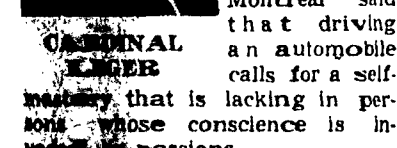


Prelates Score Reckless Driving

Cardinal Asks Halt On Highway Deaths

Montreal, Que. — (NC) — Carelessness on the highway has become a scourge as deadly as war or pestilence, Cardinal Leger warned here.



CARDINAL LEGER

Calling for a moral approach to the problem of safety on the highways, the Archbishop of Montreal said that driving an automobile calls for a self-discipline that is lacking in persons whose conscience is involved in passions.

A clearness of mind and perfect freedom of soul and body are necessary for the rapid reflex actions required by certain situations on the highway, the Cardinal added. He said the most frequent causes of automobile accidents are intemperance, wantonness and selfishness.

Cardinal Leger also called attention to "a disquieting phenomenon of today": the large number of car thefts by youths. According to figures released here:

Sunday Auto Sales Banned

Harrisburg Pa. — (NC) — A measure providing stiffer penalties for selling new or used automobiles on Sunday will be introduced here, Gov. George M. Leader has announced.

NATO Chieftain Visits Pope

Rome City — (NC) — Paul Spahn, new secretary general of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, has been received in audience by Pope Pius XII.

Chauffeur Says Cardinals 'Never Back Seat Drivers'

Chicago — (NC) — The man who chauffeured two of Chicago's princes of the Church has retired after 28 years with their wives for his bosses "who were never back seat drivers."

Holy Cross Alumnus Today's Golf Star

Worcester, Mass. — (NC) — Professional golfer's current "hot" pick, Sam Snead, is a former member of the Holy Cross College team and a member of the Holy Cross golfing parish here.

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Pope Pius Urges 'Modest' Styles On Dress Designers

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII, at a special audience to representatives of the dress industry in Rome, repeatedly admonished designers to create "modest" and "healthy" styles.

The group was led by Signora Amabile Fontana, who 50 years ago started a small dress shop that has since become an international business.

Among those who accompanied her were 200 dress designers, models, salesgirls and seamstresses. The models wore long sleeved, high-necked black dresses and had their hair covered with black lace.

The 81-year-old Pontiff greeted each of his visitors as "daughter" as she knelt to kiss his ring.

When the Pope was told that one of the specialties of the Roman fashion industry was to make austere black silk dresses for women from abroad who were expecting to be received at the Vatican, he commented: "We are glad that we, too, bring you some work."

The papal audience lasted 30 minutes. At one point, the Pope asked where the designers got the inspiration for "your ever-changing styles." He was told the designers are like artists, seizing new ideas wherever they find them.



POPE PIUS XII

Ste. Anne de Beaupre Shrine Slates Tercentenary

Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. — (RNS) — Cardinals, bishops and pilgrims from all over the world are expected to attend celebrations next year marking the tercentenary of the famous Roman Catholic shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre here.

Catholic authorities have already designated 1958 as "Ste. Anne's Jubilee Year." It will mark the 300th anniversary of the first miraculous cure reported at Beaupre and the erection of the first chapel there by a group of Breton sailors.

The closing ceremonies will take place on Oct. 12, when a reputedly miraculous statue of Ste. Anne in the shrine is solemnly re-crowned.

It is estimated that 1,500,000 persons, nearly half of them from the United States, have made pilgrimages to the shrine every year for the last ten years. A record was set in the Marian Year of 1954, when 1,850,000 pilgrims visited the shrine.

The original chapel of the shrine, often called the "Lourdes of the New World," was erected in 1658 after some Breton fishermen were beset by a storm and crippled by rheumatism.

The present Basilica of Our Lady of Beaupre, an imposing structure of Romanesque-Gothic design, has been under construction since 1923. Center of attraction is the shrine proper, where the miraculous statue of Ste. Anne, eight feet high and carved of solid oak, is preserved, together with relics of Ste. Anne, including a portion of her wrist-bone.



MIRACULOUS STATUE



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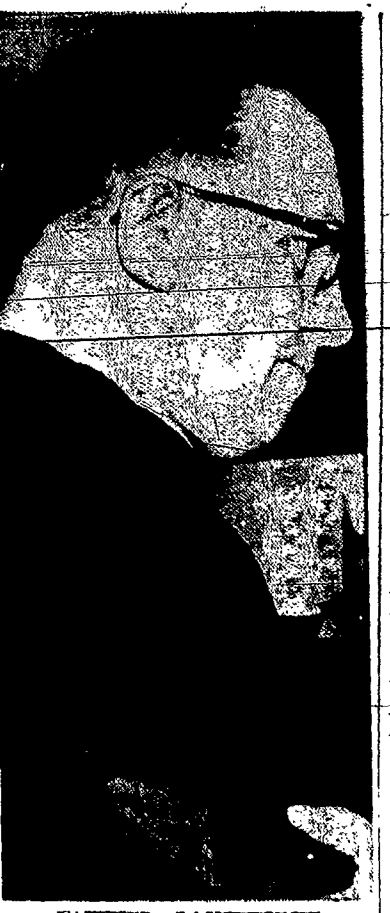
Los Angeles — (NC) — The California State Federation of Labor has advised its 1,300,000 members not to support moves that would reimpose property taxes on non-profit private schools in California.

The federation's state executive council said that such parochial and private schools render "a genuine public service" to the state. It pointed out that these schools save the state \$93.6 million annually in operation costs alone.

Magazines Removed From Newsstands

Baltimore — (NC) — "Communist for Dummies" here has succeeded in its first week in having 20 magazines withdrawn from distribution.

The committee, appointed by the Baltimore City Council, was told by William W. Mahoney of the Maryland News Co. that the firm was withdrawing the magazines considered objectionable by the Decency Committee.



FATHER JASKIEWICZ

Expert On Soviets Sees No Letup On Red Atheism

New York — (NC) — Current shakeups in the Communist party and the government of the Soviet Union will probably have little effect on religion behind the Iron Curtain.

Father Walter C. Jaskiewicz, S.J., director of the Institute of Russian Affairs at Fordham University here, said he could foresee no worsening or improvement of the religious situation in Russia or the satellites.

The Russian scholar said he did not think the recent purge of Georgi M. Malenkov, Vyacheslav M. Molotov, and Lazar M. Kaganovich would touch the religious situation.

It may generate some political discontent, he said, but explained that the Soviet policy toward religion is still one of scientific atheism.

Father Jaskiewicz doubted that anyone could predict any change in the status of religion behind the Iron Curtain at this time.

Kremlin Purge Does Not Ease Anti-God Policy

New York — (NC) — Kremlin policy toward religion remains unaffected by the recent shake-up in Soviet leadership, a former Moscow chaplain said here.

The Soviet Communist party remains dedicated to the complete eradication of religion and its replacement by "scientific atheism," he added.

This analysis was made by Father Georges Bissonnette, the Assumptionist priest who served for two years as chaplain to foreign Catholics in Moscow.

Author of the book "Moscow Was My Parish," Father Bissonnette made an analysis of the recent purge of Georgi M. Malenkov, Vyacheslav M. Molotov, Lazar M. Kaganovich, and D. T. Shepilov from high posts in the Soviet Communist party.

"The important thing to note about the recent Kremlin shake-up," he said, "is that Communist party leadership announced no change in its attitude regarding religion. From that we can assume that there is no basic change."

"THE DISPUTE within the party concerned internal party politics, as far as can be determined. This has no bearing on the party's attitude toward religion."

"In fact, there has long been the most solid unanimity in the Soviet Communist party as to what attitude should be held regarding religion. It must be considered the 'opium of the people' and a form of 'medieval superstition' which must be eradicated and replaced by 'scientific atheism.'"

Father Bissonnette said he does not think that the changes in the Soviet leadership would have any notable effect on religion in the satellites.

"THE OVERALL attitude of the satellite Communist parties is certainly one dedicated to choking off all religious beliefs and influences," he remarked.

"However, the tempo for achieving this end is dependent on local conditions," he added.

Soviet Tourist Group Witness Papal Audience

Vatican City — (NC) — A group of 400 Soviet Russian tourists looked on in silence as Pope Pius XII in a general audience in St. Peter's Basilica.

It was the first time since the war that Soviet tourists had attended a papal audience.

Other tourist groups from the Soviet Union have visited St. Peter's Square and the Vatican museums while visiting Rome, and some have been on hand for the Pope's customary noon blessing from the window of his apartment. But this was the first time a Soviet group was on hand for an actual audience in St. Peter's.

The 400 — half of a Russian band which had arrived in Rome from Naples — arrived in St. Peter's Square in 11 buses. After visiting the museums, they entered the basilica a few minutes after noon.

IT WAS EXACTLY at that moment that the Pontiff passed by on his portable throne and proceeded down the nave of the great church. The throng of 20,000 — including a group from St. Patrick's in New York and a delegation of Bostonians here for "Rome's Salute to Boston" — shouted greetings to the spiritual head of the world's Catholics.

The Russians remained clustered silently in the rear of St. Peter's until the Pope reached his throne and began his first words of welcome to the faithful. The Soviet group then stole quietly away.

Former 'First Lady' Mrs. Coolidge Once Taught Catechism

Northampton, Mass. — (NC) — Mrs. Grace Goodhue Coolidge, widow of Calvin Coolidge, former President of the United States, at one time taught catechism to Catholic children.

This fact was recalled in Catholic circles here upon receipt of news of her death at her home here. The 78-year-old widow of President Coolidge was a member of the Congregational Church and daughter of a Vermont deacon.

BEFORE HER marriage in 1905, she taught at the Clarke School for the Deaf here. It was then that she taught the Catholic children of the school their catechism.

"The children were exceptionally well instructed. She was a very good woman," he recalled. Msgr. Thomas F. Cummings, dean of the Northampton area.

Rabbi's Daughter Enters Church

Grantwood, Mo. — (NC) — The daughter of a Jerusalem rabbi has been baptized a Catholic here by Father Vincent J. Duggan, pastor of Our Lady of Providence Church.

She is Mrs. Simone Acher (Warner), daughter of Rabbi Acher who preaches at a Jerusalem synagogue.

SHE ATTRIBUTES her attraction to the Catholic faith to childhood friends, many of them were Catholics. "Although my parents and brothers and sisters are of the Jewish faith, I had an interest in the Church for as long as I can remember," she said.

She and her husband, Jay Simon, were married by St. Louis Rabbi in 1947. After both had come to this country, Mr. Warner, son of a Jewish father and Protestant mother, had entered the church six years ago.

"But Jay never tried to convert me," Mrs. Warner recalls. "No one could have. I had to make up my own mind."

"MANY HESITATE to become Catholics because they think the religion is difficult to live up to," she said.

"To me, becoming a Catholic is the best thing that could happen to anyone. And my daily prayer is that all others outside the faith will do someone like Father Duggan to bring them to the truth," Mrs. Warner added.



FATHER BISSONNETTE

Chief Ghana Baptized

Accra, Ghana — (NC) — Catholics in Dordokope village, an outpost of Bator parish, are rejoicing at the conversion of their 101-year-old chief.

Kwami Yigbedor III was baptized by Father Rodulf Krajick, parish priest of Bator, at the Good Samaritan clinic. He took the Christian name of Joachim.

Where a street falls short, the communist party has no choice but to avoid it. The party has no choice but to avoid it.

When the religious life of the country is not so strong, the communist leadership can move faster along what it considers the road to scientific atheism.

"That is why you have the relatively mild attitude toward religion in Poland, and the much tougher attitude in Bulgaria," he noted.

While Mr. Coolidge was President (1923-1933), Mrs. Coolidge often accompanied him at public functions. The couple visited the campus of Catholic University of America on two occasions. On October 4, 1924, they were guests of the university at the dedication of the new stadium and stayed to watch the football game between the Cardinals of Catholic University and the U. S. Marines.

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