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Missions Face Red Persecution In China, India

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Rome—Intensified communist persecution in China and Red efforts against the Church in India's Kerala state were the two main problems faced by the missions during the past year.

This is the report for the year ending on Mission Sunday, October 18, issued here by Fides, mission news agency operated by the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

Fides also said that missionaries are now the number one enemies of the Communists, who accuse them of being "pioneers of imperialism, allies of oppressors and hypocrites who are hiding behind the mask of religion or charity in order to betray and keep in slavery all who have confidence in them."

Prelate Dies 'In Jail'

Vatican City — (RNS) — Roman Catholic Bishop Peter Wang Muto of Sunbwa, in the Hopoh province of Communist China, has died in a Red prison, the Vatican Radio reported.

The bishop, who was 55, had been listed in the Annuario Pontificio, official Vatican yearbook, as "imprisoned for the Faith." The Vatican broadcast said news of his death had appeared in Chinese Communist newspapers.

It noted that there have been about 30 unlawful concentrations of bishops and said that during the past year 80 priests, 30 Sisters and 4,000 laymen had to spend months in indoctrination courses in Shanghai alone. Those who did not yield to the Reds and apostatize were sent to jail, banished to the frontier or reeducated by forced labor in the communes.

Catechist's Martyrdom

Rome — (RNS) — Terrorists have shot and killed a Catholic catechist in the western part of the Cameroons, French equatorial Africa, it was reported here.

The catechist, a young man, was shot while he was teaching in a school. He was the only one of his kind in the area.

Score One For Our Side

Paris, Pers — (NC) — A mission from Brooklyn is putting out a newspaper here that is printed by a communist.

When Father Vincent T. Mallon, M.M., decided to fill the need of the faithful for reading material here with a Catholic paper, he learned that the only printing press in this two-million city is owned by a communist.

"Since the Reds use reputable organizations in the U.S. to further their ends, it would be a run for our side to make them do our work for a change," Father Mallon said. "So I signed a contract with him."

Space Belongs To All, Pope Tells Experts

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII told a group of American missile experts and aircraft engineers that "man's conquest of space is not to be considered the privilege of any one nation but that of humanity as a whole and should be used to further the spiritual evolution of man."

THE EXPERTS and engineers, numbering about 100, were received by the Pope in a special audience while on a three-week lightning vacation tour of Europe. All are employed by the Lockheed Corporation, aircraft manufacturers.

In his talk, the Pope also stressed the importance of placing spiritual values ahead of material ones. He said his hearers should never be led astray by material success.

In another audience, granted to a group of American scientists visiting Italy, Pope John said he hoped that future space exploration "shall create new elements for true human progress and for advancing toward the light of faith."

Doctrine Group To Study Latest Teaching Methods

A two day meeting this Sunday and Monday will draw leading religious educators of the state to Rochester for the tenth regional congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

Special sessions both evenings have been designed to aid parents in teaching religion to their children at home and to show adult Catholics the techniques of parish study groups.

Bishop Kearney will open the Congress with a pontifical low Mass Sunday afternoon at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 4 p.m.

Students of St. Bernard's and St. Andrew's seminaries and nuns of the various teaching orders in the Diocese will attend the Mass.

The Mass will be offered for Bishop Matthew Brady, scheduled to talk to the Congress on Monday, who died suddenly Sept. 20 at a Christian Doctrine meet in Burlington, Vt.

Catholics of the Diocese are invited to attend the Cathedral Mass and sessions of the congress which will be held at the Columbus Building, Chestnut St., Rochester.

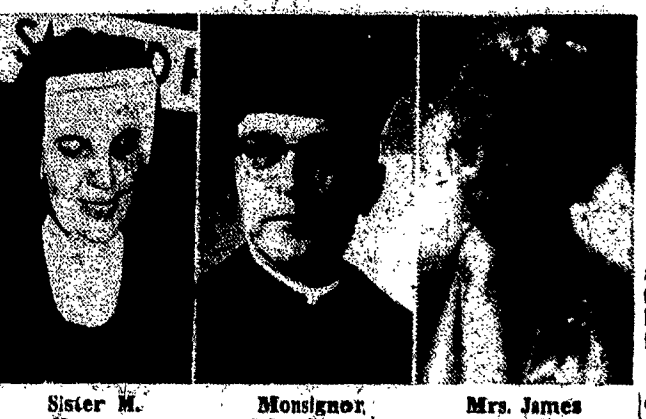
Nuns and lay teachers of the Diocese are expected to swell the attendance figures at the congress with Monday, Oct. 12, Columbus Day, a school holiday.

Father Albert H. Schnackey, diocesan director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine has arranged the program of the congress.

THE SCHEDULE is as follows:

SUNDAY
 4:00 p.m. — Sacred Heart Cathedral, pontifical low Mass, Bishop Kearney, celebrant and preacher.
 7:30 p.m. — Columbus Building, demonstration of a parish Confraternity of Christian Doctrine executive board meeting. Rev. Msgr. William Byrne, V.P., pastor, Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca.

MONDAY
 9:30 a.m. — Columbus Building, "What is the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine?" by Rev. Bernard J. Gulmerich, national CCD representative.
 11:00 a.m. — "Successful Methods of Teaching Religion," Rev. Charles Borgognoni of Syracuse.
 "Home Instruction in Religion," Sister M. Rosalia, M.H.S.H. of New York City.
 2:15 p.m. — Columbus Building, "Audio-Visual Aids," Rev. Michael Mullin, C.M., St. John's University, Brooklyn.
 "Religion in Action in Confraternity Classes," Sister M. Maureen, M.H.S.H., Fairport.
 3:30 p.m. — "The Value of Vacation Schools," Rev. George C. Vogt, pastor, Good Shepherd Church, Henrietta.
 "A Layman Teaches in Vacation School," Mrs. James Bedell, Ithaca.
 7:30 p.m. — "A Layman Learns his Religion from Discussion Clubs," Dr. Frederick Carpenter, national CCD committee man, Pittsfield, Mass.
 "A Layman Teaches Religion"



Sister M. Maureen, Monsignor Wm. Byrne, and Mrs. James Bedell at home. Rev. David J. Coffey, CCD director, diocese of Rochester in 1935 under the late Cardinal Mooney.

Disarming Bid Seen As Red Trap

Vatican City — (RNS) — Observators from the Vatican City newspaper, warned the free world against placing too much confidence in disarmament agreements with Communist leaders.

It said in a front-page editorial entitled "Morals and Materialism," that useful disarmament agreements with the followers of Communism are "extremely difficult or even pure utopianism."

OBSERVATORS declared that disarmament is made almost impossible in practice by the Communists' propensity to regard everything that advances their aims as right and everything that retards them as wrong.

"Starting from this principle, it is easy to imagine what the ethics of Communism are," it said. "It considers itself at war with the rest of humanity. Its program is the overthrow of the world that it calls 'bourgeois.' Its end is one only, but its means to achieve it are many and must vary according to time and place."

The Vatican City paper said that, in Communist eyes, an agreement is to be observed only if it is useful to Communism.

"If this usefulness ceases or if some day it becomes more useful, from the viewpoint of the final objective, to transgress or repudiate any agreement, this is the road that Communism must follow," it said.

Essential Difference Birth Control OK Draws Flat Denial

(FROM N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE)

Washington — Father John Ford stated there is "an essential moral difference" between contraceptive birth control and the rhythm system.

The Jesuit theologian of the Catholic University of America flatly denied a statement made by a 21 member study group of the (Protestant) World Council of Churches.

The group directly challenged Catholic teaching on the disputed birth control issue. The group's report said booming population figures make birth limitation imperative.

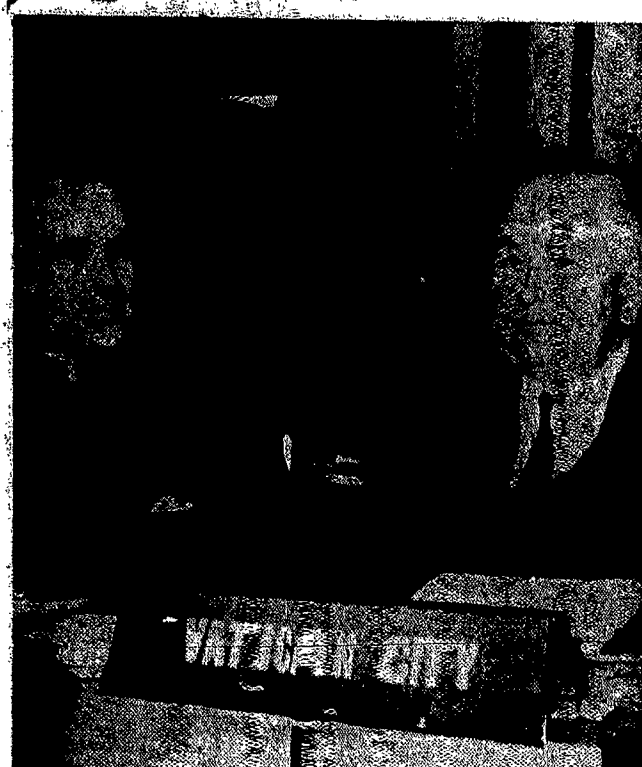
Father Ford said, "There are many circumstances in which family limitation is permissible, but no circumstances in which it is morally permissible to have intercourse while deliberately destroying the physical integrity of the marriage act."

Use of contraceptive devices or preventive drugs destroys this "physical integrity" according to Catholic moral teaching.

THE JESUIT teacher explained that Catholics, in cases where it is necessary, may practice the "rhythm" method because this does not destroy the marriage act, but leaves it intact. There is an essential moral difference between abstaining from an act and performing it while at the same time mutilating it. One means is in accordance with nature and the other is not."

The World Council report, a down-the-line contradiction of Catholic moral doctrine, has been distributed to 171 member churches of the Council. Most major Protestant and some Orthodox denominations belong to the Council.

The report in its present form represents the views only of the study group members. The Council is expected to act on the report when its central committee meets next August. There is little doubt about the report's being approved as it stands.



Vienna — (RNS) — Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame, and Frank M. Kolson, Catholic lay leader and philanthropist, represented the Holy See at the third General Conference in Vienna of the United Nations International Atomic Energy Agency. More than 500 diplomats and scientists from 70 nations attended the meeting.

Atom Experts Told Role For Peace

Vienna — (RNS) — Cardinal Koenig, Archbishop of Vienna, warned delegates to the third annual sessions of the United Nations International Atomic Energy Conference here that the "House of International Peace and Understanding" must be built upon "the rock of justice and love of neighbor."

The cardinal spoke at a Pontifical Mass in St. Stephen's Cathedral attended by many of the 500 diplomats and scientists from 70 nations gathered for the sessions. The countries represented included the Soviet Union and all its East European satellites.

CARDINAL KOENIG, who spoke in English, stressed in particular the moral responsibility which rests on diplomats and scientists, "whose decisions will determine the future peace and security of the world."

Training the atomic energy agency for "setting an example of brotherly love and charity," the cardinal said that scientists and diplomats from every continent have worked together not only in the interest of their own countries but for the expansion of programs of technical assistance and scholarships for peoples in the less fortunate, underdeveloped lands.

"We are all children of the same Heavenly Father and from Him we derive a common task," the prelate declared. "We send the leaders of these nations hear in mind the basic unity of mankind in God."

Cardinal Koenig read the Gospel of the Mass not only in Latin, but in the four official languages of the UN agency: English, Russian, French and Spanish.

Courier Plans Five Workshops

The Courier Journal news staff announced today a series of five workshops to aid correspondents in writing special news for the diocesan paper.

All pastors of parishes outside Monroe County have been asked to name a suitable correspondent to attend one of the workshops scheduled to begin next Friday, Oct. 16.

Courier staff members will give an illustrated talk, "The Courier Goes To Press" and then instruct correspondents in copy-writing and picture taking.

The corresponding workshop parish idea was decided the most practical way to assure news coverage of all 150 parishes in the Catholic Diocese.

All parishes of the Diocese are now enrolled in the Courier Journal's 100 per cent plan of sending the diocesan paper to all families in these parishes.

Correspondents named by their pastors are invited to attend the workshop most convenient for them. Schedule is as follows, starting time 10 a. m.

Friday, Oct. 16 — At Our Lady of Lourdes parish hall, Elmira.
 Friday, Oct. 23 — At Immaculate Conception hall, Ithaca.
 Friday, Oct. 30 — At Auburn Inn, State Street, Auburn.
 Friday, Nov. 6 — At St. Mary's hall, Canandaigua.
 Friday, Nov. 20 — At St. Mary's hall, Dansville.

Curate Rolls 500 Game

Pasie — (NC) — Father Joseph Nemshak, curate at St. Casy's church here, will never forget his most recent day off. He had the kind of a day all clergymen dream about, climaxing with a perfect 500 game.

Father Nemshak rolled a total of 14 games. He had no intention of rolling nearly that many as he stopped at a bowling alley on his way to his parish home.

No Limits To New Horizons

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII, at a general audience in St. Peter's Basilica, hailed the Soviet rocket as a great demonstration of "human ingenuity."

He said the Russian achievement had "opened our eyes to a sparkling horizon," and shown "there are no limits to human ingenuity."

"Once," he added "the steam engine seemed the maximum progress. But today it is no longer enough to fly. One even goes as far as the moon, and who knows what other things will be done in the future."

Gracie Wrecks New School

Charlotte — (NC) — Hurricane Gracie ruined a new \$250,000 wing of a Catholic school in this city.

In the wake of heavy rains and winds from the season's seventh tropical storm, the roof of a new two-story gymnasium and cafeteria at St. Patrick's School collapsed. Estimates placed the damage at about \$175,000.

The roof collapsed only a few hours after several of the Sisters of Mercy who conduct the school had been working in the building, cleaning up rain water which had come through a broken skylight.

Somebody, Take That Elephant Out Of Church

Milan — (RNS) — Pandemonium broke out here when an elephant went to Mass on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Oct. 4, the saint who had a special love for animals.

Women worshippers screamed and many fainted when Mary, a five-ton circus elephant, broke into a church where Mass was being offered.

The pachyderm was being led to an animal-blessing ceremony marking the Franciscan feast day when it became frightened, snapped its shackles and bolted into the church courtyard.

Mary then retreated to a corner of the churchyard where she remained all afternoon. At 7 p.m. the animal again crashed into the church, walked down the aisle and paused before the altar. It then wandered into the sacristy and out into the cloister of an adjoining convent. Finally it emerged into a side street where circus hands managed to corner it and lead it away.

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LAST WEEK'S PAID CIRCULATION

Orange Blossom Diamond Rings. Terms, William S. Thome Jeweler, 318 Main St. East. — Adv.



New St. Lawrence Groundbreaking

Down goes the shovel so a new church can go up! Father Edward Shamon digs spade-full of earth at Sunday afternoon rite to signal start of construction of new St. Lawrence Church in west section of Town of Greece. Clergy, parish trustees and over 450 members of the newly organized church attended the rite on North Greece Road as machine broke through cloudy skies. Photo shows (from left) Monsignor Florack, Monsignor Whalen, seminarian Roy Bauer, Father Shamon, Father Lux, John Sillick, Sarto Stallknecht and Father Albert Shamon. (Courier Journal Photo by Paul Contestabile)