Buddhists Sell 'Bill Of Goods'

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The Buddhist flag is not part of the Buddhist religion. Gautama Buddha never laid eyes on it. It is a modern organization emblem, dating from the first World Congress of Buddhists held 13 years ago, while Buddhism is said to be more than 2,000 years old.

ANOTHER GRIEVANCE is the status given to Buddhist associations — not to Buddhism, be it noted — in a law made in 1950, before President Ngo dinh Diem took office. According to the government, no Buddhist group ever complained about this law until recently. An official commission for amending it has been created.

Two of the grievances are based on allegations of intimidation and discrimination, for which local incidents in three provinces (with an "etc.") are cited. There are 40 provinces and four autonomous cities in mainland south Vietnam.

On June 16 government and Buddhist representatives signed an agreement covering these five points. Since then the Buddhists have accused the government of insincerity. Neither side seemed to trust the other. Then the President spoke on the radio offering assurances. The government proposed forming a mixed commission to investigate Buddhist complaints in the presence of the local and foreign press. Buddhist leaders delayed a reply, then refused to take part in the mixed commission until a list of alleged grievances was first remedied. They distribute sheafs of mimeographed propaganda bulletins and keep up the campaign of protest.

The Buddhists' published statements, as far as I know, have not referred to President Ngo dinh Diem's religion. Their spokesmen have said repeatedly that they do not accuse the Catholic Church. They are now circulating copies of a letter of sympathy they say they have received from 17 Catholics. It looks as if there is no very strong surge of popular support for the demonstrating bonzes. There has been no evidence so far of any sympathetic stirrings.

"THE DISPUTE between the government and the Buddhists military operations or military has had no perceptible effect on morale up to this point," Brig. Gen. Richard Stilwell of the U.S. Military Assistance Command told the press (July 19).

As one bonze has admitted to a correspondent, the five demands no longer represent their aim. No matter what the government may do, the leaders of the Inter-Sect Committee will find new matter for complaint. Only the fall of the government will satisfy them.

They know that American [illegible] ment. They want to put pressure on the U.S. to withdraw that support.

By selling their bill of goods to the American public they [illegible] ington. They and their friends [illegible] year in the U.S. They know that the present administration would not wish to face the election ordeal with any taint of responsibility for religious persecution anywhere.

If Washington is stampeded into promoting a Vietnamese government based on the militant factions of Buddhists and their allies; it will risk disappointments beyond anything it has yet known in Vietnam. And these could become acute in time for November, 1964.

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Reds Slant News In S. Vietnam

Manchester, N.H. — (NC) — A bishop from the Far East said here that the Buddhist uprising in South Vietnam is being distorted by the communists to divide the country.

Accounts in U.S. newspapers give a "slanted view" of the actual situation, said Bishop Peter Carretto, S.D.B., Vicar Apostolic of Ratburi, Thailand.

"I COULD NOT be more convinced," he said, "that the communist propaganda machine has been put to work to distort the situation in the eyes of the world.

"Because of help given to the Diem government by the United States, communism has suffered a setback in its attempt to stage a take over in Vietnam.

"Now they find themselves unable to divide the country through conventional methods, so they are trying to do it through the false issue of Buddhist persecution."

Recalling that the Buddhist uprising began when the government issued an order banning display of the Buddhist flag at public functions, Bishop Carretto said: "What we have not been told in the press is that the same order applied to Christians, Confucionists and to adherents of the Caodai faith."

Bishop Carretto said he is not defending President Ngo dinh Diem because he is a Catholic, and is aware of the President's shortcomings in the use of his office.

The Bishop said charges that President Diem is attempting to suppress Buddhism are [illegible]

Summer Scientists

Philadelphia — Sixty-three nuns who teach in parochial elementary schools in the Philadelphia archdiocese are boning up for final exams at La Salle College where they are attending a Science Institute sponsored jointly by the school and the archdiocesan school system. Above, Brother E. Victor, F.S.C., supervises an experiment in electrolysis performed by sisters attending the summer course. Sisters are (from left): M. Marjorie of St. Mary of the Eternal School; Mary of St. Martin of Tours School; Lawrence of Annunciation School; and Margaret of Holy Innocents School. The nuns are the first co-eds to attend classes at La Salle in the college's 100-year history. The four-week institute is designed to prepare the sisters for a new emphasis on science to be initiated by the archdiocesan school system this fall on the 4th to 8th grade level. (RNS Photo)

142 Receive CCD Certificates

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The following 106 graduates have successfully completed the requirements for certification in the elementary methods and doctrine:

Sisters, Anne Marie R.S.M., Agnes deSales S.S.J., Agnes Clare S.S.J., Ann Patrick S.S.J., Aloyse R.S.M., Marie Anthony R.S.M., Benigna R.S.M., Blaise R.S.M., David R.S.M., Daniel Louise S.S.J., Dominica S.S.J., Edward Loraine S.S.J., Euphemia S.S.J., Faith R.S.M., Francis Gerard S.S.J., Irenaeus S.S.J., Irma S.S.J.

Also Sisters Janice R.S.M., Jamestta R.S.M., Jogues R.S.M., Josetta R.S.M., Josephine Ignatia S.S.J., Jean Marie R.S.M., Jean Miriam S.S.J., LaSalette R.S.M., Leo Marie S.S.J., Marguerite S.S.J., Mark S.S.J., Matthew S.S.J., Petra S.S.J., Marion Patricia S.S.J., Ramon S.S.J., Savio R.S.M., St. Rita S.S.J., Thomas More R.S.M.

Also Joan Almekinder, Lynne Alvutt, Alice Amos, Lorraine Armstrong, Mary Bauch, Dorothy Burns, Kathrine Calisprone, Barbara Camp, Buna M. Carailla, Carole Ann Chandler, Genevieve [illegible] Rose C. Costa, Anna Dash, Jean Doherty, Isabelle Dolan, Mildred Divyssen, Edna Faulkner, Clair Florack, Vera Formosa, Nobuma Frazier, Constance Gagliano, Erma Gall.

Also Genevieve Gardner, Yolanda Gaudio, Doris Gillispie, Mary E. Giraldo, Frances Gradi, Patricia Golfe, Gertrude Hart, Shirley Heagerty, Dorothy Hill, Bernard Jardas, Marie Jennings, Virginia Keck.

Also Bernadine Keefe, Marjorie Kemp, Margaret Limburg, Barbara MacIntyre, Mary Mason, Margaret McBride, Mary McCarthy, Mary McGee, Mary McMahon, Geraldine Metzger, Marion Mongan, Mary Nitto, Lena Nuccio, Margaret Owen, Margaret Ann Pavone, Mary Pichler, Jean Potter.

Also Grace Ranalletta, Angeline Rangili, Susan Jane Robertson, Barnadine Schaff, Nancy Scheuch, Martina Schmitz, Jane Stadmiller, Frances Statts, Evelyn Suchecki, Katherine Sullivan, Mary Sullivan, Bonnie Taskett, Lois Taylor, Patricia Tompkinson, Kathleen Vaeth, Helen VanStrydonck, Margaret Wargo, Jacqueline Wasser, Marion Zeller.

Editor Appointed

Boise, Idaho — (NC) — Father Perry W. Dodds has been appointed editor of the Idaho Register, Boise diocesan newspaper. He has been associate [illegible] since 1958.

He succeeds Father Nicholas E. Walsh, founding editor of the paper established in April, 1938. Bishop Sylvester Treinen of Boise announced that Father Walsh, pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary parish here, will remain with the paper as consulting editor.

Dedication, Stone Laying To Open New Martyrs Shrine Dining Hall

Corner stone laying and dedication of the new Shrine Dining Hall at the Auriesville Shrine of the North American Martyrs is scheduled Sunday, Aug. 11. Presiding at the 3 p.m. blessing and ceremonies will be the Very Rev. James J. Shanahan, S.J., provincial of the Buffalo Jesuit Province that extends from the Diocese of Buffalo to Albany inclusive.

The Dining Hall, work on which was started after ground breaking on June 4th of last year, is the largest project ever undertaken at the Shrine since 1930. It is designed to harmonize with the 72-door Coliseum of 1931 where principal shrine services are held.

Details of the operation of the new Auriesville facility were described this week by the Rev. William J. Schlaerth, S.J., shrine director, who said that the afternoon dedicatory ceremonies will be brief and will be followed by an open hour inspection period that will precede the regular Sunday afternoon 4:15 o'clock Mass.

THE MASSIVE dining hall, air-conditioned and with a service capacity of over 500 persons per hour is constructed on the westerly shrine hill. It is located north of the West Parking Lot and overlooks the Mohawk Valley, the Thruway and Route 5-S.

Large picture windows of the new building permit unobstructed view of the valley scene for miles up and down the Mohawk including a view of the picturesque river bend, west of the Tribes Hill-Fort Hunter Barge Canal bridge.

Main portico entrance of the hall faces Route 283 that leads up the Auriesville hill from 5-S. The patterned brick construction harmonizes with the tan and maroon color combination of the Coliseum. Structural decorations remind of the heroic French missioners, Father Isaac Jogues and his companions, Rene Goupil and John Lalande, who gave their lives for the faith in 1642-46.

Other decorations bring remembrance of Kateri Tekakwitha, Mohawk Indian maiden who was born at Auriesville and whose cause for canonization is now being presented at Rome.

Attracting attention is the work of Frances Serber, professor at the Fine Arts Academy of Philadelphia, who did 74 ceramic Indian symbols and eight shields of the martyr-saints and Indian maiden.

Indian symbols are 12-inches ceramic in glazed tile representing Thunderbird, bearer of happiness; crossed arrows, friendship; sun symbol, happiness; ceremonial dance, enclosure; mountain, abundance; eagle feathers, chief; bear track, good omen; arrow head, alertness; and others.

Mrs. Serber designed the two murals, ceramic tile creations that depict the coming of the martyr-saints to Auriesville and the triumph of Christianity in America; and the second representative of the vision of St. Isaac Jogues during his capativity at the Indian village of Ossernenon, where the modern shrine stands.

"Subscriptions we have been receiving toward this major improvement indicate that our regular friends of Auriesville appreciate why this beautiful building is a necessity. Response to our appeal has been very encouraging," the shrine director said.

FATHER SHANAHAN

Canadian Newmanites

Vancouver, B. C. — (NC) — The 22nd annual Canadian Federation of Newman Clubs convention will be held here at St. Mark's College from August 29 to September 1. Dr. R. Kreyche, philosophy professor of Rockhurst College, Kansas City, Mo., will be the keynote speaker. His topic will be "Anatomy of Social Confusion."

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

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Every day in the Mass we pray for it; a hundred times a day we utter petitions for it; a thousand times a day we fail in the practice of it. We see it as the most needed virtue of our times, and yet we feel we should not even be writing about it until we begin to practice it more. But in order that we here emphasize its need—the "it" being the virtue of poverty!

We know what poverty is—it is a destitution of things which are necessary for the body. But the poverty we are talking about is not so much related to things as it is related to God. It does not mean a poor dwelling, patched trousers and cheap food. It is a poverty of spirit in which we recognize our wretchedness, our spiritual nakedness, our soul-hunger, our blindness to the vision of God in all things.

Poverty of spirit does not mean hating creature comforts. A beautiful girl or a clever musician who never thanked God for being beautiful or richly endowed would be wanting in poverty of spirit. For with such gratitude would come recognition that the gifts come from the Father of Gifts. But poverty of spirit does mean a sense of absolute dependence on God. The other day a missionary at our table was asked if he enjoyed his lamb chop. He replied: "I enjoy it and thank God for it, just as when I had to live on dogs (not hot dogs) for eight months. I thank Him when He gives me tasty food, and I thank Him when He gives me food that keeps me from starving."

The problems of converts is essentially related to poverty of spirit. Those whom we seek to convert are attached to the world, so how can we convert them unless we ourselves are detached? In the thirteenth century, when the Cistercian abbots were sent to Languedoc by the Holy Father to combat the Catharist heresy, they failed utterly because of their servants and fine horses. Saint Dominic and Bishop Diego of Azvedo advised them to return to the monastery and come back poor. Then they conquered the heresy!

So it is today. When missionaries have nothing materially, it makes them realize that they have nothing spiritually, and this emptiness God fills by sending them converts. Won't you acknowledge your dependence on God for the gifts He has sent you by aiding The Society for the Propagation of the Faith? The poor of the world depend on us—and we depend on you.

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