Pope Stresses Devotion To Holy Name of Jesus

Vatican City—(RNS)—Pope John XXIII marked the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus by giving a general audience to about 3,000 pilgrims in the Clementine Hall of the Vatican Palace.

He told his listeners, among them a large group of newsmen, that "without the name of Jesus in this world, one can do nothing." He said the name of Jesus "must accompany the whole life of the Christian, from early childhood, through youth and to the last moments of death. During the last moments, the sweetest name one can invoke is that of Jesus."

After stressing the example of certain saints well known for their special devotion to the name of Jesus, the Pope exhorted the faithful to hold "particularly dear the devotion to the Most Precious Blood and to the Sacred He[illegible]."

He said he wished that all "might find in the name of the Son of God light, comfort, joy and encouragement throughout all the experiences of the year just begun."

Pupils at Mass, Nuns Arrested

Stanleyville, The Congo—(NC)—Five Catholic teaching Sisters in the Sudan were held five days in jail and then released on bail pending trial for allowing some of their pupils to attend Mass at a mission chapel.

The priest who offered the Mass was also arrested, but was freed on bail the same day.

News of the incident reaching here from the Sudan indicated that it was simply a continuation of the Moslem-led Sudanese government's drive to exterminate Christianity in the southern part of the country. By Christmas Eve, 43 Catholic missionaries and 10 Protestant missionaries — including five Americans with families—had been expelled from the Sudan as "unnecessary."

THE ACTION against the five Sisters and the priest began at Tumbora, Southern Sudan, with their jailing by the Acting District Commissioner (Dec. 9). The nuns involved are two Italian members of the Verona Missionary Sisters and three Sudanese Sisters. All were serving on the staff of a girls' school at Mupol, a former Catholic mission school which had been nationalized by the Sudanese government.

They were accused of allowing some of their pupils to accompany a missionary priest on his trip to say Mass at an outpost chapel in the area on a school holiday.

The priest, Father F. De Angelis, a 50-year-old Italian missioner, was also jailed. The acting district commissioner, sitting as judge, told him in a headmistress, Sister Beatrice, admitted in court that she had allowed the children to accompany the priest to Mass. When the acting district commissioner threatened her with prison, she asked whether any law was violated. She added: "Is there any justice here? If I have committed any offense against the school regulations I should be reprimanded by the education authorities."

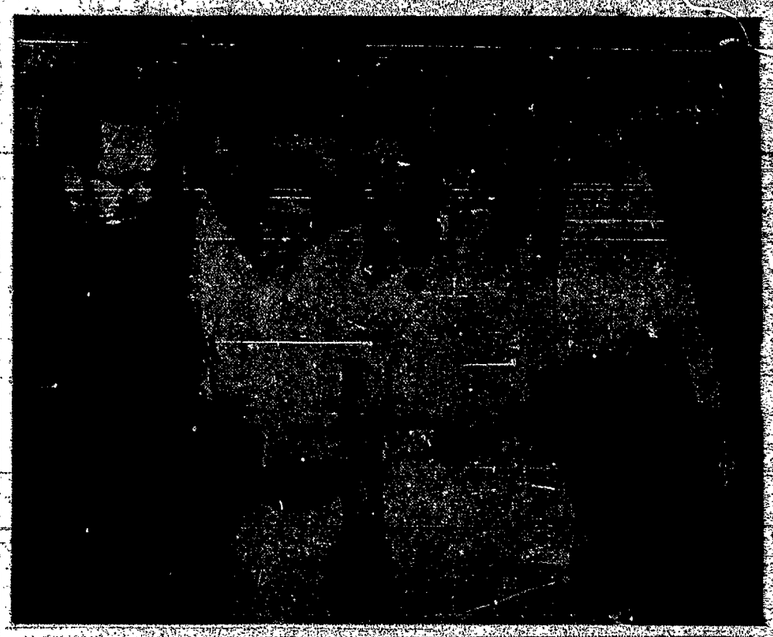
Because of this statement, the judge sent Sister Beatrice to prison for "offending the Sudanese State."

The "trial" of Sister Francesca followed, and the judge shouted loudly at the 30-year-old Religious. His invective was such that the translator would not translate.

All five Sisters were kept in the Tombora jail that night. Police tried to remove their veils, but the nuns resisted successfully. But everything they had except their clothes was taken from them. Even the pins of their dresses were confiscated.

the superior of the missionary station of Mupol, where the girls' school is, are responsible for the conduct of the Sisters." Before nightfall, however, Father De Angelis was released with the equivalent of $3,000 bail.

THE TWO Italian Sisters were given a preliminary trial after Father De Angelis. The



Cafeteria at New High School

Full-scale operation of the cafeteria at new Bishop Kearney High School in Irondequoit got underway this week. Until now students brought their lunches but just-installed equipment now provides hot meals for the youngsters. In top photo, Brother Clark and Sister Mary Louis cut the ribbon to open new cafeteria facilities as staff members watch.

Too Many Miracles No Honor for Mary

Boston—(RNS)—A Catholic Mariological scholar asserted here that there are too many efforts to falsely attribute "all sorts of miracles to the Virgin Mary."

"Mary's supreme holiness derives from her role as the Mother of God," Father Cyril Vollert, S.J., of St. Mary's College, St. Mary's, Kan., declared at the opening session of the 19th annual convention of the Mariological Society of America.

"Let us keep her holy," he said, "and not attribute all sorts of exaggerated miracles to her. Let us grant her the one big role of a sinless life. This is enough without prophecies, swoonings or hunk."

Another convention speaker, Father Ambrose Agius, O.S.B., of Newark, N.J., said hostility to the Virgin Mary could be traced back to the days of early Christianity.

Certain priests, such as St. Basil, St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. John Chrysostom, were misled by the Biblical passage, "all men have sinned," and therefore tried to find sin in Mary, he said.

During the early centuries of the Church, Father Agius continued, it was dangerous to emphasize Our Lady as universal mother . . . when a number of disreputable cults were worshipping a Great Mother based on fertility rites."

After the Council of Ephesus in 433 A.D., he noted, worship and praise of the Virgin increased rapidly.

Exceeds Goal

Berlin — (RNS) — The second special Christmas campaign for financial support of the Roman Catholic Church in Latin America brought an exceptionally generous response from West German Catholics, according to preliminary returns here.

Church authorities said indications were that the sum of 36,000,000 raised during the first campaign in 1961 would be exceeded by ten per cent.

Dutch Priest To Stay Despite Curia Criticism

Utrecht — (RNS) — Bishop Jan van Dodewaard of Haarlem announced he had decided against dismissing a university chaplain who had been censured by the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office in Rome for criticisms of the Roman Curia.

The priest is Father J. van Kilsdonk, chaplain to Catholic students at the University of Amsterdam. He gave a talk last September during which he described the Curia as "a closed and carefully selected group which rejects any interference from outside." He also spoke of "a silent loss of faith among hundreds every year" which he claimed was due to "the spiritual terrorism which these Christians read into the language of the Roman Curia."

A protest against the priest's talk was sent to Bishop van Dodewaard by Alfredo Cardinal Ottaviani, Secretary of the Congregation of the Holy Office, who said that "somebody who criticizes the Church and the Curia in such a manner should not continue to act as a students' chaplain."

Bishop van Dodewaard said he had communicated with Cardinal Ottaviani and had received a reply stating that "the Holy Office maintains it objections to the way in which Father van Kilsdonk opposed the Roman Curia," but left it to the bishop to decide whether or not the priest should remain in his post.

Bus Rides Opposed

Minneapolis — (RNS) — Twin Cities' rabbis and leaders of Jewish agencies are generally opposed to tax-paid bus transportation for non-public schools, according to a sampling of opinion made by the American Jewish World. Such aid reportedly is to be proposed in the 1963 session of Minnesota's legislature.

Those interviewed told the publication that Church-State separation and what was felt to be an inherent threat to public school education constituted the reasons for their opposition.

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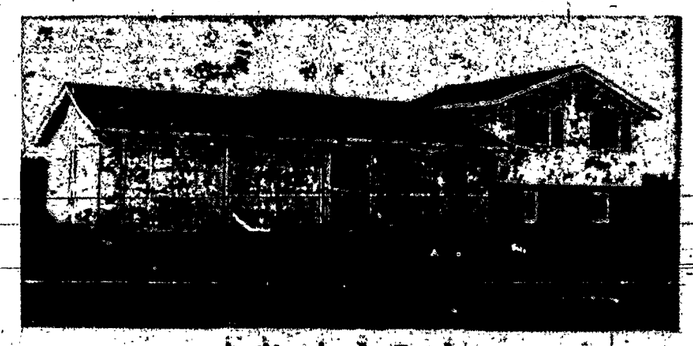

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