

Federal Aid Baptists Receive Grant From U. S.

(RNS) — Whether Baptist institutions receive federal aid is being studied by a committee of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention's General Board. The committee will report its findings at the convention's annual meeting here, Nov. 19-21.

The study was requested by the General Board after it had recommended by trustees Wake Forest (N. C.) College help establish future policy on federal aid for the school, a Southern Baptist institution.

Wake Forest recently accepted a government grant of \$200,000 toward construction of a \$3,000,000 research building for the Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

College trustees contend the federal school will "repay" the government within a ten-year period by services rendered in research. They assert that, according to federal aid laws, little if any building erected with government funds will remain in the Wake Forest and the college ownership.

The convention's constitution states that Southern Baptist institutions or agencies shall not accept or receive, directly or indirectly any gift, grant or aid from the federal or state governments, except for definite services rendered by the institution and with the approval of the State Convention or its General Board.

Southern Baptists are traditionally opposed to the use of federal or state funds for religious institutions on the grounds that it violates the principle of Church-State separation.

Dr. C. C. Carpenter, dean of Bowman Gray, said the school needs the privilege of accepting government funds for a "research program" by the state body.

He warned if the convention does not permit Wake Forest to receive the money granted under the federal act, the Hill-Burton Act for an addition to the hospital operated by the medical school. The funds had earlier been accepted by the hospital's board of trustees and the convention's General Board.

The more than half a million dollars received by Baptist-sponsored Bowman Gray was the first accepted by the medical institution. Since 1943, the school said, it has received more than \$1,500,000 in federal aid.


Ministers Protest Free School Use

Woonsocket, R.I. — (RNS) — Free use of a public school here by a Catholic church for summer classes in religious instruction was protested by the Woonsocket District Ministers Association on the grounds that the practice violates the principle of Church-State separation.

The protest was made to the attorney general's office, the State Board of Education, Mayor Jean-Paul Sancy and the Woonsocket School Committee, which had given the Sacred Heart church permission to use the building.

"Religious use of public property without any rental is illegal and a violation of the First Amendment to the Constitution," the ministers said.

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Churches Safe In Mexico After Quake

Mexico City — (NC) — Catholic churches in Mexico City escaped serious damage during the earthquake which rocked this city and adjacent areas, leaving 66 people dead and about 650 injured.

NOT EVEN the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, more than 200 years old, suffered any damage. Though cracks had appeared in its walls during previous earthquakes.

All during the day after the earthquake people crowded the basilica and other churches of the city, praying for the dead and injured and offering prayers of thanksgiving for their own survival.

Regular Mass has been scheduled in the basilica for those who were killed during the earthquake.

THE U. S. Embassy in Mexico City reports that there were no U.S. citizens killed or seriously injured.

Pope Pius XII sent a message of condolence to the Mexican government and people, expressing his sorrow for the tragedy. He placed at the disposal of Archbishop Luigi Riboldi, Apostolic Delegate to Mexico, a large sum of money to be used in aiding those most in need.

Higher Studies Urged for Nuns

Valencia City — (NC) — One sign of progress in the Church in the past 50 years has been the entrance into the "tertiary apostolate" of women. Religious, according to the Cardinal-Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities.

Cardinal Pizzardi, writing to the superiors general of religious women's congregations, encouraged them to establish institutions of higher learning for their members.

Women religious have taken on an increased importance never before seen in the history of the Church, he wrote. They have an extremely important role in the education of children, by preparing them adequately for new social developments.

"Because the needs of souls are increasing," the Cardinal wrote, "it is our hope that some day women's religious institutes may have their own higher university faculties, and thereby penetrate secular environments by means of scientific and cultural knowledge, enlightened by Christian faith."

Catholic Seamen's Home in Israel

Tel Aviv, Israel (NC) — Father Jesus Sanjuan Navarro, a Spanish-born Franciscan, has opened the first Catholic seamen's home in Israel.

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Cardinal Stritch At Shrine

Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, kneels in prayer in front of the altar containing the bones of St. Alphonsus Liguori in the Cathedral of Pagan, Italy. The Cardinal also offered Mass in the Cathedral. Later, the Cardinal was granted a 30-minute audience with Pope Pius XII in Vatican City. (NC)

Clergy Alerted To New Social Security Benefits

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — The Social Security Administration has called the attention of ministers, missionaries, and members of religious orders to social security benefits for which they are now eligible in the event of physical disability.

MORE THAN two-thirds of the nation's ministers of religion are now covered by the social security system as a result of the extension of its benefits by Congress in 1954 under a plan of voluntary participation.

Any clergyman who becomes disabled for the performance of his duties by virtue of accident or illness may apply for a "retiree" to protect his social security benefits. This operates to prevent years in which a reduced income is received from affecting the level of retirement benefits or survivors' awards.

These benefits are determined by the minister's average annual income and could be adversely affected by prolonged periods of incapacity were it not for the "freeze" provision.

MEANWHILE ANY clergyman who after the age of 50 suffers total and permanent disability is eligible to apply for retirement benefits.

Incapacity must be complete, as in the case of a paralytic stroke or severe injuries in an accident; however, before payment will be authorized at an

age lower than 63. Ministers who are obliged to retire before 63 will find this benefit which became effective July 1, 1957, helpful.

Native Catechists Hold Conference

Jacaltenango, Guatemala — (NC) — Over 200 volunteer catechists, many from remote and distant mountain villages, gathered here for a three-day conference of catechists.

Original plans called for a meeting of approximately 150 catechists from ten different outlying mission stations for the purpose of exchanging catechetical ideas and methods.

"Because of the distance of many of their villages," explained Father James M. Scanlon, Maryknoll Missioner from Boston, "we didn't expect too many catechists to attend. But to our surprise a total of 218 representing eight different Indian tribes checked into the conference. Most of them made the long journey entirely on foot including two Indians who walked 27 hours to attend."

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Former Top Red Calls Marxist Leaders 'Despots'

N.C.W.C. News Service — One of the most devastating indictments ever leveled against communism is promised in a new book soon to be issued by a New York publishing firm.

The work of a former top Red, the book says communism has produced a ruling class that exceeds the most despotic rule over man the world has ever known. It forecasts its doom, according to excerpts made public in advance.

The book, "The New Class," is by Milan Djilas, former vice president of Yugoslavia and once one of Tito's closest co-workers. He is now serving a three-year jail term in Yugoslavia for writings against communism. The book is to be published August 12 by Frederick A. Praeger of New York.

It was stated that the book was smuggled out of Yugoslavia at two parts. The second section was sent out just before Djilas was jailed, and was accompanied by a note from the author urging the publisher to go ahead with the printing regardless of the consequences to the writer.

THE AUTHOR says the communist revolution, conducted in the name of going away with classes, has resulted in a new class with the most complete authority. "Everything else is a sham and an illusion," he declares.

Djilas says communist dominated societies are among the most completely despotic the world has ever known and that the communist rulers in each Red-controlled country are in a sort of continuing undercover civil war with the people.

Communist economic administration says Djilas, is "essentially irrational, wasteful, and accompanied by enormous costs." The ruling class produced by communism, he says, has reached a point where it can "do nothing more than strengthen its brute force and pillage the people."

The book says that in intellectual fields, communist rule tends to cut off original thinking and stifles artists, writers and scientists.

"The use, enjoyment and distribution of property," the writer continues, "is the privilege of the (communist) party and the party's top men."

"PARTY MEMBERS feel that authority, that control over property, brings with it the privileges of this world. Consequently un-

scrupulous ambition, duplicity, hypocrisy and jealousy inevitably must increase. Corruption and an ever expanding bureaucracy are the incurable diseases of communism."

Djilas says this new class is one "whose power over men is the most complete known to history."

"For this reason," he adds, "it is a class with very limited views, views which are false and unsafe. Closely ingrained and in complete authority, the new class must unrealistically evaluate its own role, and that of the people around it."

He asserts that the "methods of control" employed by the "new class" make "one of the most shameful pages in human history."

DJILAS SEES the control of government by a single political group leading to a special kind of corruption. He says those in power in Red countries constitute an exploiting group. He declares that the army of world-wide communism has received a severe injury, and he sees no hope for its recovery.

The rulers of a modern communist society, Djilas declares, are a "new class of owners and exploiters." The Communist party is such a country, he adds, monopolizes political and economic power, and its members make up "a special social category, the ownership class."

Despite the claim that social ownership, collective ownership, he says, is that "no other class in history has been so conscious and single-minded in defending itself and in controlling that which it holds — collective and monopolistic ownership and totalitarian authority."

Drawing attention to an elemental contradiction, Djilas says that in a communist state all wealth nominally belongs totally to all the citizens, but in actual practice the wealth is controlled by the ruling class. This ruling class seeks to hide this fact, he adds, but it is obvious to all who live in a communist society.

A communist from youth, Djilas helped Tito to set up the Red dictatorship in Yugoslavia. Some three years ago he was put out of office and expelled from the central committee of the Communist party in Yugoslavia. In 1955 he was given an 18-month suspended jail sentence, because of his writings. Last November following the uprising in Hungary, Djilas was arrested and put in prison.



Choristers Begin Tour

Little Singers of Provence, known as the Petites Chanteurs de Provence, are pictured as they arrived in New York via the Home Lines' Motorship Italia. A scheduled television appearance for the group of boys was cancelled when they learned they would have to join the union, which would cost them \$115 each. They are on a brief U.S. tour. The choristers are students of the Jesuit Order's College of Provence in Marseilles, France. (NC Photos)

Catholic University Gets Federal Loan

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — \$210,000 of its own funds on the A Federal loan of \$1,350,000 will building projects which are help the Catholic University of scheduled for completion in 1959. America expand its campus to meet a rapidly rising enrollment.

A new \$5,000,000 student social center, which will include a cafeteria, private dining rooms, recreation lounge and a book store will be erected on the campus as a result of the loan.

A new men's dormitory also will be erected at a cost of \$825,000 in houses 200 lay students. The university will use

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