



They Want Red China in UN . . .

Proponents of admission of Communist China to the United Nations wave Red China flags and pictures of Chairman Mao near UN headquarters, New York City.



. . . But They Don't

Catholic churchmen join in demonstrating against admission of Red China in the UN. Third from left is Father Kenneth Baker, editor of Homiletics and Pastoral Review. (Religious News Service Photo)

Canada Flashing 'SRO' To U.S. Draft Resisters

Minneapolis — (RNS) — Fewer American war resisters are fleeing to Canada and those going there are finding the welcome less warm, according to a minister who has co-authored a study about them.

In some cities in Canada, the number of U.S. draft-age emigrants who have arrived in the past three months is only 20

House to Debate Prayer Bill

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — The controversial "prayer amendment" to the U.S. Constitution — locked in the House Judiciary Committee for years — finally will be debated before the U.S. House of Representatives.

Rep. Chalmers Wylie (R-Ohio) has obtained the required 218 signatures on a petition which will take the measure to the floor.

But it's still a long way from becoming an addition to the U.S. Constitution. House debate and approval is needed, as is Senate debate and approval, followed by ratification of three-fourths of the states within seven years.

There has been opposition to the proposal from various quarters, notably Baptist agencies, the Unitarians and a Catholic priest serving in Congress.

In a statement issued as he presented the discharge petition to the House, Rep. Wylie said, "Most people feel that the Supreme Court ruled that prayer in public schools and buildings is no longer permissible.

"I can recall that in elementary school, the teacher opened the day's activities with a prayer to the Supreme Deity and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. There was something reassuring about that, and I think we need a return to this foundation stone of our democracy."

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per cent of the previous total, said the Rev. Richard Lee Kilmer.

Mr. Kilmer, 28, a United Presbyterian minister, is director of the Emergency Ministry Concerning U.S. Draft-Age Emigrants in Canada for the National Council of Churches.

Mr. Kilmer said here that the delay of Congress in extending the U.S. draft law had been one of the reasons draft-age men have not been going to Canada.

Although Canadian government policy toward the emigrants has not changed, they are finding a cooler reception in Canada because of heavy unemployment there and because, according to Mr. Kilmer, Canada is going through a strong nationalistic period with strong anti U.S. overtones.

He said there are at least 35,000 draft-age emigrants in Canada, mainly in the 20-22 age bracket. In the last two years, two thirds of the men going to Canada have been war deserters rather than draft resisters, he said.

Most of the emigrants are making Canada their permanent home and have no intention of returning to the U.S., he added. Although most would enjoy the right to return to the U.S., they reject the concept of "amnesty" because they believe they have acted correctly and have no need for "forgiveness," Mr. Kilmer said.

Episcopalians Try Cursillo

Minneapolis — (RNS) — The Cursillo retreat movement, which began in Spain under Roman Catholic auspices, is spreading to the Episcopal Church.

Representatives of eight dioceses which make up the Sixth Province of the Episcopal Church saw a demonstration of the "little course" in Christianity during a province meeting here.

'Yes... but' for National Pastoral Council

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — Although affirming that "some new structures designed to channel Christian action effectively" are needed, a national Roman Catholic advisory group has seconded a recommendation that the U.S. Catholic Church is not ready for a national pastoral council at this time.

In essence, the council report agreed with its steering committee, which last July decided that a National Pastoral Council is not feasible immediately. But it said it wished to recommend procedures through which the "solid foundation" of a national body could be built.

The Advisory Council of the U.S. Catholic Conference (US-

CC), following the lead of its steering committee, recommended a target date of 1976 for the establishment of such a body.

In a 60-page report submitted to the 25 bishops who make up the administrative board of the USCC, the Advisory Council urged, however, that steps be taken to encourage the pastoral council concept at the diocesan and regional level during the interim.

The council asked that the NCCB set up a national office which would be responsible for coordinating efforts to implement a National Pastoral Council. This office would attempt to encourage and assist the development of diocesan pastoral

councils, regional councils and other pastoral consultative groups as a pattern for a national organization.

The council told the USCC board that "the role of leadership (bishops) is to make feasible and real what is deemed desirable for the good of the Church. The council believes that a National Pastoral Council can and should be developed within the next few years."

The advisory body while urging the continuing implementation of diocesan pastoral councils which are now set up in about half the U.S. dioceses, proposed enlarging its own responsibility concerning the pastoral problems of the NCCB.

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