

Polish Reds Block Church Construction

Warsaw — (NC) — Cardinal Wyszynski, Primate of Poland, has accused Poland's communist government authorities of hindering the building of new churches in this Polish capital.

In a sermon preached to 200,000 Catholics in a Corpus Christi procession here, the Cardinal appealed to the faithful for support in his efforts to obtain government permission for new church construction.

HE SAID that since his return to his post in October, 1956, after three years of arrest, he has "fruitlessly and humbly pleaded" with the authorities. He added:

"Since prewar days the Catholic community of Warsaw has increased by 300,000 and we need about 40 new churches. . . . The lack of churches is a source of great grief to me and since the difficulties seem to be insurmountable, I come to you today to share my grief with you and to ask you humbly to pray that we may not be forced to look for places of worship in cellars . . . and in the fields."

THE CARDINAL asked the people to pray that "Our negotiations with the authorities, which have gone on for two

years and borne little fruit, may at last prove more fruitful."

The Cardinal noted that the government had helped in the past to rebuild many old churches which had been destroyed during the war and which are regarded as monuments of Polish culture. But he added that at present the authorities refuse permission for the erection of churches in the many new residential districts that are being built up.

CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI stressed in his sermon that he is not asking the government to help in the building of churches. All he wants, he said, is the right to build them.

Warsaw, which has 1,100,000 Catholics in a total population of 1,200,000, has 83 parishes and 70 churches most of which had to be completely rebuilt and many of which are small. On Sundays the city's churches are overcrowded and, where the parish is big and the church small, crowds stand outside during services even during the winter.

Canada Publisher Urges Naming Envoy To Vatican

Toronto — (NC) — The publisher of one of Canada's largest secular daily newspapers said here that Canada should appoint an envoy to the Vatican.

John Bassett, publisher of the Toronto Telegram and an Anglican, made the statement in an address to a joint meeting of the Empire and Canadian Clubs.

"Surely," he said, "the time has come when this nation can put aside old and outworn religious prejudices."

DESCRIBING Vatican City as "one of the best listening posts in Europe," he argued that "it does not make sense that we are dependent on backstairs gossip or some side door channel for information, when we could boldly be welcomed at the front door."

Mr. Bassett continued: "The political moment in Canada has arrived — when we have an English-speaking Protestant Prime Minister from Western Canada who in no way could be accused of favoring his own coreligionists — to make this move now." John G. Diefenbaker is Prime Minister of Canada.

Mr. Bassett urged that Canada act at once to appoint an envoy to the Vatican, calling the move "a further important step in our national progress of growing up."



Ordained

Rev. Jerome E. Nadine, (above) first Negro ordained to the Holy Priesthood in the Diocese of Syracuse, N.Y., will be assigned as a secular priest in the Diocese of Brooklyn. A native of Scranton, Pa., he studied at St. Peter's College, London, Ontario and Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington, N. Y. (NC Photo)

Jubilee Priest Former Cardinal

Monroe, La. — (NC) — Father Dennis Curren, who will mark the silver jubilee of his ordination on June 23, was a Cardinal before he became a priest.

Father Curren, assistant pastor at Our Lady of Fatima church here, was a pitcher with the St. Louis Cardinals national league baseball team back in 1919.

The Cardinals were managed by Branch Rickey while Father Curren (then "Bobo" Curren to sports fans) was with them. The Cardinals' top star in those days was Rogers Hornsby.

Father Curren once beamed George Sisler, Hall of Fame first baseman, while the Cards were working out with Sisler's team, the St. Louis Browns. "I don't know if Sisler was mad," he remarked, "but the manager of the Browns chased me off the field."



Blind Girls Become Nuns

Pictured on the day of their final religious profession (May 30) in the order of the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity, in Wheeling, West Virginia, Sister Mary St. Gemma (left) and Sister Mary St. Anthony pose with their former guide dog, "Queenie." Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Anastasio of Ozone Park, Long Island, they have been blind since birth. They both held good positions in the New York business world before entering religious life in 1952. (NC Photos)

Yale Group Tests Birth Control Ban

New Haven, Conn. — (NC) — Five suits have been filed in Superior Court here to test the constitutionality of Connecticut's anti-birth control laws.

The suits, brought against State's Attorney Abraham S. Wulman, are designed to determine the constitutionality of the state laws prohibiting the use of contraceptives and make it illegal for doctors to give birth control advice for reasons other than health.

One suit was filed by Dr. C. Lee Buxton, chairman of the department of obstetrics and gynecology at the Yale University medical school. The identities of the four other persons were hidden by legal pseudonyms, but they were reported also to be Yale University faculty members.

Dr. Buxton's suit argues that the state laws violate the 14th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees that persons shall not be deprived of life, liberty and property without due process of law.

THE SUIT CLAIMS a doctor should be allowed to give birth control advice when his patients ask for it. It declares that at present if a physician were to advise the use of drugs or contraceptives to prevent conception, he would lose his license to practice medicine.

The same state laws were tested in 1942, when the State Supreme Court of Errors ruled them constitutional. The U.S. Supreme Court later reversed the decision, but did so on a technical point which did not involve the question of constitutionality.

Church Fund Raised In Hong Kong

Hong Kong — (NC) — Catholics here have contributed \$60,000 during the past three years to the Bishop's Fund for new churches and schools, according to Father Charles H. Varrh, director of the Catholic Center.

The fund was established in 1955 by Bishop Lawrence Bianchi of Hong Kong to provide churches and schools for the fast growing Catholic population of the island.

Priest Raises First Vegetables In Antarctic

Ellsworth Station, Antarctica — (RNS) — Are you having trouble with bugs in your garden? Are weeds crowding out the radishes?

You might envy Father Edward A. Bradley, S.J., of Cambridge, O., an international Geophysical Year seismologist here.

FATHER BRADLEY reported by radio that his garden is coming along fine. Next on insect in sight. No weeds, either. That's one advantage of having your vegetables under glass in the Antarctic.

The Jesuit scientist and Dr. Louis C. Sempronon, of East, Vt., an ionospheric physicist, brought several scotch feet of earth down with their "freezing gear." They are using it to raise the first vegetables ever to be home-grown in the Antarctic.

BENEATH A ROW of several

'Test Tube' Birth Called 'Adultery'

New York — (NC) — Artificial insemination was called "adultery" and was described as "the latest social evil to threaten the dignity of the American home" by the director of the New York archdiocesan Family Life Bureau.

Father George A. Kelly declared that "doctors may use all their technical skills to aid married people to realize natural desires, but in doing so may never do anything that is in itself unnatural. The proposed practice of artificial insemination is adultery."

FATHER KELLY was addressing a Family Day rally held at the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin, Staten Island. The rally was sponsored by the Federation of Catholic Mothers, Clubs.

"One of the greatest evils of our day," he said, "is the conviction, held by many, that people may do anything, even an evil thing, to get what they want."

"The Church opposes this vicious philosophy because she knows how much harm it is already doing to family life in the United States. By divine law, parenthood is a matter of personal acts and human cooperation, not artificial contrivances."

HE CONTINUED: "Human beings are not bulls and cows. If the only thing desired from a cow is high butterfat production, artificial insemination will work. But for human beings and family life, artificial insemination is more society, anonymous parenthood, which will not work. Man may never be brought about even artificially."

Jesuit Scores 'Trivial' Grounds For Divorces

Boston — (RNS) — Government officials should give more careful supervision to the legal procedures under which divorces are granted upon "trivial" grounds, the Rev. Robert F. Drinan, S.J., dean of Boston College Law School, said here.

"No one speaks in American courts for the children of a marriage who in all too many instances are penalized and even pauperized by the divorce of their parents," he told members of the Family Association of Greater Boston.

He scored "the careless policy of the state in granting the right to remarry to anyone who asks for it."

OUTSIDE LOOKING IN

at their own Chapel! So small is the room serving as a Chapel in St. Joseph's Convent, Murattupuzh, India, that the nuns must attend Mass from an adjoining room and in an adjoining open school veranda. Sister Marguerite, superior, writes that there are thirty-two nuns living in the convent and that the room used as a chapel is 10-feet by 12. Present in this tiny room is the God they are dedicated to serve. Since permits only two, or at the most three, of the sisters to visit and adore Him at one time. They long for a Chapel large enough to accommodate all the sisters for their community exercises and prayers. \$2,000 will build a Chapel where thirty-two nuns will worship their God daily and pray for their benefactors. The sisters of St. Joseph's Convent, Murattupuzh, India, will be grateful for any help given them to make their dream of a new chapel, a reality.

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