

Radio

Vatican Series On U.S. Church

Vatican City — (RNS) — The Vatican Radio, in a special broadcast, said U.S. Catholics "do everything to avoid friction" with Non-Catholic Churches and religious groups, but the latter do not always show a reciprocal attitude.

It said Non-Catholic bodies "often attack Catholics for their fidelity to a 'foreign sovereign' — as they regard the Pope — and criticize Catholic schools and even the possible election of a Catholic to the presidency of the U.S.A."

American Catholics, as a rule, the broadcast declared, do not counterattack their critics, "so as not to spoil the good relations with all" and are "sometimes accused of going too far in their policy of appeasement."

The Vatican broadcast was the first of a series which the station said was intended to correct conflicting views in both East and West on religious life in the U.S. by describing "the real state of affairs."

It said the Communist press frequently maintains that "because of the increasing high standard of living in the United States, religion is dying, or at least a p p r o a c h i n g an early death." The Vatican station said it has "often corrected these views and in our broadcasts we will continue to do so."

THE BROADCAST stressed "the number of Catholics and their influence in the U.S.A. is steadily increasing. Although the Catholics are in a minority, being almost submerged in a sea of Protestantism, they are attracting more members."

Noting that the Catholic Church in the U.S. is "faced with the task of molding together Catholic immigrants of different nationalities into one united Catholic body," the broadcast said "the achievement of this goal of complete unification calls for time, patience and understanding."

"Lack of tact in this field," it said, "often results in schism among immigrants. As an example it is worthwhile recalling that out of six and a half million Catholics of Polish origin in the U.S.A., about half a million went over to the so-called National Polish Catholic Church. All this shows the difficult problems that face the Catholic Church in the U.S.A."

France Sets State Funds For Schools

Paris — (RNS) — Premier Michel Debre, in a speech to the National Assembly, said the government will discuss in November a bill aimed at solving the controversial question of state aid to Roman Catholic schools and present it to the Assembly before the end of the year.

He said a special commission he had appointed to study the problem, which he called "a permanent and impassioned cause of discord," would not be able to report before October.

M. DEBRE said that meanwhile emergency aid would be given to Catholic schools, many of them in a precarious financial condition, to facilitate them in reopening their classrooms in September.

He stated that money usually paid at the end of each school quarter will be paid in advance instead. The money is provided under a 1951 law which grants a special allocation to every child in an elementary school and is intended to improve services and maintenance.

Since 1955 about \$80,000,000 a year has been distributed, a fifth to a sixth of the total going to Catholic schools. About one child in five of primary school age attends private schools, the great majority of them Catholic.

100,000 Throng St. Anne Shrine

St. Anne De Beaupre — (NC) — An estimated 100,000 pilgrims gathered at the Shrine of St. Anne here for annual ceremonies marking her feast day (July 26).

On the feast day itself, visiting priests offered Masses continuously at the great church's many altars from five a.m. to noon.



Christ's Robe Venerated

Trier, Germany — (RNS) — which Roman soldiers cast 16 1/2 years that the garment was but as Rome had already received a large portion of the True Cross which the Emperor Constantine had also discovered, it was decided that Trier should become the guardian of the seamless robe of Christ for Trier, it was the first time in history that the garment was put on public exhibit. Empress Helena, mother of Constantine the Great, tradition says, brought the holy mantle to Trier from Palestine. She doctored it to the Eternal City.

Priest Dies At Investiture

Stamford — (NC) — A priest died suddenly here during ceremonies of his investiture as a domestic prelate.

Mgr. Francis M. Wladasz, pastor of Holy Name of Jesus church in Stamford, died in the sanctuary of his church after he had been invested with the robes of his new office by Bishop Lawrence J. Shehan of Bridgeport. Bishop Shehan administered the last rites.

Mgr. Wladasz, 74, had been pastor of Holy Name parish for 37 years.

Red Brainwash Drives Priests To Insanity

Hong Kong — (RNS) — Two native Roman Catholic priests in Red China have been driven insane by the incessant "brainwashing" over the past two years.

They identified the priests as Father Yang, a Franciscan, and Father Philip Ting, a Jesuit.

THE SOURCES said they had received reports from Shanghai that the two priests "having fought for their sanity for two years in Red China to \$8.

Doctor Reveals Abortion Crimes

New York — (NC) — The director of obstetrics and gynecology at Mount Sinai Hospital here said that 90 per cent of the therapeutic abortions performed at that hospital in the past six years were illegal.

Dr. Alan F. Guttmacher made the statement in an article appearing in the August issue of Redbook magazine. Commenting on the article, he estimated that the majority of all therapeutic abortions in U.S. hospitals are illegal according to state laws on abortion.

Bridgeport — (NC) — The Bridgeport diocese has announced here that it will undertake a house-to-house census from September 13 through September 20.

The census will be made by the members of the Holy Name society in the 73 churches in the diocese under the supervision of the pastors.

Catholics Warned Of Infiltration

Ernakulam, India — (NC) — A pastoral letter warning Catholics of Red attempts to infiltrate their ranks has been read in all churches in the Syro-Malabarese Rite Archdiocese of Ernakulam here.

Japan Church To Honor Layman

Takatsuki — (NC) — A new church being built here will be named for a Japanese layman who suffered persecution and banishment for the Faith in the 17 century.

To be known as the Justus Takayama Ukon Memorial church, it will stand on the site where Takayama Ukon, then lord of the local castle, built the first Catholic church in the Osaka region in 1578.

NATIONAL ATTENTION has been drawn to the church, commissioned by the Claretian Fathers, because of the fame of Takayama and the style, in which it is being built. The new church will be a close copy of the famous Nambanji (Church of the Southern Barbarians) built by the Jesuits in Kyoto in 1577.

Though the Nambanji was destroyed during the religious persecutions, its appearance is well known since it was reproduced on many existing examples of lacquerware, fans and screens of the period.

Designer of the new church is a Catholic architect, Hasegawa Eikichi. A large statue of Justus Takayama Ukon will stand in front of the church.

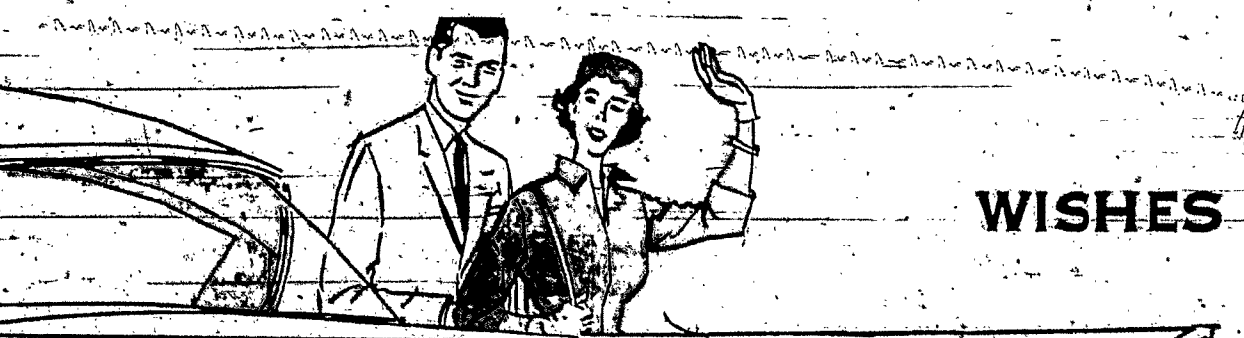
Several units of the league participated in the procession with members of Communist party branches and communist-sponsored trade unions.

Confession Form For Deaf Set

Cleveland — (RNS) — Some 60 Roman Catholic priests who work with the deaf approved a standardized confession form for the hard of hearing at the 10th national convention of the International Catholic Association for the Deaf here.

Father Thoms Cribbin of Brooklyn, N.Y., diocesan director of the deaf and ICAD mission fund head, said, the confession form will be sent to all priests who work with the deaf.

It was prepared by Father Cribbin, Mgr. Walter D'Arcy of New York, and Father James Egan, S.J., of Chicago.



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