Reds Push Campaign In Ceylon

Colombo —(NC)— Ceylon's archbishop has urged its Catholics to pray for protection against the threat of communism following intensified attacks on the Church by leftists in the election campaign here.

The appeal came in a pastoral letter issued by Archbishop Thomas B. Cooray, O.M.I., of Colombo, who also called for a campaign of prayers for peace in the country and for the welfare of its people. At the beginning of the year, in another pastoral, he had reminded the faithful of their duty not to vote for communists or their allies.

As the March 19 elections approach, violent incidents have increased and attacks on the Church by Marxists and nationalistic Buddhists—including demands for the nationalization of all Catholic schools here—have been stepped up.

The elections are for a new Parliament. During the past several years Ceylon has had a divided, unstable government.

S. Africa Bishops Rap Race Bias

Capetown —(RNS)— South Africa's Roman Catholic bishops, in a joint pastoral letter, warned that it has become increasingly urgent that the country's problems of human relationships be solved "in the light of Christian principles."

Drawn up at the hierarchy's recent plenary conference, the pastoral denounced legislation supporting the government's apartheid (racial segregation) policies passed during the past several years.

It said that unless Christian answers are found, "antagonisms will grow, prejudices harden into intolerance and frustrations lead to outbursts of disorder and violence."

"There are many persons of goodwill in South Africa," the bishops said, "who realize that the basis of the country's solution to her present problems lies in transcending the present color bar, and the treatment of their fellowmen as human beings essentially the same as ourselves."

The bishops said that in the political field, the operation of the voting franchise should be based on justice, not the color of a man's skin. The only qualification, they stated, should be the ability to exercise the vote in a truly responsible manner.

"It does not follow," the bishops declared, "that giving the vote directly to all responsible members of the community will result in the domination of one section of the population by another."

(Non-whites in South Africa outnumber whites by almost four to one.)

"We cannot close our eyes to the continuing upsurge of nationalistic movements," the bishops said, "and we recognize the legitimacy of political aspirations and that people are justified in struggling for legitimate rights."

Nevertheless, they stressed, this struggle must be carried on by peaceful means.

However, they went on to deplore the tendency by the State to multiply restrictions until they constitute an intolerable and exasperating burden amounting to almost complete suppression of the right of free movement and seriously affecting the right to work and earn a living."

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

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Worldly pleasures are more delightful in anticipation than in realization. Spiritual joys are irksome in anticipation and delightful in realization.

Consider the Apostles. When Our Lord was on His way to Jerusalem to be crucified, the Apostles walked on behind, dragging their feet. They did not want to get near the Cross. After Pentecost, they rejoiced because they could suffer for Christ's sake.

Next, look to the human nature of Our Lord. In the Garden, He was filled with fear and dread, praying that the Father would let pass the chalice of crucifixion. An hour later, as His human nature drew closer to the Cross, He was less fearful. He told Peter: "Shall I not drink the cup My Father gave Me." First, He wanted it to pass; now He was ready to drink it.

The next day on the Cross, not only had He drunk the cup, but He wished He could suffer more, as He cried: "I thirst." Sacrifice for others is sweet once we plunge into it.

An occasional act of self-denial for the Holy Father is rather difficult; but a daily act of sacrifice becomes easy and sweet. The more we love, the less burdensome everything becomes. Nothing is really hard except not to love. But the love must be for Christ; the cup of water must be given in "My Name." During Lent, try a daily crushing of ego, through an act of sacrifice such as a cigarette or a cocktail. Then at the end of the month send whatever the sacrifice represents to the Holy Father through his Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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Sermons Asked On Race Topic

Stamford — (NC) — Nearly three-quarters of the Catholics polled in a two-city area of southwestern Connecticut said they need more guidance from the pulpit on racial matters.

The poll was conducted by the newly founded Catholic Interracial Council of the Stamford-Norwalk area.

Seventy-two per cent of those polled said they needed more guidance, and 88 per cent said they had no objection to associating with Negroes at work or in church.

Half of the 88 per cent, however, registered some reservations about housing in regard to Negroes.

Sixty-seven per cent said they had no objections to associating with Negroes in church societies or in sharing recreational facilities, but 14 per cent listed objections in reference to social gatherings.

Asked about the speed with which integration is being carried out, 39 per cent said it is going too slowly, 19 per cent said too fast, and 22 per cent were satisfied with the present pace.

Paris Opens Saint Exhibit

Paris —(RNS)— An exhibition staged in connection with the tercentenary of the death of St. Vincent de Paul, patron of all Catholic societies devoted to works of charity, was opened here.

It is being held in a house in the historic Ile-Saint-Louis where the illustrious French-born founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians) and the Sisters of Charity lived.

First Negro Cardinal

Vatican City —(RNS)— Named by Pope John XXIII as the first Negro Cardinal was 47-year-old Bishop Laurean Rugambwa of Rutabo, Tanganyika, British East Africa, one of seven new cardinals-designate. Although the move came as a surprise, it had long been anticipated that the Pope would give Africa a place in the Church's senate. The step is expected to have far-reaching influence on the Church's missionary work throughout Africa.

NAACP Hails Negro Cardinal

New York —(NC)— An official of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has hailed the action of Pope John XXIII in naming the Church's first Negro cardinal.

The elevation to the cardinalate of Bishop Laurian Rugambwa of Rutabo, Tanganyika, "gives American Negroes a deep sense of pride and an abiding feeling of encouragement," Dr. Channing H. Tobias said in a cablegram to the Pope.

DR. TOBIAS is chairman emeritus of the NAACP board of directors. He is a former member of the U. S. delegation to the United Nations General Assembly. In 1951 he was received in audience at the Vatican by Pope Pius XII.

Meanwhile, other leaders in the interracial movement praised Bishop Rugambwa's appointment as an "act of wisdom and statesmanship," and "a striking demonstration of Church initiative and leadership."

In his message to Pope John, Dr. Tobias added: "Our good wishes to you and our commendations to the new Cardinal and his colleagues, including the first of Japanese and Filipino descent."

Bishop Rugambwa, 47, is a native of Tanganyika, a United Nations trust territory scheduled to become self-governing next year. He speaks Kihaya, a Bantu language, as his native tongue, as well as Swahili, English and Italian.

Ads Draw Increase In Queries

London — (RNS) — Despite the placement of few advertisements by the Catholic Enquiry Center here, more people than before have responded to an offer of free mail instruction in the elements of the Faith, according to the center's annual report.

Of 25,679 Non-Catholics answering press advertisements in the past 12 months, the report said, 13,109 enrolled for the weekly course.

OFFICIALS explained there has been a decrease in the number of ads placed because of the increasing cost of advertising space.

"Before accepting applications for the course," the report said, "we insist that they must be unable or unwilling to receive personal instruction. We influence and instruct only those people who would probably never come otherwise."

Since the center's mail campaign began in March, 1954, more than 5,500 people were reported to have entered the Church. In six years, 143,532 Non-Catholics replied to the ads. Of these, 77,392 took the 21-week course — approximately 12,900 each year.

The center maintains a staff of 18 clerical assistants and three priest-directors. About a quarter of its revenue comes from 2,000 annual subscribers, the report said.

Cardinals Represent Thirty Nations

Vatican City —(RNS)— With the naming of seven new cardinals by Pope John XXIII, the Sacred College now has 30 countries in six continents represented among its 85 members.

The United States, as a nation, ranks third with 6 Cardinals. Italy has 33 and France, 8.

A breakdown shows Europe represented by the largest number of countries and cardinals, 11 and 57, respectively.

Asia has eight countries represented and a similar number of Princes of the Church.

The North American continent, represented by the United States and Canada, also has eight cardinals.

South America is represented by six countries and nine cardinals. Africa, represented by Mozambique, Portuguese East Africa, and Tanganyika, British East Africa, has two members in the Sacred College. Oceania has one — from Australia.

Prelate Warns

We're Too Rich For Soul's Good

Boston —(RNS)— Cardinal Cushing of Boston warned here that a "cult of prosperity" threatens spiritual values in contemporary life.

He issued a 13,000-word Lenten pastoral letter on "The Christian and the Community," the first of its kind in his 15 years as spiritual leader of the Boston archdiocese. Copies of the message were read and distributed at all Masses here on the first Sunday of Lent.

A section of the pastoral, under the heading "pluralism," was devoted to Catholic relationships with Protestants, Orthodox and Jews. In it the cardinal appealed for prayers for church unity and stressed that "charity is the supreme commandment in intergroup relations." He also lauded the current "dialogue of great friendliness" among leading churchmen.

Cardinal Cushing's pastoral treated the role of a Christian as an individual, in the family unit and as a marriage partner, in education, political office, industry, in leisure time and intercredal cooperation.

The Lenten message was, in effect, an appeal to all Christians to "change the world" by studying the role of modern man and provide new ways of meeting contemporary challenges.

In a sweeping appraisal of today's social structure the pastoral depicted a "sad image of public morality." It noted scandals in the radio and television media, corruption and widespread crime in local communities and "slick and double dealing" with public confidence by government and social agencies.

"In the realm of personal ethics," Cardinal Cushing said, "the breakdown of the moral demands which our fathers respected has progressed so far as to make our current American ethic totally incompatible with that of an earlier time."

Daily Mass Calendar

Priests of the Rochester Diocese whose names are listed below died on the date indicated. Your prayers are requested for them.

Sunday, March 13—Second Sunday in Lent (purple), Creed, Lenten Preface, 1952 — Rev. Arthur Hughes. Each Lent weekdays has its own special Mass. Priests may select either the Lent Mass or feast day Mass and include as 2nd prayer the collect of the other.

Monday through Wednesday, March 14 through 16 — Lenten Masses as in missal. Tues., 1946—Rev. John Ganey.

Thursday, March 17—St. Patrick (white), Gloria, 1929 —Rev. William Cassidy.

Friday, March 18—St. Cyril of Jerusalem (white), Gloria, Creed.

Saturday, March 19 — St. Joseph (white), Gloria, Creed, Preface of St. Joseph.

Lent Masses Downtown

Downtown Rochester churches have scheduled special Masses during Lent for the convenience of the working people and shoppers.

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL, Masses Monday through Friday, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8, 5:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturdays (except Holy Saturday) 8 a.m. instead of 5:30 p.m. Confession, Monday through Friday, 7 to 7:20 a.m., 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturdays, 3:30 to 4 and 7:30 to 9 p.m.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, Mass daily at 12:10 noon; Monday through Friday at 5:30 p.m. also.

ST. JOSEPH'S, Mass every weekday, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 a.m., 12:10 noon, and 5:25 p.m. Confession during Masses.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Mass, weekdays 12:10 noon. Monday through Friday, 5:30 p.m.

ST. PATRICK'S Mass, Monday through Friday, 11:45 a.m. and 12:15 noon.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY, Mass, weekdays, 11:40 a.m. and 12:10 noon. Confession during Mass.

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