

Faith Blocks Red Advance

Albany — (NC) — Argentina's Ambassador to the United Nations said here the Catholic Church is the only force that can prevent Latin America from falling into communist hands.

Dr. Mario Amadeo, who served during April as president of the UN Security Council, said, "we must not forget that Catholicism constitutes the only doctrine with historical roots that can furnish the fundamental ideals on which the basis of resistance against the Marxist tide can be established."

Mother of Year Eyes College

Washington — (RNS) — Mrs. Frances E. Leehan of Portland, Ore., 62-year-old mother of 13 children, seven of whom have entered religious life, has been chosen as the National Catholic Mother of 1960.

A childhood convert to Catholicism, Mrs. Leehan is a vigorous grandmother of nine who plans to complete studies for a college degree next year.

A SPECIALLY designed gold medal, emblematic of the honor which has been awarded annually since 1942 will be presented at a later date to Mrs. Leehan by Archbishop Edward D. Howard of Portland.

Unable after high school to continue her formal education full time, Mrs. Leehan enrolled in the University of Oregon extension night school. For six years, even after her marriage at 21, she studied Spanish, English, and journalism.

Parents Help Smut Battle

Chicago — (RNS) — More than 70,000 complaints have been received by the U.S. Post Office Department during the past year from persons whose homes have been targets of obscenity-by-mail operators, it was reported here.

Herbert B. Warburton of Washington, D.C., the department's general counsel, urged that parents continue to turn over to postal authorities all objectionable materials sent through the mails to their homes. These materials, with letters of complaints from parents of young recipients, he said, "provide the most reliable evidence that citizens of the community do not sanction the use of the mails for the distribution of such matter."

She married Cornelius Patrick Leehan on May 28, 1919. He is now deputy city treasurer of Portland.

Four of the couple's seven sons are Redemptorist priests. Of her other sons, one is a Portland city water meter inspector, another a junior high school teacher, and a third a high school junior.

Three of Mrs. Leehan's five daughters are nuns. Two other daughters are married.

With her family nearly reared, Mrs. Leehan said she intends to complete her studies for a college degree next year. A diligent diarykeeper since 1939, she said she is considering writing a book based on her family life.

THE DIPLOMAT, a former envoy to the Vatican and a former professor at the University of Buenos Aires, spoke to the 11th anniversary banquet of the Albany First Friday Club.

"It is our belief," he said, "that the main safeguard against communism in Latin America rests in the development of popular movements which, although not necessarily assuming a denominational character, should take from Catholic doctrine its fundamental ideological inspiration."

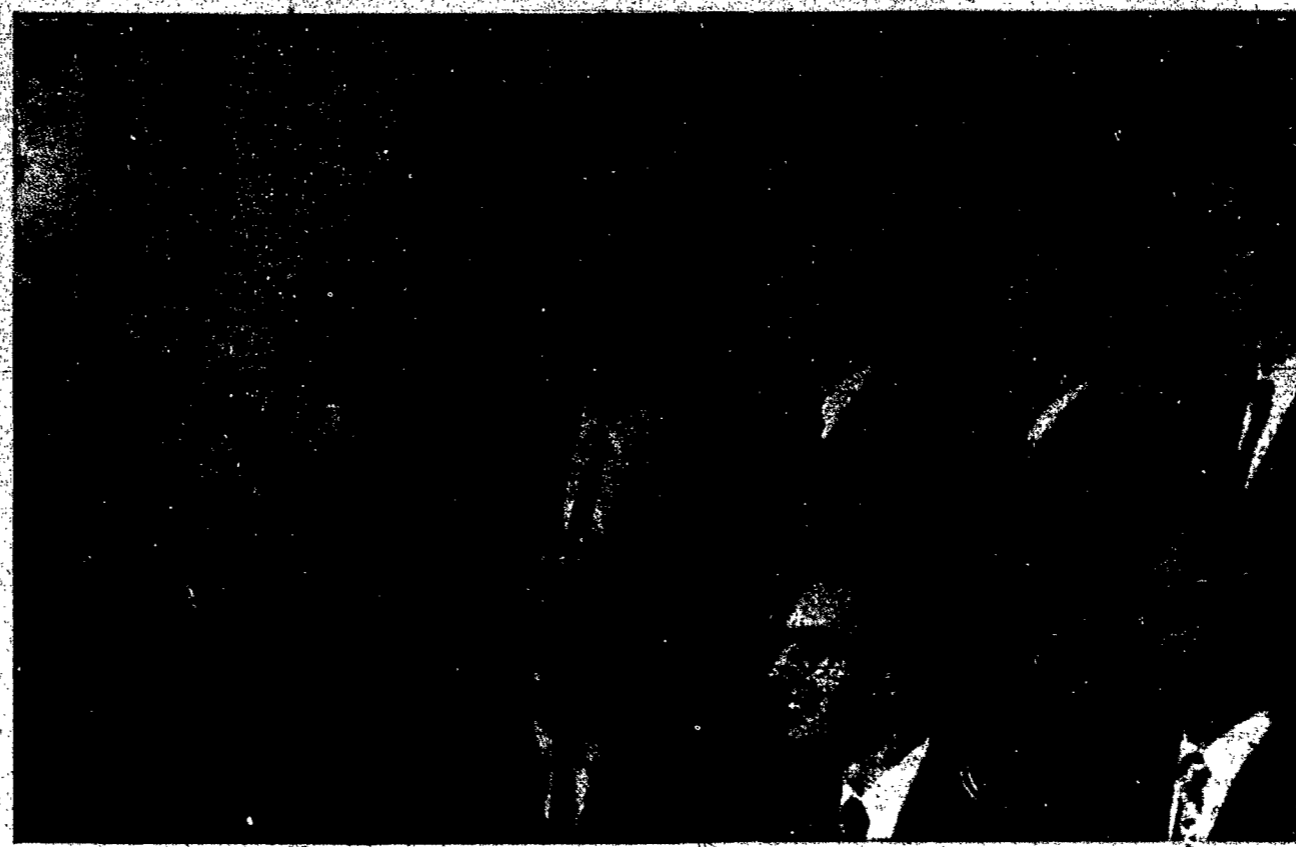
Dr. Amadeo reminded, however, that while Catholicism's influence is strong in Latin America, it is "a much weaker body" than in the United States or in Europe.

This fact, he continued, imposes an obligation on North American Catholics to help their brothers in Latin America. He called for an end to "mutual isolation" between Catholics on the two continents, adding that this can be done by educational cooperation and other means.

On The Road To Mandalay

Mandalay — (RNS) — Roman Catholic Auxiliary Bishop John Joseph U Win of Mandalay has been appointed by Pope John XXIII as Archbishop there.

The first Burmese national to become a Catholic bishop, in 1954, he succeeds Archbishop Albert P. Fallere, who will retire as a parish priest in Chauk, the town he left 30 years ago.



Red Cross Trophy To College

Red Cross Herman Waks Trophy goes a second time to St. John Fisher College for its blood donor record. Father James Embser, C.S.B., shows the trophy to the school's blood drive committee (back row) Peter Mumbach, John Gilloga, William Zurewaki, John Lynd, and Thomas McDermott, Paul Mura and John Brydges. The Red Cross reported it obtained 142 pints of blood from the St. John Fisher students, highest percentage of any area college.

Memorial Day Observance Asked

Springfield — (NC) — The president of the National Catholic Cemetery Conference called upon U.S. Catholics to honor the heroic dead of this nation's wars on Memorial Day, May 30, in both a patriotic and spiritual manner.

Father Robert T. Sullivan, the NCCC head and director of cemeteries in the Springfield diocese, said that Catholics, as loyal U.S. citizens, will participate "to the fullest in exercises held on Memorial Day to honor our fallen defenders, but we observing Memorial Day for less than a century, the Church has not what our beloved country is doing on one day each year we, as members of the Church, are doing every time we assist at Mass and do not a universal custom.

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3 Hour Rite Live On TV

La Crosse — (NC) — Two Wisconsin television stations will make a live simulcast of the consecration of Bishop-elect George A. Hammes of Superior.

Both the La Crosse and Eau Claire television stations will carry the three-hour historic rite, May 24, from the Sawyer Civic Auditorium here.

Slogans Said Confusing Education

Washington — (RNS) — A Catholic editor has cautioned Newman Club members not to become "bogged down in a battle of slogans" in their campus apostolate work.

Gerard E. Sherry, managing editor of The Baltimore Catholic Review, told the Mid-Atlantic Convention of the Newman Club Federation that the "battle of slogans" not only confuses the purpose of Catholic education but also sets Catholicism against Catholicism under the guise of Americanism.

"Your cardinal point should be that your Newman Club is the Church present on your campus," he pointed out.

"The men of your campus will see Christ in you, or they will not see Him at all," he added. "They will hear Christ when you speak, or they will not hear Him."

"If you are to succeed," the editor continued, "you must make vital the essential truth which Cardinal Newman grasped so well — that it is in, and with, and through the Church, at you meet Christ and it is in, and with, and through you that Christ will meet your world."

Mr. Sherry took aim at "some Catholic and some secular newspapers which are advising many of our fellow citizens that true patriotism is in reality expressed by Stephen Decatur's linguistic 'Our country, right or wrong.'"

"It is this sort of thinking," he charged, "which is making out of Americanism a sort of super religion, when in reality it is chauvinism at its worst."



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