Faith Grows Strong In Formosa

sands of visitors who have standably, Buddhlem has the sense of displacement in a flocked here from abroad for largest following, being one ing the 49th anniversary of the Republic of China will have a chance to witness the remarkable progress religion has made in Formosa during the past ten years.

Proportionately a p c a kmg, the biggest advance has been made by Catholica since Formore became the Nationallat Chinese stronghold, Impressive gains have been made also by the Protestant

The sight of well-filled churches contrasts sharply with the situation in the Communist-ruled China mainland just 101 miles away across the Formosa Strait where religion has been suppressed and the prisons are full of faithful Chinese Chris-

The celebrations here, a mutiny among troops at Wuthe beginning of the Chinese revolution and the overthrow of the Manchu dynasty. The same month in 1949 witness d the inauguration of the Communist regime at Pelping under Mao Tae-tung.

A visitor to Talpel can count six churches, one a stately Moslem mosque, on the mile - long Himshong South Road. No exact figures are available as to how many religious edifices there are on the whole island, but the number is believed to be impressively large. They include many new Protestant and

Ome striking feature of religious life in Formon is the diversity of faiths. The population include a Buddhists, Tacinta and Moslems, all liv-

Talpel - (RNS) - Thou, Christian neighbors, Under ligion in Formosa, On is the dhist temples and nome 2,500 Buddirlet monks and nuns. While no statistics are available on the number of Buddhists, they are estimated to be around 1,000,000.

> The size of the Catholic advance in Formon is indicated by the fact that when the laland was restored to Chima in 1945 there were only 1.004 Catholies, cared for by some foren priests. Today the numeher of haptized Catholics is about 180,000, served by \$21 princia. Many of those princia along with 49 Brothers and 403 Sistem are engaged im educational and social wesfare work all over the island.

Catholic churches and chapels total 479, The Catholics operate six hospitals and sponsor 53 dispensaries. Durcounterpart of America's July. ing-the past few years, five actually commemorate the Catholic middle schools three for boys and two for chang in 1911 which marked girls - and a Catholic junior college for girls have been established. Plans are underway meanwhile to reopen in Formosa the former Catholic University of Fujen in Pelping. It will be composed of eight colleges scattered in the

> Protestantism has a following of 136,250 members, plus 116.517 prospective members "inquirers." There are 1,478 local churches and chapels'administered by over 60 denominations, the largest of which are American; Canadian and English Presbyterian bedies. Other Protestant institutions include nine theogical seminaries, 14 hospitals and clinics, one univer-sity, three colleges, six high schools and 80 kindersartens.

major cities of the island,

Several factors have contributed to the growth of is-

Can MRA

To Its Claims?

flooded the mails to virtually every home this week?

you with a superior ides, "the total and categorical

honesty, purity, unselfishness and love" will "unite

so urgent a goal. But does this organization have the

answer to the Communist danger."

ability to deliver what it promises?

er Robert Graham of America magazine-

Cedar Point, Mackinas Island, Michigan.

men and remake the world."

out the world.

fective its methods are.

that they decided to may neutral?

we better look for a better one?

What is the Catholic attitude to the Moral-Re-arm-

The MRA organization claims the book will arm

Promoters of MRA boast its, "four absolutes of

Nobody would challenge such high ideals and

Here is its record so far, according to Jesuit Fath-

Moral Rearmament, earlier known as Buchmanism

Its two chief centers are Caux, in Switzerland and

Ex-Communists such as former Comintern official

An MRA "ideological play" demonstrates how ef-

British newspaperman Peter Howard wrote the

The play ends with an MRA team arriving on the acene to convert both nations to peaceful co-existence. Not only was the play a clear insult to the American people, its cast of two hundred was taken on its

"The Vanishing Island," and put it on a 1955 grand tour of the Orient, the Middle East and Africa.

Endocio Ravines of Peru or converted Red propagand-

ist Angelo Passetto of Italy appear frequently on MRA

programs. MRA literature actually compares lisely to

the ideology of Communism but claims it alone is able

to meet and overcome the Kremlin threat to the free

tils founder is Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman, now in his

eighties) and later called the Oxford Group, is four

decades old. It has abundant resources, an experienced

staff and eager promoters in "key positions" through-

Live Up

world of turmoil. The guarancelebrations on Oct. 10 mark of the oldest religions in the constitution of Wallomalist tee of religious freedom in China, There are 1,400 Bud. China as another, Last, but not least, is the fact that many government leaders and prominent citizens lie de voted to religion. Both President and Madame Ching Kaishek, for example, aredevout Methodists.

While freedom of utilities has been taken for tranted in Fermons, the story of religious persocution on the Communist mainland has made grim reading, with the Catholic Church a number

In 1948, the Catholic Church in China had three universities, 180 maid dis schools, 1,500 primary chools and 2,243 rural schools with combined annollment of 320,000 students. At the same time, the Church was running 216 hospitale, 781 disperser-

By RUSSELL SHAW

Washington -(NC)-The

U.S. Supreme Court in the

next few months is expected

to hand down significant rul-

ings on Sunday sales, birth

In addition, the court has

been asked to rule and may

tax exemptions for religious

groups, obscene literature, Bible reading in public

schools, free bus rides forpri-

vate school pupils, and the requirement of a declaration

of belief in God as a sindi-

tion of holding public office.

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The high court officially

begam its fall term Oct. I bet

an opening ceremony of tridi-

tional pemp. Now, with the formalities out of the yey, the real work begins.

Holdovers from its 1951-96 sections are the cases lumby-ing Summay sales, birth con-trol laws, and movie conser-

last April and May the

court exceed to rule on four

cases revolving about the cor-

troversial Sunday sales issue.

Two are from Pennsylvania;

the others are from Maryland

The Pennsylvania and

Maryland cases are appoint

from lower court rulings up-

holding Sabbath laws barning

unnecessary business activity.

In the Massachusetts care.

however, the law in question

was averturned by a Federal court, whose decision is being

Source of the legal conflict in Pennsylvania is a 1939 law

which was amended in 1989.

The original law, banning ill

Sunday business except works

of charity and necessity, pro-wided a minimal fine of four

In 1959 this law was amend-

ed by the spelling out of ap-

citic items not to be sold in

Sunday. The penalty for each

violation was raised to \$200.

Ope Penntylvania case wir

brought before the high court

by five Orthodox Jewish met-

chants in Philadelphia. They

may that since they observe the Sabbath on Saturday rath-

er than Sunday, the Sunday

appealed by the state.

and Massachuseits.

are new before the court

do no-on such langes as law.

somhip.

control laws, and movie cen- an appeal by employees of a

phanages with 16,000 orphans, 29 printing presses, one observatory, the largest library in Shanghai, two museums and one ethnological institule. The Church also published 55 periodicals.

Of all these institutions, the only one surviving today is a school run by Sisters in Pelping for the children of foreign diplomata.

What has happened to the

Catholic Church on the mainland has been the lot, more or less, of all religious there. In recent years the Pelping regime has been seeking to delude the outside world by setting up pupper religious groups and permitting religious services within the arest of guided tours. But no amount of window dressing has been able to hide the basic fact that religion, in the true sense of the word, has ceased to exist on the main-

closing law discriminates

against them because of their

religion. The plaintiff in the

other Pennsylvania case is an

east coast discount chain.

Glen Burnie, Md., store, who

for violation of an Anne Ar-

undel County Sunday sales

By contrast, in the Mann-

chusetts case the state is ap-

pealing a May, 1959, court

ruling which struck down its

religious discrimination. In

this case, too, an Orthodox

Jewish marchant claimed his

religious rights were violated

by the Sunday-closing mean-

At laue in the birth control

case are Connecticut's 81.

year -old laws banning the

use of contraceptives and

making it illegal for dectors

o give patients birth control

The principals in the test

case are Dr. C. Lee Buxton.

chairman of the obstetrics de-

partment of the Yale Uni-

versity medical school, a mar-

ried couple and a housewife, all of New Haven. They claim

their rights under the con-

stitutional guarantee of "due

process" of law are being

The Connecticut laws have

been challenged at least

seven times in the past. In

the current case//the state

Supreme Court of Errors

ruled in December, 1959, that

the laws are "a constitutional

exercise of legislative power."

is the issue of so-called "prior

censorship," for years a major

target of anticensor elements

The case involves a chal-

lenge by the Times Film

in the movie industry.

review board.

"prior censorship."

At siake in the film case

violated.

Sunday law on grounds of

were fined five dollars each

The Maryland case involves

Religious Issues Face Top Court

handed down from 1952, when

It first held that movies are-

entitled to committintional

guarantees of freedom of the

press to 1950, when it ruled in the "Lady Chatterley's

Lover" case that nemowies may

not be banned for the ideas

Besides these Symilay sales,

birth-control and cemprahips

cases, which the co-urt has al-

ready agreed to rule on, it

seems certain thant it will

hand down important de-cisions in at less some of

the other issues alr eady men-

There are, for example, five

cases before the meant involv-

ing obscene literazione and

freedom of spetch mand of the

press, along with various

subsidiary questions. Any one

of these could connectyably

clarification of what it means

thinks may comsillut femalty be

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they advocate.

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WHOSH DO-WEASK FOR A CRUST OF BREAD

Sacred Heart Year

Pope's Intention

By REV. LOUIS J. HOHMAN

When Father Henri Ramlere who did so much to spread the Apostleship of Prayer, began to publish in the "Messenger of the Sacred Heart" a monthly intention, the Pope stepped in and said in so many words: is in a most apt position to "This is mine. I will desigsee what practical recorn-

for which the Apostleship of Prayer throughout the world will consecrate itself in its daily offering of prayers, works, loys, and sufferings." And that is the way it has been ever since.

We have recounted in a previous article how our primary intention in making the morning offering is identical to that of the Sacred Ged and the salvation of souls. Our secondary intention is that of all our associater, an act of charity loward those with whom we are all one in the Mystical Body of

We conclude the merning offering by inserting a particular intention designated for that particular month by have already named in general all possible good intentions, why do we new include a specific intention of the Pope? There are several reac

The Church is a spiritual army fighting the battes of Jeaus Christ painst the world, the set and the devil. We become members of that army, when, through the Sacrament of Confirmation, we become soldiers of Christ and complete Christians. Through the reception of Holy Orders, deacons, priests. and bishops become commissioned officers in that army.

Persecuted Catholics. Today

there are millions of Catholics

under Communist domination.

Where they are not being

tively, they are seriously re-

strained in the practice of

their faith. Our Lord said.

"Blessed are they who suffer

persecution for justice sake,

for theirs is the kingdom of

But these people need

abundant graces to withstand

the rigors of such persecu-

tion and the flood of propa-

ganda which tests their faith

day after day. They are on

the front lines and they need

all the support that we, their

comrades in arms, can give

them. So this month especial-

ly the self-offering of 40,000.

000 Catholics goes out to

them. At the same time Cath-

olics are reminded of the

plight of these people and

for them in the future,

be more likely to pray

In general, of course, the

Pope has at heart all that

contributes to the defense

and spread of the faith. As

successor to St. Peter and in-

fallible teacher, the Pope knows best the mind and

heaven." _O.

The pape therefore is commander-in-chief. In his hands lies the responsibility for the particular battle strategies which are to be employed. He directs the merits and good works of his soldiers (spiritual weapons) to the particular front where they are most TO GIVE an example. The Pope's intention for the month of October, 1980, is

Not yet before the high court, but certain to be there soon, is a challange to a 1937 Connecticut law which allows communities to provide bus rides for private school chilcirculf the voters give their approval in a referendum. Notice of appeal to the Supreme Court has been filed with the Connecticut Supreme Court of Errors by "Citizens"

In addition to these cases which have been - or soon will be - appealed directly to the high court, the Lox Angeles archdiocese is asking the tribunal to direct the California Supreme Court to hear its appeal in a coning

Under the city ordinance in preparation to magnitude and Perpetus church to use governing film exhibition. Adult baptisms declined by property it owns for a park-

the high court to direct the State Supreme Court to grant Cited as factors in the decline it a hearing It is not, howview system unconstitutional were the shortage of priests ever, seeings direct ruling and "discrimination" against by the high court on the is-The court's ruling in the mer President Symmon sheet inself.

Times case may weell take a tank maintains that the tax place in a series off precedent. in question is being levied on

> school has been brought to the court's attention in an appeal from a ruling of a Federal court which in September, 1959, upheld the practice in public schools of Abington Township, Ps. The Uniterian couple who initiated the case — parents of three children in Abington public schools - claim that the law providing for daily reading from the King James Bible in school violates their

of the Maryland Constitution. In a case involving the Lax exempt status of religious groups, the court has been colony organized as a corporation to review a m ling holding it liable to a state cor-

The Hutterites daim their religion makes it mecessary for them to arganize in curporate form and that a corporation tax is the s "lantamount to the imposition of a for the Connecticut Constitufee upon . . . religious be-liels." But the State of Mon-

Fewer Seek Conversion

poration license tax.

Scoul -(RNS) -Sia tistles re-Corporation to the movie con- leased here by the Ror nan Cath- dispute. procedures of Chicago, olic hierarchy showed a decline Times corporation, a dis- in the number of adult baptisrns inbuting company, relused in during the twelve non-this ended 1957 to submit the movie June 30. There also was a drop "Don Juan" to the city film in the number of cale-chamens, or persons receiving impstruction in preparation for hamitism.

movies must be approved by 12,252° in comparison, with the ing lot and playground. the review board before they year before. Clerchunens can be shown in Chicago. The dropped from 87,575 in the precity therefore banned "Don vious year to 58,262.

Jun," while the Times corporation branded the film re-

setting rulings which it has the Hutterites' commercial activities, net their religious Bible reading in public

religious rights.

An arowed atheist Roy A. Torcaso of Wheaton, Md., has asked the court to review a Maryland Court of Appeals ruling last June that held it is unconstitutional to require it declaration of belief in God draw from the court a furtheras a condition for holding public office. Torcaso was denied a license as a notary public because he refused to sign such a declaration, which is called for under Article 37

tion," a group formed to fight

the law.

The California court has refused to entertain an anneal by the archdiocese from lowcourt rulings which upheld San Marino, Calif., in refusing permission to SS. Felicitas

heart of Jeans Christ. The archdiocese is asking From the watchtower of the Vatican, informed as he is by reports from all parts of the world and guided by the Holy Spirit, the Pope can best see the world in terms of its eternal roal. Hence he

nate the monthly intention mendations should be given for the welfare of the Church of Christ. To the members of the Apostleship of Prayer His

Holiness recommends two inentions for each month. One is called the General Intention because it points out some widespread need of the Church, relating to world problems or some generally needed virtue or grace. The second is the Mission Inten-tion which emphasizes a par-ticular need in a specific mission field. The Mission Intention for this month is Catechists, that body of volunteer teachers of religion whose contribution is so vital to mission work.

Although these designated intentions for our morning offering are not essential to , they do have the effect of helping us to think with the Church, All of us have the tendency to become excessively provincial in our thinking. We gradually draw in the boundaries of the world to include only our particular environment and our own personal problems.

Let our hearts be as wide as the world is wide, in imitation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, whose concern and love for men knows no

Calendar Sunday, Oct. 9 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentocon (green), Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. John, Creed, Trinity Preface, 1931 - Rev.

Daily Mars

William Frank, Monday, Oct. 10 - St. Francis Bergia (white), Gloria, VR. 1945—Rev. John Man

Tuesday, Oct. 11 - Metherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary (white), Gloris, Creed, Preface of our Lady. ednesday, Oct. 12 - Mass of Sunday. VR. 1945-Rev.

John Sellinger. Thursday, Oct. 13 - St. Ed. ward (white), Gloria, VA. 1928 - Rev. Thomas Rossi-

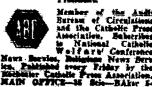
Friday, Oct. 14 - St. Callis tus (red), Gloria.

Saturday, Oct. 15 - St. Teresa (white), Gloria. Priests listed above died on the date indicated. Please, pray for them.

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MOST REY JAMES E. KEARNEY, D.B.,



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Frenign Counteins \$6.25

It told the story of a confused, corrupt, licentious na-Reapings At Random tion (obviously the United States) facing a determined, well-organized but ruthless nation lobviously the Soviet

Catholic Papers Termed 'Walking Corpses'

BY GERARD E. SHERRY

tour of the world in three U.S. Air Force planes making this country look like an idiot in sponsoring it. The "Diocesan papers are like walking State Department caught up with the debacle only corpses, says blunt Digest editor." after it had been presented to over 200,000 people in This was a front page headline in the

16 countries — the new and neutral nations which Sept. 30 issue of the West Texas Register. were wondering whether they should link themselves That's not all. The lead pangraph had this with the free or communist world. Is it my wonder "Stereotyped content, Aribmone, a fear of

Irritating readers, a relucione to face inner —all have combined to make the Catholic discess, papers of the U.S., publications that are walking around to avoid he burial feet." The book mailed to homes in this area this week

These are hereh words But they also have clever phraseology, which could denote competence and authority in the critic. Alas. t was merely the executive editor of the Catholic Digest - a fellow by the name of John McCarthy.

Why bother to mention it then? Surely nately, the West Texas Register built up the critic with typical Texas exameration. It called him "one of the number lapostles of the

Now if it had said he vis a first class aposite of the Catholic Digest, I wouldn't have bothered one jots. After all, that's what he's paid to be. He's entitled to promote his own as much as he can. But he has neither the right nor the compelence to made an the dicessar weekly press in the tains he did.

I recall that my grandlather bought me a copy of one of the leading Catholic papers in 1912.

It looks like the same edition today."

Obviously, there is a need for sound, constructive criticism of the diocesan press -indeed, your Reaper has done his share of being the critic of himself and his fellow emittogs. But let the major criticism come from those, who know the daily joys and sorrows of the dioresan press. Let's not have people horning in from the luxury of a New York are scutive suite to tell us about our deportment or technical proficiency.

I know some priest and lay editors who run excellent dicesan weeklies almut a ingle handed. These are the real sporties of the Catholic Press and they do it without run-ning around the world on fat expense

This is the crux of the matter. There are ome had Catholic papers in this winter,

stance, it shows a complete ignorance of the docesas press and its progress in the past 26- Years

McCarthy's image of the diocesan press must have been obtained from the contorted mirrors of the Coney Island fairgrounds. It certainly wasn't gleaned from the pages of the Catholic press.

The readers of the Courier Journal have a first class example in their own newspaper. Over the past decade, great changes have taken place in the content and typography of this newspaper. The old order has gone and Calholics of the Rochester Diocese are recelving a very competent newspaper, on par with the dallies and weeklies of the area. It's the same story all over the country. (Gerard Shorry is editor of the Central California Register of the Fresno Diocese.)

The Catholic Press is on the march; is making a vital contribution to the Church; it is, in many places, making its mark in the

I see no sign of the walking dead among our Catholic newspapers. This is not to say that all is perfect, or that we have arrived at the standards we are aiming for. But we are getting there, nurtured by a growing army of dedicated priests and laymen whose lode star is truth. The diocesan press needs criticism for sure; but let it be competent, con-

McCarthy didn't stop there. He went on that McCarthy's criticism is without real sub- charity. In my opinion, McCarthy overstepped these bounds.

Our critic made these remarks in an interview while in Denver. It seems he was the banquet speaker during the annual workshop of the Catholic Register chain diocesan papers. I wonder what the staff of the host Denver Register must have thought of his comments. The Register chain accounts for 32 diocesan weeklies. Fortunately for the Reglater, and for us, there are twice as many di occsan newspapers to be read and studied before a magazine expert can hope to become the newspaper critic.

Maybe McCarthy-could make it easier all round by getting a job on a Catholic weekly -preferably one in Texas or in the Southern or Northern mission dioceses. He'd have to take a salary crit; he'd have to work harder; he'd have to share an office - maybe even desk - in the course of his day.

But he'd get an education in the workings of the diocesan press. He'd get to know its virtues as well as its victs. He'd certainly be in a better position to assume the awesome mantle of the potent critic of the Catholic newspaper. More important, he'd be helping to resurrect this alleged corpse which he auggests needs embalming.

In the meantime, we do have a constructive suggestion for McCarthy. Let him return to his executive suite in Manhatan and meditate on the very old adage concerning people who live in glass houses

million liomes on five continents. There is no doubt but that many have been sparked to a better life by its convincing appeal. There are also on record cases of half-hearled and fallen-away Catholics finding MRA a bridge back to the Church. Many others have also been led by the MRA program to a more spiritual life. it isn't that important? Maybe not Unfortu-To this extent, Moral Re-armament deserves due recognition but its repealed claim to a monopoly of the "superior idea" which "dominates the whole per- Catholic Press not only in America but around son - his motives, his thinking, his living" involves the world." MRA in the strictly religious realm of directing souls. Some individuals may benefit from a first contact

The play also poses another question. If this is

an example of MRA's answer to Communism, hadn't

has already been sent, according to an MRA ad to 77

with MRA. If, however, souls will be bungled as was U.S. foreign policy, then Catholics had best continue getting their moral guidance from an organization with a longer and more successful record.

to state that "most of the papers are behind the times; few have changed their mikes up in 40 years. ... They all up the symmicated. canned, long column - most med form met best. There is no regional character. If your read one out of 50 papers you've read all in a rest.

McCarthy said a lot more in the same veln. He took the diocesan papers to task fear not emulating the innovations of Life, Time_Look and Fortune. I noticed he didn't mention my of the Catholic Digest innovations.

However, there are no many more god ones, structive, and within the bounds of truth and