

Reds Stifle Slovak Faith

Vienna (NC)—Forty Catholic priests died in Slovakia in the first eight months of this year and only 11 new ones have been ordained for the whole region, it was reported here.

Information reaching here states the goal of the communist government of Czechoslovakia is to restrict the training of new priests so the Church will simply die out. The report said that the 11 new priests were ordained by Bishop Ambroz Lazik, Apostolic Administrator of Trnava.

According to the Annuario Pontificio, worldwide statistical yearbook of the Church, 18 new priests were ordained in 1960 for Trnava alone.

SLOVAKIA now has a population of about 3.5 million. It traditionally has been overwhelmingly Catholic. The country is divided into eight dioceses but the Church has been so impeded under the Reds that there is only one residential bishop left.

He is Bishop Jan Vojtasak of Spis, who was arrested by the communists in the summer of 1950 and sentenced to a 24-year prison term the following January. Now 83 years old, he is still under arrest.

Three specially appointed bishops administer the Church under increasing Communist pressure.

Knights Elect Father Neagle

The Rev. Ralph Neagle, a priest of the Diocese of Rochester, was installed as Faithful Navigator of Asheville Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus, North Carolina, his friends in Auburn learned, this week.

FATHER NEAGLE'S installation marked the first time in history a priest was installed in an office in the organization in North Carolina, a spokesman for the group said.

The new faithful navigator is chaplain of Oteen VA Hospital in North Carolina.

Immaculate '21 Slates Reunion

The graduating class of 1921 from Immaculate Conception School, Rochester, is celebrating their 40th anniversary this year.

A DINNER is being served at the Spring House on Sunday, Nov. 5, at 5 p.m.

Reservations to be made by calling BF 5-6463 or FA 8-5468.



Fashion Show In Penfield

ST. JOSEPH ROSARY GUILD, Penfield, will present a Fashion Show by Davids, Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 8:30 p.m. at the Hospitality House. From left are Mrs. Robert Neel, Mrs. Robert Anne, Mrs. James Innes, Mrs. John Milne and Mrs. Richard Maxwell. Model is Mrs. Richard Norman.

Congressmen Advise

Revise Immigrant Laws

New York — (RNS) — A Senator, a Congressman and two federal government officials, addressing the American Immigration and Citizenship Conference at its annual meeting here, called on religious and other voluntary agencies to intensify their efforts for a revision of U.S. immigration laws.

The conference, which includes 33 Protestant, Catholic

and Jewish agencies, heard Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.), Rep. John V. Lindsay (R-N.Y.), Hyman H. Bookbinder, special assistant to the Secretary of Commerce, and Michel Cieplinski, deputy administrator of the State Department's Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs.

All agreed that the national origins quota system, a cornerstone of present U.S. immigration laws, is outmoded and should be abolished or drastically modified.

This same viewpoint has long been held by the church agencies which constitute a majority of the conference membership. The speakers, however, agreed that revisions in the law must be made in order to change the climate of the country's thinking.

Sen. Pell, a former AICC treasurer, said he would introduce a new immigration bill in the next session of Congress which would strike "at the utterly false and un-American concept that one race is superior to another, and that both

ern and western Europeans make better Americans than southern and eastern Europeans."

The measure, he said, "would establish a quota system based on logic and reason — not on prejudice." He said an "equitable balance would be effected between countries with large populations but low present quotas, and nations with relatively small populations but large quotas."

Rep. Lindsay, whose recommendations for immigration law reform were included in the omnibus legislation he introduced in Congress during the recently ended sessions, called for a redistribution of quotas.

He said annual quotas should be allocated to emigration areas now "heavily oversubscribed," and the "current discriminatory provisions under which naturalized citizens are arbitrarily deprived of their citizenship because of periods of residence abroad should be abolished."

Hungary

More Chains For Church

Vienna — (NC) — The Catholic Church in Hungary was marked for a new onslaught by the communist government even before the death of its only free archbishop took from it a major defense bulwark, according to reports reaching here.

The Church in Hungary lost its acting head with the death of 73-year-old Archbishop Jozsef Grozsef of Kalocsa Oct. 3.

Although he had been imprisoned by the Reds from 1951 until 1956, the regime conferred several honors on him in the last years of his life. The obvious aim was to make it appear that Church-State relations were good.

But the Archbishop gave the lie to such propaganda attempts late last winter when nine priests were arrested on "treason" charges. The Archbishop protested to the Red Premier, saying the priests had been his longtime collaborators.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S death leaves only five diocesan bishops free in the whole country — even in the sense of freedom under communist rule. Hungary has three archdioceses and eight dioceses, and its 6.2 million Catholics constitute two-thirds of the total population.

The Primate of Hungary, Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty, Archbishop of Esztergom, has been out of touch with his people ever since November 4, 1956, when he chose asylum in the

U.S. legation in Budapest to the almost certain death promised in the wake of the Soviet suppression of Hungary's fight for freedom.

These remaining five are now confronted by new oppression.

What the communist rulers demand is positive and active support for their atheistic rule, simple non-resistance is not enough.

Measles Test

Jersey City — (NC) — More than 150 children of faculty members and students at Seton Hall College of Medicine here are taking part in a test of a new measles vaccine.

Memorial To Honor KC Dead

Elmira Council 229, Knights of Columbus, has designated Sunday, Nov. 19 as Memorial Corporate Communion Sunday.

A Memorial Mass, celebrated for deceased council members, and in particular remembrance of the nine knights who died during the past 12 months, is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Church.

COUNCIL MEMBERS and their guests will receive Holy Communion in a body at this Mass.

The group will assemble at 8 a.m. at Columbus Center and march to church.

Relatives of the nine deceased Knights of Columbus members will be invited to attend the Mass and short memorial service.

Following the Mass and service, there will be a breakfast and a concluding program at the Mark Twain Hotel.

William D. Burns, council chancellor, is general chairman of arrangements.

The following knights, who died since November, 1960, will be especially remembered:

Laymen's Retreats Set In Diocese

Closed retreats for laymen of the Diocese of Rochester are scheduled at Notre Dame Retreat House, 246 Alexander St., Rochester, during November as follows:

November 3, 4, 5 — Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester.

November 10, 11, 12 — St. James, Rochester; St. Thomas, Red Creek, St. Patrick's, Calo.

November 17, 18, 19 — Holy Family, Our Lady of Mercy, Rochester.

November 24, 25, 26 — Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Thomas More, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Rochester.

Buffalo Men Adopt Decency Campaign

Buffalo — (NC) — The Buffalo Diocesan Council of Catholic Men has adopted on a diocesan scale the decent literature program of a parish group.

Valentine Nizogoda, council president, said results of the program so far have been "amazing."

The campaign is modeled on the program developed by the decent literature committee of the Holy Name Society of Our

Describing the program, George Houston, first chairman of the four-year-old committee, said "there are no threats, no harsh words — just patience."

The committee members, organized in two-man teams, visit newstands in the parish each week. On the first visit they ask the proprietor to cooperate in keeping objectionable books and magazines off his racks. If he is willing, they supply him with a copy of the National Office for Decent Literature newsletter and arrange for him to receive it regularly.

First Native MDs

Leopoldville — (NC) — The Congo now has its first native physicians.

Marcel Tchibamba of Lulaburg and Felicien Ilunga of Bakwanga received their doctor of medicine degrees from Lovanium University. Both also received certificates in tropical medicine.

The university, a Catholic institution and the only university now operating in the Congo, also graduated its first two engineers. They came from the neighboring Belgian trust territory of Ruanda-Urundi.

Graduation ceremonies were held at the Institute of Tropical Medicine here instead of at the university, which lies 12 miles south of Leopoldville.

The university had been cleared of all students and faculty members to make way for a meeting of the Congolese Parliament. Purpose of the session of Parliament was to bring some political harmony back to the strife-torn country.

Papal Award To Scientist

Vatican City — (NC) — The first award of a gold medal established by Pope John XXIII for achievement by a youthful scientist has gone to an American.

Albert Burns Woodward, professor of chemistry at Harvard University got the medal for "outstanding original research in the field of chemistry."

The medal is limited to scientists 45 years old or under. Its winner must have made an original contribution to science which has been recognized internationally.

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Mass Honors CWV Dead

Monroe County Catholic War Veterans Memorial Mass for all deceased members in the county will be celebrated at St. Jerome's Church, East Rochester on Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11 at 8 a.m.

FATHER JOHN J. HEMPEL, Chaplain, St. Jerome's C.W.V. Post 3676, will celebrate the Mass.

The families of all county C.W.V. deceased members are invited.

Breakfast will be served after Mass in St. Jerome's Church Hall.

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