

Music To Convert By

To Lt. Formosa — A veteran missionary, faced with the problem of introducing Catholicism to non-Christian villagers, came up with a novel yet universal instrument — the sound of music.

Assigned to open a new mission here, Maryknoll Father Armand J. Jacques, of Windsor, Canada, was making little headway until a group of teen-agers walked into his mission four months ago.

When they told the missionary of their frustrated interest in music, Father Jacques seized the opportunity to recruit the youngsters into a parish band. Equipped with 14 locally-made instruments, and three musicians for each piece, the Canadian missionary is now the proud owner of a brass band comprising 42 young musicians who are faithfully studying the catechism before each band practice.

"Eventually, we'll have a good parish band to help publicize the Catholic mission in Ho Li," says Father Jacques, "but, more important, it may lead some music lovers right into the Church."



Notre Dame Award to Rickover

South Bend — (RNS) — Vice Admiral Hyman G. Rickover (right) accepts the eighth annual Patriotism award of the University of Notre Dame senior class from class president Patrick W. Nee, of Roslindale, Mass. The Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., University president, looks on. The father of the nuclear submarine was cited as "a citizen of destiny, capable in the nuclear age of scientific and military performance more than marvelous . . . combining unusual genius and inventiveness with forceful character and courage, you have advanced our national cause of liberty and security."

Pioneer Parish Gets New Church

Florissant — (NC) — A new, contemporary style church was dedicated in one of the oldest parishes in the American West.

Cardinal Joseph E. Ritter, Archbishop of St. Louis, blessed the new Church of St. Ferdinand, third to be built in the suburban parish since it was founded in 1789.

Figures of St. Ferdinand, Blessed Philippine Duchesne and Father Peter DeSmet, S.J., adorn a stained glass window at the entrance to the church, giving a hint of its history.

Blessed Philippine, a Religious of the Sacred Heart beatified in 1940, was the first superior of the parish school. Father DeSmet, famed for his missionary work among the Indians, was ordained here and served as an assistant pastor. St. Ferdinand is the parish patron.

Florissant, French for "Valley of the Flowers," was a part of the dioceses of Quebec, Santiago de Cuba, Havana, Louisiana and the Floridas before the St. Louis archdiocese was erected.

Founded by diocesan priests, St. Ferdinand parish later was assigned to the Society of Jesus as a mission parish and it remained under their jurisdiction for 135 years, or until they withdrew three years ago.

Religions of the Sacred Heart also left the parish, moving westward across the Missouri River to St. Charles in 1847. They were succeeded by the Sisters of Loretto from Kentucky, who have staffed the

parish schools in the 114 years that followed.

St. Ferdinand, along with Sacred Heart parish, founded in 1867, served Florissant, a suburb of St. Louis, until 1950, when flourishing populations led to the erection of five additional parishes in the next decade.

The old world origin of the parish is reflected in the interior appointments of the otherwise modern new church — bronze Stations of the Cross imported from Spain, the crucifix over the main altar and statues of wood, carved in Italy. Laminated wood trusses support the butternut colored wood ceiling.

Despite erection of adjacent St. Sabina parish, membership in St. Ferdinand parish has tripled since Father John R. Phelan was appointed pastor in 1958. The humble church and school where Blessed Philippine and Father DeSmet once were stationed has become a parish plant consisting of a 20-classroom school, convent, rectory and church.

Loan Approved

Washington — (NC) — A federal loan of \$500,000 to La Salle College, Philadelphia, to help build housing for 151 students has been approved by the Community Facilities Administration of the U.S. Housing and Home Agency.

13 Million Chinese In Exile

Hong Kong — (RNS) — There are 363,760 Roman Catholics among some 13,321,000 Chinese living in the "Chinese diaspora," according to figures compiled by exiled Bishop Charles M. Van Melckebeke of Ninghsia, China.

The 63-year-old prelate was expelled from his diocese in October, 1952, after 29 years of missionary work in China. He had been imprisoned on charges of anti-Communist activity and "being an agent of Western imperialists."

Statistics released by him did not include a breakdown of the number of Chinese living here and in Macao, as well as in North Korea, North Vietnam and Russia.

However, they revealed a total of 12,872,937 Chinese living in Asia of whom 276,862 were Catholic. A total of 192 churches with 367 priests serve this area, it was disclosed.

In the Americas, it was reported, there are 280,370 Chinese of whom about 45,860 are Catholic. The U.S. has a total of 161,545 Chinese; Canada, 58,895; Cuba, 30,855; and Costa Rica, 28,275. There are 50 priests serving in 13 churches for Chinese Catholics.

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Elected

Father Charles Lavery, Basilian president of St. John Fisher College, Rochester, was elected vice president of the Conference of Catholic Colleges and Universities of New York State at the organization's meeting held in New York City. Representatives of 47 colleges attended the meeting which featured "the future role of church-related colleges."

Radio Priest Shot At

Bogota — (NC) — Father Rafael Garcia Herreros escaped injury here when his automobile was shot at by unknown assailants after he had received threatening letters warning him to give up his television program, "God's Minute," in which he dramatized examples of injustice to the poor.

Increased Conflicts Face Churches

Washington — (NC) — A Catholic, a Protestant and a Jewish spokesman predicted the next decade will see new conflicts and new efforts at understanding among religious groups in America.

This will be the situation as churches seek to adjust to the changing conditions of American society, they agreed.

Making this prediction were William Clancy, editor of *Worldwide*, magazine of the Church Peace Union; Rabbi Arthur Gilbert, director of inter-religious cooperation for the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League; and Wayne H. Cowan, managing editor of the magazine *Christianity and Crisis*.

The participants in a session (March 24) on "Church and State Today and in the New Decade," held during the 13th annual conference of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House, an association of organizations with an interest in civil liberties.

Clancy said the question of Church-State relations was "in no sense settled" during last fall's presidential campaign. Instead, he said, the status of the discussion is "remarkably fluid."

On religious lines, he said, American society is divided into four major groups: Catholic, Protestant, Jewish and secular humanist. Despite their surface "amity," he said, each of these groups retains a "deep distrust of the others' intentions."

The challenge facing the nation is to "continue to function as a society in spite of such differences," Mr. Clancy declared. He said discussion of differences among the religious groups is necessary and added: "The time is propitious for this in American life."

Clancy said U.S. Catholics have left their "immigrant phase" and have abandoned their previous "largely negative, largely defensive" attitude toward American institutions. Catholics are now conducting a "far reaching" evaluation of their attitudes, he stated, and are becoming more aware of their duty to promote the general good of American society.

He cited federal aid to education as an issue on which Catholics must recognize their responsibility to the common good.

While Non-Catholics have an "obligation" to give serious attention to the "Catholic grievance" that justice is violated by denying aid to private edu-

cation, the Catholic community "must not advance its own claims at the expense of the general welfare," he said.

Specifically, Clancy stated, it would be "tragic" if Catholic opposition were to bring about the defeat of needed legislation to aid public schools.

Rabbi Gilbert declared that in coming years American Jews "will use all their power to hold the line on the present arrangement of Church-State separation in America."

"They trust a neutral — as far as religion is concerned — secular state and public school over a Christianized, parochialized state and public school. And in this, the Jewish community finds itself bucking a fierce effort to religioize society on the part of Catholic and Protestant groups in a markedly post-Christian era in America," he said.

The Rabbi stated that as American Jews and Catholics leave their "ghettos," "it is inevitable that we . . . bump against each other."

The resulting conflicts will continue in the coming decade "until each one of us shall fully come to terms with the fact that our American society is pluralistic," he said.

Rabbi Gilbert, in his discussion of the school aid issue, conceded that there is "merit in the Catholic call for some consideration of the economic plight of their mushrooming parochial school system."

But, he said, if a "display of power politics" by Catholics results in defeat of general school aid legislation, Catholics would be guilty of "an act of irresponsibility."

As for general interreligious relations, the Rabbi said, "the most exciting new trend . . . is that we are at last really talking to each other." Discussion of issues, he said, "holds out the promise that there may yet be a profounder level of understanding . . . than ever heretofore achieved."

Cowan said relations among U.S. religious groups "have improved considerably on the upper levels in recent years."

But despite reassurances by American Catholics on their intentions toward U.S. society, many Non-Catholics still feel

"fear" on this score, he stated. Such fears "may be exaggerated, but they are not without substance," he said. He urged Catholics to take these fears seriously and to deal frankly with their causes.

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Race Justice Program Set

Washington — (NC) — The National Council of Catholic Men has prepared a parish program on racial justice for Catholic parishes throughout the United States.

The program will be launched as a pilot project in parishes of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, where it will be conducted in preparation for the NCCM's national biennial convention May 4 to 7.

The race justice program is developed around the theme "Christian Unity and Racial Prejudice." Theme of the NCCM convention will be "The Apostolic Layman — New Responsibilities in Christian Unity." The race question will be one of the issues discussed at the convention.

The pilot project will be conducted at the request of Father Paul Lachy, Pittsburgh diocesan director of the Holy Name Union. The program is intended to implement the 1958 statement opposing segregation issued by the U.S. Bishops.

An NCCM brochure outlining the program suggests three formats for parish meetings: 1) Reading of the 1958 Bishops' statement paragraph-by-para-

graph, with discussion after each paragraph; 2) showing of a film on interracial justice, ordered from the NCCM Film Center, 50 East 42nd Street, New York, followed by audience discussion of the film; 3) a talk by a speaker from the local Catholic Interracial Council, who would also be questioned by a panel of parishioners.

The NCCM brochure recommends that whenever possible the meeting include a parish organization with Negro members. It also stresses that audience participation should be encouraged.

The brochure says the program should center on four basic questions concerning racial justice:

- 1) What is the mind of the Church?
- 2) What is the role of the layman in carrying out the Church's teachings?
- 3) What is the actual situation in the area of the specific parish concerned?