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Get Full Truth; Look To The Catholic Press

BORDERTOWN, N.J. — (NC) — China's only Cardinal imparted a bit of advice for American Catholics — "See to it that you get the truth about everything. Don't be satisfied with mere reports of events, whether they are in the United States, Formosa or China. Many situations are colored. Look to the Catholic press to give you the true color of each report."

Thomas Cardinal Tien, S.V.D., rested at St. Joseph's seminary of the Society of the Divine Word here when he was interviewed. This was his first stop in the United States following a visit to Britain and Ireland after the Vatican consistory at which His Holiness Pope John XXIII proclaimed ten new cardinals.

WHEN THE EXILED Archbishop of Peking and now apostolic administrator of Taipei was asked what the people of the United States could do for communist-overrun China, the cardinal's reply was one word — "pray."

The 71-year-old prelate added: "It is my fervent wish that people everywhere pray for the day when we can return to the mainland of our native China. It is my fervent prayer that Almighty God

will bless my people in persevering in the persecution they are undergoing; it is my fervent prayer that they will retain the faith until that glorious day when we shall return to the mainland of China."

Cardinal Tien appealed also for prayers for the people of Formosa. He said: "The church today is growing in Formosa. There is a great need of solid spiritual development. There is a tremendous need for schools so that Christian education of those we win to the faith can be completed."

MISSIONARIES "baptize thousands, but there remains the follow-up, the need of continuing the education of these thousands, reception of Holy Communion and Confirmation, the strengthening of them in the one true faith so that they, too, can return to the mainland to bolster the efforts of our clergy," the Cardinal said.

Cardinal Tien also gave a warning about the smuggling of narcotics into the United States. He said the center of the drug traffic no longer is the China mainland, but that narcotics now are pushed through Castro's Cuba in an effort to corrupt the people of the United States.

Psychiatrist To Receive Laetare Medal Award

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — (NC) — Dr. Francis J. Braceland, chief psychiatrist at the Institute for Living, Hartford, Conn., will receive the University of Notre Dame's Laetare Medal for 1962, Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C. university president, announced.

Dr. Braceland is a clinical professor of psychiatry at Yale University and a former president of the American Psychiatric Association. He is the first psychiatrist to receive the Laetare Medal, conferred annually since 1883 on an

outstanding American Catholic layman.

President Kennedy was the recipient last year.

"As a physician, educator and naval officer, Dr. Braceland has served with rare distinction," Father Hesburgh said in announcing the award. "Throughout his professional life he has exemplified the competence of modern medical science and a compassion born of his ancient Christian faith."

"In these times of prolonged anxieties and tensions, he symbolizes the concern of psychiatry and the Church for those who are troubled in mind and spirit. It is with pride that the University of Notre Dame awards to Dr. Braceland the highest honor within its power to bestow, the Laetare Medal."

Dr. Braceland is the eighth physician to receive the Laetare Medal. He has been associated with the Institute for Living at Hartford since 1951. During the five previous years he was professor of psychiatry at the University of Minnesota graduate school and consulting psychiatrist at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

Named a rear admiral in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps (Reserve) in 1958, Dr. Braceland served during World War II as chief of the neuropsychiatry division of the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington.



RELIEF CONTINUES IN STRIFE-TORN ALGERIA — This group of Algerian youngsters, attending a school run by White Fathers outside the port city of Oran, are a small part of the 28,000 school children fed daily with U.S. government-donated surplus food distributed by Catholic Relief Services—NCWC. The overseas relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Bishops also reaches about 500,000 members of needy families and 12,500 persons in institutions in Algeria. More than 95 per cent of the needy are Moslems.

Pope Welcomes Scottish Leader Of Presbyterians

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — "With the simplicity of my heart I thank you for your visit."

That was how His Holiness Pope John XXIII greeted the Rt. Rev. Archibald C. Craig, Moderator of the Church of Scotland, when the top Presbyterian leader responded to a precedent-shattering invitation to call on the head of the Roman Church.

Dr. Craig revealed in a Rome press conference later that his 45-minute meeting with Pope John on March 28 had been a cordial one. He said that at one point, the conversation "touched upon the matter of peace and, in this respect, Pope John declared that 'the peace of the world has two bases: truth and freedom.'"

Dr. Craig had come to Rome to join in celebrating the 100th anniversary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on March 25. The long-planned trip followed a fortnight's visit to the Holy Land. Last fall, after Dr. Craig had let it be known that he hoped to pay a courtesy call on the Pope, the question was submitted to a special body of the Church of Scotland's general assembly.

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Racism, Shoddy Movies In U.S. Aid Red Cause

CINCINNATI — (NC) — Racial strife and objectionable movies in the U.S. help communists foster an image of this country abroad as a "corrupt, decadent nation," an authority on communism said here. Communists use these weaknesses as part of their psychological warfare techniques, said Father John F. Cronin, S.S., assistant director of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference.

"Our racial problem has cost us the equivalent of hundreds of millions of dollars in foreign aid in the eyes of the nations of color in

Asia, Africa and Latin America," he told some 800 high school seniors (March 31) at the 16th annual World Affairs Institute.

He added that the "many distinguished movies" produced in the U.S. tend to confuse the people of some of the emerging nations.

Father Cronin also said "the idea that communism is a worker-peasant movement is not generally true."

"Communists appeal to intellectuals, and they in turn exploit unrest among peasants and workers," he stated.

Crescent City Schools To Integrate Come Fall

NEW ORLEANS — (NC) — The week of April 8 may bring the first significant test of the New Orleans archdiocese's decision to desegregate Catholic schools next fall.

During that week, under terms of the archdiocese's announcement disclosing its desegregation plans, children now enrolled in Catholic schools are to "indicate . . . their intent to continue" in such schools next year.

One state legislator has predicted a "mass boycott" of Catholic schools in the wake of the desegregation decision.

The decision was announced (March 27) by Father Elmo L. Romagosa, director of the archdiocesan information bureau. The announcement said Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans had disclosed his intention to desegregate the schools at a March 27 meeting with priests of the archdiocese.

The announcement did not refer specifically to desegregation. It said simply that the Archbishop had decided that "effective at the time of registration for the 1962-63 school session, all Catholic children may apply for admission to the Catholic schools of the archdiocese, both elementary and secondary, parochial and private, according to the accepted educational standards."

There are 10,851 Negro students in 30 Catholic schools in the New Orleans archdiocese. Total Catholic school enrollment is 61,025 in 116 elementary schools and 14,682 in 37 high schools.

Protests against the archdiocese's decision were not long in coming. Even before the decision was made public, a handful of pickets paraded in front of Archbishop Rummel's residence. They

carried signs claiming that the Bible teaches segregation.

State Sen. E. W. Gravolet, chairman of a joint legislative committee on segregation, predicted a "mass boycott" of Catholic schools.

Gravolet also said the decision may bring a "severe reaction from a segregated-minded Legislature." He noted that parochial schools receive some state assistance here in the form of textbooks, transportation, lunches and other "fringe benefits."

"Present at the priests' meeting were Coadjutor Archbishop John P. Cody, Auxiliary Bishop Louis A. Caillouet, and Msgr. Lucien J. Caillouet, P.A., Vicar General of the archdiocese."

(Meanwhile, in the neighboring Diocese of Lafayette, La., Bishop Maurice Schexnayder said Catholic schools would not be integrated in 1962-63, "but it has to come."

(Bishop Schexnayder said he has not decided when integration will take place, but the subject is being discussed with diocesan officials.)

Integration of New Orleans Catholic schools has been a subject of controversy since at least 1956.

Archbishop Rummel announced in that year that integration was under study. He said segregation is "morally wrong and sinful." A group calling itself the Association of Catholic Laymen was set up to block integration, and the step was subsequently postponed.

In July, 1959, the Archbishop announced that Catholic schools would be integrated no later than public schools. In November, 1960, he repeated that Catholic schools would be integrated "if and when"

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Prize Student

DETROIT — (NC) — Father Emil Masich, administrator of St. Stephen's Byzantine-Slavonic Parish in suburban Allen Park, is fond of relating a particular story. It goes like this:

Some 60 years ago at a village church in Kalinovka, Russia, a priest rewarded his prize scriptural students with pieces of candy.

To one student, a pugnacious youngster who recited his Biblical learning with proper piety, the priest paid special attention — persuading the boy's parents to excuse him from household chores to attend church school.

The youngster became so proficient in his knowledge of the Gospels he won a special prize for standing up in church and reciting all four Gospels non-stop from memory.

Today, the student, now a grown man, still likes to throw in a biblical phrase here and there but in a context that would horrify his old teacher.

His name? Nikita Khrushchev!



Dr. Braceland