



Missioners Concelebrate Mass

Santiago, Chile — (RNS) — American missionaries of the Maryknoll Fathers concelebrate a Mass — the first in Chile — during a retreat in Santiago. From left are: Fathers Jeremiah J. Brennan of Lakewood, Ohio; Eugene W. Haviland of Philadelphia; Donald J. Frawley of Denver, Colo.; Manuel Mejia of Dodge City, Iowa; Joseph F. Smith of Lowell, Mass.; and Richard J. Sammon of New York. The Chilean hierarchy readily grants permission for concelebration under certain circumstances as a result of the Vatican Council's liturgical reforms in the Church.

Czech Church Labors Under Strict Repression

London — (RNS) — Grim disclosures about the "systematic persecution" of the Roman Catholic Church in Czechoslovakia, including spying on priests and control of processions, are contained in a graphic report published by The Tablet, British Catholic newspaper and review.

(The Catholic Journal's story appeared before Pope Paul VI elevated Archbishop Josef Beran to the College of Cardinals. The cardinal-designate, freed after long imprisonment, is isolated from his flock and has not been permitted to resume archiepiscopal duties. Archbishop Beran has told newsmen he is unsure whether the Communist regime will permit him to go to Rome to receive his Red Hat on Feb. 22.)

The report is prefaced by a statement of The Tablet's publishers that there can be no question about its authenticity. It begins by recalling that the "draconian measures" taken against the Church in Czechoslovakia about 15 years ago have never been revoked and are still in force.

As a result, ten dioceses are without bishops, only three have titular bishops and they are under the close watch of authorities, and the majority of the secular clergy are working in prison have been forced to find secular employment in factories or other manual work.

"At present there are no religious houses any more," The Tablet's report stated. "Most men religious are now factory workers; only a small number are engaged in pastoral work. Small groups of nursing sisters are authorized to look after people suffering from incurable illnesses or old people in what are called Caritas homes. Other nuns and sisters are working in factories, on the land, or in forestry. Consequently, all the religious orders are condemned to a slow death."

Seminaries and the theological institutes of various orders were suppressed in 1950, but later the government set up two state seminaries, each limited to 100 students. "The final decision over selecting seminarians belongs to the Communist Party; in general the least well qualified candidates are preferred. The secret police attempt to discover 'reliable' men among the seminarians. Finally, the number of priests who die each year is far in excess of the number of those newly ordained."

"Then there are various difficulties placed in the way of the Church's sacramental life. Police and the Communist party send their agents into the confessional in order to test priests hearing confessions and to be able to drop hints to them. The faithful do not often have the opportunity of going to confession; this is because of the shortage of priests and because, in many cases, there is not much time available for worship."

Priests are forbidden, or else it is made impossible for them, to take the sacraments to people dying in hospital. A watch is even kept on the number of hosts a priest orders from the nuns who make them; if a priest ordinarily orders a large number, he is regarded by the authorities as "too zealous" and

No Politics
Niteroi, Brazil — (NC) — Archbishop Antonio De Almeida Moraes of Niteroi is being sought by the Brazilian Workers party as candidate for the governorship of Rio de Janeiro whose capital is Niteroi. The move is being backed by party members and more than 100 priests.

Archbishop Moraes, 60, has said he does not wish to enter politics.

Prelate Raps More Red Hats As Need Grows

Santa Fe — (NC) — Santa Fe's Archbishop James P. Davis condemned the proposed bill "to liberalize the already liberal abortion laws in New Mexico" as an "assault on humanity."

House Bill 46, introduced in state House of Representatives by Rep. Eddie P. Barbo of Bernalillo County, would permit legal abortion to preserve the mental or physical health of the woman.

"The proposed bill to liberalize the already liberal abortion laws in New Mexico is an assault on humanity. New Mexico law insists that murder is wrong. But now this proposed legislation would authorize the murder in its mother's womb of an unwanted child, providing that the child is under four months old, and that two physicians authorize the killing. What this amounts to is that in New Mexico one physician does not equal God, but two do," the archbishop said.

"The bill is damnably inconsistent. A child of whatever age, whether in its mother's womb or out of it, is either a human being or it is not. If not, then perhaps the mother should wait until the unwanted child is born before she decides whether to let it live or whether to kill it — all before, say the 14th month," he asserted.

"I call upon all decent New Mexicans to oppose this nefarious bill. And I urge all voting constituents to recall well the name of the bill's sponsors and to remember the names of the legislators who might deal favorably with it," the prelate added.

In Catholic Colleges
Washington — (NC) — The National Catholic Educational Association reported here that U.S. Catholic colleges and universities enrolled 6,894 foreign students from 120 countries in the 1963-64 school year.

That figure, he noted, was established to prevent a "flood" of cardinal appointments "and to give a definite juridical figure to the Sacred College, with a reference to the Biblical number of the 70 Elders of Israel who had to assist Moses in governing the Jewish people."

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI, who increased membership in the College of Cardinals to a record 103, may appoint several more Princes of the Church when the Second Vatican Council concludes late this year.

But, although he feels the number of Red Hats will grow as the needs and responsibilities of the Church grow, the pontiff made plain that the number of cardinals would not be raised without compelling reasons.

"It is not our intention," he told his mid-week general audience here, "to increase the Sacred College by means of inflated numbers."

POPE PAUL also indicated that he will call upon the cardinals for greater roles in the government, and responsibility of the Church. It was believed that he seeks a method to obtain greater aid from so-called residential cardinals, those who must maintain great archdioceses and dioceses.

"Although at the end of the Council we will have to create a few more cardinals," he said, "it is our intention to strictly contain its numbers within the limits and true needs of the Church."

During his discussion on the Sacred College, he traced the growth of its membership.

"You know that since the end of the 18th Century," he said, "the number of cardinals has been fixed at 70. This was laid down by Pope Sixtus V in 1586."

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