

Missioners Balked In Asia, Africa As 'West' Agents

Rome—(NC)—Growing hostility towards the West in the nations of Asia and Africa was the greatest problem faced by Catholic missionaries during the past year, according to a report published here by Fides, Catholic mission news agency.

This hostility, the report noted, was also directed against Christianity, and missionaries have come to be regarded by many Asians and Africans as "agents of imperialism."

PARTLY AS A reaction against the West's policy of "colonialism," the following actions have been taken against Catholics during the past year:

In Egypt, where the government is battling with the West over the status of the Suez Canal, Catholic schools are being forced to teach the Koran, Moslem holy book, to their Moslem students. The schools have been told that they will be closed if they do not teach the Koran, and have also been forbidden to refuse admission to Moslem students.

IN BURMA and Ceylon, where a pro-Western prime minister was voted out of office by a landslide—there is talk in both countries of making Buddhism the official state religion.

Difficulties in obtaining visas for missionaries have been met in Indonesia, where there is a drive to make Islam the official religion.

In India the state of Madhya Pradesh has issued a report attacking missionaries and an organization of fanatic Hindus is carrying on a campaign against the Church.

Christian schools in three southern provinces of the Sudan have been taken over by the state, apparently in an effort to eliminate Christianity and transform the new republic into a Moslem nation.

THE MISSIONARY picture during the past year, however, was not all dark.

Although state governments in India harassed the Church, the national government through Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru came to its defense.

In Vietnam, now split into North and South, there are no problems of suppression under the government of President Ngo Dinh Diem. Great strides have been made in resettling the 865,000 refugees from communist territory, 680,000 of whom are Catholics.

ALTHOUGH few missionaries are being allowed into Indonesia, the Catholic faithful in that nation passed the 1,000,000 mark during 1965.

During the past three years Catholics on the island of Formosa have doubled. The figure passed 50,000 during 1965, with numerous conversions among the aboriginal people.

Great advances are being made by the Church in Japan, where there are now 227,000 Catholics. There are now about 400 native clergy with another 400 in major seminaries.

LIKE VIETNAM, Korea is also divided, with Christianity practically destroyed in the north. In the south, where there is complete religious freedom, there are now 232,000 Catholics. Of the 275 priests in the country, 75 are Korean.

In Africa the progress of Christianity is both spectacular and troubling. Currently there are 22,000,000 Catholics and catechumens on the Dark Continent. To care for them are 10,000 foreign priests and 2,000 African clergy. To care adequately for this number of faithful 22,000 priests are needed.

Nato Commander Visits Pope Pius

Castelgandolfo, Italy—(NC)—Gen. Alfred D. Gruenther, retiring NATO commander in Europe, was received in a private audience by Pope Pius XII.



Negro Rector

Bay St. Louis, Miss.—(NC)—New rector of St. Augustine's Seminary here in Bay St. Louis is Father William Adams, S.V.D., of Cambridge, Mass. Father Adams is the first colored priest to head the institution, that has an enrollment of 55 senior and 48 junior seminarians. Father Adams was ordained in 1945.

Catholics Hit New Virginia Racial Law

Richmond, Va.—(RNS)—The Richmond Diocesan Union of the Holy Name Society scored a new state law aimed at curtailing the activities of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and similar groups.

Eight hundred and ten delegates to the society's 32nd annual convention here passed a resolution deploring "any action by the Virginia General Assembly that proscribes the activities within the Commonwealth of any minority group unless it can be clearly demonstrated that said group is actively working toward the destruction of the Government of the United States or Virginia."

Virginia's House of Delegates on Sept. 20 approved bills requiring registration with the state of members and contributors of any group seeking funds for racial suits or trying to influence legislation or opinion on racial issues.

The legislation, aimed primarily at the NAACP, also requires full information on the organization and purposes of the organization and limits racial legal suits to persons directly interested in them.

Lay Missionary Couple Prepare For Christmas Dinner In New Guinea

Cumberland, Md.—(NC) How would you like to be planning to have your Christmas dinner halfway around the world in New Guinea? That's what two newlyweds here are doing now.

MR. and MRS. Fidelis Miltenberger are leaving soon to serve as lay apostles at the Capuchin mission in the rugged highlands of Papua, New Guinea. They are preparing for Christmas dinner there. At least Mrs. Miltenberger is. She is packing her linens and dishes so that Christmas may be a festive occasion.

The Miltenbergers' marriage sprang from the mutual interest of Fidelis Miltenberger and Josephine Coleman in the New Guinea mission and their desire to become lay apostles.

They heard about the opportunities for lay apostles from Mr. Miltenberger's brother, Capuchin Father Stanley Miltenberger, a pioneer missionary to New Guinea. He had written about the missionaries' total dependence upon an airplane for bringing supplies from the New Guinea coast to the interior mission stations. In addition to the high cost for the pilot's services, the missionaries faced the uncertainty of deliveries.

Father Miltenberger never dreamed his stories of hardship would inspire his brother Fidelis, an airplane mechanic and licensed pilot, to offer his service and skill to the missionaries.

MRS. MILTENBERGER has a missionary's heart too. One of her big tasks will be to teach simple hygiene to the natives. It called upon to be a catechist, she will put to good use her experience with the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

The mission-minded couple will leave for New Guinea with Capuchin Fathers Paul Farkas of Pittsburgh, Pa. Gary Stakem of Cumberland, Md.; Gregory Smith of Stoneham, Mass. and Capuchin Brother Claude Mattingly of Cumberland, Md.



Cumberland, Md.—(NC)—Leaving soon for the rugged highlands of Papua, New Guinea, are Mr. and Mrs. Fidelis Miltenberger shown here examining a Mission Cross, held by Father Gary Stakem, O.F.M. Cap. also of Cumberland and mission-bound. The recently married couple have volunteered five years service as lay apostles in the foreign mission.

Seminarians Dying In Tito Prison

Trieste—(NC)—Two students of the theological seminary in Split, Yugoslavia, accused of anti-communist activities, are reported close to death in their cells in the Split prison.

The report was made by a former prisoner at the prison who was an eyewitness to their ordeal. More detailed information has been given by two other former prisoners.

THE STUDENTS at the seminary had been approached by secret agents of the Reds and asked to act as informers against their superiors and fellow seminarians.

The two young men, Maslac and Lusic, refused to act as informers and emerged as leaders of an anti-Red movement among the students.

Their arrest was made after police searched the rooms of the seminary and found some anti-Tito pamphlets which had been published by the Ustaasha, members of a Croatian nationalist movement fostered by the axis during World War II.

The pamphlets had been planted by secret agents of the Reds and Maslac and Lusic were accused of possessing subversive material in addition to counter revolutionary activities.

THEN BEGAN their ordeal. After tortures which are reported to have included subjection to high electric currents and psychological shocks, the young men were subjected to long periods of questioning.

When the Reds saw that they could get nothing from the students, they were returned to their cells where they are reported close to death as a result of their mental and physical sufferings.



Native Bishop

Kisumu, Belgian Congo—(NC) First native bishop of the Belgian Congo, appointed by Pope Pius XII, is Bishop-elect Pierre Kimbondo, above, auxiliary to Bishop Alphonse Verwilt, S.J., Vicar Apostolic of Kisumu.

Trenton Diocese Plans Cathedral

Trenton, N. J.—(RNS)—Bishop George W. Ahl of Trenton announced plans for building a new cathedral here. It will replace the 65-year-old structure destroyed by fire last March 14.

The new St. Mary's Cathedral will rise on the site of the old one, fronting on Warren Street and extending back to Chancery Lane. To provide the necessary footage, 50-year-old St. Mary's Cathedral Grammar School on Chancery Lane will be demolished.

Designed in the Romanesque style, the masonry and limestone cathedral will seat 1,000 worshippers. A 40 by 50 foot sanctuary, quinquennial meeting of diocesan directors of the National Society for the Propagation of the Faith in St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 24.

Innocent XI Rites Awaited In Rome

Vatican City—(NC)—Preparations are complete for the beatification of the first Pope to be raised to the altar since St. Pius X.

On Sunday, October 7, Pope Innocent XI will be declared blessed in the presence of the Cardinals of Rome, Archbishops, Bishops, members of the Vatican chapter and an anticipated crowd of nearly 30,000 faithful.

THE CEREMONY will begin at 10 a.m. His Eminence Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals and Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church, will celebrate a solemn pontifical Mass. After the reading of the official brief of beatification, the clergy attending will chant a Te Deum. The Holy Father will then recite "Oremus" in honor of the new beatus from his apartments at Castelgandolfo.

The Holy Father will then deliver a radio discourse on the life of Innocent.

The afternoon ceremony will be carried out in the presence of the Pope who will come to St. Peter's Basilica from Castelgandolfo. The ceremony will begin at 5:30 with benediction of the Blessed Sacrament imparted by Bishop Felice Bonomini of Como, in northern Italy, birthplace of Pope Innocent.

The body of Innocent has been prepared for public veneration in a manner similar to the way St. Pius X's body was prepared before his canonization. A silver mask and silver hands have been sculptured. The remains of the

Abducted Nuns Reported Safe

Algiers—(RNS)—Two Catholic nuns recently kidnapped by Algerian rebels in the Kabou region of Kabylia sent a message to their Mother Superior saying they are safe and will shortly return to their mission.

The nuns, members of the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Africa, (White Sisters), said they had been abducted in order to give medical care to "sick people" in the mountains.

They are Sister Pierre-Fourier, who has been in Algeria for 25 years, and Sister Francois, a Canadian.

SISTERS IN A MUD HUT



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MATTHEW OR PAUL—YOUR PRIEST?

These two young men hope to be future priests in India. They have just started their six year course of studies in St. Joseph's Seminary and are praying for some kind soul to help them. They need \$100 for each year of their training—\$600 in all. Could you adopt one of these boys and give a Priest to God? Blessings will certainly be yours.



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