

China Clergy Repudiate Red 'Patriotic Association'

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Holy Cross (N.C.) Personal messages received here from Chinese bishops and priests repudiate communist claims that they support the Red-controlled "Patriotic Association of Chinese Catholics."

The association was set up under Red pressure at the so-called Catholic Congress held in Peking last summer. It has been widely publicized by the communists as supporting a program to break relations between the Vatican and the church in China, and to organize a "national church" there.

Through letters and verbal messages from members of the Chinese hierarchy and clergy who attended the Peking meeting, it has been revealed here that the proceedings there were conducted by means of threats to secure adoption of a program dictated by the communist government's Bureau of Religious Affairs.

ONE BISHOP has reported that he was ordered to go to the railway station where he was headed a flight to Peking, and given an escort to the meeting. Similar ruses were used to get other bishops and priests to the meeting, while in many cases

bottom of our hearts, united to the Vicar of Christ."

The "Patriotic Association of Chinese Catholics," which the Red regime forced upon the delegates at the Peking conference, is considered by observers here as a bold attempt to make the Catholic Church in China a state-controlled communist organization. A statement of the Sacred Congregation for Propagating the Faith in Rome has condemned the association and forbidden Chinese Catholics to join it.

EVIDENCE THAT opposition to the association is strong among the faithful are the recent reports of arrests among the clergy and laity following the Peking conference.

One of the delegates, Father Joseph Kuo, S.V.D., was jailed in Tsingtao upon his return from Peking where he opposed the formation of the association. At least two Sisters, and perhaps several others have been arrested in Shanghai in the past two months for "diffusing the discourses of His Holiness," according to information received here.

The latest move on the part of the communists has been the organization of special indoctrination courses for "rightist" Catholic clergy and Sisters.

These six-week courses now being conducted throughout China are designed to pressure the priests and Sisters into accepting communist ideology and rejecting the authority of the Holy See.

Commenting on the situation of religion today in Red China, an Australian journalist who recently toured communist China states that religion is free in China if you do what the communists want, which is as good as saying it is very restricted indeed.

Pastors are allowed to continue to work as long as their sermons and their conduct of the business of the Church is in harmony with the communist concept of the role of religion, and not antagonistic to communist aims," he said.



171 Years Between Them

Rome—(NC)—Senator Theodore Francis Green, from Rhode Island, stands with Pope Plus XII, during an audience granted the Senator by the Pontiff, in Vatican City. His Holiness is 81, the Senator, 90.

12 Million Attend 1957 Air Force Catholic Rites

Washington—(NC)—The total attendance figure for all Catholic religious services in Air Force chapels during the fiscal year 1957 was slightly more than seven million, the Air Force chaplains' office here indicated.

An announcement by Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles L. Carpenter, chief of Air Force chaplains, said that total attendance for all denominations totaled 12,156,100—the fourth year it has passed the ten million mark.

A chaplains' office spokesman said that 5,602,627 was the attendance figure for Catholic chapel services conducted by Air Force chaplains, and 1,403,891 was the total for chapel services, conducted by civilian priests, acting as auxiliary chaplains.

The total attendance of all denominations included 10,517,300.

It Pays To Know What Lies Behind Lovers' Quarrels

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How normal are so-called lover's quarrels? Chloe and I have been engaged for nearly a year and we intend to be married in two months. Lately we haven't been hitting it off together very well. She says I'm over-serious and a worrier. I feel she's been over-protected and a little spoiled. I'd like to make definite plans for the future, only she won't bother with them and we quarrel. Is this serious?

By a lovers' quarrel, people generally mean a game of much-ado-about-nothing carried on pretty much for its own sake. It starts over some little misunderstanding or pretended neglect and ends just as easily. Your quarrels obviously stem from a different source.

I wouldn't hazard a guess about the seriousness of your quarrels on the basis of the scant information offered here. However, it may be possible to help you clarify your situation by offering a few observations.

IN THE FIRST place, marriage is a serious affair. It implies more than mere companionship. When they enter marriage, husband and wife dedicate themselves to the service of new life. This means that they are willing and prepared to assume the obligations related to child-bearing and child-rearing. Hence marriage requires an economic foundation, division of labor, mutual service and support.

HUSBAND AND WIFE must contribute the best that they have to make the family enterprise succeed.

You are apparently the type that likes to have things planned well in advance. You find security in order. Since marriage is a serious affair, you'd like to look ahead to see that all will run smoothly.

You probably don't enjoy doing things in a last minute rush or waiting until the future is upon you before you move.

CHLOE OBVIOUSLY doesn't share your zest for planning ahead. You infer she's some-



what like the flowers of the field unsollicitous for the morrow. This may be due to her family background and training. Some people think it is the high mark of femininity to be entertainingly impractical. It is up to men to be provident and practical.

Try to answer these two questions.

First, are you perhaps overly concerned about the future, anxious to plan it out in every detail? Is it possible that Chloe senses this and is reacting to it now? Second, does Chloe know the full meaning of marriage? Has she given any indication that she is willing to cooperate in shouldering its obligations when they arrive? She may be the type of woman that accepts things quietly and unhesitatingly when they occur.

Common sense suggests that you can't start a serious life partnership on that basis and you would be foolish to think that the situation would change once you were married.

There are many kinds of quarrels. Some are silly, some are hurtful, and some help to clarify human relations. The point to be looked for in a quarrel is what really lies behind it.

marriage when they arrive, your quarrels probably aren't very serious.

On the other hand, if her objections stem from her unawareness of what married life implies, if she shows no inclination to face the facts of life realistically and practically, then you two are headed for trouble.

Perhaps she feels ready for marriage and merely wants to take things as they come.

IF YOU CONCLUDE that you have irritated her by being over-anxious about your planning, or at least, that she will cooperate fully with you in assuming the obligations of

College in Mexico
Mexico, City (NC) Benevolent Father Odo Zimmermann, former head of the classic department at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn., has arrived to take over as prior and general director of the Colegio del Tepeyac, St. John's missionary foundation here.

Polish Red Union Admits Church Going Members

Warsaw (RNS)—Poland's United Workers (Communist) Party will permit religious believers to remain members "for the time being" if they "support its policies and principles."

But "uncompromising supporters of clericalism for whom the parish priest is the final authority" cannot be members, it was announced here.

Party officials said last month that "all ardent clericalists and organizers of church activities" would be included in a purge of "unreliable elements" from the party.

Trybuna Ludu, Communist party organ, announced the modified policy "in view of numerous queries from party members in connection with the current purge of undesirable members and the tendency to expel all believers."

It said that while the party will never give up its efforts to educate the Polish nation in the materialistic, non-religious spirit, this is a "long-term policy."

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