

AROUND THE WORLD

Paris Priests Paid Same as Unskilled

Paris — (NC) — The average salary of priests in the Paris region is about the same as that of an unskilled laborer, according to figures contained in the first public budget report of the Paris archdiocese.

The archdiocesan operating budget, the report showed, is \$440,000 a year, most of which is for the salaries of 384 non-parish priests, more than a third of whom are retired.

Parishes pay directly the 600 parish priests, but their base salary is only about \$50 a month. Honorariums for baptisms, marriages and special Masses add about an equal amount to this sum, but private requests for Masses are declining. Parish priests send to the archdiocese the honorariums of Masses they cannot celebrate. In 1964, this amounted to about 22,000 Masses a year, now it is only about three or four thousand.

Priests of the archdiocese proposed a model salary of \$145 a month at a recent meeting here. From this they would pay for food, clothing, personal expenses and the maintenance of lodgings.

Anglican Bishop Issues Strong Baptism Rules

Chelmsford, Eng. — (RNS) — A complete ban on infant baptisms unless the parents and godparents first undergo a special course of preparation was announced in a pastoral issued by Anglican Bishop John G. Tiarks of Chelmsford.

The ban, effective immediately is one of several new rules the bishop approved following lengthy discussion of baptism by a study group and by diocesan synods of clergy and laity.

Chelmsford diocese has long been a stronghold of opposition to "indiscriminate" infant baptism, headed by the Vicar of Roydon, the Rev. Christopher Wansey.

"In the Church of England baptism has become for many little more than a social convention, and parents who do not intend to have anything to do with the Church, or to encourage their children to belong either, still like to have their children 'done.' This has made nonsense of the rite of baptism."



Archbishop Wins Food Prize

Trivandrum, India — Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios of the Syro Malankara Catholic Rite celebrates the winning of top honors in a food production contest sponsored by the Communist-ruled state of Kerala. The prelate produced a rice variety in his own experimental rice paddies which had a yield of 8,000 pounds per acre—nearly seven times the average in this densely populated area of India. The 52-year-old archbishop, with the aid of American Catholics and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, establishes parishes and social action centers which he insists are agriculturally self-supporting.

Far East Jesuits Meet in Hong Kong

Hong Kong — (NC) — Leaders of 2,000 Jesuits in the Far East met here to discuss new ways to make their work productive at a time when both the Church they represent and the Asians they serve are in the midst of renewal and change.

The conference of the East Asian Jesuit Secretariat brought together 60 leaders from the Far East and Australia. They discussed such topics as redefining their mission and work, the indigenization of the Church, and the apostolate of the mission school.

Remarkable that population factors indicate that much of tomorrow's world will center in Asia, this document deduced that "the Church's mission to insert itself into the ongoing history of these people will be increasingly difficult. In no other area is there a smaller percentage of Catholics or Christians. The Gospel intent that we are a leaven and a salt requires that we act as active agents of change within the Asian mass."

School Split into Linguistics Schools

Brussels — (NC) — Leo Cardinal Suenens of Malines-Brussels announced that archdiocesan authorities have decided to split St. Joseph's College, an archdiocesan school at Woluwe-Saint Pierre, a Brussels suburb, into two distinct and autonomous sections, one French-speaking and the other Flemish-speaking.

The archdiocesan communique said: "To attain a peaceful co-existence it has proven necessary to avoid even the common use of laboratories, gymnasiums and pupils' dining halls."

Peaceful coexistence evaporated earlier this year in nearby Louvain, where Flemish-speaking students demonstrated against the refusal of the French-speaking faculty to leave the town, home of the Catholic University of Louvain.

Demonstrations, often violent, spread to several other Belgian cities.

Church-State Tensions May Be Eased

Tucuman, Argentina — (NC) — In an effort apparently aimed at easing tensions between Church and government authorities in this economically depressed area, Argentine President Juan Carlos Onganía has named a new governor.

The appointment of Raul Avellanada indicates that the government may be planning a softer line toward Church leaders who have supported workers protesting sugar cutbacks. Avellanada is known to favor liberal elements in the Church.

Most of the one million people in this region live off the sugar industry. High production costs have cut down the sale of Tucuman sugar on world markets, and limits set by the government are far below refinery capacities. Unemployment has risen above 35%.

College Head Stops Brazil Bishop's Talk

Fortaleza, Brazil — (NC) — The director of the state university of Ceara here broke up an Easter Sunday meeting of students and workers at the university who were being addressed by a bishop.

During a talk on the Church's social doctrines by Bishop Antonio Fragozo of Crato, the university's director stormed into the Students' Club and grabbed the microphone out of the bishop's hands, saying, "I

ask you in the name of God and of discipline that you stop your conference immediately."

The bishop complied, saying simply: "I hope that tomorrow we can meet again to express freely our thoughts and opinions."

The university director said he acted on grounds that university

facilities are not permitted to be used for workers' meetings.

(Earlier in April students had clashed with police and the army for more than a week in anti-government demonstrations throughout Brazil following the police-shooting of a youth during a student protest in Rio de Janeiro against university dining facilities.)

Bishop Fragozo, one of the younger members of the hierarchy and founder of the Brazilian section of the Young Catholic Workers, is widely known in Brazil for his liberal views.

Before his address was terminated at the university the bishop told the students and workers of the agrarian reforms his diocese has undertaken by using Church land to establish a cooperative among 121 families with the technical assistance of the Catholics in the diocese.

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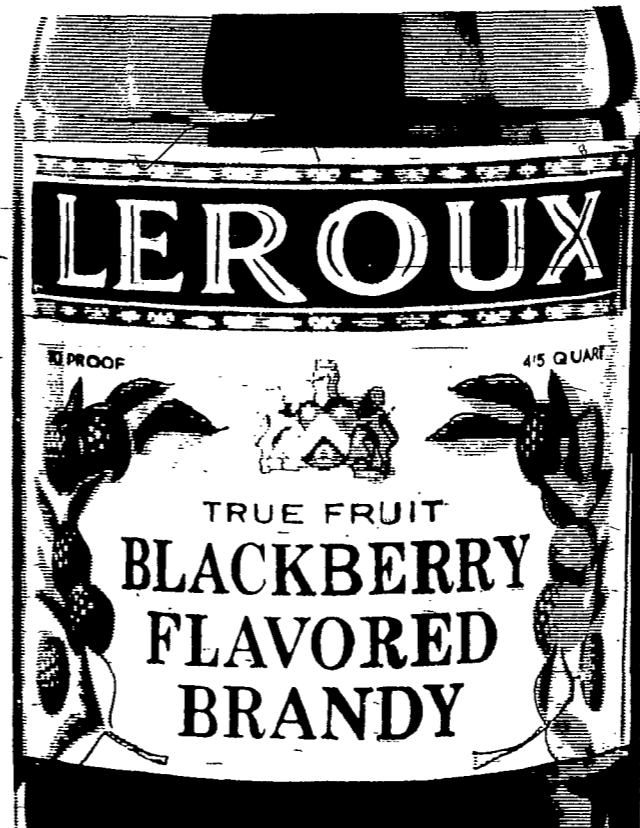
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Cardinal, Methodist

Philadelphia — (RNS) — Catholic Archbishop John C. Fred Pierce and Methodist Bishop Corson jointly elected a new Philadelphia public school on primary election day.

In taking this stand, Corson is taking the public schools to secure state aid for parochial schools.

Bishop Corson also took the highly controversial proposal of public funds, a measure passed by the Pennsylvania Legislature and of 94-0 in the Pennsylvania

Sodalities Federated

St. Louis — (RNS) — The National Federation of Sodalities of Our Lady, with national headquarters in St. Louis, has elected its name to the National Federation.

The change came after federation in 92 archdioceses. C. Leone of Iowa City, federal ballots for the new name.

The action followed the October in Rome when it was announced that Christian Life Commission

Diocesan federations and have the option to change.

Catholic Library

Mrs. Marguerite de Angeli, children's books, receives the Regina Medal from Miss Ma Library. The award was presented in St. Paul, Minn. Mrs. de Angeli is a distinguished contributor.

WCC Message

New York — (RNS) — pray for renewal and unity of cost message of the president.

The annual message to the church, and asks pardon for and divisions of Christians."

"We thank God, too," they seen the Spirit of God at work from within and transformations."

The Pentecost message, member churches on June 2 was signed by honorary president and the elected presidents.

Ecumenical Service

New York — (RNS) — turing a sermon by Roman Catholic of New York will be held at the Cathedral of St. John the

The service in the Episcopal goals of the report of President Disorders (Kerner Report).

Mayor John V. Lindsay presided ceremony in the largest French Gothic cathedral.

The idea for the service copal Suffragan J. Stuart W Patrick's Cathedral.

Seminary Acres T

New York — (RNS) — uneasy metropolitan area, announced plans to attack what

One plan, he said in an in slum areas to more Negro

A second is to turn the at Dunwoody, Yonkers, into children, regardless of creed in the summer, has basic courts, an indoor gymnasium is situated on a picturesque

Churches Urge

Minneapolis — (RNS) — and Catholic clergy and lay torium on denominational

The group, organized a called for a shift in church demands of the Negro community

It also proposed that ch of the black community in-c attached."

A resolution called on gram of education at the c derstanding of our present