

## Castro Jails Bishop, Priest

Miami —(RNS)— As invasion forces hit the beaches in four of Cuba's six provinces, the Castro regime struck one of its heaviest blows at the Catholic Church by arresting Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Boza Masvidal of Havana on charges of having engaged in counter-revolutionary activity.

The arrest of the 45-year-old bishop, one of the most outspoken critics of the Castro government, was announced in a news broadcast from Havana. Taken into custody along with the bishop was Father Blanco Blanco of the Havana archdiocese.

Both were charged with being in illegal possession of United States currency, and hoarding medical and other supplies allegedly for the benefit of counter-revolutionaries. They were seized by members of the Committee for Defense of the Revolution, a civilian organization assigned to hunt down opponents of the Castro government.

ON SEVERAL occasions, the bishop was denounced on the government radio as a "reactionary in priest's clothing." In November he expelled 30 students of Villanova who had charged that "Falangist priests" had made a pact with the "imperialistic United States" to close the institution. The university is conducted by the Augustinian Fathers, whose headquarters are in Villanova, Pa.

The station charged that the hierarchy had been given the task of "treating internal conditions" favorable for the invasion. At the same time, Premier Castro, in an impassioned speech over the Cuban radio network, accused "United States imperialism" of having launched a "cowardly aggression" through the use of "mercenaries and adventurers."

According to the Havana broadcast, the group which arrested Bishop Boza Masvidal found \$238 in his church, along with some medicine and a military cap with a major's insignia. No one in Cuba is permitted to have U.S. dollars.

Bishop Boza Masvidal, a native of Camaguey, was named Auxiliary to aged Manuel Cardinal Arteaga y Betancourt, Archbishop of Havana, early last year while serving as rector of the University of Santo Tomas de Villanova in Havana, a post he still retains. He had formerly been pastor of the church of La Caridad in downtown Havana.

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## Prayers For Cuba

Miami, Fla.—Cuban women line the communion rail at Gesu Catholic church in Miami to pray for the success of the attempt by Cuban rebels to overthrow the regime of Fidel Castro. The scene was typical of churches throughout Miami where thousands of refugees have fled from their Cuban homeland since the regime was established in 1959. (RNS Photo)

Church by newspapers and radio stations "which today are almost totally under the control of the government."

The same month, Bishop Boza Masvidal, writing in Quincena, a bi-monthly Catholic magazine published in Havana, denounced as "a monstrous accusation" an earlier Castro charge that priests in Cuba were accepting bribes to preach anti-government sermons.

The bishop's remarks followed by a week an open letter sent to Premier Castro by the Cuban hierarchy deploring the "rise of Communism" in the country and attacks on the

## Exiles Pray For Invasion

Miami—(RNS)—News of the landing of anti-Castro forces in Cuba caused thousands of Cuban exiles here to join the Gesu Roman Catholic church for a massive prayer service for the success of the invasion.

Father J. A. Sweeney, SJ, pastor of the church, estimated the number of worshippers at 1,000. Another 1,400, he said, gathered to pray in the adjacent church hall, and still another 1,000 congregated outside the entrance and in nearby side streets.

"I HAVE NEVER seen anything like it," the priest declared. "It was the biggest crowd the church ever had."

Not only in Gesu church, but in other Catholic churches in Miami, Cuban exiles lit hundreds of votive lights for the triumph of the invading forces in their homeland.

New Orleans —(RNS)— A Catholic priest here said Castro forces were using Soviet tanks to drive back insurrectionary forces near Colon, about 90 miles southeast of Havana.

He said the Mexican reports "confirmed" that insurgents had captured Santiago, Cuba's second largest city, and most of Pinar del Rio province and the Isle of Pines, where about 100,000 political prisoners have been jailed by the Castro government.

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## 125th Anniversary Planned

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, Rochester, will celebrate its 125th anniversary on Oct. 8. Planning the celebration are from left Charles M. Bayer, general chairman; Rev. James Galvin, CSS.R., editor of Perpetual Help magazine who is editing the history of the church; Very Rev. Joseph F. Berton, CSS.R., rector; Rev. John J. Crowell, CSS.R., parochial chairman; and Leo P. Sacum, publicity chairman. Also serving on the committee are Theodore I. Mueller, cochairman; Miss Margaret F. Bradler, secretary; Armand Palms, ads; Mrs. Rudolph C. Schwenzer and Miss Laura M. Niebling, patrons; Joseph W. Hanss, banquet; Rudolph C. Schwenzer, entertainment.

## Aid To Schools Varies In Canada

Americans are debating the question of Federal assistance for private and parochial schools as part of massive U.S. help to education. The following article is the first of a series describing how religious schools fare in Canada.

By J. F. WILLIAMS

Ottawa, Ont. — (NC) — The eight-million-member Catholic Church and other Canadian denominations who operate schools in this commonwealth receive government educational support in many regions.

However, there is no single pattern of support and none of the money which aids pre-college schools comes from the Federal government.

In two of the ten provinces, Catholic parents, like those in the United States, pay taxes for public schools and support additionally the nonpublic schools they have chosen for their children.

In both provinces, efforts to change this situation are under way.

Education is exclusively the business of the provinces in Canada. This is one stipulation of the British North America Act of 1876, the basis of Canadian confederation.

THIS INDEPENDENCE from central control and from other provinces has produced widely varying structures of education.

Most confessional or religious schools are operated by Catholics, who make up 44.2 per cent of Canada's population of 18.1 million people. Other schools include those operated by the United Church, whose members form 20 per cent of the population, and the Anglican church, whose adherents make up 15 per cent of the Canadian people.

Here is the pattern for support of Catholic elementary education across Canada:

1. Newfoundland's system is denominational, with each religious group given provincial assistance.

2. The Maritime provinces of Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have a "gentleman's agreement" to support Catholic education.

3. In Quebec province, a predominantly Catholic area, there is a dual system, one Catholic and the other Protestant. Each has equal rights and gets financial support from taxes.

4. In Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan, schools conducted by Catholics and other religious groups are part of the general public school system and get government aid.

5. In Manitoba and British Columbia, Catholic parents pay taxes for public schools and support their own schools as well.

## Consecration Rite Slated For Basilian

Toronto, Ont. — (NC) — Most Rev. George B. Flahiff, C.S.B., Superior General of the Basilian Fathers will be consecrated Archbishop of Winnipeg on May 31 at St. Michael's cathedral here.

Cardinal James McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, will be the consecrator and Coadjutor Archbishop Philip F. Pocock of Toronto and Archbishop Michael M. C. O'Neill, of Regina, coconsecrators.

Bishop Kearney and Auxiliary Bishop Casey will attend the Toronto consecration.

The Basilian Fathers staff Rochester's Aquinas Institute and St. John Fisher College.

Archbishop Flahiff will be enthroned in St. Mary's cathedral, Winnipeg, June 26.

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## Florida Bills Curb Indecency

Tallahassee, Fla. — (RNS) — Two bills designed to curtail indecent movies and magazines in Florida were passed by the State Senate and quick passage in the house is predicted.

Backed by Gov. Farris Bryant, an indecent literature bill provides up to five years in prison for repeated violations of the proposed law, and six months for the first violation.

ANOTHER MEASURE, a movie censorship bill requires films to be reviewed and approved by one of a number of national censor boards before being shown in Florida movie houses. It provides the same penalties as the indecent literature bill.

The indecent literature bill provides for enforcement provisions, something legislators said previous laws have lacked. It classifies as indecent anything which the normal attitude of the community in question would consider so.

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## Pope Consecrates Eastern Bishop

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John made religious history by becoming the first Pontiff ever to consecrate an Oriental Rite bishop according to the new bishop's own rite.

Father Gabriel Acacio Coussa, assessor of the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church, and a member of the Melkite Rite Basilian Fathers of Aleppo, Syria, was consecrated by the Pope as Titular Archbishop of Hierapolis.

A century ago, Pope Pius IX consecrated a Bulgarian priest, Father Joseph Sokolski, as an Oriental Rite bishop, but on this occasion the consecration was performed according to the Latin Rite.

Archbishop Coussa was born in Aleppo on Aug. 31, 1887, and ordained in 1920. He was named to his post in the Oriental Congregation in 1953. He also is secretary of the Pontifical Commissions for the Authentic Interpretation of the Code of Canon Law and for the Codification of Oriental Canon Law. In addition, he is a member of the Pontifical Commissions for Russia and for Motion Pictures, Radio and Television.

Pope John was robed for the consecration as an Eastern bishop, wearing the bulbous hat of the Melkite Rite. He read an

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## First Parochial School To Rise In Palmyra

GROUNDBREAKING RITES for the first parochial school in St. Anne's parish, Palmyra, were held last Sunday. Shown at the ceremony are: the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall; Henry Fox, St. Anne's oldest trustee; the Rev. John J. Healy, administrator of the Palmyra parish; and Patrick Hickey, trustee. Registration was completed for the new school on Sunday when Sister Helen Louise, S.S.J., signed up Judy Van Davelle for the second grade. Twin sister Jean and mother, Mrs. Emil Van Davelle look on.

