

Reds In Venezuela Led Nixon Attack

Caracas, Venezuela — (NC) — Venezuela's communists are wholly responsible for the violent attack on Vice President Richard Nixon by a Caracas mob, it was claimed in a release here by Msgr. Luis E. Henriquez.

During his weekly television program, the Caracas pastor denounced the Caracas government, saying that followers of the ousted dictator, Marcos Perez Jimenez were behind the anti-American rioting.

THE MONSIGNOR said that the Reds had instigated the outbreak of violence through a student group controlled by the Communist party.

Msgr. Henriquez singled out for special condemnation the mob's anti-Catholic outcries and the anti-Catholic placards it displayed in front of the Catholic University during the attack on Mr. Nixon's car.

He also denounced communist participation in the present government headed by Provisional President Wolfgang Larrazabal and in the "unity" pact of the country's chief political parties.

changing that their inclusion gives the Reds a voice in national affairs out of proportion to their real strength.

RED PARTICIPATION in the government is indirect. It is exercised through the membership of the "patriotic junta," a civilian group that, helped by the army, overthrew the rightist dictatorship last January and was later taken into the government. The Mr. president of the "patriotic junta" is a communist. The "unity" pact is a political truce agreed to after the Perez Jimenez ouster by the Catholic-oriented Christian Democratic party (Copei), the Marxist-oriented Democratic Action party and the Republican Democratic Union in the interests of "national unity."

"HOW LONG," Msgr. Henriquez asked, are we going to tolerate a deceptive national unity which matches the democratic parties with communism, when the latter seeks only to eradicate democracy to establish dictatorship?

The Monsignor's denunciation of communism came as the government was undergoing a crisis as the result of the resignation of the five civilian members of the five-man ruling junta because of government reluctance to crack down on Red activities.

STRESSING the disproportion between the communists' real strength and the strength given them by participation in the government and "unity pact," Msgr. Henriquez stated that alone the Reds could not elect more than two congressmen. But, he said, in alliance with other parties it could elect more than 20.

As an example of current Red influence he cited the fact that six alleged followers of Perez Jimenez were arrested by the government only a few hours after they had been denounced by the communists. It can be said, the Monsignor declared, that "the Communist party in Venezuela is the present secret police."



PLANNING FUTURE after graduation from St. John Fisher College, including marriage plans are these five seniors (from left), seated, Gerard Hahn, Guy Pilato; standing, Joseph Geller, Donald Ninestine and John Haefer.

St. John Fisher College Weddings In Graduates Future

By FRANK KELLY

Wedding plans are occupying with final exams at St. John Fisher College this Spring as a class of 67 students prepare for the fourth graduation in the history of the Basilian College.

John A. Parisi, a member of St. Andrew's Parish and while he was in the service was in the honor guard stationed in Washington, D.C.

IN SPITE of the current recession that is going on, the students who have made use of the school's placement service, have been able to obtain positions, according to Gerard H. Tucker, director of placement and registrar at St. John Fisher. Tucker is assisted with the placement work by Richard J. Cappon.

OF FIVE graduating students interviewed this week, three will be married by the time this Summer is over. One is already married and has a child and the fifth doesn't have any marriage plans for the immediate future.

A chemistry major and ranked fourth in his class, John has received an assistantship from the University of Illinois, where he will study for his doctorate in physical chemistry. He plans to do his thesis either research or teaching after his schooling. He also will have military obligations to fulfill, but believes that this will come after he gets his advanced degree.

There are now 26 archdioceses in the United States, with a Catholic population of 16,793,000. The number of dioceses, including the Vicariate of Alaska, recorded in the 1958 Directory is 113, with Catholic populations of 19,233,887.

Guy Pilato, president of the student board of governors this year and a member of St. Augustine's Parish, is the only one of the five not planning marriage.

Don also 21, is a major in English and has his minor in history and education. A native of Geneva, he plans to marry Dolores Shields of St. Francis de Sales Parish—where he also is a member—sometime this Summer.

St. Bonaventure Commencement Speaker Slated

St. Bonaventure, N. Y. — Edward J. Daly, prominent jurist in Connecticut, will deliver the principal address at St. Bonaventure University's 50th anniversary commencement exercises on Sunday, June 1.

A major in biology, Guy intends to go to graduate school, either at Columbia University, the University of California or Cornell University. He will take his master's degree in zoology and personal administration, after which he plans to teach.

Waiting for him after graduation is a position as a teacher in American History and English in the Phelps Central School system. Don also plans to take graduate work in education during the Summer, probably at the University of Syracuse.

IN ADDITION, Fr. Liota said honorary degrees will be granted to Howard C. Berger of Port Allegany, Pa. and to Hugh A. Grant of Bradford, Pa., both prominent citizens in their respective communities.

OF course, being only 21, he figures military service will take some time out of his proposed teaching and guidance administration career. On marriage, his only thought now is "The too young."

THERE ARE no further education plans for Joseph Geller, 27, a member of St. Ambrose Parish. Joe will join the Mopco Co. as a salesman after graduation, but selling will not be a new experience for him.

SUBSEQUENTLY, he served as U.S. Assistant District Attorney, as Attorney General of the State and, since 1937, as chief justice of the Connecticut Superior Court.

THIS IS not the case for two of his fellow graduates.

Donald Ninestine and John Haefer, both 21, plan marriage right after graduation.

An Air Force veteran of the Korean War, Joe, who will be married two years this September, has for the past five years sold encyclopedias—and has done so quite successfully.

He was a member of the U.S. Signal Corp in the first World War and served as a judge at the Nuremberg War Crimes Trial of 1947-48.

"I owe a lot to the service for giving me a free education, but if it wasn't for the money I made at selling these encyclopedias, I don't know whether I would have finished school," Joe said.

Mr. Grant, also a commercial science degree recipient, was born and educated in Bradford, Pa. A graduate of Georgetown University in 1933, he formed and headed the Grant and Mohan Oil Co. in 1934. Since 1948, when the company was sold, he has managed his personal investments.

His wife, Dolores, is a graduate of Mercy High School and worked for the Genesee Valley Union Trust Co. before having her baby, Daniel, now nine months old.

JERRY HAHN, 26, is also a veteran of the Korean War, having served in the Army during that fracas. He plans to marry Frances Scumari of East Rochester at St. Jerome's Church on June 14. Father Russell Peidergast, C.S.B. will say the Mass after Father Roy B. Morphy performs the wedding ceremony.

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Catholic Census In U. S. Tops 36 Million Mark

New York — (NC) — Catholics in the United States, Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands now number 36,023,977 according to the 1958 Official Catholic Directory, just issued by P. J. Kennedy & Sons, publisher.

The new total represents an increase of 1,160,126 over last year. There are now 33,846,477 Catholics in the 48 states and 177,500 in Alaska and Hawaii, it was reported. The new total represents a 10-year increase of 9,948,280 or 38.1 per cent over the 26,075,697 reported in 1948.

The divergence between the statistics contained in the Directory and estimates of the number of U.S. Catholics based on Census Bureau figures, is explained in an editorial written by Thomas B. Kennedy, editor, who cites the difference between "recognized membership" and "claimed membership" in the Church.

The editorial acknowledges that the Directory figures are "low" and that the Census Bureau statistics are "high." It states:

"The figures reported by the Bureau are based upon a sample study of 33,000 households spread over 300 sample areas comprising 638 counties and independent cities. A projection of this study indicates that about 43,635,000 Americans regard themselves as Catholics—23 per cent of the total United States population, and some 9 million more than listed in the comparable 1957 Official Catholic Directory.

"Wherein lies the difference? The laws of variability and the mobility of the population estimated to be 21 per cent of the total population might tend to narrow the difference between official figures and estimated samplings, but they do not explain away completely the significant difference.

"Every effort is being made by the churches to insure that the statistics they gather accurately reflect the vitality of active Catholicity in their areas but prudence has been exercised to prevent inflating the variable statistics. We should not be justified in accepting the U.S. Census study as an accurate picture of the religious affiliation in the United States, but we could claim it as a guide for our own research."

Seven Archdioceses with Catholic populations in excess of one million are Chicago, 1,982,020; Boston, 1,546,211; New York, 1,533,810; Philadelphia, 1,443,608; Newark, 1,324,066; Detroit, 1,200,000 and Los Angeles, 1,187,377.

The 1958 Directory lists 223 members of the hierarchy, four cardinals, 31 archbishops and 191 bishops, the largest number in the history of the Catholic Church in this country.

AN INCREASE of 1085 in the number of the clergy, brings the total of ordained priests to 50,813, the largest ever recorded; there are now 31,145, or 64 more diocesan clergy than last year, and 13,668 religious community priests, an increase of 424.

The full-time teaching staffs of all educational institutions under Catholic auspices, have increased by 7,267 or 5.2 per cent to a record total of 147,330. It was reported. These comprise 10,412 priests; 1,302 scholastics; 4,568 Brothers; 95,919 Sisters and 36,129 lay teachers.

The Directory reports 15,992 parishes with resident pastors, an increase of 169 and 569 parishes without resident clergy.

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Next Sunday, June 1, Trinity Sunday will be the end of the 1958 Easter time, deadline for all Catholics to receive Holy Communion.

Church law requires all Catholics to receive Holy Communion at least once during the Easter time which this year began February 23, First Sunday of Lent, and ends June 1.

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