

Apostolate Must Continue

Paris — (RNS) — Evangelization work among France's workers must continue at all costs, a statement drawn up by 15 members of the French hierarchy at a meeting here declared.

The meeting was called to discuss ways and means of carrying on missionary work among the workers in the face of a recent decision of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office terminating the worker-priest movement.

Started in 1944 to draw the Church and the working class together, the movement had embraced 100 priests employed in factories and on docks as ordinary workers. The Holy See has recommended replacing the worker-priests by a secular institute that would give laymen special training needed for working among paganized masses.

AMONG THOSE attending the meeting were Maurice Cardinal Feltin, Archbishop of Paris; Pierre Cardinal Gerlier, Archbishop of Lyon; and Achille Cardinal Lienart, Bishop of Lille. One of the points discussed was whether the new Vatican decree also affected altar-priests and farmer-priests.

Cardinal Feltin paid tribute to the activities of the worker-priests and said the majority of them had accepted the Vatican ban "in the spirit of unconditional obedience."

Auxiliary Bishop Alfred Angot of Lyon, who has been working in a rag salvage factory in the Lyon area, was reported to have received personal orders from the Vatican in August to relinquish this activity. The communique issued by the bishops' meeting did not specify what measures had been agreed upon to continue missionary work in the organized industrial areas of France.

However, informed sources said the hierarchy is studying the possibility of sending priests and Catholic Action militants or other lay persons, who will live in secular communities in working class areas and devote themselves to "bearing witness to the faith among the workers." Other lay members will replace the priests in the factories.

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Deanery Plans Quarterly Meet
Utica — The fall quarterly meeting of the Tompkins-Tioga Deanery of the Rochester Diocese Council of Catholic Women will be held in Utica on Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall of Immaculate Conception Church.

Miss Angelina Torchi, president, will conduct the meeting together with the Rev. Otto J. Vogt, moderator. Activities for the year will be discussed and formulated. Reports from the Rosary and Altar Society in Geneva will be presented.



Madonna In A Helicopter

Catania — (RNS) — A crowd of 50,000 was on hand at this statue of Our Lady of Fatima arrived at the airport in Catania, Italy, where it was venerated during the National Eucharistic Congress. Pope John XXIII, in a radio address at the meeting, declared that people are destined to become "playthings of their own natural egotism" if they don't "conform their own laws with the norms of Christian justice and love."

College Prelate Now Archbishop

Vatican City — (RNS) — Bishop Martin John O'Connor, rector of the Pontifical North American College in Rome, was promoted by Pope John XXIII to the rank of archbishop.

Previously titular Bishop of Tespie, the prelate, a native of Scranton, Pa., was named titular Archbishop of Sirin.

His promotion was announced on the eve of celebration in October marking the centenary of the North American College, to which selected students from U.S. seminaries are sent to complete their studies for the priesthood.

German Chaplains Tour U.S. Bases

Washington — (RNS) — Protestant and Catholic chaplains of the armed forces chaplaincy service of the Federal Republic of Germany arrived here for a three-week tour of U.S. military and naval bases.

Chaplain Albrecht von Muffus, the Protestant dean and chaplain Hans Frense, the Catholic dean, will visit German military personnel training in the United States and also will inspect the chaplaincy services they are receiving from U.S. military chaplains.

Broken Promises

New Orleans — (NC) — "The nation that freezes to death is just as dead as the nation that burns to death," Rear Adm. Walter G. Schindler, U.S. Navy commandant of the Eighth Naval District, said at a Serra Club meeting here.

Discussing the threat that the United States and the rest of the free world face from communism, Admiral Schindler said: "During the last 25 years the United States has had 3,400 meetings with the Communists, including Teheran, Yalta, Potsdam, Panmunjom and Geneva. The negotiators spoke 107 million words.

"All this talk led to 59 major agreements. The Soviets already have broken 50 of them.

"We are at war today just as surely as we were at war on the afternoon of December 7, 1941. We should have learned that war starts — not at the moment of a surprise attack — but when the enemy completes his final plans and commits his resources to conflict.

"Again we are at war — a new kind of war with unorthodox rules and camouflaged weapons.

"And again there is danger our country may be drawn through the afternoon of its second December 7, through a night of no return, into another and infinitely more terrible Pearl Harbor."



Nobel Apostles Of Peace

Gunsbach, France — (RNS) — Meeting for the first time are Father Dominique Georges Pire, O.P., and Dr. Albert Schweitzer, who entertained the famous Belgian priest in the garden of his modest villa in the Alsace region of France. Father Pire, who has exchanged letters with the renowned humanitarian and philosopher for about five years, recently expressed the desire to meet him. Both are winners of the Nobel Peace Prize.

U.S. Funds Urged For Birth Control

Washington — (NC) — A report prepared for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has recommended that the U.S. study the possibility of financing large-scale foreign testing of birth control devices, such as the Japanese and Indian programs.

The Stanford Research Institute of Menlo Park, Calif., prepared the report. It is the second in a projected series of 15 studies of different factors bearing on foreign policy. The committee has requested the reports from various groups.

Sen. J. W. Fulbright of Arkansas released the report (Sept. 20), explaining that its publication by the Senate unit does not signify agreement by committee members with its contents.

This is the second time in three months that a prominent body has recommended that the government get involved in birth control programs.

In late July, President Eisenhower's Committee to Study the U.S. Military Assistance Program, headed by William H. Draper, Jr., urged that "demographic information" — possibly including birth control information — be given nations requesting it as a means of curbing population growth.

IN THE STANFORD report's chapter on population, food and science, it predicted explosive population growth in coming years. It said this might cause "social unrest and war" then outlined a first line of attack — increasing food supplies — and a second line of attack — artificial and natural population control.

The recommendation that the U.S. study the possibility of aiding, either by itself or through the United Nations organization, foreign agencies and laboratories in large-scale testing of birth control devices cited Japan, which began a government-supported birth control program largely by abortion, in 1948, and India, which in 1951

began a similar program. The Stanford report is the second in the Senate committee's report. The first presented the summarized views of a group of unidentified U.S. foreign service officers on foreign policy. One of their recommendations was diplomatic ties with the Holy See.

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Our Lady In Prison
Rome — (RNS) — Prisoners and guards of the Reghin Coeli prison, Rome's largest penal institution, attended Mass together around the statue of Our Lady of Fatima which was recently venerated at the National Eucharistic Congress in Catania, Italy. Pope John XXIII paid a historic visit to the prison last Christmas.

Owego Rosarians To Hear Franciscan
Owego — The Rev. Austin Lewinski, O.F.M., Watkins Glen, will be the guest speaker at the annual Communion and breakfast for the Rotary and Altar Society on Sunday, Oct. 4.

Father Austin assists in the work of St. Patrick's Parish, each weekend. He has chosen for his topic, "Cultural Map of Owego."

THE BREAKFAST will be served in the parish hall, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

It will be prepared and served by a committee of the Holy Name Society, of which President Robert Wolcott has appointed Walter Fairlie general chairman. Mrs. Robert Hand has been appointed chairman of the committee from the Rosary and Altar Society by Miss Genevieve Burch, chairman.

Named To Post
Paul M. Scandura has been named as director of programming and production for WRCC-TV.

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