



Around The World

Cardinal Leger in Cameroon

Paris—(NC)—Paul-Emile Cardinal Leger, former archbishop of Montreal, has decided to remain in Cameroon to work in a leper colony, according to La-Croix, a Paris Catholic daily.

The cardinal had planned to travel around Africa for a year before choosing a place to work. Explaining the change in plans he said, "It is here in Cameroon, that I have decided to stay. For if I circle all of Africa before making up my mind, I will lose a year."

To the question, "Is poverty a missionary means?" the cardinal answered: "One must distinguish between a paralyzing poverty and a real poverty. Real poverty is what you see here in Cameroon among the missionaries: exactly the necessary amount of food, and some instruments of work. It is a style of life which, for me, corresponds to an interior need. I had come to the point where, in a great city like Montreal, after the triumph of its universal exposition, it became more difficult to spread the message of poverty."

Cardinal Sees New Goal

Vienna—(NC)—Franjo Cardinal Šeper of Zagreb, Yugoslavia, newly appointed pro-prefect of the Doctrinal Congregation, told a radio interviewer in Zagreb that his policy will differ from that given of his predecessor, Alfredo Cardinal Ottaviani.

Cardinal Šeper, advised that Cardinal Ottaviani understood his role as that of a policeman, guarding the treasure of the Church, answering that this was proper for the pro-prefect of the Holy Office, the Doctrinal Congregation's former name.

"But," he added, "that has changed now. Apparently, according to the code of canon law, the Holy Office had the obligation to defend the faith. Now, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has primarily an obligation to promote theological doctrine."

Millions Out of Church

London—(NC)—Lapsed Catholics in England and Wales may total three or four million, according to Father Kevin O'Brien, superior of the Catholic Missionary Society.

The Catholic Missionary Society is a small group of diocesan priests seeking converts and the return of the lapsed. They override diocesan boundaries, taking the Mass and the sacraments to remote rural backwaters and preaching in halls and market places. They devote their whole time to this work.

Red Scare in Uruguay

Tacuarembó, Uruguay—(NC)—Professional communist agents are using infiltration tactics among Catholics in Uruguay. Bishop Miguel Balaguer of Tacuarembó charged here in the Montevideo daily, La Manana.

The bishop said that "there is a group of political agents, backed by powerful forces, seeking to propagate their ideology, not solve our social problems, and to impose their materialistic atheistic system upon us."

The bishop added that many religious persons are gullible, succumbing to the appeal of what they believe is a hope for the future, without considering the price of their cooperation or the real principles of social justice.

Bible Groups Unite

London—(NC)—The Catholic Biblical Association here has joined forces with the Biblical Reading Fellowship, a Protestant group. The two societies between them will issue three series of graded Bible readings with short notes suitable for Catholic reading.

John Cardinal Heenan of Westminster has given the linkup his blessing.

No Error in Catechism

Amsterdam—(NC)—No errors have been detected in the new Dutch catechism, a special commission of cardinals has reported.

The commission suggested, however, that some paragraphs be rewritten.

Rewritten passages had been sent to the Roman curia by Bernard Cardinal Alfrink of Utrecht, it was reported in September. The catechism bore his imprimatur. The cardinal had agreed in a personal audience with Pope Paul VI in June that the new edition of the catechism would be rewritten. The commission of six cardinals studying the orthodoxy of the work, accepted this suggestion.

The catechism, published in the Netherlands in 1966, touched off a storm of controversy. Cardinal Alfrink blamed the investigation by the commission of cardinals on a petition in Latin sent to the Pope by some Dutch "traditionalist" Catholics in which it was alleged that the new catechism deviated from the Church's true doctrine.

Brazilian Bishop

Church Schools Threatened In W. Germany

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Clergy's Role in Reforms Posing Some Problems

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Instead, Cardinal Landström suggested, the money should be used to set up health and social aid facilities in the Loma slums.

These slums, according to an article in Christian Century magazine, have grown from a population of 100,000 in 1948 to 400,000 in 1964. "These are poor people, unskilled, uneducated," the article adds. "What can be done for them?"

Written by Andrew Hunter Whiteford, professor of anthropology at Belmont (W.V.) College, this article states that "the single fundamental problem of subsistence—the basic matter of keeping alive by obtaining such elements of life as food, housing and education"—is the key issue in Latin America.

Protestants, who make up only five or six per cent of Latin America's population, are not mentioned in most reports of demonstrations, but Protestant concern for Latin America is evident in the United States, which is usually at least a secondary target for the demonstrators and revolutionaries.

Such concern is reflected in last week's issue of Christian Century, devoted to various perspectives in "Latin America Today."

The magazine articles draw much of their attention to the situation of Protestants in Latin America, with some sharp criticism of the U.S. Churches and the ecumenical agencies that exert a strong influence in the area. But a large proportion of the magazine's space is devoted to socio-economic factors on the continent and to analysis of trends in Catholicism there.

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Cardinal Bea

Praises Unity Strides

Vatican City—(RNS)—Augustin Cardinal Bea, head of the Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity, hailed the progress being made in the ecumenical movement in a special Vatican Radio broadcast for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18-25).

He lauded clergy and laymen who have participated in the every day work for Christian unity and in theological liturgical conversations.

After noting that the obstacles to unity are "still numerous and great," Cardinal Bea stated:

"If all the members of the church without distinction would work towards this unity by means of prayer and an authentic Christian life, then certainly we can move towards the great aim of unity."

"We would be helped to prepare for that hour which is known only to God, for all those who have been baptized in the unity of the one faith and the one charity would give testimony to Christ till the world believes that the Father has sent Him."

Cardinal Bea said that the most important development in the ecumenical movement in 1967 was the exchange of visits between Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras of Istanbul, spiritual leader of Eastern Orthodoxy.

Cardinal Bea observed that the Pope "in his decision to go personally to Istanbul performed an act which is of historical importance because from the 7th century the Pope had paid a visit to an Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople (Istanbul)."

Patriarch Athenagoras' return visit, said Cardinal Bea, was "unique in history because since the foundation of the Patriarchate of Constantinople nobody with the title of that See ever paid an official and personal visit to the Bishop of Rome."

Cardinal Bea also pointed to the talks representatives of the Catholic Church have had with delegates from the Russian Orthodox Church, World Council of Churches, World Methodist Council, Lutheran World Federation and the Anglican-Communion.

Tanzania Catholics

Number 2.2 Million

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania—(NC)—Tanzania Catholics numbered 2,228,622 at the end of June, 1967, according to statistics based on official reports of bishops in the 23 ecclesiastical divisions of the country. The statistics included the following:

- African priests, 401; African brothers, 75; African Sisters, 1,408.
- Foreign Religious, stationed in Tanzania, 876 priests, 324 Brothers, 829 Sisters.
- Over 325,000 pupils in 2,000 Church-operated schools, one third of them non-Catholic.

India State Bans

Conversion Efforts

New Delhi—(RNS)—The legislature of the central Indian state of Orissa has approved a law imposing penalties of up to a year in prison or \$1,000 fine for missionaries convicted of converting minors, women or touchables.

The penalties can be doubled, according to the law, for attempts to win converts "force, fraud or exploitation of poverty."

During discussion of the bill in the state assembly, some speakers charged that Christian missionaries were "exploiting hunger" in various parts of India to win converts.

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