

No Gospel For Empty Stomachs

Montevideo — (NC) — Latin American Catholics have a major stake in the success of the inter-American meeting which will discuss President John F. Kennedy's Alliance for Progress plan, the president of the Latin American Union of the Catholic Press said here.

Commenting on the session of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council which starts its specific mission under human neighboring Punta del Este conditions, Catholics must tomorrow, August 5, be confronted at all times. Aguirre stated that "the Gospel with the problem of hunger, cannot be preached to empty stomachs."

THE URUGUAYAN journal said: "The meeting has a special interest to Catholics and the Church throughout the continent. It is known that the bishops of all Latin American countries have recently stressed — in pastoral letters as well as in joint declarations — the need for solutions of the vari-

ous social problems facing the people of their respective countries. "If the Church is to fulfill its specific mission under human neighboring Punta del Este conditions, Catholics must tomorrow, August 5, be confronted at all times. Aguirre stated that "the Gospel with the problem of hunger, cannot be preached to empty stomachs." Families must not be a heavy burden. The problem of hunger and poverty have already been tackled in vast areas of the continent and each day brings us a step nearer the Christian ideal," he continued. "The meeting at Punta del Este must signify the end of retrogression in Latin America," Aguirre said.

Priest Teaches Formosa TV

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Taipei — (NC) — Commercial television is coming to Formosa, and Free China's radio-priest is making sure religion will find a place in it.

Father Philip L. Bourret, S.J., has been conducting a two-week summer workshop on TV techniques.

"With the advent of television to Formosa early next year, the Church should be ready to take its share of program time," Father Bourret states.

THE ENERGETIC Jesuit from San Francisco is director of the Kuang Chi Program Service, which since 1958 has served the 70 broadcasting stations of Formosa with radio programs of high moral values. Kuang Chi programs are prepared with an eye to the non-Catholic listener.

Because of the technical and artistic standards of Kuang Chi programs, stations have been eager to use the service, beaming the programs to the more than half-million receiving sets in Formosa. They have accepted Father Bourret's conditions that they be broadcast at the best times.

Father Bourret was sent four years ago by his superiors to study the latest radio and TV techniques in the U.S. Thinking of the future, and through his contacts in TV on the West Coast, he began to gather the necessary apparatus for a TV station.

AS A RESULT of his efforts, Kuang Chi Program Service now has complete facilities for TV training and production. These include cameras, boom mike, necessary mikes, lighting equipment, a audio console, switching equipment, turntables, projectors, nanometers and synch generator record library, the facilities are unsurpassed at this time in Formosa.

Beginning July 17 and ending July 30, Father Bourret has

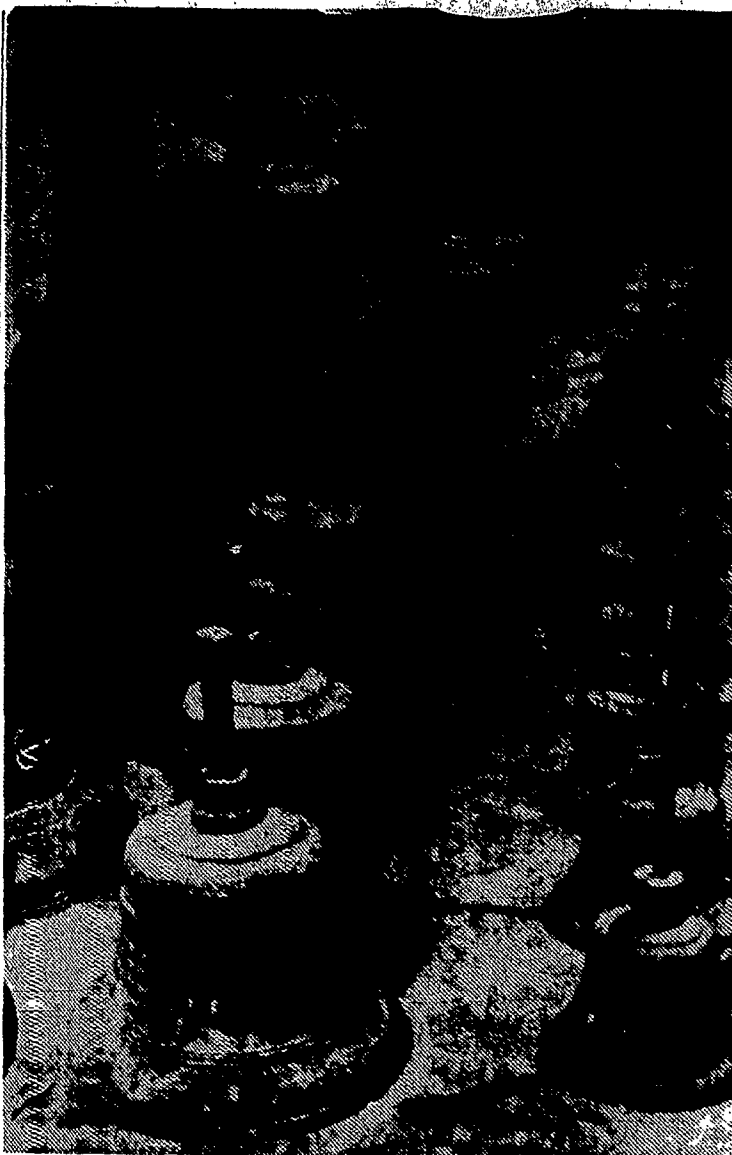
been operating a TV Summer Workshop in cooperation with the National Taiwan University. Father Leo Larkin, S.J., a specialist in educational TV from New York, has been invited to assist. In addition two Catholic laymen from Manila, long associated with Father James Reuter, S.J., in producing the Family Theater Program for TV audiences in Manila, plus Taipei's USIS Radio TV office and two staff members from U.S. Armed Forces Radio Taiwan with TV experience have been enlisted for the Workshop teaching staff.

Congo To Pay Relief Costs

Leopoldville — (RNS) — The cost of transporting relief supplies to various needy areas of the Congo, once they have arrived in this country, will be borne by the national government under the terms of an agreement signed with Protestant and Catholic mission groups here.

Until now food commodities and goods coming into the new African nation were transported by voluntary agencies to distribution centers at their own expense. The agreement will relieve them of this burden.

Relief problems in the Congo have been magnified by the flight of thousands of Negro refugees coming here from strife-torn Angola in Portuguese West Africa. The refugees arrive at the rate of 500 to 600 daily, hungry and destitute after a journey that often took them through forest and bush paths for four or five



Buffalo's Silent Bells

Buffalo — (RNS) — The bells of Buffalo's St. Joseph's Cathedral have remained silent since they were dismantled 30 years ago when the cathedral's spires were torn down because of structural weakness. Cast in France in 1866, the 43-bell carillon won a gold medal for its manufacturers and is regarded as among the world's best. Robert Po-Chedley (upper left), Buffalo bell expert, inspects inscription on one of the bells. Thirty-four bells of the original set are shown in this photo.

Methodists Like Priest's Article

Hate, Suspicion Aid Red Cause

Washington — (RNS) — A national Methodist magazine here carried as its lead story a warning by a prominent Catholic clergyman that anti-Communism in the United States may be conducted in such an extreme way as to divide and weaken the country at a time when it faces a critical threat abroad.

Concern, the semi-monthly "There is a distinct possibility of the Methodists," he warned, "that within a Board of Christian Social Concerns, ran in its current issue. Hemispheric may be within the an article by the Rev. John T. Cronin, assistant director of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, entitled "Anti-Communism and American Freedom" a Communist Party so weak in

Father Cronin, in the article originally published in the April 22 issue of America, national Catholic weekly, said the "upsurge in well-financed movements" devoted only to attacking the "drastically weakened Communist party" in the United States is "surprising in view of the fact that most experts on Communism agree that today the real threat of Marxism is chiefly outside the United States."

"The Communist problem is real and critical in Latin America, Asia, and Africa," said Father Cronin. "It is so serious in fact that many competent observers feel that the next ten years may be decisive."

Against this background, Father Cronin said he finds it disturbing that so much attention should be devoted to battling a Communist Party so weak in America that it can no longer publish the Daily Worker.

Father Cronin said the danger of the new trend in anti-Communism is that it imputes motives of disloyalty to any leader or organization whose moral or economic views are disputed.

"Communism is an external danger that demands from us the utmost vigilance and sacrifice," warned the priest. "But let us not be blind to the unbounded suspicion and the use of ruthless methods in so-called anti-Communist activities."

Vatican Diplomat Dies at 73

Rome — The Vatican's chief diplomat and "stongest helper of the Pope" died Sunday, July 30.

Cardinal Domenico Tardini, 73, Secretary of State at the Vatican since 1958 and 40 years in the diplomatic service of the Church, stepped into eternity while Pope John offered Mass in a nearby chapel for him.

The prelate was a close friend of Monsignor Paul Ciacco, former pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Rochester, and now in Rome. The two collaborated in establishing Villa Nazareth, an orphanage for war waifs, in 1946.

Cardinal Tardini visited Rochester in the 1930s.

Besides his duties as an official in the secretariat of state, he also arranged contacts with churchmen behind the Iron Curtain. His position demanded extensive travel and gave him first-hand knowledge of a score of nations.

He was buried Wednesday in a Carmelite chapel at the village of Vetralla, 35 miles north of Rome, according to his own request because there "I will be certain of having someone to pray for my soul."

His death reduces the College of Cardinals to 83 members.

Never Wished To Be Rich

Vatican City — (NC) — "I was born poor and I have never wished to become rich."

With these simple words Domenico Cardinal Tardini, Vatican Secretary of State, closed the notes in which he gave orders for the disposition of his possessions.

The Cardinal, who died here July 30 at the age of 73, summed up his attitude in another note: "That which I received from the Church must return to the Church."

Cardinal Tardini left to the Pope all the insignias of his rank as cardinal, including his pectoral crosses, rings and vestments. The furnishings of his apartments were left to the Holy See. "except for a few family items: the little crucifix on my altar, the little altar itself, the old clock in the dining room, the reddish table in the bedroom, which, if my brother wishes, he can have them back."

Rare Rite In Finland

Helsinki — (NC) — The first priestly ordination in Finland since the Reformation will take place in September when Matti Vuolteenaho receives Holy Orders.

At the same time the only other native Finnish priest, Msgr. Adolf Carling, will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

Finland has only some 2,200 Catholics in a total population of 4,400,000. They are served by 20 priests, 16 of whom are Religious, through five parishes.

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