M., wrote that "there is no reason to worry about me." Catholic sources here believe that he has been held in a Shanghai jail since his arrest by the Reds on June 15, 1953.

No word has been received about the other priests arrested in Shanghai on the same day. They are Jesuit Fathers John Clifford, John Houle, Charles McCarthy and Thomas Phillips, and Maryknoll Father Joseph McCormack.

There has been no information either about Father Fulgence Gross, O.F.M., missionary in Chowtsun, who was arrested at the same time as Bishop Pinger.

Other reports reaching here stated that five Chinese priests and three Chinese nuns were jailed recently in Tungehow, Shensi.

# Census Bureau Eyes Query On Religion

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — The Census Bureau is considering suggestions that Americans be asked their religious affiliation in connection with the 1960 population count.

A spokesman for the bureau said there is no possibility, because of Congressional economy moves, that the scheduled 1957 Census of Religious Bodies will be conducted or that the bureau can work it into its 1958 or 1959 schedule.

He indicated that unless the question of religious affiliation is authorized for the 1960 general population census religious bodies will have to keep their own statistics for another decade.



# Blinded Columnist Thanks Nun

New York — (NC) — Victor Riesel, labor columnist who lost his sight as the result of an acid-attack by an unknown assailant last April 5, kisses the hand of Sister Mary Flinn as he leaves St. Clare's Hospital here, where he has been a patient since the attack. Mr. Riesel said he expects to return to work writing his syndicated column at once.

# South Maryland Catholic Schools Ban Segregation

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — An end to racial segregation in Catholic parochial schools of southern Maryland has been ordered by Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington.

The Archbishop said that integration will begin in the first and second grades of parochial schools in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties this September.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS have been integrated in the District of Columbia since 1949. Five years before public schools in the nation's capital abandoned segregation. In Maryland, the only public schools that have been in-

# K. of C. Oppose Sunday Shopping

Pittsfield, Mass. — (NC) — Resolutions opposing "business as usual" on Sundays and holidays were adopted by the Massachusetts State Council, Knights of Columbus, at its annual meeting here.

Two resolutions on the subject called for cooperation with other organizations for preserving the due observance of these days and demanded "full police enforcement of all the provisions of the Sunday laws." Only businesses "deemed to be essential to the health and welfare of the state" should be conducted on Sundays, the resolution stated.

# Vatican Paper Lists Coexistence Terms For Communists

Vatican City — (NC) — Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily, has listed in a front page article the conditions that must be fulfilled by the Reds before coexistence is possible between the Church and communism.

THE CONDITIONS are: "Give up the idea of atheistic 'caesaropapism' (control of the Church by the State). 'Abrogate all the laws which for years have been directed against every divine and natural law.

"Restore to the faithful the freedom worthy of their position as Christians and as men. 'Discontinue all the practices of physical and moral violence which aim at leaving to

the persecuted Church the sole freedom of slow death with enlightening the persecutor."

The Osservatore article was written in reply to a number of interviews and articles on the subject of coexistence which have appeared often recently in the Italian communist press, and which found an echo in the German newspaper, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung.

# Removal Of Park Crucifix Asked In Taxpayers Suit

Crown Point, Ind. — (RNS) — Three taxpayers filed suit in Lake Circuit Court here seeking removal of a 20-foot crucifix erected in Wicker Park at Highland, Ind., last Oct. 17 by the Knights of Columbus.

THE PLAINTIFFS are Charles K. Palmer of Hammond, a social studies teacher at East Chicago Washington High School; John Stenson of Hammond, a steelworker; and Lee Johnson of Munster, a civil engineer.

They charged that erection of the "sectarian symbol" violates the separation of Church and State as defined in the U.S. and Indiana constitutions.

The suit seeks a declaratory judgment requiring North Township Trustee John Serlich to remove the crucifix, which stands at the intersection of U.S. Highways 9 and 41 in the township park under his jurisdiction.

Mr. Serlich said he does not plan to remove the symbol and will wait and see what the court rules.

"I DON'T KNOW what to say," he said. "I don't think it's up to me to remove it. I got a letter from their attorney (Mario E. Tomstich of Gary) advising me to take it down by April 1 or face a law suit. I didn't think

it was up to me to take it down." The K of C obtained permission from Mr. Serlich prior to erecting the crucifix as a war memorial to American dead. Its erection brought protests from the Greater Hammond Ministerial Assn. and the Highland Ministerial Assn., both of which charged that the memorial was a symbol of the Roman Catholic Church and, as such, its erection on public property violated the American principle of separation of Church and State.

# Cardinal Confirms At Military Post

Norfolk, Va. — (NC) — Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar for the U.S. Armed Forces, confirmed over 500 servicemen and their dependents at the Norfolk Naval Station here.

The group said here to be the largest that the Cardinal has ever confirmed at one time on a military reservation.

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