

Lapsed Catholic Area

Hungry Cuba 'Eats' Red Line

Miami (NC) — Opposition by the Church alone will not defeat communism in Cuba, a former communist said here.

Douglas Hyde, onetime editor of the communist London Daily Worker and now a convert to Catholicism, said it is "political wishful thinking to suppose that the Church's spokesmen have only to sound a trumpet for Castro's walls to come tumbling down."

It is a fallacy to suppose that communism cannot succeed in a so-called "Catholic country," Hyde warned in a talk at Barry College, a women's school conducted by Dominican nuns.

"Russia was 'Holy Russia' for many years, but that did not prevent the Bolsheviks from coming to power, and Poland is a Catholic country that was taken over by the communists," he said.

He declared that communists regard Latin America as the part of the world that offers them the best opportunity today.

"There are areas of Latin America that might be described as lapsed Catholic areas," he said. "When no opportunities are provided to go forward, the trend is to revert to paganism. In such areas the people are very vulnerable to communism."

"THERE ARE plenty of spiritually hungry people in Latin America. That is why the communist can look to Latin America. They believe that of Africa,

Asia and Latin America, the greatest hope for communism is in Latin America."

Hyde said the Communist party in Latin America is "more and more organized" and that the Communist party in Brazil is "generally regarded as the foremost party in Latin America today."

He said communists have infiltrated communications media in Latin America. Few newspapers there do not have at least one or two communists on their staffs, and in Uruguay every radio station in the country carries a communist program, he said.

The communists are giving major attention in Latin America to intellectuals and students, whom they recognize as the future leaders of the area, he added.

Hyde said the Soviet Union has promised to support Cuba economically if it breaks off relations with the West and commits itself to the Soviet bloc.

"If Russia and other communist countries can see Cuba through," he said, "I think communism might be in Cuba for quite a while. The next few months will be quite decisive."

She'll Wait A Year

Tucson (NC) — The founder and president emerita of the Planned Parenthood Federation will wait out the first year of President-elect John F. Kennedy's administration before deciding whether to leave the country.

Mrs. Margaret Sanger, a long-time supporter of birth control, said last July in Honolulu that she would "find another place to live" if Mr. Kennedy became President.

"But she said in a post-election interview: 'I will wait out the first year of Sen. Kennedy's administration and see what happens. I will make my decision then.'

Pupils Wreck Old College

Philadelphia (RNS) — A dedication and a demolition followed one another at ceremonies at the Jesuit St. Joseph's College here, attended by several thousand students and alumni.

After dedicating its new \$1,100,000 Bellarmine student hall, containing space for 3,750 students in 31 classrooms and laboratories, a group of the students served at a demolition crew to tear down an old temporary building, transferred to the campus in sections from a Navy camp at Solomons, Md., in 1947. Known as the "carboard college," it was used by some 8,000 students, day and evening, over the 13-year period.



Priest Talks Turkey

Chejudo, Korea — A turkey is a rare bird in Korea, but Columban Father Robert C. Brady of Los Angeles, Cal., hopes to make it more familiar. Pastor of Sugwips parish on Chejudo Island off the southern tip of Korea, Father Brady has inaugurated a turkey-raising project in conjunction with a 4-H program on the island. (RNS Photo)

'We Just Help'

Nun In A Sari Aids Hindus

Las Vegas (NC) — A petite Sister in a blue-and-white sari of an Indian commoner brought to Catholic women here a message of Christ and charity among poverty.

Though she began her community, the Missionaries of Charity, by carrying the dying from the streets to a home where they were treated, today the community has a full-blown medical program — all for the very poor.

THE MISSIONARIES of Charity now count 50 medical centers, caring not only for the dying, but also for mothers and children, sick at home, dependent children, lepers and others who know tragedy.

"We don't admit anyone who has someone to look after him," Mother Teresa told a press conference. The Yugoslav native, whose face frequently blushed with embarrassment at being the center of attention, described her work as preaching Christ by actions, not by word.

Colombia Faces Red Take Over

Bogota (NC) — Archbishop Luis Concha Cordoba of Bogota has called on the Catholics of strife-torn Colombia to put the social teachings of the Church into practice to halt the inroads of communism.

The Archbishop spoke in a pastoral letter, the third to be issued on social conditions by Church authorities here since September. The two earlier joint pastorals of the Colombian hierarchy urged social justice and land reform.

THE LETTERS have been released against a background of economic distress, strikes, demonstrations and repeated outbreaks of violence in this South American nation, plagued until recently by more than a decade of civil warfare.

Groups of communists and followers of Cuban Premier Fidel Castro have clashed in the streets with anticommunists here in recent weeks.

Factional disputes within Colombia's anticommunist government are also a threat. Following the release of Archbishop Concha's pastoral, President Alberto Lleras Camargo warned in a nationwide broadcast that continuing political disputes "will be mortal to peace, security, progress and the rehabilitation of the Colombian people."

To commemorate the saint's death, the Irish Roman Catholic hierarchy has designated 1961 as a Patrician Year. Anniversary observances will include an opening ceremony on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, in connection with the 15th centenary of the Irish patron saint's death.

The Pope said that all children of God are born to live in brotherly harmony, practice the Primatial See of Armagh, virtue and charity, and fulfill God's will. But, he added, priests, teachers and doctors have the high vocation of rendering indispensable services for the good of humanity.

St. Patrick Pageant

Dublin (RNS) — Thirty men from Castlebar, County Mayo, are letting their hair and beards grow so that they can participate in a pageant on the life of St. Patrick next year in connection with the 15th centenary of the Irish patron saint's death.

Those who aid are mostly Hindu," she said. "We don't make any difference between religions. We never ask 'We just help. They know we try to teach Christ's love by example.'

As part of the blessing observance, Father Harrington preached a sermon on the Blessed's life and opened an exhibition in his honor in the adjoining church hall.

Blessed Martin, born in the New Testament "if in union Lima, Peru, in the 16th century, was a Dominican Negro lay brother known for missionary work. He died in 1639 and was beatified in 1837.

Mom, Dad Join Nun's Apostolate

Maple Plain, Minn. (NC) — Grace Elaine Beery's vocation is beginning to be a family affair.

Two years ago she took her final vows as Sister Mary Brendan, Sister of Christian Charity, and was sent to St. Augustine's parish in North Little Rock, Ark., to work among the Negroes there.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Laubert Beery, have visited her twice since then. As a result, they are beginning to share her sense of vocation to the Negroes.

The Beerys, who live in this rural Minnesota community, hope to go to North Little Rock when their son Paul completes college in a few years. They want to start a credit union for the Negroes.

In the meantime they are doing all they can to help.

On their last visit to North Little Rock, Mr. Beery kept busy making repairs at the parish. Mrs. Beery collects clothes to send to the needy there with the aid of her oldest daughter, Mrs. Tom Luppen of Minneapolis.

Already this fall the two women have shipped 1,000 pounds of clothing to St. Augustine's.

"The people's situation there is so desperate," Mrs. Beery said. "We never think things could be so bad in our own country."

Three Top Vocations

Valleau City (NC) — The priesthood, teaching and the practice of medicine are "highest vocations," Pope John XXIII said here during a general audience.

The Pope said that all children of God are born to live in brotherly harmony, practice the virtue and charity, and fulfill God's will. But, he added, priests, teachers and doctors have the high vocation of rendering indispensable services for the good of humanity.

Congo Catholic College Still In Business

Leopoldville (NC) — Lovanium University has opened for the new academic year despite upheavals and chaos in the Congo.

Mgr. Luc Gillon, 40-year-old rector of the Catholic university, celebrated a Solemn Mass of the Holy Ghost to inaugurate the academic year. Archbishop Gastone Mojalsky Perrelli, Apostolic Delegate to the Congo, attended the opening ceremonies, along with Archbishop Fella Schals of Leopoldville and other bishops of the Congo.

Albert Ndiye, a graduate of Lovanium University who has been made minister of finance under the Congo's military government, also attended.

Mgr. Gillon said the university's enrollment of 600 should triple in two years and rise to 1,000 in four years. The major obstacle to development of the six-year-old university is the Congo's lack of secondary education, he said.

He pointed out that the university would bestow its first doctorates in medicine and law at the end of the academic year, as well as its first degrees in civil engineering.



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