

'Immoral' To Pay For Stolen Schools

Colombo, Ceylon — (NC) — The Church will receive no compensation when Catholic schools in Ceylon are taken over by the state, the nation's new Minister of Education has stated.

"It would be immoral for anybody to ask for such compensation," Badiuddin Mahmud added in a speech in the House of Representatives here.

The nationalization of Catholic schools in this southeast Asian island country was announced in August following the victory of the Great Ceylon Freedom party in the July 20 elections.

Meanwhile, plans have been made to introduce a bill in the House to require government permission for the building of new churches or temples. Churches and temples in the neighborhood of archaeological monuments will be destroyed, according to the proposed bill.

If the proposal is adopted, government permission to build a new place of worship will be granted only if there are at least 1,000 members of a religion within half a mile of a proposed site. It will also ban construction of a church within a mile of a currently existing one.

Famed Cathedral Chartres 700th Anniversary

Chartres — (NC) — The heads of the French and German governments will attend the ceremony marking the 700th anniversary of the consecration of this city's famed cathedral, it has been announced.

President Charles de Gaulle of France and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of Germany will meet here October 24.

During the ceremony the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra and a Paris choir will present Beethoven's Mass in D minor.

There has been a church on the site of the Chartres cathedral since 87 A.D. In 1020 Bishop Fulbert asked all the sovereigns of Europe to contribute to the rebuilding of the cathedral here, which had been destroyed by fire. Three more fires in 1030, 1134 and 1194 interfered with the rebuilding.

In 1240 the completed cathedral was consecrated.

regarded by many experts as the finest example of Gothic architecture — was consecrated. St. Louis, King of France, is said to have attended the consecration.

Mexico City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII gave his apostolic blessing to the Mexican people to mark the 180th anniversary of this country's independence from Spain on Sept. 16, 1810.

A message from the Pontiff was received by Jose Cardinal Caril Rivera, Archbishop of Guadalajara and Mexico's first Prince of the Church.

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Castro's Cuba Land of Betrayal

(Dr. Rumbaut, a physician and psychiatrist, fled to this country with his family this month. He is a former correspondent of NCWC until 1964. In this, the first of two articles, he tells graphically what has happened to the Castro Revolution in Cuba. His testimony at this time is particularly important since he fled from Cuba only a few days ago.)

By DR. DARIO RUMBAUT
Miami — (NC) — One word characterizes the Castro regime in Cuba: betrayal.

As Cubans in growing numbers realize this, they are at first saddened, then indignant. They do not want their Revolution to go down the Red drain.

The Fidel Castro group came to power thanks to the determined help of 95% of the Cuban people.

The Castro group promised, in speeches and in public documents, to bring about a genuinely democratic reorganization of the government, under the banner of patriotism, social justice and honesty.

Fidel Castro called all this "humanism" and even led many to believe that between his type of reform and that demanded by Christian humanism there was very little difference.

But by June of 1959, Castro and his men began to turn

into the greatest frauds of the 20th century; democracy became totalitarianism; Cuban nationalism was turned into chauvinism and hostility to neighbor nations; vengeance was substituted for social justice, and supposed honesty became the cloak for dishonesty, falsehood and character assassination.

Castro rooted out all traces of the influence of moderates and Christian leaders who stood at the start of his regime. A one-man rule was established with the progressive elimination of all capable leaders, some by death, some by exile, some by imprisonment.

At the same time, all means of free communication were suppressed or brought under the rigorous control of the Castro government — newspapers, magazines, radio and television stations, publishing houses.

And while the real fighting men who made the Revolution were being persecuted, Fidel Castro was giving the communist cadres full freedom and his moral support for their penetration tactics, to the point that today they dictate his policies.


In the name of a mythological ancestor called "the Revolution," Castro and his men firmly believe they can commit and justify the worst violations of human rights.

Thousands of small property owners, on the farms and in the cities alike, have been deprived of their holdings and of their legitimate means of livelihood, and without compensation. The land reform — banner and promise of the Revolution — has been totally disrupted by the whimsical political aims of the communist leadership. Big and small concerns have been "expropriated" without the slightest pretense of reimbursing the owners, and this is done under the false premise that "private property is the product of robbery."

What is worse, the most unrealistic plans are drawn up and put into effect in taking over these concerns with the result that complete ruin has engulfed many sectors of the national economy. It is a fact that 90 per cent of the management placed in charge of the confiscated concerns is totally inefficient. Many of these entrusted with management are illiterate.

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Vatican Sees Bright Spot Pope Asks Radio Network In Latin America

Vatican City — (RNS) — Observators of the Vatican City newspaper, saw little hope that Soviet Premier Khrushchev's appearance before the United Nations General Assembly on Sept. 20 would help to ease international tensions.

A two-column front-page article by editor-in-chief Raimondo Manzini questioned whether Mr. Khrushchev had any real desire to meet the West half way and to take steps designed to make disarmament and diplomatic collaboration possible.

Noting that Premier Khrushchev was being accompanied to the UN by leaders of Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania, Oroszovatore spoke of him as presiding over a "kind of Eastern summit." It said the only bright spot is the fact that discussions of disarmament and co-existence are continuing.

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII, in a letter to the first Latin American Congress of the International Catholic Organization for Radio and Television in Rio de Janeiro, urged that clergy and laymen in Latin America be trained to adapt patrimony of the noble Latin communications media to the defense and propagation of the faith and to the Christian education of youth.

The Pontiff also proposed the establishment of a network of Catholic centers on that continent to maintain broadcasting standards at a high moral level.

ONLY UNDER such conditions, the Pontiff added, "can the wonderful discoveries that are radio and television make their valuable contributions to the enrichment of the Christian education of youth."

In his letter to the congress Pope John said he was pleased by the strengthening of Catholic broadcasting facilities in Latin America. He noted, however, that at a time when the use of radio and television was becoming increasingly generalized throughout the continent, particular effort was demanded of the faithful to make these media useful to the Church.

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Montreal — (RNS) — In a rare move for Roman Catholics, some 1,200 New Testaments were presented here for distribution in hotel rooms.

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London — (RNS) — Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip will probably call on Pope John XXIII when they make a state visit to Rome next May, according to Roman Catholic sources here.

Camden — (RNS) — A long \$10 million fundraising campaign to provide several new high schools and a number of additions to present schools was launched in the Diocese of Camden.

The campaign, which has a minimum goal of \$5 million, is designed to bring educational facilities abreast of the needs of the diocese.

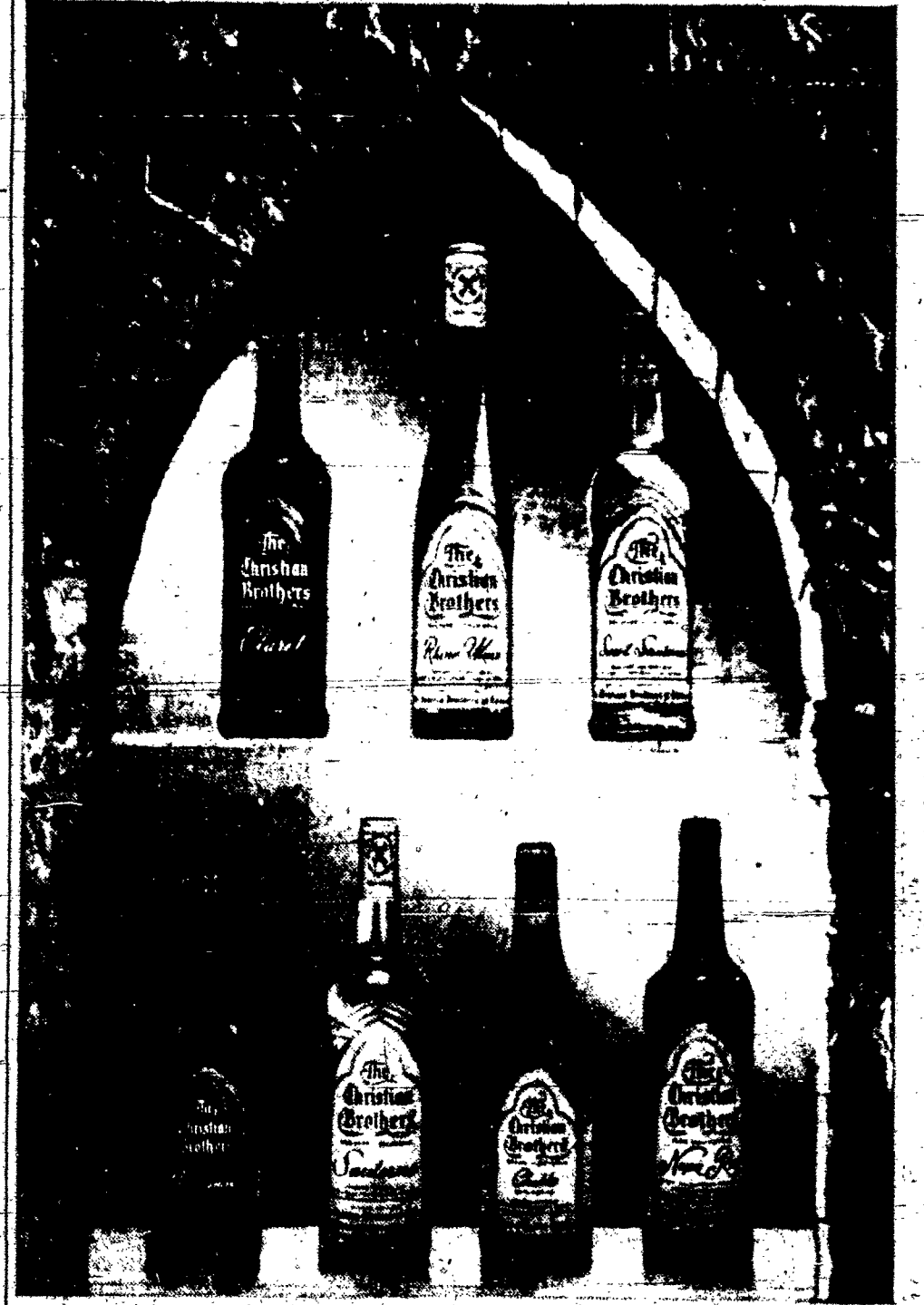
Archbishop Celestine J. Damiano of Camden said the immediate goal is construction of two new high schools in Merchantville and Atlantic City and rebuilding of Camden Catholic High School destroyed by fire last spring. Financial help also is planned for a new high school recently completed at Penns Grove, and for additions to schools in Gloucester, Vineland and Wildwood, N. J.

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