

Prelate Tells Cubans To Halt Reds

Santiago — (NC) — The head of the Catholic Church in eastern Cuba issued his fourth pastoral letter in eight months denouncing communism in Cuba and said that such pastorals are "the only means of publicity left."

Archbishop Enrique Perez Serantes of Santiago called on all Cuban Christians to join in a new fight against Communism. "We fight because we know that there exist in the world today only two fronts face to face," the 77-year-old prelate told his people.

"One is made up of those who are disposed to give their lives for Christ... the other of those who consciously or unconsciously are trying to eliminate God and erase Him from human life."

The Archbishop referred to the suppression of freedom of the press under the Castro regime. "We write so many pastorals," he said, "because they are the only means of publicity left to us now that the press, radio and television are a luxury reserved exclusively for those who oppose us."

After declaring that the struggle today is basically "with Christ or against Christ," Archbishop Perez Serantes implicitly threw down the gauntlet to pro-Red hecklers who tried to disrupt the Masses at the Santiago cathedral in November 13, when his last anticommunist pastoral was read.

He stated: "It is certain that we are fighting communism. At this time in life, the hour of fear—if it ever affected us—has passed."

The Archbishop first pointed publicly to communism with Premier Fidel Castro's government last May, when he said in a pastoral: "We cannot say that the enemy is now at the doors, because it is already within, speaking loudly as though settled in its own domain."



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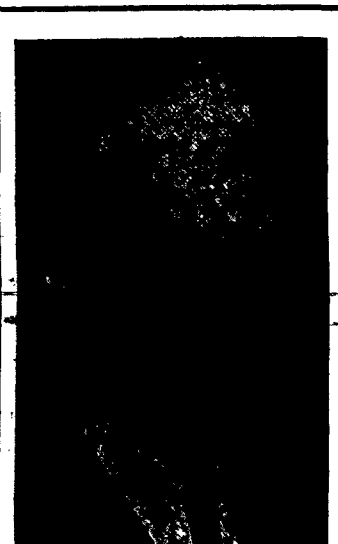
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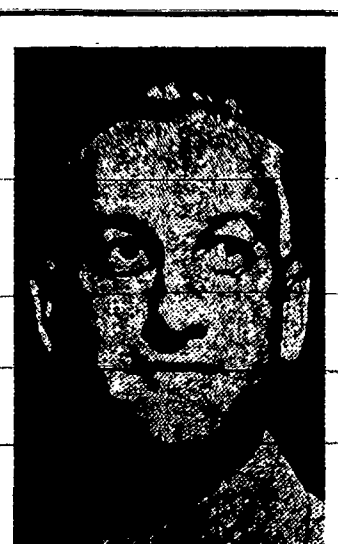
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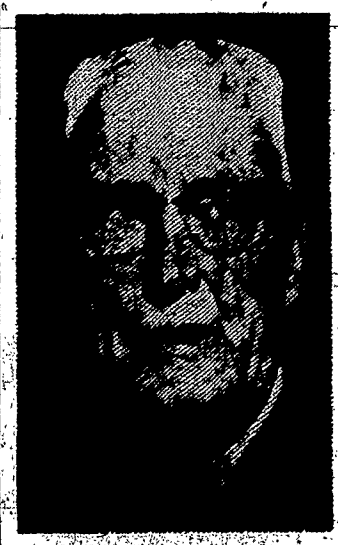
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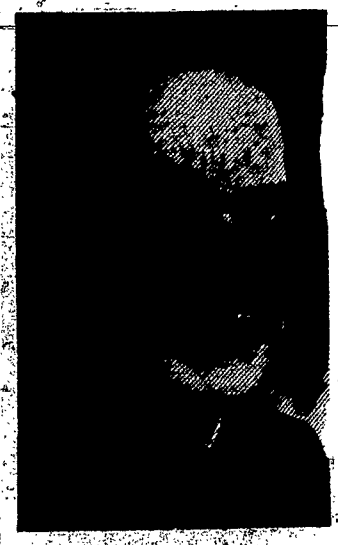
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Sukarno's Policies Endorsed

Jakarta — (NC) — Indonesia's Catholic party has voted to back President Achmed Sukarno's policies.

The national convention of the 250,000-member party here voiced its support for the Indonesian President's "guided democracy" program, the new eight-year national reconstruction plan and Indonesia's claim to West Irian (Netherlands New Guinea).

Delegates from 292 party locals voted to cooperate with the government and its "guided democracy" program as long as it respects the 1945 constitution and the basic philosophy of the state, the pantjasila. The pantjasila is a statement of belief in God, democracy, nationalism, humanism and social justice.

"Guided democracy" proclaimed in 1959 by President Sukarno, restricts party activity and gives vast powers to the presidency, including the right to appoint a majority of the members of the national legislature, the Peoples' Congress. Last October, the executive committee of the Catholic party declared its support of the policy and earlier it had been endorsed by Bishop Albert Soefianpranata, S.J., Apostolic Vicar of Semarang and the nation's senior native bishop.

Daily Mass Calendar

Sunday, Jan. 22 — Third Sunday after Epiphany (green), Gloria, Creed, Trinity Preface. 1886 — Rev. Michael Meagher. 1956 — Rev. John Burke.

Monday, Jan. 23 — St. Raymond (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Emerentiana. 1932 — Rev. Walter Golden. 1953 — Rev. Edmund O'Brien. 1957 — Rev. William Ayers.

Tuesday, Jan. 24 — St. Timothy, martyr (red), Gloria.

Wednesday, Jan. 25 — Conversion of St. Paul (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Peter, no Creed Preface of Apostles. 1917 — Rev. Daniel Kavanaugh. 1946 — Rev. Edward Meagher.

Thursday, Jan. 26 — St. Polycarp, martyr (red), Gloria. 1907 — Rev. Alfred Evans.

Friday, Jan. 27 — St. John Chrysostom (white), Gloria. 1945 — Rev. Thomas Carroll. 1959 — Rev. Ralph Meyer. 1959 — Rev. Edward Dempsey.

Saturday, Jan. 28 — St. Peter Nolasco (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Agnes.

Priests listed above died on the date indicated. Please pray for them.