

Jesuit Tells Plight Of Cramped Malta

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San Francisco — Feel squeezed? Too many people around, not enough elbow room? Stop complaining. You haven't been to Malta.

That Mediterranean island is 122 square miles in size and has 330,000 people.

If your long division is still reliable, that comes out to 2,650 persons per square mile. New York, America's most crowded city, has 315. The San Francisco figure is 446.

A man who knows these figures by heart—because his hopes for the day when this religion of humanity will be unshackled—has gone home to Malta from here.

He took back with him a satchel full of notes — information about America, about Maltese immigrants here, that he will be passing along to his countrymen via radio and newspaper.

"Malta has the greatest population density in Europe," Jesuit Father Carmel Fenech said. "And we're growing at the rate of 6,000 a year. It can't keep up indefinitely. Something will have to give."

All things equal, the diminutive priest estimates his homeland could comfortably support some quarter million people. Right now, the Maltese would settle for the present, 330,000 — "too much" though it is if a way could be found to resettle

at least the 6,000 yearly newcomers.

HOW ABOUT doing something through the United Nations?

"Can't be done," he said. "Malta belongs to Great Britain — we have no direct channel to the U.N." Britain, he adds, has its own ideas on what the Maltese should do.

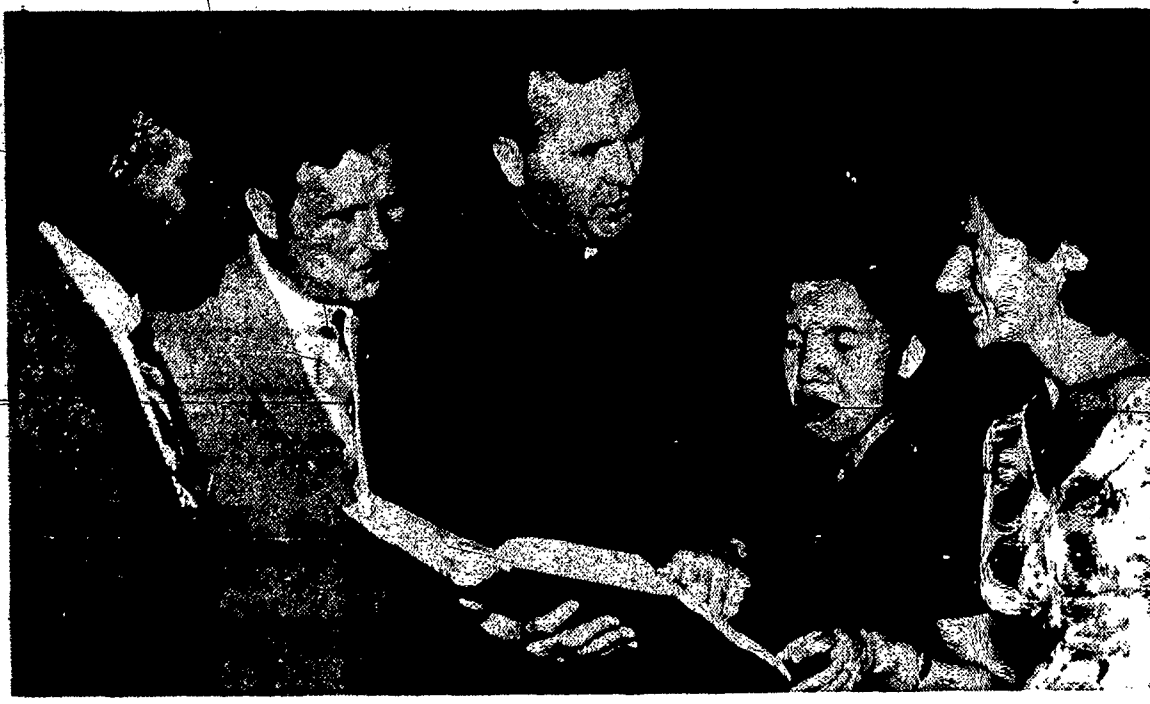
"But we're a preeminently Catholic country. We won't accept birth control as the answer. The average Maltese family has five children. Nobody has the right to tell us arbitrarily it should be less."

Four countries have helped ease the pressure since the war, by accepting immigrants. Australia has welcomed 50,000 Maltese, the U.S. 26,000, Canada 10,000, Great Britain under 10,000.

But with the passage of the McCarran-Walter Act, Uncle Sam slammed the door. Current quota from Malta: only 100 per year.

His people can come well recommended, Father Fenech said.

Since 1938, he claimed, only one Maltese immigrant to the U.S. has ever been involved in a crime. The exception was a menial case.



Teachers Take Students Tour Of U.S.

Washington — (NC) — The Catholic Church and Catholic education in the United States are the subjects under discussion when this photo was taken in the Bishops' Conference Room of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in Washington. Father Francis Hurley of San Francisco, assistant director of the Department of Education, N.C.W.C., answers questions from a group of interested foreign teachers invited to a reception by the Foreign Visitors Office, N.C.W.C. Brought to the United States by the State Dept., for six months of study and travel, the group of 300 represents 61 countries. Left to right: Henrique Suatto of Liberia; Mark Gunther, Germany; Bonmee Gontong, Thailand; Father Hurley; and Marina C. Sparsa, Italy.

U.S. Prelate Visits Iron Curtain Dioceses

Berlin — (NC) — For the second time in two years, Archbishop Aloisius J. Muench, Bishop of Fargo, N.D., and Apostolic Nuncio to Germany, has visited Germany's Eastern Zone.

THE PRELATE, accompanied by Bishop Julius Döpfner of Berlin, visited the seminary established for Soviet zone dioceses at Neuzelle. The seminary, which stands on a high cliff overlooking the Oder river on the present-day Polish border, was formerly a sisters' convent.

The prelates were given an enthusiastic welcome there by 30 senior seminarians who hope to be ordained within a year.

Archbishop Muench and Bishop Döpfner then went to Bautzen, the residence of Bishop Otto Spuehbeck, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Meissen, the only diocese which lies completely within the Soviet Zone of Germany.

The prelate also paid a special visit to the retired Bishop of Meissen, Bishop Heinrich Weinken, who has been seriously ill for several years.

On their way to celebrations at Erfurt, the prelates stopped briefly at Goerlitz on the Polish border where they were granted by Msgr. Ferdinand Piontek, Vicar Capitular of the German held part of the old Breslau archdiocese, much of which is now in Polish-administered area.

Work, Pray For Love Of God Says Pope

Castelgandolfo (NC) — A Christian should do his job for the same reason he says his prayers — for the love of God.

Speaking to 60 French railroad workers on a pilgrimage here, Pope Pius XII reminded them that the motives that govern a Christian at prayer should also govern him at work.

"There are in fact no walls dividing activities of a Christian," the Pontiff continued. "The same faith and the same love of God make him fulfill his social duties as a workman and his religious duties as a believer. A uniform or work clothes do not make him a different man from a believer who goes to church in street clothes or knells in prayer with his children at home."

HOUSE BUILT ON SAND

The Holy Father sends an appeal for \$2,000 for our poor parish of 500 Greek rite Arabs in Irbid, a desert town of 30,000 Moslems in Jordan. Years ago, when they built their chapel, because they hadn't funds to hire an engineer, unknowingly they built on soft ground. Serious cracks resulted from last year's earthquake. Now we must repair these and set firm footings under the walls.

EGYPT — IRAQ — INDIA
The Church in these lands day by day has greater need of native priests like EZZAT, ISAAC, and AUGUSTINE, who have just begun the six years training. The seminary needs \$100 a year to support each lad. Their families are too poor to help. Won't you "adopt" one by sending us this yearly sum in any payments?

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TWENTY YEARS — 3000% GROWTH
That's the progress report recently sent to the Holy Father by the Coptic Bishop in the Upper Nile region of Egypt. Some time ago we begged for another of his parishes, today we beg \$2,000 to help his flock in Daiga. Now they have Mass in a small living room. With their pauper's pennies they bought the land for the chapel they need. The Bishop writes that the work among the "separated" brethren is very fruitful, but he has no funds to meet the expansion needs. Can you help him?

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We Are Having Difficulty Finding Suitable Friends In Our Neighborhood

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We've just moved into a new neighborhood and find some difficulty in meeting suitable friends. Many of the couples our age seem to have a different outlook on life from our own. They drink more heavily than we are accustomed to doing, many of their parties start on Saturday night, and their whole system of values seems different from our own. So far we've hesitated to mix with them. Are we being prudish?



There's an old saying, "you can judge a man's character by the company he keeps." This saying applies to couples, also. "Whether it is because 'birds of a feather flock together,' or because frequent association breeds conformity, the fact is that you cannot mix freely with a group for long without acquiring some of their attitudes and standards of conduct."

WE ARE ALL much greater conformists than we would like to admit. Few of us like to be thought different. It sets us apart from the group, and we want to belong, to be accepted and treated as one of the "crowd." Besides, we have been taught from our youth to be "team players" to go along with the group even though we do not agree with them or particularly care for what they want to do.

THE PRUDENT selection of friends is particularly important for young married couples. We live in what is called a pluralistic society. Stated in briefest terms, this means that Americans do not agree on values, norms, and standards of conduct.

This lack of agreement is most marked in regard to sex, marriage and the family. Although in theory there exists a rather broad, vague acceptance of the traditional Christian view in these areas, in practice we find little agreement or uniformity. The reason is, of course, that the American people no longer agree on the origin, nature and purpose of man. Hence they cannot agree on the nature and purpose of marriage or on the standards of conduct which should regulate family life.

Instructed Catholic couples meaning of life and consequently have clear ideas about the

quently about the nature and purpose of marriage and the family. Although this provides for some minor differences in behavior, the general standards of conduct are rather clearly defined.

AS YOU REMARKED, some of the couples you've met seem to have a different outlook on life from your own. Their standards of conduct are different. If you reject that you are living in pluralistic society, these differences should not surprise you.

What you may find difficult to understand is that other Catholic couples should have such different views from your own. Are you being prudish?

Although there is room for considerable variation in the way this is achieved, certain attitudes and standards of conduct are clearly incompatible with it. If other couples cherish these, you had best check them off your list of prospective friends at once.

IN CHOOSING your in-

mate family friends, it is important to remember that once you have entered a group, it is frequently difficult to withdraw. Particularly if they live near you, it is embarrassing to find excuses for not continuing to associate with them.

Unless you have strong convictions, you will probably follow the path of least resistance and gradually adopt their views and practices. The urge to conform is strong in the best of us.

Recent studies of stable families show that they tend to be self-protective in selecting family friends. This is to say they chose to associate only with other families that were stable and shared their views.

There's a wide difference between being prudish and being prudent. Even though it takes some time, select your friends with care. Remember, you are judged by the company you keep because you tend to become like the company you

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