

Marxism Threatens Algeria

Algiers — (RNS)—Algeria's leading Catholic prelate warned in a Lenten pastoral letter that the country needs a social doctrine "whose keystone would be respect for the human person and for his God-given dignity."

Otherwise, declared French-born Archbishop Leon-Etienne Duval, the country is threatened by religious and spiritual ruin, "which could herald the arrival of Marxism."

The archbishop's pastoral was reported over the Alger Radio. Meanwhile the Vatican Radio broadcast the text in its foreign language transmissions.

IN HIS PLEA for social justice, Archbishop Duval noted that the country "suffers from the sore of underdevelopment" and said the remedy requires building material resources and expansion in the fields of technology and education.

But the remedy, he stressed, also calls for "disinterested dedication" on the part of its leaders and people.

"Nothing that is good or lasting," he said, "can be achieved without the values of the heart, which are the soul of civilization. Algeria needs men who have the courage to affirm their predilection for the poor, for all the disinherited of the world, and to make their rights prevail in the country's institutions."

Archbishop Duval began his pastoral with a special reminder to Catholics of their duties in the "difficult trials" through which Algeria is passing.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

Without self-denial there can be virtue, but there can never be progress in virtue. When the Apostles asked Our Lord why they could not drive the devil out of a young man, He said, "What kind is driven out only by prayer and fasting." Prayer unites us to heaven; fasting detaches us from earth.

In order to live we have to breathe in as well as breathe out. The breathing in is the receiving of the life of God through prayer and the Sacraments; the breathing out is the expulsion of what is foul in our lives through penance and works of penance.

I believe that the reasons the Missions are so successful in bringing souls to Christ, and we in America fall so far behind them in this respect, is because the missionaries live in poverty. They never have enough, and it is part of God's plan that they never should. Because they are so detached from worldly conveniences, the spirit of Christ finds them better instruments of His Grace.

Our Lord condemned certain cities around Galilee and pronounced over them a Divine "woe." And the reason? "Because they had not done penance after all the miracles they had witnessed!" What then will be His charge against us who, in His Church, witness daily the "miracles" of His love and Mercy to us?

The obligation to do penance is no less binding than the obligation to pray. Many a confessor has asked you, "Did you say your prayers?" How many ever asked, "Did you do penance?" And how many times have you ever confessed your lack of penance?

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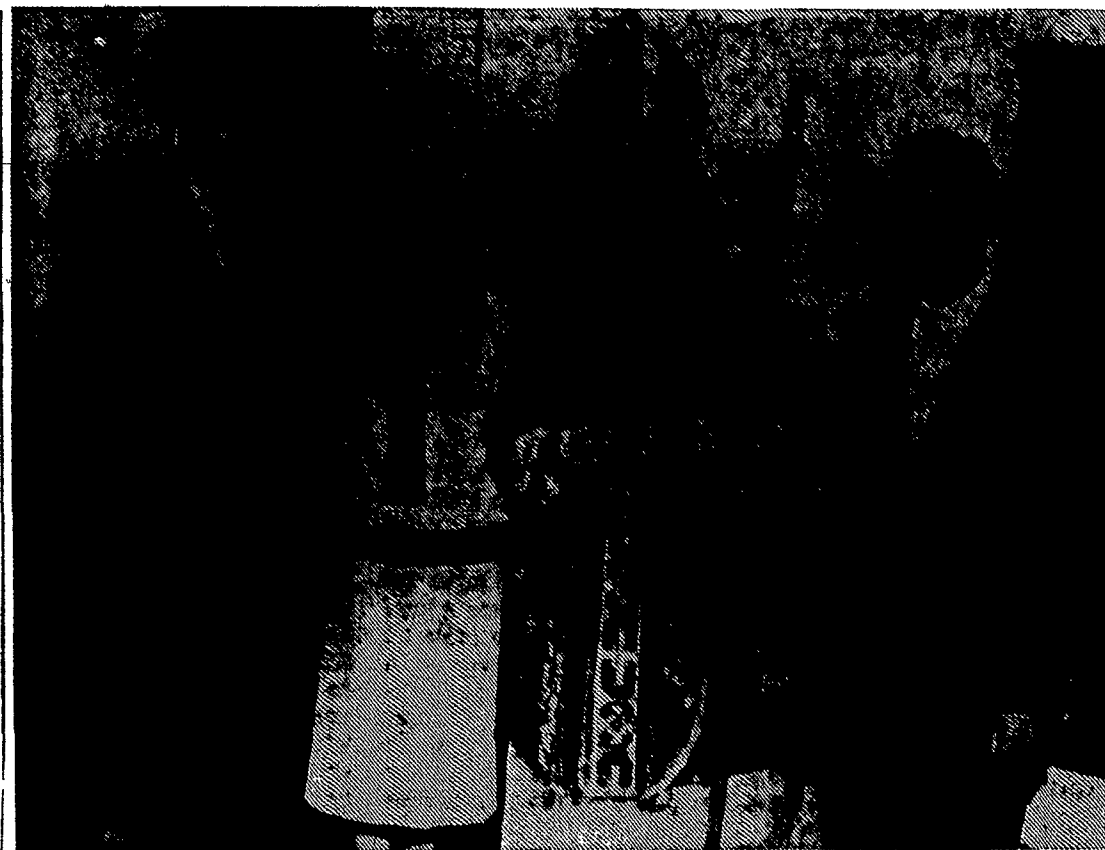
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Hawaii Governor At Red Mass

Honolulu — (RNS) — Hawaii's Chief Executive, Rochesterian William F. Quinn, (left) and his wife are pictured here after a Red Mass at Our Lady of Peace Cathedral in Honolulu. The Mass was celebrated to ask for guidance of Hawaii's state legislators before the legislature convened. Shown with Gov. and Mrs. Quinn are Bishop James J. Sweeney of Honolulu and Mayor Neal S. Blaisdell of Honolulu. Besides legislators and government officials, military representatives and members of the Hawaii bar were invited to the services.

Peace Prize Announced

Vatican City — (NC) — The newly founded Pius V Institute will give a \$25,000 prize to the statesman who does the most during 1961 to find new ways to achieve peace and promote democracy in the independent nations of Africa.

United Nations representatives of Canada, the Congo, Ghana, India, Italy, Peru, Tunisia and the United Arab Republic will be asked to decide the winner in February, 1962. The prize will be presented in Rome the following May.

Democrats Back Governor's Plan

New York — (NC) — Democratic leaders of the state legislature have agreed to support Republican Gov. Nelson Rockefeller's controversial "scholar incentive" proposal.

This action by officials of the minority party in the legislature apparently will increase chances of approval of the Governor's plan to give state grants to New York residents attending a college in the state where tuition is \$500 or more a year.

Gov. Rockefeller told the legislature he proposes giving undergraduates \$200, graduate students \$400 and those working for a doctorate \$800 a year.

The plan has evoked controversy over its constitutionality. Catholics and other groups have defended it as rightful aid to students to preserve freedom of education. Opponents call it a plan to evade constitutional provisions against state aid to private or religious institutions, such as church-related colleges.

THE DEMOCRATIC legislative leaders, who backed the Governor's plan even though it had not yet been put in the form of a bill, said individual Democrats would not be bound to vote for approval of the program.

At the meeting here were Senate Minority Leader Joseph Zaretzki, Assembly minority leader Anthony Travia and their counsel, Bernard Nadel and Saul Kaplan.

In Rockaway Park, support for the Governor's proposal

Faith Gains In S. Africa

Capetown — (RNS) — The 1961 Roman Catholic Directory of South Africa lists 1,933,899 Catholics in the area, 78 per cent of whom are natives.

In the Union of South Africa and five other ecclesiastical territories under the jurisdiction of the Apostolic Delegation to South Africa, the number of native Catholics increased by more than 71,000 last year.

Communism Said Dead In Russia

Cincinnati — (NC) — Unrest is widespread in Russia, especially among youth, a Russian exile and anti-communist leader told Xavier University students.

Constantine Boldyreff, a member of the Inter-governmental Committee on Refugees, said "communism as a social or political doctrine is dead in Russia."

Soviet propaganda fails to convince the Russian people about conditions in their own country because they have the evidence of their eyes to disprove it, he said.

But the propaganda machine does succeed in keeping the people distrustful of foreign nations because their contacts with other nations are scanty, Boldyreff added.

Way of Cross Dramatized

Wilmington — (RNS) — The Stations of the Cross are being enacted in pantomime by a costumed cast of 80 persons, mostly young people, every Friday night in Lent at St. Anthony of Padua church here.

A choir of 140 voices and a stage crew of 25 to handle the costumes, properties, sound and lighting also are involved.

The tableaux was revived for the first time in 20 years. It was an annual Lenten custom between 1933-41, when it was discontinued because of the war.

Washington Rite At Pisa

Pisa — (NC) — George Washington's birthday was observed by Americans and Italians here at a ceremony held in the shadow of Pisa's famed Leaning Tower, the bell tower of its cathedral.

Held as a salute to Italo-American friendship, the ceremony was staged by troops of the U.S. Army's 8th Logistical Command stationed in nearby Leghorn.

The ceremony was built around a tableau showing the uniforms worn by U.S. soldiers since the Revolutionary War.

BOOK SHELF

Married Outside

By SISTER MARGARET TERESA Nazareth College

Whom God Hath Not Joined, by Claire McCauley. With an Introduction by Malsie Ward. Sheed '61. 159 pp., \$3.00

I must confess to a feeling of awe at the discovery of a new kind of holiness in the world, a new aspect of human nature's capacity for heroism.

Suppose a young couple have made the grand mistake: become "married" outside the Church, when one of them was already validly married to a deacon, a deaconess, a bigamist. Suppose the new "partner" knows all about it, is a good parent to the child of the first marriage and a good parent to the children of the new.

Suppose these earnest parents feel pretty bad about going to Mass on Sunday without ever being able to go to Holy Communion — and suppose this misery grows deeper and deeper as they enter as generously as they are allowed into parish activities, and instruct their children with all zeal in the Catholic faith.

And suppose, on top of it all, that the mysteriously strong-minded Catholic Church does not relent, does not annul that

first marriage, has no intention of doing so.

AND THEN SUPPOSE the partner twice married, most troubled in conscience, discovers there is something one can do to right matters! Not run away, not separate even; live, instead, right in one's own family and carry on every office of parent and neighbor and parishioner and citizen proper to every father and mother, to all heads of households; live, that is under the Frater-Soror vow and go to Holy Communion and belong to God and His Church again.

Suppose something further: that the troubled partner who has made this discovery now passes on the news to the other — who finds it devastating, heart-breaking, ridiculous, yet real, threatening the carefully, tirelessly built structure of family existence and love.

Suppose, after agonies, the two are of one mind on taking this amazing, heroic resolve, the Brother-Sister resolve — and then they find that the representatives of Holy Mother Church are dubious of their sincerity, of their capacity to keep it.

They keep it two years without benefit of the Church blessing! Then at last the heavens open, the dawn breaks, the vow is taken, the new life begins — and the two discover that all round them in the world are hundreds who have done the like. And that human beings are that big; they can do it and be happy.

Malsie Ward says she has read the book four times. You can see why. "The Church is very old," she says, "yet she can suddenly look very young as she tries some daring new experiment." Claire McCauley tells her own story and confesses up to her own upsets and snappishness in the course of the tense and bitter struggle that preceded victory.

It is a book for the young in heart, and the deep in faith, and a book that reveals the true greatness of human nature in pursuit of God.

Recognition Expected In Zurich

Zurich — (NC) — Indications are growing that the Catholic Church will soon have legal status in the Canton of Zurich, where at present it has no more rights than a local football club.

Msgr. Alfred Teobaldi, Zurich Vicar General in the Diocese of Chur, stated in his annual report that the Church may be legally recognized before the year is out.

AT PRESENT the organization and activities of the Church fall under a law dating from 1863, when there were 11,256 Catholics in the canton. There now are more than 230,000.

Msgr. Teobaldi said his hopes for early recognition are based on declarations made recently by responsible political leaders.

On December 8, H. Meierhans, former president of the cantonal government, said that "as long as there is no separation between Church and State, religious peace can only be maintained by equal legal recognition of all confessions."

Ernst Brugger, a member of the Zurich government, observed that "legal recognition of the Catholic Church in the Canton of Zurich cannot be refused to such an important minority without endangering the common good."

Rev. P. Vogelsanger, pastor of the Reformed church at Frauenmünster and editor of the Protestant weekly Reformation, has declared:

"I do not believe that any member of the Reformed Church will, in good faith, oppose official recognition of the Catholic Church in Zurich."

Bigotry's Penalty

New York — (RNS) — President John F. Kennedy told the National Conference of Christians and Jews that America "will fall short of its full power and greatness" as long as "there is unreasoning bigotry instead of understanding and tolerance."

In a special message for Brotherhood Week (Feb. 19-26), sponsored by the NCCJ, the President declared that the new emerging nations of the world composed of men of all colors and religions will look to the U.S. "only if we demonstrate that the freedom which we advocate is available to all our citizens."

Dutch Funds For Churches

The Hague — (RNS) — A government-sponsored bill providing state subsidies for all new churches built in this country during the next ten years was submitted to the Netherlands parliament here. The grants would amount to 25 per cent of the construction costs.

In an explanatory memorandum, the government stated that the recent expansion of cities and villages throughout the country has necessitated the building of many new churches. It said this has entailed a heavy financial burden which cannot be borne by the churches alone.

Leader Retires
The Hague — (RNS) — Professor C. P. M. Romme, top leader of the Catholic People's Party, announced he is retiring from active politics on his doctors' advice.

Visits Vatican

Vatican City — (NC) — The world famous Vatican museum was kept open long after its usual closing time to permit a group of tourists from the Soviet Union to view its art treasures.

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