Jail Term Given Priest

Khartoum — (RNS) — A Catholic priest, the Rev. Paolino Dogale, has ben sentenced to a 12-year prison term for encouraging circulars protesting a government decree making Friday the official Sabbath, according to a report emanating from here.

A former member of the Sudanese Parliament, the priest was found guilty in Wau, Sudan, of making copies of a circular allegedly written by schoolboys in a church-run secondary school.

Four youths, tried with the priest, also were found guilty and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment each, it was reported.

It was charged that the circular called for a protest "by peaceful means" against the government's substituting of Friday, the Muslim holy day, for Sunday as the official weekly holiday in the country. It allegedly called for a boycott of work on Sunday and faithful observance of religious duties.

'Impeded' Prelate Dies

Vienna — (RNS) — Roman Catholic Auxiliary Bishop Antonin Eltschkner of Prague died at the age of 81, according to Rude Pravo, official organ of the Communist Party in Czechoslovakia. He had been listed in the Annuario Pontificio, Vatican yearbook, as "impeded" in his office.

Bishop Eltschkner was named Auxiliary to the late Karl Cardinal Kasper, Archbishop of Prague, in 1933. The present head of the See is Archbishop Joseph Beran, who was ousted by the Communists in 1949 and still remains under government detention in an undisclosed location.

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Funeral Held For Msgr. Mahoney

Christ the King Church, Irondequoit, was filled with clergy, nuns and lay people for the funeral of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles J. Mahoney, founder and first pastor of the parish.

Monsignor Mahoney died Feb. 22, 1961.

Bishop Kearney offered the Mass.

Monsignor John F. Duffy, long an associate of Monsignor Mahoney in diocesan school administration, gave the eulogy.

He cited the twenty year career of Monsignor Mahoney in educational work as fulfillment of Christ's command "teach ye all nations" and said his pioneering work as founder and first pastor of Christ the King Church was a difficult responsibility which he faced courageously."

Assisting the Bishop in the funeral rites were Rt. Rev. Msgr. James C. McAniff, assistant priest; Monsignors Charles Boyle and Joseph Vogt, deacons of honor.

Rev. John Healy was deacon and Rev. Joseph Maloney, subdeacon. Monsignor Edward McAniff and Rev. Paul Wohlrab were masters of ceremonies.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey was in the sanctuary. His chaplains were Rev. Raymond Nolan and Rev. Francis Pegnam.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, chancellor, also was present in the sanctuary.

Serving the Bishop's Mass were the Rev. Fathers John Malley, Robert Dobbertin, Donald Murphy, Joseph Reinhart, Elmer Schmidt, Bernard Newcomb and Daniel Wheeland.

Bearers were Fathers George Wood, Eugene McFarland, William Roche, Frederick Bush, Leo Mans and Joseph Brennan.

A priests choir directed by Rev. Joseph Smith sang the Mass.

Attending the Mass were the Rt. Rev. Monsignors Sylvester Halke of Buffalo, John Haverty of New York, Timothy O'Leary of Boston, Edgar McCarren of Rockville Center, Leo Hammerl of Buffalo, Martin Watley and David Gildea of Syracuse and Rochester Diocese Monsignors George Predmore, Charles Shay, Thomas Connors, John McCafferty, Maynard Connell, Arthur Ratigan, Richard Burns and Leslie Whalen.

More than 85 priests of the Diocese, of religious orders and from other dioceses attended the Mass. Burial was in the priests's plot at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Monsignor Mahoney

Following is the text of the eulogy given by Monsignor John F. Duffy at the funeral Mass for Monsignor Charles J. Mahoney in Christ the King Church, Irondequoit, Monday, Feb. 27. Monsignor Mahoney died suddenly Feb. 22, 1961.

"They that instruct many unto justice, shall shine as stars for all eternity." (Dan. 12,3)

I wish, first of all, to express my sincere sympathy to the sisters and relatives of Msgr. Mahoney in the passing of their brother; to the Bishops and priests of the diocese in the death of a fellow-priest, and to the people of this parish in the loss of a devoted pastor.

It seems only a few days ago that I saw Msgr. Mahoney in St. Mary's Hospital: And while he was very cheerful and spoke with enthusiasm and high hopes about future plans, I still had the feeling that he was a very unwell man. And so, when I heard of his death, I was indeed shocked, but not too surprised.

His sudden call from this world should be a solemn warning to every thinking man and woman that no one has any tenure on this life, or any knowledge of the time of death. The words of the Lord, "Watch ye therefore, because you know not the day nor the hour," apply also to you and me.

Thirty years ago next June Msgr. Mahoney was ordained to the priesthood. June 6, 1931, was the day to which he had looked forward, probably from the days of his boyhood in St. Mary's parish, Corning, New York. That great day in 1931 was preceded however by many years of preparation—years of study and prayer, years of training and discipline.

On the day of ordination he entered the sanctuary of old St. Patrick's Cathedral as Deacon Charles Mahoney, and he left as a priest of the Most High. From that day on Father Mahoney was the ambassador of Christ. Yes, with all the frailty of our nature, he was the ambassador of the court of Heaven, and a messenger of God proclaiming to a skeptical world the glad tidings of God's love for men.

Msgr. Mahoney's thirty years of priesthood took him into various fields and missions. He began priesthood as an assistant in St. Cecilia's parish, Elmira, New York. He then was a teacher and head of the Social Studies department in the Aquinas Institute. For ten years he was assistant superintendent of schools in the diocese of Rochester, during which time he spent three years in advanced study in education at the Catholic University of America.

From 1945 to 1954 he was superintendent of schools in the diocese; and the last years of his life were spent here in founding and developing this new parish of Christ the King.

But wherever his assignment took his, Msgr. Mahoney was always a priest. When he was ordained, he was given power over the real Body of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, and he was given certain powers over the Mystical Body of Christ, he Church.

In the rite of ordination the ordaining bishop, in giving him the chalice and paten, said to him, "Receive the power to offer Sacrifice, and to celebrate Mass both for the living and for the dead."

Almost every day of his life he offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, thus obeying the command of Christ at the Last Supper, "Do this in commemoration of Me," and thereby fulfilling the prophecy of Malachits, "From the rising of the sun even to the going down, my name is great among the Gentiles, and in every place there is sacrifice, and there is offered to my name a clean oblation; for my name is great among the Gentiles, saith the Lord of Hosts." (Mal. 1,11)

In this greatest act of divine worship Msgr. Mahoney opened up each morning the floodgate of Heaven. He offered to God the prayers and sacrifices of the people along with the Divine Victim, and he brought back to the people God's grace and pardon.

The priest is also a teacher. Christ's final commission to His apostles was, "Going therefore teach ye all nations. . . . Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." The priest is a teacher of divine truth. He has no misgiving of his authority or commission. Like the prophets of old he speaks, "Thus saith the Lord."

It was to His first priests that Christ said, "You shall be witnesses unto to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the uttermost part of the earth."

Nor has the priest any doubt about his doctrine. "Whatsoever I have commanded you" constitutes his teaching. His doctrine is truth and justice and mercy. His doctrine is divine, not human. It is supernatural, not natural. As St. Paul said, "We preach not ourselves, but Jesus Christ our Lord." His teaching is not the opinions of men, but the wisdom of God. The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. What the world needs is divine wisdom and assistance.

Now, this is why Msgr. Mahoney spent the better part of his life either in teaching or in assisting others in teaching so that the divine message of Christ might be brought to the greatest number of children. The Church establishes and maintains schools and colleges that children and youth may know and live the Christian way of life, which is the source of true liberty, happiness and sanity.

It was my happy privilege to be associated with Msgr. Mahoney for ten years, and I came to know him intimately. He was to me a true and loyal friend. He was kind, thoughtful and generous. He was humble, patient and persevering. To any task placed before him he applied himself with earnestness and energy. His intellectual interests found a fertile field at the Catholic University of America.

While studying there he compiled a work on the condition of education in the early days of our country which is of real value to the student of the history of that era.

The last years of Msgr. Mahoney's priesthood were spent here in establishing and building up this parish with the blessed, glorious title, Christ the King. Msgr. Mahoney's name will go down in the annals of this parish as its founder. The task of its organization and development was not easy by any means, but he faced it courageously.

He was devoted to his people, and they were loyal to him. He was the good pastor who knew and loved his flock. Of his flock he could say in the words of the Good Shepherd, "I know mine, and mine know Me." And perhaps he could add now, "I lay down my life for my sheep."

Such was the priest this parish has lost. Such was the priest whom this parish mourns.

But St. Paul reminds us not to sorrow as those who have no hope. For the Christian death is not the end, but only the beginning of life. "He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, hath everlasting life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

Let us pray then that his priestly soul may find refreshment, light and peace in the eternal mansions where sorrow will be no more and where "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." We have loved him in life: may our prayers and Masses follow him in death.

Refugee Bishop Ordains Missioners

Litchfield, Conn. — (RNS) — Bishop Remy Augustin, S.M.M. exiled Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince in Haiti, ordains three seminarians into the Catholic priesthood here. The new priests are (kneeling) the Rev. Everett M. Brown of Central Falls, R.I.; the Rev. M. Joseph Minstermann of Scottsdale, Pa.; and the Rev. Donald A. Leclerc of Claremont, N.H. The ceremony at St. Anthony's church here marked the first time a Negro Catholic bishop had ordained white seminarians in the U.S. The new priests studied here at the St. Louis de Montfort seminary run by the Company of Mary order. Bishop Augustin was ousted last January from his post by the Haitian government. The Holy See in Rome has excommunicated all those involved in the incident.

Conn. Defends 'Control' Law

Washington — (RNS) — A State has "direct responsibility over the morals and welfare of its people," Attorney General Albert L. Coles of Connecticut told the U.S. Supreme Court in a brief laying the groundwork for argument over the constitutionality of Connecticut's law prohibiting prescription or use of artificial birth control devices.

The court was scheduled to hear arguments Feb. 27-28 on the case in which Dr. C. Lee Buxton, dean of Yale University Medical School, and two married couples are appealing for the court to rule the law unconstitutional on the ground that it is an arbitrary and unjustified exercise of the State's police powers.

In defending Connecticut's law, Coles pointed out that the Supreme Court has said: "Liberty under law extends to the full range of conduct which the individual is free to pursue and it cannot be restricted except for a proper governmental objective."

THE ISSUE in the forthcoming case, he said, is to what extent Connecticut's citizens may be restrained by legislative enactments.

Conceding that birth control is a "highly controversial issue," Coles gave the court a history of the many legislative hearings that have been held since 1933 on proposed amendments to grant exemption for physicians who believe that the health of their patients requires use of contraceptive devices.

All such exemptions have been defeated, he said, adding: "It seems obvious that the Connecticut legislature, speaking for the people of Connecticut, believes that the indiscriminate use of contraceptives will have an eroding effect on the moral standards of its people.

"The fact that this policy may deprive a physician of fees because he does not agree with the statute and wishes to prescribe that which is forbidden does not thereby mean that said physician is deprived of liberty or property without due process of law."

"Further, if there are two or more remedies available for a given situation," he said, with reference to rhythm methods of contraception, "it is for the legislature to make the decision as to the choice of a remedy and there is no obligation that the most modern or scientific remedy be chosen."

Coles said that if Connecticut's law is harmful to public health, as depicted by Dr. Buxton, it is surprising to find that the state has one of the lowest rates of infant mortality in the nation.

He concluded his brief with the observation that "until the contrary is shown by incontrovertible proof" the successive actions of the Connecticut legislature refusing any change of the law should be taken to reflect the opinion of the majority of the electorate that artificial birth control is immoral and should be prohibited in the interest of the general welfare. Connecticut has the right to make such a decision in this controversial field of morals, he said.

Vote Probe Said Biased

San Juan — (RNS) — Bishop James E. McManus of Ponce charged that a joint legislative inquiry into alleged fraud in the registration of the Christian Action Party (CAP) prior to last November's elections was an attempt by the Popular Democratic Party of Governor Luis Munoz Marin to destroy the CAP.

The CAP was supported by Bishop McManus and Puerto Rico's two other Catholic bishops in the elections, which resulted in a resounding victory for the Popular Democrats (PDP). The Catholic party received an eleventh hour approval to appear on the ballot after registering 80,000 petitions in the short span of three months. In the elections it received 51,109 votes.

Monument For Martyrs

Nagasaki — (NC) — Archbishop Paul Yamaguchi of Nagasaki has blessed and laid the cornerstone of a monument to the 26 martyrs of this city who were crucified in 1597.

The monument is being built on the site of the saints' execution, the Mount of Martyrs on the city's outskirts. Later a chapel and a historical museum of early Christianity in Japan will be built nearby.

The execution of the Nagasaki martyrs was the first step in the 50-year campaign of persecution which wiped out the Church in Japan, which had grown to 300,000 faithful as a result of the mission efforts begun by St. Francis Xavier in 1549.

Young Clerics Now Bishops

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope John XXIII has named two new bishops for Peru—one of them only 33 years old and the other a priest for only three and a half years.

Father Mario Cornejo Radavero, who was born in Lima in October, 1927, was named Auxiliary Bishop of Lima.

Father Luis Sanchez-Morene Lira, who was ordained a priest in August, 1957, was named Auxiliary Bishop of Chiclayo. He was born in Arequipa, Peru in November, 1925.

Editor Named In New York

New York — (RNS) — William H. Fanning, Jr., has been named to succeed the late Richard Reid, K.S.G., as editor of The Catholic News, official weekly newspaper of the New York archdiocese.

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"I left the confessional at fifteen minutes to midnight on Christmas Eve. The temperature was 93° and it remained the same all through Mass. I preached a sermon, even thought my vestments were wet through, because most of the congregation were the 'hardy annual' type, so we thought that a few kind words about the infinite Love of God would help the materialists.

I left this mission at two o'clock in the morning in my Volkswagen and slept in the desert. It was so hot I did not need a sleeping bag. At 4:30 in the morning I visited with a few aboriginals, and then set out for a railroad siding for my second Mass. While I was on the way to the railroad siding, the people there were holding a Christmas party which lasted until 3:00 in the morning. I arrived at 7:00 and called all the faithful by knocking on each door at the small railway siding. I set up the altar in the hall and was amazed at the thousands of ants who raced around the floor enjoying the remnants of the sweet things from the Christmas party.

"I heard confessions behind a piano in the hall. Then we declared war on the ants, because no one could sit or kneel. Kerosene was poured around the floor where I had set up the altar and we set fire to the ants. Then Mass was said peacefully, and everyone went to Communion, eleven in all. The collection amounted to $1.60.

"Then I went off to the desert to my third Mass, which was celebrated in a small hall. I heard confessions on the stage, and fifteen received Our Dear Lord at this Mass. The time of the Mass was now mid-day Christmas, and the temperature was 117°. I preached despite the warm day. My collection amounted to $2.00.

"I then drove back over the desert several hundred miles, and arrived back at my starting point at 3:30 p.m. without breaking my fast. All I had was a cup of black tea and a dry biscuit, and then off to bed. It has been so many years since I have had a Christmas dinner that I have really forgotten what it is like, and I miss nothing."

Now what are you going to do? Turn the page and forget all about this? Or in your true Christian charity will you send a little something, regardless of how small it is, for our good missionaries? There are approximately 200,000 of them, you know, under the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. And they are all unsalaried workers whose purpose it is to bring the Faith to the nearly 2 billion pagans in the world and to establish the Church in heretofore "barren land." If you yourself are unable to pack a bag and go on the missions, won't you perform a small act of self-denial and offer alms and sacrifices for those who are already there?

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