

Segregation Laws Seen Threat To S. Africa Schools

Capetown, So. Africa — (RNS) — The South African Roman Catholic Bishops Conference, in a statement published here, warned that "the picture is indeed gloomy for the future of Catholic education" in this country.

They blamed the situation on the Bantu Education Act that was passed in 1953 in line with the government's apartheid (racial segregation) policy. They said the law has placed in jeopardy the country's 500 Catholic schools for the education of native children.

This, the bishops further stressed, means a "tragic denial" of the Church's vital influence against threatening tides of anarchy, religious indifference and Communism.

The bishops' statement was published in the Southern Cross, official Catholic weekly. In an editorial commenting on the statement, the paper said the school situation is of "the most critical importance" for the whole country.

Reviewing the effects of the Bantu Education Act, the bishops outlined attempts the Church has made over the last three years to maintain its schools rather than turn them over to the state, as most other Churches, they said, were forced to do when the law came effective.

The law stipulated that all Bantu or African mission schools must be brought under state control or lose their subsidies. The Catholic bishops refused to hand over their schools and announced they were prepared to "go it alone" instead. In January, 1958, when scaled-down state subsidies for the support of its mission schools were finally withdrawn, the Church inaugurated a self-supporting and independent system for the education of native children.

"Two factors are effectively undermining the whole Roman Catholic system of African education," the bishops said. "The first is the removal of state subsidization, and the second is the withdrawal of government registration of some schools."

Since the passage of the Bantu Education Act, 24 Catholic African mission schools have had to close, the bishops noted. They

said some other schools have already been refused registration. Many have been given only temporary registration, and an increasing number are being refused it.

Switchboard Operator Recalls

Anglican Monks Turned Catholic

Baltimore — (NC) — The sacristan and sometime switchboard operator at the Jesuits' Loyola College here is a disciple of anonymity, although he took part in one of the most famous convert movements in history, when the Chair of Unity Octave was in its infancy.

Henry Christopher Watts was a monk of the Church of England's Benedictine order at Caldey Abbey, when the community joined the Catholic Church in a body back in 1912.

Caldey is an island off the coast of Wales and a center of Christendom dating back to the sixth century. The converted Benedictines moved from Caldey in 1928 to Prinknash Abbey near Gloucester, England, and the Caldey Abbey now is conducted by Trappists, who engage in the manufacture of perfume and cologne.

The 1912 group conversion at Caldey was the second which rocked the Anglican church in these days. Three years earlier, Father Paul James Wilson led the Anglican community of men and women at Graymoor Monastery in Garrison, N.Y., into the Catholic fold. He found-

ed the Society of the Atonement Friars.

In 1908, while an Anglican, Father Paul founded the Chair of Unity Octave, eight days of prayer now observed worldwide for the reunion of Christendom and the conversion of non-believers. The octave is observed from January 18, feast of St. Peter's Chair at Rome, to January 25, feast of the conversion of St. Paul.

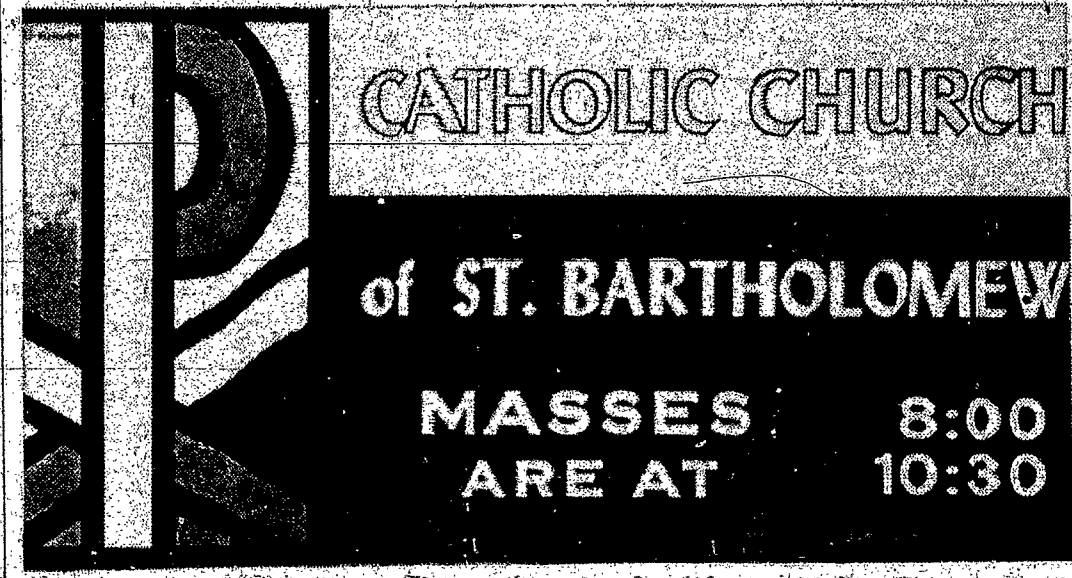
MR. WATTS, who prefers to remain in obscurity while viewing the continuing drama, of the fruits of the Caldey conversion, recalled there "was no change at Caldey, except we were no longer Anglicans. All of us came into the Church as Oblates of St. Benedict and began the novitiate."

Although he accepted Catholicism, Mr. Watts decided to leave the monastic life. He recalled: "I had never worked at a job in the world a day in my life." But three months after the conversion, he came to the United States and at that time, while on a sabbatical, he was interviewed by his friend, the late Msgr. Cornelius F. Thomas, founder and editor of the Catholic Review, Baltimore archdiocesan newspaper.

At that time, Mr. Watts de-

clared to pastors by the Catholic Digest, a monthly magazine published here. The eight by four-foot sign is available to churches everywhere.

Highway Sign For Churchgoers



Anglicans Give Priest Epiphany Good Will Gift

Cambridge, England — (RNS) — The Feast of the Epiphany saw a group of Church of England (Anglican) members here following their traditional custom of presenting to the Roman Catholic chaplain of Cambridge University the most and wine for his Mass that day.

Attention was drawn to the little-known gesture of good will by Dr. Mervyn Stockwood, the newly-appointed Anglican Bishop of Southwark, in a radio broadcast. He has been serving as Anglican chaplain at Cambridge for some years. The Catholic chaplain is Msgr. Alfred Newman Gilbey.

Dr. Stockwood cited the Epiphany custom at Cambridge to illustrate the main point of his

The Bride Is Not For Sale

Yaounde, Cameroons — (NC) — Archbishop Rene Graffin of Yaounde has banned the bride payment custom here.

Archbishop Graffin noted in a pastoral letter that the tradition of offering money to the head of a family in exchange for a bride has been debated for many years. Christian leaders in Africa have tried repeatedly to discourage the practice, he said, but with comparatively little success.

"But in these enlightened times when African nations are making great strides toward material development and spiritual progress, the dowry tradition is clearly out of place," he said.

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A WILL IN TIME SAVES LIVES. YOUR LAST WILL MAY HELP TO SAVE THE SOUL AND BODY OF MANY OF THE MISSION POOR WHEN YOU REMEMBER THE NEAR EAST MISSIONS IN YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT. WHY NOT DO IT TODAY?

RECIPES FOR LEFT OVERS were a popular item in the food columns for the last few weeks. Turkey and ham, plum pudding and fruit cake can be a problem for many a day after the "feast." They may be a problem for us but not for the poor and starving refugees. Families of the Mimoso lands. These people, including the very young children, have just about enough to keep alive. They have no "left overs" because they have never had a "first course." Will you help to feed these unfortunate victims of war and political struggle. Missionary Ryan can feed an entire family for a week with every \$10 you send. Why not take care of a family for a week?

THE COMPASSION OF OUR HOLY FATHER KNOWS NO LIMIT, BUT HIS PURSE DOES! WILL YOU HELP HIM TO REACH ALL HIS CHILDREN WITH SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL STRENGTH. PRAY FOR THE HOLY FATHER AND SEND A STRINGLESS GIFT TO THE MISSIONS OF THE NEAR EAST.

"THE NEW YEAR BRINGS OLD SORROW" runs a proverb of the East. And it is so true in the case of the older folk who have nobody to care for them. They never had much money, and now they have neither health nor strength and they can no longer care for themselves. They are alone in a hostile world — alone except for the love of Christ which impels devoted Sisters to devote their young lives for the care of the aging. Would you like to help these Sisters in this work of pure charity. You can, if you wish to help. Join our "HOUSE OF GOLD" mission club. The dues are a prayer a day for the aging of Mission Lands and a dollar a month for their support. You will share in the sacrifices of the Sisters and the prayers of those who have "never known a better day."

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THE CRIES OF HELPLESS AND SUFFERING CHILDREN have reached the heart of SISTER LUCY EMILY and SISTER ANNIE SUSANNA. These two young girls wish to devote their lives to the service of the sick of India. With the help of God they will become Medical Sisters of St. Joseph. If we can find for each a benefactor who will be willing to pay \$150 a year for each girl as she makes her two year novitiate training. Are you the "answer to a maiden's prayer?"

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