

Terrorism Unabated In Red Satellites

China Freedom Report Seen Propaganda

Recent reports of increased religious freedom and concessions to the Chinese Communist Party have led to the belief of many observers that China is undertaking a religious policy as a tool of propaganda.

Reports of high-ranking Communist officials reported in the Chinese Communist press during the past few months indicate that China's leaders are quick to discern any deviation from the traditional Communist policy of applying this option of the people.

Some of the reported "concessions" to the Church include the return of Chinese priests from jail before their terms expired; the return of Church property; permission for the public celebration of Mass and permission to teach religion as long as no attempt is made to proselytize.

While these "privileges" make significant propaganda copy for the Western press and have impressed recent visitors to Red China, the Chinese government has made it clear by words and actions that it will tolerate only its own version of religious freedom.

Since open persecution of religion served only to increase opposition and lower prestige abroad the Chinese government has initiated a three-fold program in dealing with religion:

1. It has increased the atheistic education of the Chinese youth.

2. While openly proclaiming its policy of worship it has in many cases subtly placed obstacles in the way of the faithful who wish to attend religious services.

3. It is transforming religious centers in China into "mass organizations" in support of the government's various political campaigns.



'Coats Of Arms'

Worcester, Mass. — (NC) — Brother Gerard Brazard, A.A., in his study at Assumption College, Worcester, Mass., sketches some of the coats of arms he will use to illustrate his monumental work, "A History of the American Hierarchy." He has spent 20 years' research in completing the work, which plans call for publishing in nine volumes.

Persecution In Rumania Scored By Vatican Paper

Vatican City — (NC) — At the cost of daily acts of heroism, Catholics in Red-dominated Rumania have withstood persecution and remained faithful to the Church and in communion with Rome, said L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily.

The Vatican City newspaper in an "authoritative" article on the situation of the Church in Rumania, reports, the clergy and faithful are still violently persecuted.

The article was occasioned by the expulsion of a group of Belgian Vincentian Fathers, the last foreign priests remaining in Rumania.

L'OSSERVATORE noted that the ecclesiastical policies of the people's republics now seem to be directed by a single inspiration, from a single source, as previously, during the days of Stalinism.

It said that the recent release of several priests, among whom was Bishop Anton Martini of Alba Julia, seems to indicate a sudden change in anti-religious tactics. On the contrary, said the newspaper, religious persecution in Rumania was intensified shortly afterwards.

Several of the priests who had been liberated were arrested, though Bishop Julius Iosca of Cluj, John Balan of Lugoj, and Alexander Rusu of Marzamos, who had been imprisoned together, were separated and interned in three different monasteries.

L'OSSERVATORE took note especially of the external destruction of the Byzantine Catholic Rite in Rumania, effected by a decree of December 2, 1948 which, it said, was done in violation of the Rumanian constitution and promises made when that country signed the peace treaty at the end of World War II.

"This act of 1948 brutally destroyed the external organization of the Oriental Rite community in Transylvania," declared L'Osservatore, "by falsely declaring that it had returned to schism."

"In almost ten years the situation in Rumania has not changed... Persecution against the Catholic Church shows no signs of abating and is being carried out with 'legal' weapons prepared over the last few years by violence and the abuse of authority," said the Vatican City daily.

Atheist State Aim of New Polish Regime

London — (NC) — A communist newspaperman in Warsaw reported over the national British television network that it is the Polish regime's ultimate aim to convert its nation's people from Catholicism to materialism.

At the same time he admitted that he had never seen anything like the devotion to the Church of the Polish people, nine out of ten of whom are Catholics.

THE JOURNALIST, Gordon Crookshank, Warsaw correspondent of Britain's Communist Daily Worker, spoke in a filmed interview in a Warsaw street with Chris Chataway, British Olympic runner turned TV reporter.

Mr. Chataway, after showing filmed scenes of Poland's intensely Catholic life, asked Mr. Crookshank what the outlook was for the country's small communist minority. The Daily Worker man argued that communism has many supporters even among churchgoers. The vast mass of the people supported a socialist economy and would never want a return to private ownership in industry, he claimed.

THE FILM of life in Poland showed Polish people crowding into their churches for Sunday Mass; intensely devout religious processions through city streets and a dramatic close-up of the renowned picture of Our Lady at the shrine at Czestochowa.

Mr. Chataway, a non-Catholic, told Mr. Crookshank that he could not see communism making such headway in the face of the enthusiasm for Catholicism. He said he doubted if Poland's Catholic millions would ever adopt materialistic communism.



Dubuque Auxiliary

Monseigneur George J. Biscup, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Dubuque since 1952, has been named Auxiliary to Archbishop Leo Bin of Dubuque, Iowa. A native of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, he attended Loras College, Dubuque, and the North American College in Rome, where he was ordained in 1937. (NC Photos.)

'Silent March' Staged In London

London — (RNS) — About 40,000 Catholic men and youths took part here in a two-mile long "silent march" staged as a demonstration of sympathy and solidarity with persecuted Christians in Communist countries.

Among the marchers, who covered a route from Hyde Park to Westminster Cathedral, were groups of refugees and exiles from Iron Curtain countries, chiefly Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

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Vatican Radio Denies Red Report On Cardinal

Vatican City — (RNS) — The Vatican Radio denied a statement by Hungarian premier János Kadar that Josef Cardinal Mindszenty had twice been asked by Pope Pius to resume his duties as Primate of Hungary, but had replied he preferred to go abroad.

PREMIER KADAR made the statement at a news conference in Budapest.

"As far as we know," he said, "the Pope twice urged Mindszenty to resume his post as Primate of Hungary, but he has shown no inclination to do so. On the contrary, he told the Pope he wanted to go abroad."

The Vatican station said the cardinal has not resumed his duties solely because of restrictions imposed by the Communist government.

It declared that, despite his enforced stay at the American Legation in Budapest, Cardinal Mindszenty remains Archbishop of Esztergom and Primate of Hungary, "even if momentarily impeded in fulfilling his normal functions."

CARDINAL MINDSZENTY has been in asylum at the legation since the beginning of November. He was liberated from Communist detention at the height of the October revolt but was forced to seek refuge when Soviet forces moved in to recapture the capital.

During his newspaper interview, Premier Kadar was asked if the government would object to the cardinal leaving the country. He replied: "That depends. The Hungarian people do not need him as far as we know. The government certainly does not need him."

China Exiles Ordained To Diaconate

Hong Kong — (NC) — Evidence that the Church in China lives on was given here with the ordination to the diaconate of six Chinese seminarians who began their studies on the mainland of China but were forced to flee when the Reds took over.

THE SIX YOUNG men were among a group of 12 seminarians ordained to the order of deacon by Bishop Lawrence Blanch of Hong Kong. The ceremony took place in the new chapel of Aberdeen Regional Seminary here.

The deacons are Joseph Pang of Wuchow, John Yang of Kwelin, Anthony Lam of Hainan, Joseph Sheen of Tarning, Francis Li of Yutse, and Joseph Lee of Kaying.

The ordination ceremonies were a milestone in the history of Aberdeen Regional Seminary, which was founded 25 years ago by Archbishop, now Cardinal Celso Costantini, then Apostolic Delegate to China, and was placed under the patronage of Our Lady, Queen of China.

IT WAS OPENED to train major seminarians from the Provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi. The work of training these seminarians was entrusted to members of the Irish Province of the Society of Jesus.

Since 1951, when the Seminary was opened, 148 Chinese diocesan priests who made the whole or part of their studies at Aberdeen have been ordained.

Pope Hears Report On Sudan Move To Seize Schools

Vatican City — (NC) — The heads of the two sees in Sudan, where mission schools are being taken over by the government, have been received in a lengthy private audience here by Pope Pius XII.

They were Bishop Agostino Baroni, Vicar Apostolic of Kertoum, and Mill Hill Father John Hart, Prefect Apostolic of Malakal.

Informed Vatican sources said the audience concerned the announcement by Sudan's Education Minister Ziadat Arbab that all Catholic mission schools in southern Sudan are to be taken over by the government.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT of the Sudanese Education Minister was seen by mission experts here as having two aims, one political and the other religious. It is political, they said, inasmuch as the announcement can be interpreted as a move by the northern Sudanese to dominate the people of the southern Sudan. It is religious, they added, since it is an obvious attempt by Sudan's Moslems to subjugate the country's Christians.

The northern part of the new country of Sudan, which gained its independence in 1956, is inhabited by 6,500,000 Arabic-speaking Moslems. The south is peopled by 2,500,000 persons, most of whom are pagan Negroes.

The gravity of the problem is indicated by the fact that Archbishop James Knox, Apostolic Nuncio to India, has not gone to his new post in New Delhi but returned to Africa with the two heads of sees received by the pope.

Sudan Confiscates 84 Mission Schools

Wau, Sudan — (NC) — The Sudanese government has confiscated about 84 mission schools in early moves aimed at taking over all 346 Catholic mission schools in southern Sudan.

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Nuns Face Ouster In Ceylon Hospitals

Colombo, Ceylon — (RNS) — Ceylon's Minister of Health has urged that Roman Catholic nuns no longer be permitted to serve as nurses in the country's state-operated hospitals.

The Minister, Mrs. Vimala Wijewardene, recommended that the ban on nuns be introduced within the next three years.

Her proposal was in line with recommendations made by the Buddhist Committee of Enquiry, which has demanded that all educational and social services become a state monopoly. Buddhists have long opposed the use of Catholic nuns in hospitals.

Most of Ceylon's hospitals are state-operated. Some are conducted by private individuals but there are no Catholic hospitals in the country.

Minister Wijewardene said Catholic nuns now attached to the hospitals should be dismissed and in the future no nuns appointed as nurses.

Veteran's Third Pilgrimage Fulfills War-Time Vow

Milan, Italy — (NC) — A veteran of the Russian front who narrowly escaped death in World War II is about to set out on a 700-mile pilgrimage to fulfill a vow.

Piaggianni Riva, 39, intends to walk from here to Assisi. But this is not unusual for him, since he has performed two similar feats in the past six years.

One day during the war, Riva, at the wheel of an army truck, suddenly found himself in the midst of a violent Russian bombardment. Laying in a ditch he invoked the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and promised that, if he should escape with his life and be able to return to his family, he would make three pilgrimages afoot.

He returned home after the war and kept his promise. In 1951 he walked from Milan to Pompeii, through Rome and Naples, sleeping and eating in monasteries along the way. Four years later he made the same trip.

The pilgrimage to Assisi will be in final fulfillment of his vow.

ONE CHAPEL NEEDED

The Holy Father is working today at a native priest in Adalshikra, where the Indian government has cleared a jagua to receive many poor people on farms. It has all separated Christians of whom 125 have already returned with some. Many more show real interest, so the bishop sent the priest. Thus far Mass is held in a bamboo shack. He needs \$2,500 to build a proper chapel. Won't you help?

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VERONICA IN IRAQ
Appeals for seminarians somehow awaken sympathy more readily than for our services. Truth to tell, mission life would be in the hands of death without the likes of SISTER VERONICA in Mosul. Her parents have no means to help with her needs (\$150) during two years training. Then, there are SISTER CHRISTINE in Lebanon, SISTERS MARY GORETTI AND NONFORT to India. Can you help one?

LORD I AM NOT WORTHY
Near that lets seem make their FIRST COMMUNION. The Mother need \$18 to give each year child a NEW OUTFIT. Give in thanks that you found your worthy. Let it stand watch with Him of your own child is not in need.

MOTHER'S DAY SOON
Our beautiful NEW GIFT CARD with lovely portrait of Our Lady two service PRESSED FLOWERS FROM THE HOLY LAND will sell for that you had Mass said for her; OR you enrolled her; OR give an article to a mission chapel in her name.

ARRANGE NOW FOR MASSES FOR YOUR OWN SOUL
ANXIOUS JERUSALEM
This Easter anxiety about peace threatens the Holy City. Holy Week will not bring the usual floods of pilgrims. BUT GABRIEL, a seminarian, has further anxiety—so does Matthew in India—about we having a "sponsor" to send us \$100 needed yearly for his six years of training. We must train younger lads in minor seminaries also. If you can't "sponsor" a lad, maybe you'd like to help this work by joining CHRYSOSTOMES, our \$1-A-MONTH club for seminarians.

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You will be very much there "spiritually" for we have arranged with the Benedictine, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, to offer Pontifical Mass and Vespers of the Holy Sepulchre at the Holy Sepulchre for our benefactors. They thank you for your kind MASS OFFERINGS which in the Holy Sepulchre for many of them.

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