

Gaulists Charge Scouts With Internationalism

International Visitors
Washington — (NC) — The Foreign Visitors Office of the National Catholic Welfare Conference will join nearly 100 organizations which provide services for international visitors in a three-day conference on short-term visitor programs, to be held March 17-19 at the State Department.

Paris — (RNS) — Recent reforms in the 200,000-member Catholic Boy Scout movement in France were sharply denounced by a pro-Gaullist newsletter which charged that they were instigated by a small group of extreme left-wing Catholics, including some priests.

The newsletter, published by the Center of Civic Information, regarded as closely linked to the Gaullist political party—the Union for the New Republic—said the reforms were aimed at producing "integrated men" instead of leaders and replacing patriotism with internationalism.

Characterizing the reforms as a "veritable revolution" with goals similar to those of the Chinese Communist leadership, it said the Catholic Boy Scouts had deserted their old ideals and were now trying to substitute "mass action" for the creation of an elite.

The newsletter's charges were echoed in the pro-Gaullist Paris-Press and in the rightist weekly, Carrefour, but were denied by a high official of the Catholic Scouts, who said the reforms instituted in no sense constituted a revolution.

The reforms, he stated, were based on studies made by various organizations—none connected with scouting—and consisted mainly of dividing the Boy Scouts into two groups, replacing the traditional khaki shirt-and-shorts uniform by a red shirt and brown long pants, and de-emphasizing insignia.

However, according to the Gaullist newsletter, the reforms meant, in essence, that there would be no more heroes for French Scouts. Just as is the case with the Chinese Communists, it claimed, the only hero is the people, or the non-defined entity called "the community."



Pope Prays for Paralyzed Woman

Rome—(RNS)—Pope Paul VI kneels in prayer at the bedside of a 70-year-old woman paralyzed for 15 years. As a nurse and young relatives also prayed, the Pope gave Laura Sperandio his apostolic blessing and spoke a few words of spiritual comfort. The Pope visited the woman's apartment after celebrating a Mass in front of Our Lady of Guadalupe church in the Montemario quarter of Rome.

New Breed 'Injudicious'

Hartford — (NC)—The Catholic chaplain at Yale University told a gathering of Catholic college students here the "new breed" of young American Catholics must develop a deeper understanding of the Church as a community.

The younger generation of American Catholics, particularly those of college age, are openly critical of a "clergy-dominated" Church, Father James T. Healy said.

Their approach to the problem is too often injudicious, and as long as it remains so, their efforts will be ineffective, he added.

Father Healy, a Yale alumnus, told the Intercollegiate Council of Catholic Students that critics of the Church should remember the American priest has inherited a 150-year tradition which dates back to the first great wave of immigrants who came to this country.

"The priest at that time," he said, "was usually the only Catholic among the immigrants with more than a grade school education. His people looked to him not only for spiritual care but also for counsel and direc-

tion in virtually every other phase of their daily lives. Priests took it for granted that they were expected to exercise this multi-faceted ministry, to do in the community what their insufficiently educated people were not equipped to do."

He said a process of "unlearning" will now be necessary for priests. While it is being carried out young people will have to have "patience, humility, and maturity," he added.

Father Healy said the Church must change from a clergy-centered community to an altar-centered community.

"The priest will have his distinctive role of absolving from sin, bringing the Mass and the sacraments to the people, and teaching them. Hopefully, then, the priest will see the advantage of utilizing the laymen who are ready and qualified to take his rightful place in the apostolate," he said.

Parishioners Build New Altar for Church

Paterson — (NC) — The people of Blessed Sacrament parish here carried their participation in the new liturgy beyond the usual means. They built their church's new altar.

The church's permanent marble altar could not be moved to permit Mass facing the people, so parishioners built a handsome oak do-it-yourself altar.

Four brothers who own a construction company built the altar platform. A metal worker made the candlesticks. Carpenters did the assembling. A television repairman wired it for microphones. A woodworker made oak pedestals.

Traditionalists Lose Leader

Emmetsburg — (RNS) — The Belgian-born priest who produced nationwide publicity about a so-called Catholic Traditionalist Movement, one charging that liturgical reforms would "Protestantize" U.S. Catholics, has "disassociated" himself from the movement.

Father Gommar A. DePauw, professor of canon law at Mount St. Mary's Seminary here, said he was obeying a direct order issued by Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, Archbishop of Baltimore. Cardinal Shehan, a member of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, acted as the priest's superior.

The priest's departure from the scene after press conferences, statements, and television news coverage apparently left the Catholic Traditionalist Movement with one identifiable officer, Mrs. Gloria Cuneo of New Rochelle, N.Y., a teacher in New York City.

In obeying the cardinal's directive, Father DePauw said he would go back "to the obscurity of a simple priest trying to do God's work." He said the Archbishop of Baltimore had directed him to give up his campaign against Vatican II decisions or leave the archdiocese.

Father DePauw asked supporters not to communicate with him and to address letters involving the movement to GPO Box 2225 in New York City.

As a priest, he said, "I can do nothing but obey" the cardinal's order. Nevertheless, he said he hoped the "flag" of the "traditionalist" movement would be carried by others.

Observers commented that few men had gotten so much "mileage" out of a short-lived campaign. Until Father DePauw gave an interview to The New York Times the movement's publicity was almost nil.

Newspapers and news services had been hesitant about publicizing "movement" on the strength of a press release from the name of a part-time school teacher identified as secretary, and a postal box number. In one instance the "manifesto" issued by the movement was distributed to a news service's reporters at the United Nations in New York, but the priest at that time would not permit publication of his name.

During his campaign, Father DePauw claimed:

1. That a "high-ranking Vatican official" had sent him his "blessings";
2. That he had the support of "30 bishops." Such a claim could have been construed to mean that one in every eight bishops of the American hierarchy supported the traditionalists. At no time did the priest identify a prelate backer.
3. That "100 priests" and the "majority of American Catholics" were behind the campaign opposing vernacular in the Mass and other liturgical reforms. He said recent developments in the Church tended to downgrade the stature of Mary and the powers of the Pope.

At one point, at a press conference in New York — called after Cardinal Shehan had cautioned him against the campaign — Father DePauw suggested a referendum on use of English-language services by U.S. Catholics. He held that such a vote would give "priests and people full option as to whether to use the new forms or stick with the old."

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He also attacked as "extremists" such distinguished Catholic theologians as Father Hans Kueng of Germany, Father Frederick McManus of the Catholic University of America, and Father John Courtney Murray, S.J. He claimed they had "brainwashed" Catholics. In one interview he said that the changes in the Mass, endorsed by Vatican II and promulgated by Pope Paul, constituted "no longer the sacrament of Calvary but a songfest with the overtones of a hootenanny."

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French Oust Lay Leaders

Paris — (RNS) — Twenty-seven of the 46 leaders of two French Catholic student bodies — Jeunesse Etudiante Catholique (JEC) and Jeunesse Etudiante Catholique Feminine (JECF) — were ousted from their posts here after defying orders of the French hierarchy to abandon their political and trade union activities.

The action followed a dramatic meeting of JEC and JECF leaders with Coadjutor Archbishop Pierre Veillot of Paris, president of an episcopal commission on education.

When 15 of the JEC leaders and 12 of the JECF leaders flatly refused to confine themselves to evangelical activities among students and not become involved in political or labor union matters, they were promptly relieved of their responsibilities. At the same time, the 19 other leaders were confirmed in their posts.

THE CONTROVERSY involving student leaders and the hierarchy was described by observers here as "extremely grave." They said it involved many so-called worker priests, several years ago to defy orders of their superiors not to affiliate with trade unions or participate in political activities.

(The worker priest movement, or Mission de France, was founded in 1941 by the late Emmanuel Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop of Paris, primarily for the re-Christianizing of workers in urban and rural areas. It was given a new constitution by the Vatican in 1954 after alleged left-wing leanings of some priests had caused controversy.)

The rebel student leaders have maintained that they could carry out their mission as

Corning Area Retreat Listed

Corning—The Corning-Pointed Post-Addison areas will be represented at the Catholic men's retreat at Rochester the weekend of April 23-25, Chairman Anthony Fratarangelo announced this week with the appointment of parish committeemen to receive reservations and to make general plans for the program.

The committee on reservations:

St. Mary's parish: Cyril Bistran, chairman, assisted by William Cassidy, Gerald Rossette, Joseph Schroeder, Joseph Sweet, Philip Ruocco, Rocco Ferratella, Louis Ferraro Jr., W. W. Babcock and George Calo.

St. Patrick's parish: Andrew Kolcum, chairman, Alex Kosty, Jerome Miller, Stanley Gorsky and George Vergamini.

St. Vincent de Paul's parish: George Schaller, chairman, Leo Schaller Jr., Dudley McLaughlin, Robert Reynolds, John Scianelli, William Roberts, Dominic Ferreira and Michael Mahoney.

Immaculate Heart of Mary parish: Stanley Dylewski, chairman, Donald Petri, Allen Frost, Edward Griffin Jr., Robert Wenderlich, Raymond Frost and Robert Moore.

St. Catherine's parish, Addison: William McCaig, chairman.



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