CYO Honors Duke Snider

New York, —(RNS)— Duke Snider veteran outfielder, is shown as he received "the most popular Met" award from the Catholic Youth Organization of New York. Making the presentation was Father John N. Brooks, assistant director of the CYO, as two young CYO members — Joseph Albano and Stephen Benton — looked on. Snider said he was proud to receive the kind of an award "that usually goes to Gil Hodges." Hodges, now manager of the Washington Senators, was named the most popular member of the New York Mets last year. New York's CYO supervised 289 parish teams (5,108 players) and 48 parish and community centers which have baseball programs for 14,298 youngsters.

'Weary Days' Await Reward

Castelgandolfo — (NC) — Pope Paul VI marked the feast of the Assumption, a highpoint of Italy's vacation season, by offering Mass for the townsfolk in a local church.

Crowding into the Church of St. Nicholas with residents of this little town were hundreds of tourists and some workers from the Pope's summer residence here.

The Pontiff called the Blessed Virgin Mary's Assumption into Heaven "the crowning of her entire mortal life of the mission that Our Lady was given by Christ."

At noon, Pope Paul prayed the Angelus with crowds of pilgrims and tourists who had come into the central court of his residence to greet him.

He spoke on the meaning of the summer holidays in Italy which he noted "were culminating on this lovely warm day."

"Today's vacation," he said, "tells us that all we do and all we have are means not ends. It seems that all the weary days of the year look to this day of final tranquility and enjoyment."

He reminded his listeners that they must not forget "those who cannot enjoy this repose, either because they are suffering or because they are bound to serve others who are traveling and enjoying themselves."

Ceylon Bigotry Backfires

Colombo, Ceylon, — (NC) — Charges by extremist Buddhist groups which have led the Ceylonese government to appoint a special commission to investigate Catholic Action have had the side-effect of new manifestations of good will toward the Catholic Church by sympathetic Buddhist elements.

At the same time, representatives of various Christian communities in Ceylon have laid the groundwork for a new association to promote fellowship and unity.

MILITANT Buddhists renewed their campaign against the Church in the wake of the Vietnamese strife in which Buddhists allege discrimination against them under the regime of Vietnam's President Ngo dinh Diem, a Catholic. Following charges that Catholic Action here is designed to infiltrate the Ceylonese government, the government set up an inquiry commission.

It consists of retired Supreme Court Judge N. Sinnetamby, a Hindu, as chairman; retired Commissioner L.W. de Silva, a Buddhist; and M.A.S. Marikkar, Muslim lawyer who is a leading member of the Kandy bar.

But one prominent Buddhist monk, Narawila Dhammaratana Nayake Thero, has asserted that even though the charges against Catholic Action were made by Buddhist groups, the real direction has come from communists. Speaking at a meeting in St. Joseph's parish here held to celebrate the coronation of His Holiness Pope Paul VI, the Buddhist monk said that communists want Buddhists and Catholics to fight each other so that communism can gain its own ends. If such a clash occurred, he said, the country would be ruined.

He requested the people not to be misled, but to follow the teachings of the Buddha himself, who preached that anyone who despises another religion despises his own as well.

Trend Toward Marxism Seen In Burma Regime

Calcutta — (NC) — Burmese Christians are alarmed and worried by the Marxist mind and methods increasingly evident in the present government of Burma, according to reports reaching here.

The government is a military group called the Revolutionary Council with Gen. Ne Win as president. It came to power by a bloodless coup in March, 1962. A month later it declared that it would "march unswervingly to the goal of socialism." At the same time it declared that it recognizes the right of everyone freely to profess and practice his religion.'

BECAUSE Christian parents feel, however, that their religious rights and those of their children are threatened by government measures in education.

Last May all shops selling school textbooks were visited by officials and their entire stocks of school books were carried away in government trucks to the AVA (government) book store. Henceforth only textbooks issued by this store may be used in any school. It is clear now that all these books will have a Marxist slant.

A book entitled "Man and His Environment," published by authority of the Revolutionary Council and circulated as a statement of government attitude, was written by a well-known communist.

Newsman Turns Lay Missioner

Hartford, Conn. — (NC) — When feature writer Robert L. Ferreira of the Catholic Transcript, archdiocesan newspaper, got a routine assignment to interview a visiting bishop here last spring, he didn't realize that it would lead within a few months to an entirely new way of life a long way from Connecticut.

The visiting prelate was Bishop Paul L. Hagarty, O.S.B., of Nassau, in the Bahama Islands, British West Indies, who came here to assist the local bishops with confirmations.

Talking to Bishop Hagarty, Ferreira was impressed by the huge task confronting the Benedictines in their missionary work in the Bahamas and with the need for lay volunteers to assist the hard pressed priests and Religious. Back in the Transcript newsroom, as he wrote the story, he got the idea that perhaps he could help.

This month Ferreira, his wife Karen, and their two children Danny, age 2, and Erica, 4 months, will fly to the island of Grand Bahama, where they will live in the town of Freeport.

Congo Leader Says Youlou Free

Brazzaville, Congo Republic — (NC) — Alphonse Massamba-Debat, head of the provisional government which toppled the regime of President Fulbert Youlou in a coup d'etat Aug. 15, said the latter would be allowed "to return to private life like any other Congolese citizen."

Fulbert Youlou headed the Congo Republic since it received its independence from France three years ago. He is a priest who is under a Church suspension. He has been in trouble with the ecclesiastical authorities since 1956 when he ran for public office despite having been forbidden to do so by the Archbishop of Brazzaville. He has not been allowed to offer Mass since that time.

Haiti Tyrant Steps Up Church Persecution

Geneva, —(NC)— Haiti's President Francois Duvalier sees the Catholic Church as "the only organized force capable of standing up against him" and has thus "redoubled his persecution of its priests," the International Commission of Jurists asserted here

The commission, a nongovernmental body composed of leading judges, attorneys and law professors in about 80 countries, issued a report (Aug. 14) declaring that "first-hand documentation shows that human rights and fundamental liberties are totally disregarded by the Haitian government."

Referring in particular to Duvalier's "tonton macoute" goon squads, the commission said: Members of the militia and the secret police have total power to imprison, interrogate, torture and put to death any citizen at all, and without even a written order."

Editor Under Protective Arrest

Calcutta—(NC)—The government of Burma has placed U Edward Law Yone, a Catholic who is editor of Rangoon's English-language daily, The Nation, under "protective arrest," according to reports received here.

U Law Yone, one of the foremost journalists in southeast Asia, was arrested along with 10 former political leaders on charges of trying to wreck the government's "peace efforts."

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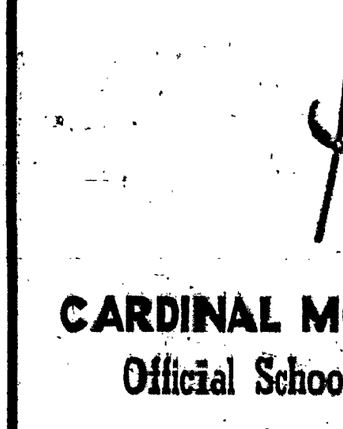

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