

Diplomats Cancel Bethlehem Trip

Bethlehem, Jordan — (NC) — His year's Christmas pilgrimage from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, cancelled because of the cancellation of their pilgrimage by members of the consular corps here. The cancellation came in protest against the Jordanian government's refusal to allow the representatives of the countries involved in the Suez crisis to go from the Israeli sector of Jerusalem to the Jordanian sector of the city.

Mission Restored

Ventura, Calif. — (RNS) — A major restoration program for the Mission San Buenaventura, the last of nine founded by Padre Junipero Serra, will be completed in time for its 175th anniversary next March 31.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

This is the season of withered Christmas trees. What was green wood is now dry, what was once blessed with gifts is now thrown into the gutter and the ash can. In like manner the distance from the crib to the cross is short. The gifts of the Magi quickly become the new gifts of malls, a spear and a crown of thorns. The myrrh carried by the Third Wise Man later became the myrrh that wrapped His Body in the grave.

Yet Bethlehem and Calvary are two sides of the same coin. Bethlehem was first in time, but Calvary was first in intention. He was "The Lamb slain from the foundations of the world." His very name JESUS meant Savior, and that was why He came: not to teach, but to save us from sin.

At both the Crib and the Cross stood the Gentiles, the foreign nations, the people from other lands who were not yet blessed with the Faith; the Wise Men in the stable, the Roman Centurion on the hill of ignominy. His own people had no room for Him in the inn at His Birth and no room for Him in the City at His Death for He was cast out of the city. But the Wise Men from Persia and the soldier from Rome stood for the people outside the city and the home of Faith — both of whom received the Faith, for the Wise Men adored and the soldier confessed: "Indeed This is the Son of God."

As you throw out your withered tree, may it tremble and quiver in your hand as a reminder that sacrifice, self-denial, death, myrrh constitute the essence of Christ-likeness and that your sacrifices are most blessed when they bring the foreign nations once again to the Crib and the Cross of Christ. All the sacrifices you send in are given to the Holy Father. He makes the distribution equitably, for He knows better than any of us the needs of Asia, Africa and the poor of the world.

GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. K.C. who started a 50 cents-a-week Christmas club last year and sent us \$25 for the Missions to "Light just one candle in the heart of some needy child to burn with love for Him." ... to M.A.K. "I am giving up this dollar for film I wanted for my camera that I received for my birthday when I was nine years old. I want to help you in your work." ... to S.A.G. "This is an offering of "thanks" to Our Lady — thought she would like this better than flowers." ... to Mr. and Mrs. A.J.S. "Please accept this \$5. for your Missions. We are two old people living on Social Security but we saw your program on T.V. and we felt pretty bad about some who are worse off than we are."

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Finds "Who Is Where And When"

Milwaukee — (NC) — Seminarian Earl Dionne, left, shows classmates, Paul M. Esser and John Hains how the "Rubricator" can be used to find quickly "who is where and when" in the sanctuary during Solemn High Mass. Dionne, a graduate aeronautical engineer, is a third year theology student here at St. Francis Seminary. He designed his wheel as an aid to the study and review of Mass rubrics and explains that the rubricator is an application of time and motion principles. The device is being sold by the Bruce Publishing Co.

Ban Asked On Decalogue In Schools

Albany, N. Y. — (RNS) — A North Hyde Park, Nassau County, man has asked the state education commissioner to declare the position of the Ten Commandments in public school rooms to be unconstitutional.

Emmanuel M. Belman filed a petition asking Commissioner James E. Allen, Jr., specifically to prohibit posting of the commandments in the North Hyde Park School District and to stay the school board from purchasing plaques bearing the Commandments.

Mr. Belman said the board had violated the state constitution in its order to buy and mount the plaques in each classroom. The board voted 6 to 1 last month for the posting of the plaques bearing the so-called "interdenominational" version of the Commandments that was posted in Huntington, L. I., classrooms three years ago without controversy.

THE PETITIONER said he was objecting principally because he believed in separation of Church and State in public schools. The board's order, he said, violated a section of the constitution that bans the use of public funds for support of schools "in which any denominational tenet or doctrine is taught."

The New Hyde Park board's order prohibited teachers from answering questions about the plaques but directed that any child who asked questions be given a card to take home. The card would read: "Your child has asked questions concerning the Ten Commandments. We suggest that you give him the answers."

A spokesman for the State education Department said the commissioner would call a hearing on Mr. Belman's petition after the board had a chance to submit a written reply.

Quebec Bishops Hit Lax Liquor Control

Quebec City — (RNS) — The Roman Catholic archbishops and bishops of Quebec denounced excessive drinking and what they described as the laxity of officials who do not enforce liquor regulations.

"The bishops are shocked to find that in all parts of the province there exists a regime of excessive tolerance in the application and the respect of liquor laws. Closing hours are not observed and the sanctity of Sunday is being threatened.

"If the bishops had one wish, it would be to encourage all competent authorities to formulate wise but severe regulations concerning the opening of liquor outlets and the sale of spirits."

First Pakistan Native Ordained

Dacca, East Pakistan — (NC) — The first native Pakistani priest since Pakistan became a state, Father Michael Rozario, was ordained in Rome for the Archdiocese of Dacca.

Father Rozario was born in Dacca, and took his preliminary and college studies here. Going to the United States in 1947, he studied philosophy at the University of Notre Dame. He completed his theological studies at the Propaganda Fide university in Rome, and is expected to return to Dacca in 1957 after special studies in theology.

Louis Budenz

New U.S. Red Constitution 'Pulls Wool Over Our Eyes'

By LOUIS BUDENZ

It is a vital moment in history when the New York Times on December 16 can suggest the possibility of the expulsion of Soviet Russia from the United Nations. The Times does not follow its suggestion through fully, contending that at least sanctions, trade, and credit restrictions and "non-intercourse" should be introduced by the General Assembly against the Kremlin.

But the very fact that such a newspaper brings forward this idea is an indication of the irritation felt throughout the world at the inability thus far to alleviate Hungary's martyrdom.

In the meantime, the Communist party of the United States is busily engaged in preparing itself for the new attempted penetration of American opinion, in order to sway it in a pro-Soviet direction. Everything must now be done by the comrades to conform to the directives given by Nikita Khrushchev last February.

THE BEGINNING of this "new phase" in communist maneuvering, made in the "draft resolution," is now followed up by the "draft constitution" for the Communist party issued on December 16. This has received some attention from critics from the general press—but it deserves more consideration.

AN EXAMINATION of this document reveals it to be replete with Asiatic language or Red double-talk, designed to make the Communist party look harmless and therefore to facilitate widespread infiltration of all American agencies. Past history shows that it was precisely at those moments when the American nation thought the conspiracy to be of no danger that infiltration proceeded at its highest peaks.

The first big infiltration began in 1933, coincident with recognition of Soviet Russia. It was stepped up in 1936, after the Stalin constitution had persuaded us that the Kremlin was becoming "democratic." It went forward again on a large scale in World War II when we hailed Soviet Russia as "one of the democratic nations."

Catholic Hospital Gets U.S. Grant

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — A grant of \$35,500 to St. Vincent's Hospital in New York was made by the U. S. Public Health Service for the first year of a three-year project to develop scientific personnel systems for hospitals.

Approved by the Federal Hospital Council, the grant was announced here by Surgeon General Leroy E. Burney.

It came from a research fund of the Hill-Burton program of federal aid to hospitals.

Sister Lorette Bernard, R.N., is administrator of St. Vincent's Hospital.

Florida Diocese Plans 8 Catholic High Schools

St. Augustine, Fla. — (RNS) — Eight new Catholic high schools are to be built in Florida "in the immediate future," the Rev. William F. McKeever, diocesan superintendent of the schools, announced here.

Bishop Barry High School for boys in St. Petersburg is already under construction and a boys' high and a girls' high are planned for the greater Miami area.

A new boys' high is planned for St. Augustine and others will be erected in Jacksonville, Daytona Beach, Fort Lauderdale and the Bradenton-Sarasota and Palm Beach-Lake Worth areas.

New high schools also are projected "as the need becomes apparent" in Clearwater, Ybor City, Polk County, South-Dade County, Naples, Venice, Fort Myers, Tallahassee, Gainesville, Deland, Melbourne, Fort Pierce and Boca Raton.

"We are determined to provide a Catholic high school education for all of our youth wherever it is physically or financially possible," said Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley, Bishop of St. Augustine.

Polish Cardinal On North Tour

Warsaw — (RNS) — Cardinal Wyszyński, Catholic Primate of Poland, arrived in Bydgoszcz, about 130 miles north of here, for a three-day visit, the Warsaw Radio reported. The station said he was expected to preach a special sermon for Polish youth in one of the city churches.

'Fantasies About Holy See' Deplored

Rome — (NC) — L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican City Daily, has published an editorial calling for more caution and seriousness on the part of Italian and foreign newspapers "which have no scruples about printing fantasies about the Holy See."

THE CHURCH'S methods for issuing the editorial are not secret, said the editorial. Anyone who knows anything about these methods should be able to see at first glance that many current news items printed in Italy and abroad are without foundation.

L'Osservatore gave a few examples of this "journalistic fantasy."

Pope Establishes

Tangier Archdiocese

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Pius XII has raised the Vicariate Apostolic of Morocco to the rank of an archdiocese and changed its name to Tangier. The new archdiocese will be immediately subject to the Holy See and will be entrusted to the care of the Franciscan Friars Minor. Franciscan Bishop Francesco, former Vicar Apostolic of Morocco, has been named the first Archbishop of Tangier.

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