

India Praised For Relief To Refugees

Bangalore, India — (NC) — Archbishop James Knox, Apostolic Internuncio to India, praised this country's government for the handling of the immense task imposed by the influx of thousands of refugees from neighboring East Pakistan.

A total of about 100,000 refugees — including more than 70,000 Christians, of whom some 30,000 are Catholics — have entered the country since the first of the year, according to Indian Minister of Rehabilitation, Mohr Chand Khanna. The Christians claim they had to leave East Pakistan because of religious intolerance and economic pressure by that area's Moslem majority.

Most of the Christian refugees are landowners who said they were forced out of their homes by armed Moslems who took their cattle and crops. The majority of them belong to the Garo tribe, which inhabits both sides of the 100-mile-long frontier between the Mysore high district of East Pakistan and the Indian state of Assam.

Archbishop Knox said at a reception by the Bangalore City Corporation that the representative of Pope Paul VI had met up to him to issue commendations. "It is up to me," he said, "to act in his name and try to bring consolation and strength to the suffering and to pay this tribute to the government of India."

The Internuncio spoke after completing a tour of the refugee camps set up by the government in the frontier area.

Parent-Daughter Dinner To Be Held

Mr. and Mrs. John Collins of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish are shown with their daughters, Eileen, left, and Jean as they look forward to the Parent-Daughter Dinner sponsored by the Nazareth Novitiate at the Margat Hotel on Monday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m.

India in November Eucharistic Congress

Bombay — (NC) — This teaming city of more than seven million persons — most of them Hindus — is putting on its best face to welcome about 10,000 foreign visitors expected to attend the 38th International Eucharistic Congress in November.

Finding enough places to sleep may be a problem, but everyone involved is looking forward to the event with enthusiasm.

Valerian Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, has just returned from New Delhi with the "warmest assurances" from the Indian government that it will help with the massive plans now underway. The Cardinal said he was "satisfied" with his talks there.

"FOR THE FIRST time in its history the International Eucharistic Congress is being undertaken by the choice of the Pope in a country like India where Christians constitute only a small minority," he said.

It has been rumored that Pope Paul may visit India during the congress. The congress is to be held Nov. 28 through Dec. 6.

In the meantime, Church and government officials are developing themselves chiefly to the housing problem. Not only have all the fancy hotels been booked in advance by the visitors, but schools, convents, rectories and other public and private accommodations are filled up.

Many Non-Catholics have volunteered to share their homes and apartments. The government is considering use of port facilities by floating sea-hotels for the guests.

Church Gains In Province

Yoronto — (RNS) — Joey Smallwood, the Liberal Premier of Newfoundland, has urged the United and Anglican Churches of Canada to unite in an effort to curb "the tremendous leakage to the Roman Catholic Church."

In an interview with the Rev. Kenneth Bagnell, an assistant editor of the United Church Observer, Premier Smallwood said: "In another 20 years this province will be Roman Catholic. While I admire much about the Roman Catholic Church, I think it natural that I prefer to see my people in my faith. That's just human."

Mr. Bagnell's article described the premier as "an amateur theologian, a nominal United Churchman and a continuing Methodist." The United Church of Canada was formed through a 1925 merger of Methodists, Congregationalists, and some Presbyterians.

In Newfoundland, Premier Smallwood said, the Roman Catholic population had increased from 33 to 35.7 per cent, the Anglicans had dropped from 33 to 24.5, and the United Church from 35 to 21.5. He did not indicate the period covered in his report.

'Total Renewal' for Sodality

Washington — (NS) — A national leader in sodality work said here that the sodality movement in the United States is undergoing a "total renewal" in the spirit of the Second Vatican Council.

Father Joseph F. McFarlane, director of the Queen's Work national sodality office in St. Louis, said the sodality movement is putting more and more emphasis on "full, adult, lay apostolic living."

He called this an "exhilarating" development and said the sodality program is the "most thorough" means going of for sodality for the lay apostolate.

He was interviewed at the newly established National Federation of Sodality headquarters here — itself, according to him, a sign of the sodality's growing commitment to "face realities with a good pragmatic sense."

Noting that there are an estimated 1.5 million sodalists in the U.S., Father McFarlane said "the potential is there" as far as making the sodality "force" in fostering the lay apostolate is concerned — and so, too, he said, are "the need and the willingness."

Among the hoped-for new signs in the movement, he said, are the increased role of sodalists in adult work, including professional sodalities that now exist in many big cities; the realization that the sodality is

not merely a "pious appendage" but is "a movement of the entire Church"; and, overall, the lay apostolate orientation.

Revamping now underway in the Queen's Work is an example of the new sodality approach, he said. The national agency's plans call for it to concentrate attention on the apostolate. It will do this by publishing material on the apostolate and by sponsoring conferences and seminars, including its Summer School of Catholic Action held annually for young people throughout the country and its Midwest Assembly of the Lay Apostolate, the second of which will be held Sept. 27 in Chicago.

At the same time, the Queen's Work is ceasing some of its former activities which it feels other groups can do as well. It will stop publishing catechetical material. It is also looking for a publisher to buy out its extensive pamphlet series, in which last year some one million items were sold.

'Love Your Land' Pope Tells Farmers

Rome — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has urged farmers to stick by the land.

He said that although farming may pay less today than other work, the lot of farmers will improve.

Among the 15,000 members of the Farmers' National Congress listening to the Pope were the late Pope John XXIII's brothers, Zaverio and Giuseppe Roncalli, and several of his nephews. The congress has been meeting in Rome.

The Pope said: "It is necessary to love the land, this land to which your toil and your interests are tied, this land which demands so much work and watchfulness, this land which gives to everybody the food needed for life, this land which youth nowadays is leaving in search of more profitable work, of easier fortune, of freer and more modern ways."

Polish Reds Retaliate

Berlin — (NC) — The ruling by the government, since author by Poland's communist government "are not eager to have good relations with the Church."

The government decreed the cut, reports here state, partly because of a letter written by Auxiliary Bishop Zygmunt Choromanski of Warsaw, secretary of the Polish Bishops' Conference, to a Catholic member of the Polish Sejm (Parliament) saying that the Church would not take part in celebrations to mark the 20th anniversary of communist rule in Poland.

Bishop Choromanski said the Church would not participate because the 20 years of Red rule had been a tragedy for the nation's Catholics, and also because it had been excluded from anniversary celebrations.

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HOMECOMING WEEKEND will be held May 1, 2 and 3 at Nazareth College. Margaret Burgett Griffin, left, and Sister Helen Daniel, president of the college, both members of the silver jubilee class, discuss plans with Maryellen Freemesser, chairman.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

The other night, an athletic director said to me: "Please remember my grave need in Mass tomorrow." Suppose I had answered him: "Give me a dollar and I will give you this," then hand him an embossed printed card reading, "You will be remembered in my Mass" or suppose I took advantage of the brief of a neighbor and passed out cards at a funeral home promising to remember the deceased in a Mass for a dollar or more. Would not this be converting the Via Dolorosa into the "Via Dollars" and making prayers a "racket"?

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4. There is a difference in having a Mass offered in justice for your own special intention and making an offering for a remembrance, which you already have in justice.
5. The next time you are asked to buy a card promising a "remembrance in Mass," tell the seller: "I will give you something if you promise to EAST for me instead of pray." See how many say "A.W." for \$5 "in thanksgiving for praying, which is very vague, but not for fasting, which is very hard."

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Lutherans Eye Confession

New York — (RNS) — Recommendations that Lutheran Church in America congregations provide members with opportunity for private confession and absolution before receiving Holy Communion will come before the Church's biennial convention in Pittsburgh, July 24.

The recommendation is part of a statement on Holy Communion adopted by the Church's Executive Council here for presentation to the convention.

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