

State Grabs Catholic Schools

Washington (AP)—When the Moslem-dominated government in Egypt took over Catholic mission schools, it guaranteed to safeguard religious freedom in the country.

The government's takeover in Egypt, which has a Catholic population of 150,000, includes the 15 Catholic mission schools in the Suez Canal zone.

Catholic parents have protested against what they see as a government plan to restrict Christian influence. They believe that the government is promoting for the schools a propaganda campaign designed to attract Moslems to the government's political party.

Poler Route

Tokyo (AP)—Church and state dignitaries welcomed the Cardinal Primate of Cologne, here for a three-week visit to Japan. The 70-year-old prelate is the first European Cardinal to visit Japan since World War II. Upon his arrival, he met with Japanese Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi, in the Parliament building.

In his trip to the Orient, Cardinal Frings became the first bishop to fly the North Pole route from Europe.

Red Romania Pressures Clergy

Bucharest (AP)—In creating pressure is being put on clergymen of all faiths in Communist Romania to join the government-sponsored "peace" movement, the Vatican Radio reported.

FROM HIS HEART

Through mission and always urgently needed, we don't recall that ever before the Holy Father appended through an encyclical letter—everybody now received for questions of vital importance to the Church—so he did in his latest one of a few weeks ago, pleading for all Catholics to aid missions with every prayer, tithing, and material help.

While thinking all who made sacrifices in the past, he urges all Catholics to ponder their grave duty to make SERIOUS SACRIFICES. He explains that the teaching about the Mystical Body of Christ requires the healthy parts to help the weak ones. Although we all have our material difficulties, he explains they are nothing compared with the countless "paralyzing" missionary activities. He says: "THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT AND THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT ARE ONE AND THE SAME—so that a Christian is not truly faithful and devoted to his Church if he is not equally interested and devoted to her UNIVERSALITY, desiring that she take root and flourish in all parts of the earth. . . . THE CATHOLIC VITALITY OF A NATION (and an individual, too) IS MEASURED BY THE SACRIFICES it is capable of making for the missionary cause."

MOTIVE AND HEARTACHE AND COMFORT

The Holy Father explained the motive from Psalm 118: "How shall I make a return to the Lord for all he has done for me (the gift of Faith)? . . . Tithing is how he feels a tightening of the heart when he thinks over the grave problems imposed upon missionaries because of the lack of means, the aid: "This suffering we confide in you and it pleases us to think that your prompt and generous response will give us hope in the hearts of so many apostles."

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African Church Faces Islam Red Threats

Vatican City (AP)—Extreme nationalism, communism and the expansion of Islam are the major threats to the Church in Africa, according to Cardinal Constantini, former secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

Quoting the danger of nationalistic Islam, Cardinal Constantini said it was increased by the infiltration of communism.

Communism, he said, conceals its goals behind the labels of national independence and of freedom from the real or imaginary exploitation of labor and local resources.

He warned that the Soviet Union has sent its best men to Africa where they are exercising considerable influence.

The expansion of Islam, he noted, is being helped by large numbers of immigrants. He reported that the Aga Khan, the extremely wealthy head of a Moslem sect, has opened 57 mosques and 22 Koran schools in East Africa in the past ten years. The Koran is the Moslem holy book.

Referring to the development of Catholicism in Africa since the turn of the century, the prelate said that although the results achieved are encouraging, "the missionary surge suffers from a great shortage of priests and a lack of material means."

Quoting figures to underline the increase in the number of faithful, Cardinal Constantini recalled that in Africa south of the Sahara, Catholics now total 11,800,000 as against 47,000 in 1901. In addition there are 2,900,000 catechumens.

St. Nicholas Relics Returned To Basilica

Bari, Italy (AP)—The relics of St. Nicholas of Bari, patron of the city and the original "Santa Claus," were returned to the crypt of the basilica named in his honor at a ceremony here.

In a message sent to the crowds attending the ceremony Pope Pius XII stressed the charitable sentiments toward the poor, the sick and orphans, and the steadfast faith which inspired St. Nicholas.

The relics of St. Nicholas were removed in 1953 to allow workers to repair dangerous weaknesses in the basilica's structure.

Almost nothing is known of the life of St. Nicholas who was Bishop of Myra in Lycia during the fourth century. His alleged relics are supposed to have been stolen from Myra by Italian merchants in 1087 and enshrined at Bari. He is especially known for his great works of charity.

There is a legend which says that the saint restored to life three children who had been drowned in a brine-filled tub. It is this legend, apparently, and the familiar story of St. Nicholas secretly providing dowries for three poor sisters, which have earned him his place as patron of children.



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Granada, Spain (AP)—Our Lady of Sorrows, Patroness of Granada, statue stands here in the Basilica of Our Lady of Sorrows, where Pontifical Mass opened Spain's National Eucharistic Congress. More than 80,000 people took part in impressive ceremonies headed by Enrique Cardinal Pla y Denke, Primate of Spain, and papal legate to the congress.

Pope Tells Movie Men To Keep Films 'Healthy'

Vatican City (AP)—Pope Pius XII told a group of American film representatives that the motion picture must not rob man of his essential "freedom of spirit" and "allegiance to God."

He spoke to sales managers from the European offices of Universal Pictures International who met in congress at Rome. Universal Pictures has its main offices in New York and its studios in Universal City, Calif.

Declaring that the importance of the group was reflected in its very title, Pope Pius said films are "opening a new world within a world that fascinates the sense and could capture the mind and spirit of man."

"How important it is then," he said, "that it should not rob man of his essential freedom of spirit and his practical allegiance to God."

"Our most earnest hope and prayer is that you do what you can to make the film world healthy, a world in which men and women, and even children, can find pleasurable entertainment and cultural improvement in security of mind and with moral integrity preserved."

At the outset of the audience, Pope Pius spoke of the "mounting demands" on his time but said he could not bring himself to say "no" to such a large and important group.

Gen. Gruenther
Omaha (AP)—Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, president of the American Red Cross, will give the commencement address at Creighton Jesuit University here on June 5.

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Japan Called 'Rising Sun' In Church

Tokyo (AP)—Japan, the Land of the Rising Sun, can become "a rising sun" in the Catholic Church, His Eminence Josef Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, Germany, declared here.

The 70-year-old German prelate, here for a three-week visit to Japan and Korea, addressed the faithful of Tokyo after blessing the cornerstone of the new St. Boniface Church, which is being built here with contributions from the Catholics of Cologne. He said:

"I am positive Japan can become a Catholic nation. Japan is known as the Land of the Rising Sun. I should like to see Japan become a rising sun in the Catholic Church."

Cardinal Frings, who has been received by Emperor Hirohito and Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi, told the Catholics of Tokyo earlier in the week that it was the good example of the great help given by Americans to bombed-out Cologne after World War II that inspired the Catholics of his archdiocese to "adopt" the Tokyo archdiocese and aid its people.

Seattle Groceries Close On Sunday

Seattle, Wash. (AP)—Voluntary closing of major grocery stores on Sundays in the Greater Seattle area got off to a strong start with "at least 85 per cent" of the people being closed, the Sunday Observance Committee reported.

There were scattered reports of neighborhood stores remaining open to meet the emergency needs in their areas," the group said. "While no universal ban has been requested for closing the local neighborhood stores, it is expected that the majority will remain closed."

The committee said no effort has been made to "discourage the religious observance of some other day of the week than Sunday, and those whose religious faith encourages another day have found their views respected."

Liberties Unit Opposes Chapels

Boston (AP)—A bill to authorize the erection of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish chapels at mental health institutions in Massachusetts was opposed by the Civil Liberties Union.

The proposed legislation was supported by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing who announced plans for a \$1,000,000 construction program for Roman Catholic chapels.

A spokesman for the Civil Liberties Union, Dr. H. Holmes of Weymouth, Mass., asserted at a legislative hearing that "not all churches in the Commonwealth are in favor of the bill."

The measure would authorize the state to allot parcels of land adjoining mental hospitals to religious denominations for the construction of chapels at their own expense.

The bill was drawn-up by a bipartisan committee of legislators, which included Roman Catholics, Protestants and Jews.

Home For Aged

Manchester, N.H. (AP)—Construction will be started soon on the third home for the aged to be built since 1949 by New Hampshire Catholic Charities, Inc.

Nehru 'About Face' Backs Birth Control

New Delhi (AP)—Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru has urged that the birth control movement in this country be made "widespread and successful."

He called for a "widespread movement for population control by family planning." He said that this is of the utmost importance for the future of India.

His remarks prefaced a Health Ministry publication entitled "A Great Battle Against Odds."

MR. NEHRU stated that India is one of the few countries in the world where the government has undertaken family planning in a scientific way. The progress made thus far may not be great but it is commendable, he declared.

The Indian leader disclosed that a request came last year from Red China for information about India's family planning programs. Since then a start has been made to spread birth control among Chinese people, Mr. Nehru said.

Observers regard Mr. Nehru's present stand as a complete reversal of his position up to 1950, when he advocated increased economic production to care for the population rather than birth control. They cite portions of a 1949 Nehru speech, to a United Nations commission meeting in India in support of this view, which was that of his mentor, the late Mahatmas K. Gandhi.

MR. NEHRU then said that a belief that overpopulation existed in India was a "serious error." Parts of India were actually underpopulated, he said. Underproduction not overpopulation was the crux of the problem, the Prime Minister stated at that time. The solution lay not in checking population growth but in increasing production, he then emphasized.

AS EARLY as 1952 the Indian bishops issued a joint warning that the country's growing birth control program constituted a "sin against marriage."

No reason however grave may be put forward by which anything intrinsically against nature and morally good," the bishops declared. They added that artificial birth control is "sinful and intrinsically vicious."

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Catholic Hospital Convention Slated

Cleveland (AP)—More than 5,000 priests, religious and lay persons who operate Catholic hospitals in the United States and Canada will meet here May 27 for the 12th annual Catholic Hospital Association convention.

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