

# One Candidate is Enough

Rome — (NC) — Marzari, president of the federation of Argentine Catholics, has been elected president of the World Federation of Catholic Youngists of State. The name of a woman and girls, succeeding second candidate, Bertha Twamaria H.C. Vandenik of the Netherlands, had been submitted to the Holy See by the federation, but did not receive the Holy See's approval.

## Adoula Claims

# 'Analysis' Wrong On Congo Terror

Leopoldville — (NC) — Congolese Premier Cyrille Adoula has told U.S. Catholics that although their indignation at the killing of missionaries in Kwilu province is justified, it has been intensified by a wrong analysis of the situation there.

The Premier's statement was made to the John Adams associate editors at the New York Catholic News, now on a reporting tour of Africa south of the Sahara.

PREMIER ADOULA said he understands the feelings of Americans at the attacks on missions by rapacious tribesmen which took the lives of three Belgian priests and a U.S. Protestant missionary in January and two Belgian teachers the following month.

But, he stressed, the Church was not the only target of the terrorist bands led by Pelekidou, Pierre Mulele, Education Minister in the pro-Belgian regime of the late Premier Patrice Lumumba.

## First Mass At Columbia

New York — (RNS) — Masses will be celebrated on the campus of Columbia University here for the first time in its 210-year history. The first Mass was scheduled for April 13.

Mrs. James E. Rea, counselor to Catholic students at Columbia, said that permission has been granted by Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, for Masses to be said "on any day on which the university is in session and classes are held."

Request for the services was made in a petition to the chancery from Catholic students, faculty members and trustees at Columbia.

"Granting of the petition," Mrs. Rea said, "means that Columbia's approximately 4,000 Catholic students and staff members will be able to worship together for the first time as one community. . . . Having the Mass here on the campus will be a boon to the spiritual life of all Catholic students at Columbia."

The priest pointed out that until now, "responsibility for the spiritual needs of Catholics at Columbia has been divided among the office of the Catholic counselor and the two nearby parish churches of Corpus Christi and Notre Dame."

## Cites Missions

Day Ange, Togo — (NC) — President Nicolas Grunitzky of Togo stated here that his country owes a lot to the work of missionaries.

President Grunitzky opened a new hospital for children which is run by Franciscan Fathers assisted by the Sisters of St. Augustine of Cambodia, France. The hospital can care for 40 patients now and will be able in the near future to take care of 60.

President Grunitzky expressed his gratitude to all who cooperated in building the new establishment and emphasized that in Togo nobody wants religious conflict.

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THE REASON it advanced for not approving her candidacy was that the Holy See wants the leadership of international Catholic organizations to become preponderantly European.

Officers of the federation asked the Secretariat of State to reconsider, pointing out that an election with only one candidate runs counter to the democratic spirit of the federation's constitution.

The officers also stated that they had learned of the Holy See's decision only a few days before the election, despite the fact that the nominations had been submitted to the Holy See three months in advance. They said that the federation's member organizations thus had no time to select a second non-European nominee.

The Secretariat of State, however, stood firm. It also requested that its action not be made public.

But when only one candidate was presented to the federation's council, a storm of questions arose. The officers obtained leave from the secretariat to make the facts known.

The Premier said that the terrorists, who burned and pillaged many mission stations and government buildings, were aiming at the destruction of all organized authority in Kwilu, including the provincial and central governments.

He declared: "I understand the emotion which the recent events in Kwilu aroused in the U.S., especially among Catholics. But I think that this emotion, even though it is justified, has nevertheless been made greater by a false analysis of the situation."

"People have wanted to see in these events an attack against Catholicism. Actually, not Catholicism, but all organized authority, was the target. By attacking the missions, the terrorists were warring against everything that represented the established order, whether provincial or central government institutions."

"We did not have to wait long for the reaction of Congolese public opinion. I pay tribute to the American newspapers which emphasized that some Congolese risked their lives to protect threatened missionaries. Nor must it be forgotten that Congolese soldiers died in the operations carried out against the terrorists. Finally, it must not be forgotten that our people, who include five million Catholics, have vigorously condemned these barbaric acts."

## Christians Aid Moslems In India

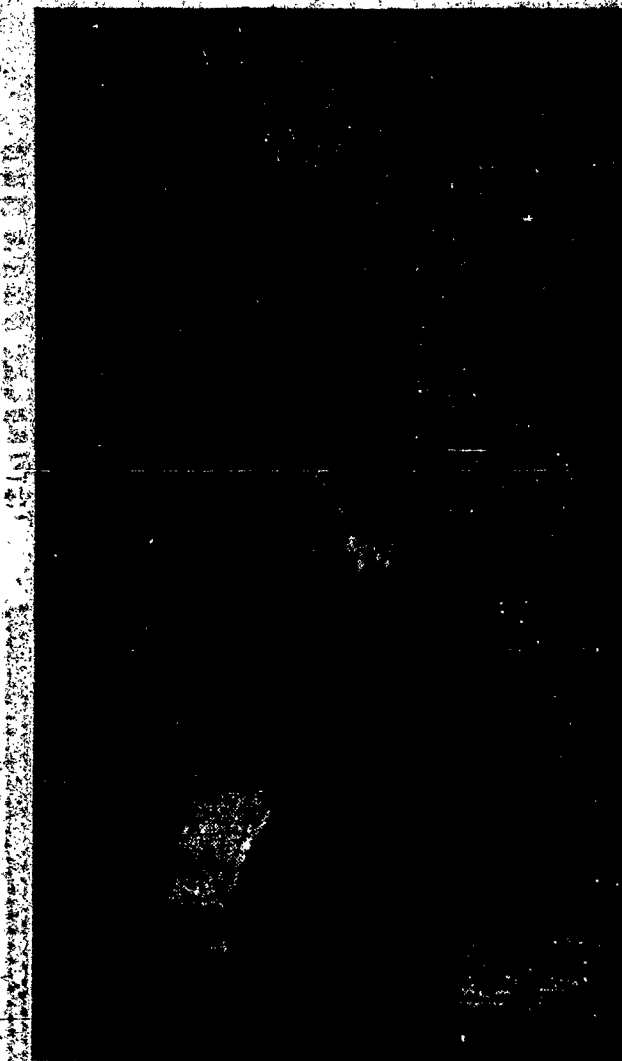
Sambalpur — (NC) — Catholic missionaries intervened to save the lives of hundreds of Moslems being attacked by aboriginal tribesmen in India's east coast province of Orissa.

Bishop Herman Westermann, S.V.D., of Sambalpur, said his priests were able to save the lives of many Moslems, although many others were slaughtered before government forces were able to stop the uprising.

The Bishop reported that one group of 308 Moslems took refuge in a Catholic village near Kesra and were saved through the quick intervention of Father Basil Martyniak, S.V.D. When he learned of their plight, Father Martyniak called for police and soldiers to help defend the village.

Father Herman von Burgsteden, S.V.D., aided 81 Hungry and exhausted Moslems hiding in the jungle after one old man in disguise sought help from the missionary.

A group of 56 Moslems, mostly women and children, were sent to a Catholic village near Westermann. The group at first sought refuge in the mission compound of Father Peter Speicher, S.V.D., at Junmur, but when they heard that a rampaging band was approaching, they panicked and fled. All 56 were killed not far from the mission station.



## Heads Student Council

Philadelphia — (RNS) — Top student, top man in student government, Johnson E. Collins, 20, is the first Negro student to be elected president of the Student Council at 113-year-old St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia. A history major who holds the highest academic average in his class, Mr. Collins is also vice-president of the Junior Class. A native of Philadelphia, he serves at Mass. is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and is active in seven extracurricular organizations at St. Joseph's.

## Pupils' View

# God an Enigma Says Cardinal

Los Angeles — (NC) — Cardinal James Francis McIntyre charged here that to children attending school, God is "an enigma, not the Creator." "Christ is not even recognized amongst noteworthy men of history," he told civic and business leaders at a Town Hall luncheon.

"Each year," he said, "new subjects are added to the curriculum, but emphasis is given only to separation of religion from education. Even the basic and universally accepted principles of religion that have guided men and nations for centuries are ignored."

He said newspaper reports of "lawless and irresponsible conduct of teenagers" confirm the gradual erosion of the "fabric" of religion.

The Cardinal asked his auditors to consider his viewpoints.

and to take "whatever action may be within the bounds of your competency and responsibility."

"We can all venture," he said, "to imagine what would be our position today were we, ourselves, here present, not given a religious heritage of right thinking and right living in our days of youth."

"This heritage is fast disappearing in our time. And let us further be mindful that these qualities, which we possess and treasure in our own lives, and the lives of our children, have not come to us spontaneously. They came from proper training."

# Churches Revise Race Conference

St. Louis — (RNS) — Officials of the National Conference on Religion and Race revealed here a drastic reorganization of that body's national structure. Delegates to the National Consultation of Religion and Race Organizations, meeting in St. Louis, were told that the national secretariat, formed in February, 1963, as a result of the historic Chicago Conference on Religion and Race and directed by Dr. Gaten H. Weaver, will be discontinued as of May 15.

Instead of an executive secretary for a national secretariat, NCRRA affairs will be managed directly by representatives of the three convenors of the NCRRA — the National Council of Churches, the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the Synagogue Council of America.

Responsibility for coordination of NCRRA activities will be shared among the three convening religious groups, with the National Council of Churches filling this role the first year, through Dr. J. Oscar Lee, associate director of the NCC Commission on Religion and Race, and then by the NCWC and the Synagogue Council in turn.

TO SOME members of the NCRRA, this move represents merely a streamlining and improving of the organization's administrative machinery, made for the sake of efficiency as well as economy.

This was the interpretation offered by Dr. Weaver, the outgoing executive secretary, and by spokesmen for the three supporting religious groups — Father John E. Cronin, assistant director of the NCWC's Social Action Department; Rabbi Nathan Lander of the Synagogue Council; and the Rev. Jay Moore of the NCC.

TO OTHER members of the NCRRA, however, the closing of the national secretariat appeared as a disarming retrenchment in the commitment of the country's religious bodies to the

## Polish Madonna At Capital Shrine

Washington — (NC) — Elaborate decorations by world famed artists and craftsmen are expected to be completed when the chapel of Our Lady of Czestochowa is dedicated May 3 in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception here.

Focal point of the chapel will be a reproduction painted by Prof. Leonard Torwatt of the University of Torun, Poland, of the famous miraculous image of Our Lady of Czestochowa which hangs at her shrine in Poland. The painting was finished in Poland and sent here by air-

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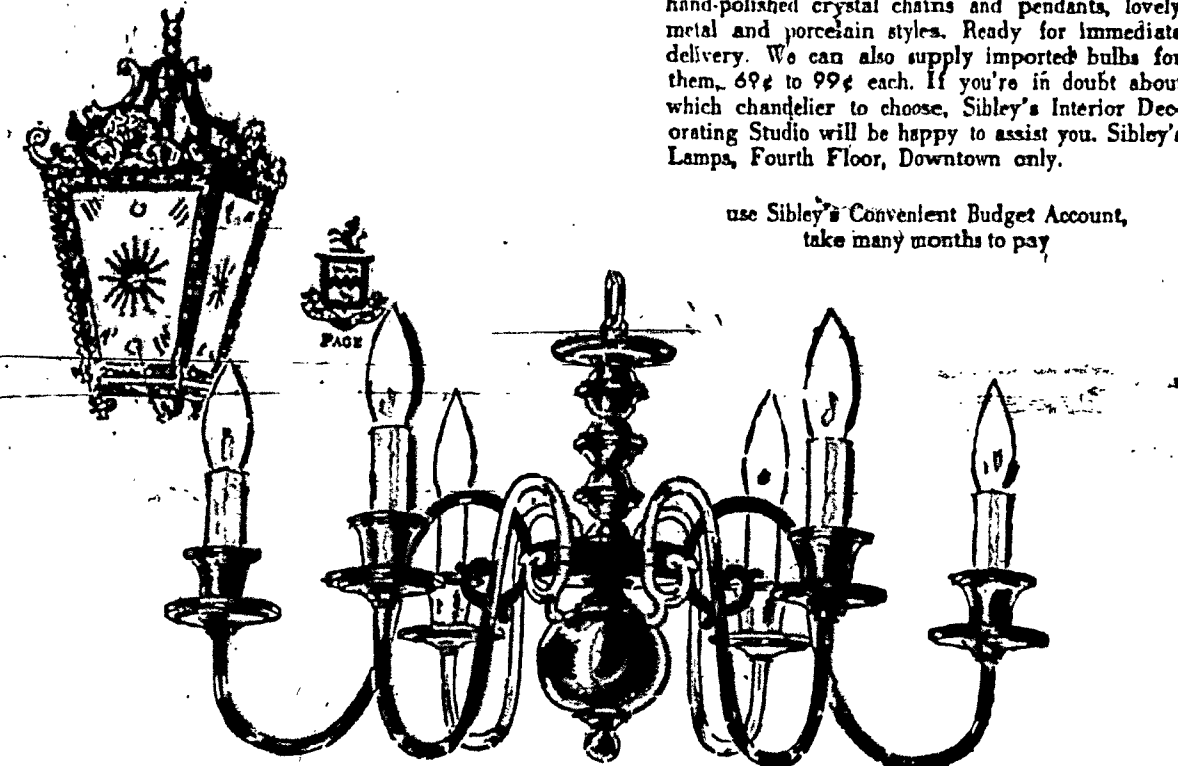
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