

# Tito Reds Seek Wedge To Divide Priests, Bishops

By C. STRACHWITZ

Vienna (NC) — Yugoslavia's communist regime has again shifted its tactics in its war against the Church.

The Reds no longer openly use terroristic methods. Now they are trying to destroy the Church from within by setting the lower clergy against the hierarchy.

Since no spectacular attacks on the Church in Yugoslavia have been reported for some time, many people here had come to the conclusion that Catholicism in that country had without the original communist onslaught and was enjoying a measure of peace and freedom.

Nothing is further from the truth.

**THE TERRORISTIC** phase — marked by the assassination or felling of many priests and bishops; the mock trial and imprisonment of Cardinal Stepinac, Archbishop of Zagreb; the methodical intimidation of the faithful; and varied efforts to prevent the religious instruction of the young — was first followed by a phase of economic pressure. Threat of starvation was used to force the clergy into submission to the atheistic regime and to make Catholic laymen renounce their religious obligations.

When these efforts produced few results for the Reds, they introduced a third method. They began trying, as a member of the Yugoslav Communist party's central committee put it, to foment a "class struggle" between the lower clergy and the bishops.

They hope in this way to create within the Church another "church" which will be "free" from interference by the bishops or the Vatican.

To achieve this end the communists have set up so-called "priests' unions" through which they hope to compel the parish clergy to renounce the state as "supreme" authority in religious as well as political matters. In addition to priests, each "union" includes a member of priests can obtain their release.

## Maximum-- Four Wives!

Athens (RNS) — A bill which would remove obstacles to a fourth marriage, now forbidden by law in Greece, is expected to be submitted in Parliament here early in 1959.

More than 100 out of the 300 Parliamentary Deputies have already signed the draft bill, but before it is submitted, a total of 200 signatures is being sought by a sponsoring group called the Society for the Protection of the Fourth Marriage.

The society believes that such backing would convince the Orthodox Church to withdraw its objection to fourth marriages. The recent Triennial Assembly of the Greek Orthodox Bishops unanimously rejected authorization of such marriage.

Pointing out that 75,000 people in Greece await passage of the bill to legalize their relations, the society states that thousands of children have been born out of wedlock to persons who seek a fourth marriage.



### Plan 1960 White House Conference

Washington (RNS) — These four Roman Catholic leaders were among a 92-member planning committee from religious, civic, educational, health and youth organizations which met here at President Eisenhower's invitation to discuss the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth. Left to right are: Mrs. Collier Webb, a student of Georgian Court College, Lakewood, N.J.; Msgr. Raymond J. Gallagher, Catholic Charities in Cleveland; Father Edward J. McGovern, social service director in Providence, and Mrs. Robert H. Mahoney of Hartford, past president of the National Council of Catholic Women.

## Maryknoll Counts 82,000 Converts

Maryknoll (NC) — This Christmas 82,385 people in Maryknoll missions throughout the world knelt at the crib of the infant Christ for the first time.

This number were reported baptized in the past year among the 26 million people entrusted to Maryknoll on four continents.

Some of the most important Maryknoll events during 1958 concerned new mission areas, personnel, baptisms, and advanced apostolic techniques. Maryknoll received responsibility for the following new missions:

- The area of Davao—3,200 square miles on the island of Mindanao, in the Philippines.
- Also in Korea, the city of Incheon, its adjoining region and offshore islands—containing some 600,000 souls.

In the shadow of the ominous, constant threat of communism in Asia, record baptisms were registered in most Maryknoll missions. Located there, in the Prefecture of Tachung, in central Formosa, Maryknollers counted 4,947 baptisms and 2,811 catechumens.

In the territory of advanced apostolic techniques, the following have proved successful during the past year:

- A 2,000 strong volunteer catechist program operating in Guatemala under an "Each one reach five" slogan.
- A 100 school-stamping out campaign in 16 Indian villages in the Bolivian Andes.
- A successful credit union in Peru now being used as "model" by the Peruvian government.
- Independent parochial units established in each of the four Maryknoll refugee resettlement camps in Hong Kong.

The year 1958 was also an anniversary of the community's first American mission band. Forty years ago in September, 1918, the band established mission work and sent its first four priests to China.

## GI's Aid Poor Christmas Spirit In Cold Korea

By FATHER PATRICK J. BURKE  
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Seoul (NC) — Different countries have different customs for the Christmas season. But the spirit is everywhere the same, and it is nowhere more evident than with the GI's in Korea.

As chaplains sought the assistance of newly arrived missionaries to celebrate as many Midnight Masses as possible on Christmas Eve, they found many willing helpers among servicemen to decorate chapels and set up the cribs on days preceding the feast.

UNIT CHAPELS ablaze with the traditional colored lights revealed the brown drabness of the earth, while carols played over public address systems helped infuse the Christmas spirit into all activities in camps.

Officers and men of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed in Korea have never failed to organize man charitable activities for the season. This year was no exception as the generosity of the men in uniform took a practical turn in helping many orphanages and children's homes.

From the demilitarized zone north of Seoul to the southern shores of Korea at Pusan, they launched an all-out campaign to help the small fry realize that Christmas is different from other times of the year.

U.S. Naval bases in Korea and the Marine component of the military advisory group combined their efforts to plan a party for children of the Star of the Sea orphanage directed at night by Sister Philomena, a well-known figure to thousands of servicemen back home in the United States.

On Christmas day they gave a turkey dinner complete with all trimmings, including stocking gifts, to 200 children of St. Paul's orphanage in Seoul.



### Turtle Study Fellowship

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Sister Marie Therese, head of the biology department at Trinity College here, was given a \$1,500 fellowship by the National Science Foundation to further her research into the question of why sea turtles don't grow old. A native of Valdez, Alaska, her project is the study of glandular changes in the creatures, which often reach the age of 300 years or more. Her work is so highly regarded that she has been invited to read a paper before the American Association for the Advancement of Science during its annual meeting here Dec. 27.

## Anglicans OK Prayers For Elizabeth Smith

Norwich, England (NC) — The gatory case had occupied several very quiet days in London and the Province of Norwich has granted wish. The Chancellor of the Exchequer for the Soul of Elizabeth Smith, to be included in the stained-glass window of a church. "I am quite satisfied that seven words do not necessarily denote that had become known as 'The Pur-ments of purgatory'.

## No Drinks Or Dances

Maria (RNS) — Cabarets and dancehalls were banned in an ordinance approved by the city council of Cebu. The city is the first Philippine municipality to outlaw cabarets as public entertainment.

The law was passed after civic and religious leaders joined forces in an effort to minimize juvenile delinquency and broken homes. It was authored by Councilor Agustin Bagasad, a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Dr. Perez, a former Social Welfare Administrator of the Philippine Government, testified that "many students, mostly teenagers, have been spoiled by the influence of cabarets and dancehalls." He said some stopped attending school, while others neglected their studies.

Housewives also testified that cabarets had caused their husbands "to go astray and break the happiness of our families."

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By Sister Margaret Teresa, Nazareth College

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How beautiful is that rhythm, the tread of the feet of those who bring us the Gospel! How sharp the silence when suddenly the rhythm breaks, and a priest goes to his God! Let us listen well, and in us will be born the desire to answer their generous lifelong sacrifice.

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The last chapter corners the devil who "can turn no one from good save by making it seem unpleasant."

At the very end of all is the hint that "Watch and pray" — means "Examine and meditate" — each equally important. Listen to the music, if this shepherds comes hurrying your way. Here comes happiness — the good news of how to please God by giving Him heart for heart!

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