

Reds Balk Eucharistic Invitations

Munich (NC)—Invitations to the 37th International Eucharistic Congress here in 1960 sent to Catholic bishops in communist-dominated countries have been returned, marked "Delivery Impossible."

The invitations were issued by His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Wenzel, Archbishop of Munich and Freising. Such invitations have been sent to Ordinaries throughout the world.

The congress will be held from July 31 to August 7, 1960. At the same time the traditional Passion play will be given in nearby Oberammergau.

Prelate Asks End Of Riots

Leopoldville, Belgian Congo (RNS)—An appeal to the Roman Catholic faithful to "keep calm" was issued here by Archbishop Alfredo Bruniera, Apostolic Delegate to the Belgian Congo, in the wake of bloody rioting by Africans demanding independence.

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Africa Colleges Report:

Negro Students Are Christian

(The following article was written by a veteran N.C.W.C. News Service correspondent after a trip to Africa that took him to the Sudan, Uganda, Belgian Congo, Angola, Ghana and Nigeria.)

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Catholics are well represented, but not so well as Protestants, among the university students of Negro Africa.

The great majority of Negro students in African universities and university colleges are Christians of some kind. That is because the young generation of Christians, Catholic and Protestant, has gone to school.

One rarely, if ever, meets an African with any education who remains a professed pagan, though he may cling to many pagan superstitions.

Comparatively few Moslems in "Black" Africa have sought university education. In Nigeria, for instance, Moslems form from 40 to 50 per cent of the population, but in the Nigerian University College in Ibadan last year there were only 20 or 30 Moslems among the 700 students, that is, three to four per cent.

Among the university students in the British spheres of East and West Africa, there is apparently a higher proportion of Protestants to Catholics than there is in the general population. In these regions, therefore, for some years at least, a higher percentage of Protestants than of Catholics will have the advantage of university training.

One reason is that in the past the Protestant missions developed secondary schools more than the Catholics did. Various factors explain that difference. In part of West Africa, for instance, Protestant missionaries had the field to themselves for years before English-speaking Catholic missionaries could come. In Ghana, formerly the Gold Coast, English Protestant missionaries were active long before Catholics in British-ruled countries were even emancipated.

Furthermore, when pioneer Catholic missionaries were striving to give primary education to the largest possible number in bush villages, Protestants were specializing in secondary education.

The development of Catholic secondary schools in recent decades will bring up the proportion of Catholic university graduates. Of the eight universities and university colleges in "Black" Africa, all except two are secular institutions. The two are Catholic—the Lovanium in the Belgian Congo and Pius XII University in Basutoland.

In the Belgian Congo the Lovanium, Catholic university affiliated with Louvain, is less than five years old. It has about 250 students. It receives a liberal subsidy from the state. The state established a secular university in Elizabethville, shortly after the Lovanium was founded near Leopoldville.

The Pius XII University, conducted by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Basutoland, attracts English-speaking students, in particular, from various parts of Africa.

Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia gives scholarships to students from other African countries in the University College of Addis Ababa. Professors there include a number of Canadian Jesuits.

The University of Khartoum in the Sudan had about 800 students last year, including some 300 Christians of whom about 10 were Catholics. The others are mostly Moslems.

It is estimated that about 25 per cent of the students are pro-communist—and about 40 per cent accept the communist line. Last year the government apparently intended to make the university Arabic.

Egypt's universities include one of the principal Moslem universities of the world.

Within the last few years a new university has been founded in Morocco. A university college for Rhodesia and Nyasaland has been opened in Salisbury. Premier Aikido of Eastern Nigeria intends to establish a university in his region.

Catholics among the professors and lecturers in these university colleges seem to be much fewer, proportionately, than among the students. Most of the professors



Football players honored at the annual Blessed Sacrament parish sports dinner were, left and right, Frank Aquinas Institute football player, who was Dailey, the best lineman, and Dick Markel, guest speaker at the dinner.

Sports Banquet Held At Blessed Sacrament

Jack Landry, former Notre Dame University and Aquinas Institute football star and Elmer Burnham, University of Rochester head football coach, were guest speakers at the second annual Blessed Sacrament parish sports banquet held Sunday in the school auditorium.

Over 200 fathers and sons attended the dinner at which awards were distributed to the star players on the parish's basketball, football and baseball teams.

Receiving awards from Rev. Mr. Thomas F. Connors, pastor, were Frank Dailey, best lineman; Dick Markel, outstanding player; Bill Webster, most improved player, and Jay Lundberg, sportsmanship award, all in football.

Marty Cook, top rebounder, and Jim Carey, most valuable player,

Scout Leader Counsel Listed

A scout leader training course will be held at St. Charles Borromeo School on Saturday, Feb. 14, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Cub Pack 243 met at the St. Charles Borromeo school on Jan. 30. The tin man award for the best craft (newspapers) was received by Den No. 4 and the totem pole for the second best craft was received by Den No. 8.

The theme for the month was newspapers. Den No. 3 gave a skit about a newspaper reporter. Movies shown were "Fiction, Travel, History, Books" and "A Day of Thanksgiving."

Feb. 14 through 14 is Cub Scout week and the boys will wear their uniforms to school. The boys and their fathers held a blue and gold dinner at the St. Charles Borromeo school hall on Feb. 7.

Ronald Neary graduated from the Cub Scouts and went into Boy Scout Troop 218. He also received the Webelos Badge.

Holds Reception

Notre Dame High School, Elmira, celebrated its patronal feast yesterday with a special Mass in the morning and a reception in the afternoon.

Twenty-two seniors and juniors made permanent acts of consecration as Sodasists after a two-year period of study and preparation. Just prior to their reception a tridium of prayer was offered.

In order that those participating might gain a plenary indulgence and to celebrate the school feast, Mass was offered by Rev. Joseph Hogan, chaplain, in the morning. The ceremony closed with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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