

Jesuits Ready For Haiti Exile

(N.C.W.C.)

A reported threat by the government of Haiti to expel all Jesuit missionaries from this country has been labeled "very serious" by the Canadian provincial who directs the mission.

Father John d'Autheil Richard, S.J., provincial of the Jesuit province of upper Canada, said in Montreal that he had received no official word of the alleged threat, but that he does not dismiss it lightly.

THREE JESUITS were arrested in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Jan. 31. One was later released, but the other two, returning from a vacation in Montreal, were jailed and held incommunicado by the government of President Duvalier. The Canadian government issued an official protest after the arrest. It was refused permission to see the captives.

The Canadian Jesuit province has 17 priests and Brothers in Haiti where they operate the country's only major seminary. So far, no Jesuits had been asked to leave the country, although in recent years three bishops and 17 priests have been expelled during the course of a bitter anti-Church campaign.

Father Paul Laramée, S.J., and Brother Francis Xavier Ham, S.J., were arrested at the Port-au-Prince airport (Jan. 31) along with Father Paul Hamel, S.J., who had gone to the airport to meet them. Father Hamel was later released after a Canadian government protest. Father Richard said he had heard that Father Hamel had been ordered to leave the country within 48 hours, but when the missionary did not arrive in Montreal it was presumed that the order had not been given or was revoked.

Father Richard said he had no contact with the jailed missionaries. Queries are being forwarded through the Canadian External Affairs Department, he said. The Canadian charge d'affaires Charles Bedard was not allowed immediately to see the captives.

A SPOKESMAN for the provincial office described an allegation that the two Jesuits had threatened state security as "ridiculous." They reportedly were accused of possessing photographs of former President

Ecumenism Part of Life

London — (RNS) — The ecumenical movement must no longer be regarded as "a passion for cranks" but as a cause which all the faithful must support. Roman Catholic Archbishop John C. Heenan of Westminster said here.

Writing in his "Cathedral Chronicle" he reminded that Pope John XXIII and Pope Paul VI "have made it clear that ecumenism is to be part of the Catholic way of life."

Ecumenical interests must not be left to professors and scholars only, he said, stressing that "the time has come for priests with pastoral experience to lead their people gently in the direction in which the Holy Father is calling us."

Observers here regarded Archbishop Heenan's message as especially significant in view of what he said was the previous hesitancy of the Catholic hierarchy in Britain to sanction contacts with other Christians.

Reds Want Out On Mindszenty

Rome — (RNS) — An Italian newspaper claimed here that the Communist regime in Hungary is seeking "a way out" of the church-state problem involving Cardinal Mindszenty.

Il Tempo said it had learned that Hungary believed that by sending the cardinal to the U.S. — a move which would give him the right of sanctuary in the U.S. legation building at Budapest.

The newspaper claimed the Red regime felt the move would force Cardinal Mindszenty into exile.

There was no U.S. comment about the story, and there was some doubt here as to the accuracy of the Il Tempo speculation. Cardinal Mindszenty took refuge in the U.S. legation in 1956 following the abortive revolution of the "Hungarian People's Party" who had freed him from imprisonment.

Il Tempo said Hungary's leaders feel that if the cardinal is forced out of the country there will be an opportunity to "regularize" strained relations between the regime and the Roman Catholic Church.

Hungary charges that Cardinal Mindszenty is a major blockade against church-state peace. Il Tempo, noting the priest's reported "adamant" attitude in remaining at the U.S. legation.

In 1961, the late Pope John XXIII said high-ranking Vatican envoys confer with the

late Paul Magloire, the predecessor of President Duvalier.

Besides operating the seminary in Haiti, Canadian Jesuits are for several parishes there. The government has already taken control of a retreat house and a radio station that the order maintained.

The Duvalier regime has been in power since 1957 in Haiti, a nation the size of Maryland which occupies the western third of the Caribbean island of Hispaniola. The Dominican Republic holds the rest. Haiti's approximately four million people — 95% of them Negroes — have the hemisphere's lowest standard of living. Catholics make up about 70% of the population.

Basilian Priest

Olympic Hockey Coach

Toronto — (NC) — There were complaints that referees were "chickened out" when it came to calling penalties against the Russians in the hockey final of the winter Olympics at Innsbruck, Austria.

As it turned out, the Soviets skated out with the gold medal, edging Canada 3-2. There was no tensity among the whistle-blowers in assessing Canadian play. For not turning the other cheek, the Canadians logged 24 penalties in four games for a combined 48 minutes in the penalty box.

What's more surprising about the young Canadian squad with the uncharacteristic trait is that the coach is a priest — Father David Bauer's C.S.B., who teaches social philosophy at St. Mark's College of the University of British Columbia when he isn't coaching hockey talent.

(He is well known to the Basilian Fathers who teach at St. John Fisher College and Aquinas Institute, Rochester.)

From Innsbruck came reports that Art Potter, president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, complained failure of referees to call penalties against the Russians had cost Canada the gold medal.

Father Bauer and his brother, Bobby, who was a member of the Boston Bruins sturdy line in the 30's and 40's, the reports said, agreed the officiating was "sloppy," but not unfair.

THE BASILIAN priest is a reformed hockey player himself. It's said that he gave up a career in the National Hockey League with the Boston Bruins to study for the priesthood — but Father Bauer, modestly, won't talk about that.

He said that in 1945 when he came home from World War II, he had decided there was much more in this world besides hockey, semi-pro baseball and football, so he went off to the seminary. He was a standout in baseball and football, but in hockey.

Special Title For Prelate

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI conferred the special title of "major archbishop" or Ukrainian Rite Archbishop Jozef Slipyi of Lvov, the 71-year-old prelate who was released in December, 1962, after 18 years of Soviet imprisonment.

The new title was established by the late Pope Pius XII seven years ago, but this was the first time it had been officially conferred.

Some observers here said Archbishop Slipyi's new rank most likely means that, contrary to persistent rumors, he will not be included among the new cardinals the Pope is expected to name.

Poor Pay For Priests

Paris — (RNS) — In an appeal here for more generous church contributions, Pierre Cardinal Gerlier, Archbishop of Lyons, disclosed that parish priests in his diocese received less than \$50 a month during 1962.

He noted that this was about half the wage of the average unskilled worker, whose pay envelope is usually supplemented by family allowances and bonuses.

The standard of living of priests in France varies from the austere to conditions of absolute poverty. In many country districts, parish priests are dependent on gifts of food from their parishioners. Most live in old-fashioned and badly-maintained houses, although conditions are generally better in Paris and the big towns.

The lowest stipends of all appear to be in the Diocese of Sens, where, according to an official statement, parish priests received only \$20 per month over a three-month period last year.

K.C. Memorial Chalice Awarded

INCLUDED in program of Rochester General Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, Sheraton Hotel, Monday marking Lincoln's Day was presentation of the Memorial Chalice. Participating were: (from left) Victor A. DeSimo, faithful navigator; Rev. John J. Steger, faithful friar; Monsignor Dennis W. Hickey, pastor of St. Theodore Church, recipient of the chalice; Bishop Kearney, honored guest and main speaker. Chalice bears names of six knights who died during the year.

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