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Polish Atheists Fighting Religion For Hospitalized

BERLIN —(NC)— Efforts to "counteract the clerical elements which force religious practices upon the sick" were mapped out at a conference on hospital secularization in Poland's northwestern

Szczecin, it was learned here. Fakty I Mysli, periodical of Poland's organized atheists and freethinkers, said (April 15) that the conference brought together several hospital directors and representatives of the communist party and of the regional administration of the health service workers' unions.

Operetta Planned By St. Monica's

RALEIGH — Children of St. Monica School will present their annual operetta for the public on Friday, May 11.

Under the direction of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart the children of St. Monica's will put on "The Magic Fiddle," the life of Paganini interpreted in song and dance.

Proceeds from the entertainment will be given to the new Raleigh Catholic High School building fund. Admission donation is \$1. Place: Price Memorial Auditorium at Nazareth, 8:00 p.m.

The atheists' review said both a local atheist leader and a health service director asserted that there was "increased activity by clerical circles" in the hospitals. These Catholic elements were accused of putting pressure on sick nonbelievers through "the organization of collective holy communion, visits by a priest, and other religious services."

"Clerical elements" were also charged with trying to infiltrate medical and nursing schools.

Conference speakers called for inclusion of atheistic publications—including both Fakty I Mysli and Argumenty—in hospital libraries.

Maronite Patriarch To Visit Raleigh

RALEIGH — Maronite Patriarch Paul Pierre Meouchi of Lebanon and Antioch will visit Raleigh on May 9.

To receive and meet the Patriarch during his visit, Americans of Lebanese background have planned a dinner and reception at Nazareth for that evening.

Dinner for civic and church leaders will be held at Bishop Vincent S. Water's residence, 600 Bilyeu Street, at 5:30 p.m. From 7:30-9:30 Patriarch Meouchi will meet with visitors at Price Memorial Auditorium. Invitations have gone out to all families of Lebanese origin throughout North Carolina to attend the May 9 reception.

General chairmen in charge of the celebration are Sister Michel, R.S.M., of Belmont Mercy Convent, and Mr. Neil Joseph of Goldsboro. Bishop Waters has also appointed Raleigh pastors, along with local members of the laity, Dr. Henry Zaytoun and Mr. Ellis Nassif, Raleigh attorney, to supervise the evening's program.

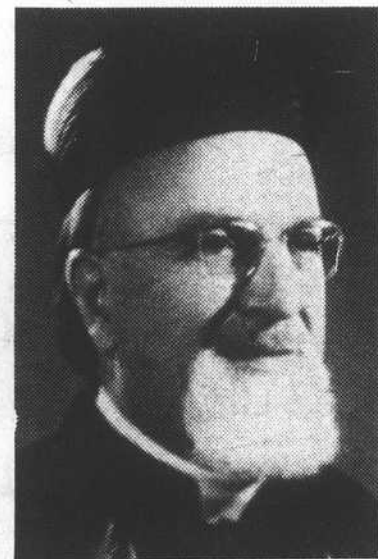
Patriarchs compare with Western archbishops in ecclesiastical jurisdiction; the historical title is given to heads of church provinces in the mid-eastern Catholic and Orthodox rites.

Patriarch Meouchi serves in the Middle East as ordinary of Maronites, Lebanese Catholics in union with Rome. In the United States Maronite Catholics are under the jurisdiction of local ordinaries and generally worship in the Roman Rite. There are, however, some fifty Maronite parishes in the United States where the Liturgy (Mass) is celebrated in

the Syriac language and derives from the ancient Antiochian Liturgy. Nearest Maronite churches to North Carolina are in Richmond and Roanoke, Virginia, and in Birmingham, Alabama.

Other Catholic Rites in the Near East are the Byzantine, Copts, Melkite, Chaldean, and Armenian. Those eastern rites which had broken with Rome, and later returned to union, are known as Uniates. Dissidents, not in union with Rome, are called Orthodox.

Unique among the Eastern Rites, the Maronites returned as a complete body to union with Rome in the 12-Century, so that there is no schismatic counterpart to the Maronite Catholic Church.



PATRIARCH OF MARONITES
PAUL PIERRE MEOUCHI

Archbishop Of Atlanta To Visit Here

RALEIGH — The Diocese of Raleigh, Bishop Vincent S. Waters announced this week, will honor its new Archbishop, Paul J. Hallinan of Atlanta in special ceremonies on Tuesday, May 29.

The former bishop of Charleston, S. C. was inaugurated as archbishop of Atlanta, a newly instituted archdiocesan see, on March 29. The new province in-



ARCHBISHOP
PAUL J. HALLINAN

cludes as suffragan sees the dioceses of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

On May 29 Archbishop Hallinan will offer Pontifical High Mass at Raleigh's Sacred Heart Cathedral at 5:00 p.m. At 6:30 that evening a dinner will be served in the prelate's honor at a Raleigh hotel to which all priests of the diocese are invited.

At 8:00 p.m. laity of the diocese will have an opportunity to meet their new archbishop at a reception and musical to be held at Price Auditorium on the grounds of the new Raleigh Catholic high school.

Easter Message By Pontiff Cites Mission Effort

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — Christ's Resurrection is the inspiration for the Church's missionary drive and its "courageous defense of the principles on which the edifice of human dignity and Christian civilization is built," His Holiness Pope John XXIII has declared.

In an Easter eve broadcast to Catholics of the world, the Holy Father intertwined two ancient phrases: "The Lord is truly risen" and its response "And He appeared unto Simon."

The Pope gave voice to the Resurrection's message of hope and triumph and at the same time underlined the role of the popes as vicars of Christ on earth, vicars who transmit and re-emphasize that message throughout the centuries.

But in his message he also warmly showed his feelings for the non-Catholic world and even the non-Christian world.

Pope John spoke of a moving Easter rite celebrated by the Orthodox in Bulgaria, where he was apostolic delegate in the 1930's.

Father Smith's Mother Dies

Mrs. Rebecca Smith, mother of Father Francis Smith of St. Anthony's parish in Southern Pines was taken in death April 23. Father Smith offered the Requiem funeral Mass Friday, April 27 at the Church of the Ascension in Philadelphia, Pa. Residence is 624 West Moreland street in Philadelphia.

May She Rest In Peace!

at new orleans

Boycott Threat Fails To Slow Enrollment

NEW ORLEANS — (NC) — Catholic school enrollment here is soaring, despite segregationist predictions of a "mass boycott" in protest against Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel's school integration order.

The archdiocesan school office reported that incomplete returns on advance registration at 152 out of 162 Catholic schools showed 73,514 pupils registered for next September, compared with 74,306 in the same schools last September. This is a difference of 792.

"Indications are that the total enrollment in the archdiocese next fall may equal or exceed last September's," the school office said.

No figures were immediately available on the number of Negro students enrolling in previously all-white Catholic schools. A school office spokesman said there had been no breakdown of the total figure into new enrollees (including Negroes) and children merely returning to the same schools.

The preliminary report covered enrollments through mid-day of April 19. The school office said parishes which will have additional classroom space by the opening of the new school year will continue registering pupils until September, when complete enrollment figures will be compiled.

Professor Sees Aid to Pupils

NEW YORK — (NC) — A leading constitutional law professor at Columbia University here believes Federal aid could be given parochial school pupils.

Harry W. Jones, Cardozo professor of jurisprudence, said aid could be extended to pupils — not institutions. He also favored a provision in the law for court review of its constitutionality.

Jones' remarks, made at a post-graduate conference at the university, were reported in the Columbia Law School News.

The office said Catholic high schools in the archdiocese had registered 15,583 pupils by April 19, an increase of 901 over last year.

It also pointed out that there was no uniform pre-registration in grade schools last year, and said this rules out "accurate comparison."

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Sisters Seeking Millions to Train College Teachers

DETROIT — (NC) — U.S. sisterhoods are planning to raise \$10 million from corporations, foundations and individuals to finance fellowships for Sisters who will be college teachers.

Sisters in the program will earn doctoral degrees and then will become teachers of younger Sisters preparing for careers in Catholic schools.

The ambitious project was disclosed here at the 59th annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association in a talk by Sister Margaret, president of Trinity College, Washington, D. C.

Called the Sister Formation Graduate Study and Research Project, the effort will provide 2,000 fellowships, valued at \$5,000 each.

"This project cannot be underestimated," Sister Margaret declared.

She said the solicitation of funds will bring facts on the strength of Catholic education to many hundreds of key Americans and the Sisters trained under the fellowships will contribute greatly to raising the quality of education in Catholic schools.

The project is being carried out by a cooperative effort of American religious communities of women banded together in the Sister Formation Conference which was set up in 1954. It is a division of the NCEA's College and University Department.

"Mist' Leander Say No"

By Etienne Barrois

Catholics, both priests and laity, on the Lower Louisiana Coast, are deeply worried over what will happen at Catholic schools next September. Plaquemines and St. Bernard parishes that extend from below New Orleans some 100 miles down the Mississippi are the absolute domain of Plaquemines and Parish Commissioner, Leander H. Perez, Sr. People fear political and economic reprisals from the man who early backed and tutored Huey P. Long in his hold over the State of Louisiana.

As Police Jury Judge over several decades Mr. Perez managed to fasten a personal and autocratic hold over the political, social, and economic life of the Lower Coast. Men who work for Port Sulphur Company and for the numerous oil companies in this area of bayou and 'floating prairie' know that open opposition to Boss Perez can mean loss of job and possible hurt for relatives getting needed social service. Such opposition could also mean an end to special concessions and privileges for shrimp and oyster fishermen, for orange growers, and for power boat taxis that ply between the levee and 'out back' where off-shore and swampland oil drilling goes on.

Race Melee

The Lower Coast presents a curious community of highly competitive nationality groups and color castes. Oldest among the various groups are the old French-speaking families and the Negro villages that predate abolition.

Dalmatians, or Takos, who control the oyster planting and tonging, are a later immigrant group. Mulatto groups, many of which emigrated from Haiti in the days of Toussaint L'Ouverture hold proudly aloof from the blacks.

Besides separate white schools, there are two systems for Colored. Where blacks predominate, the public and private schools are used by them; and mulattoes get private tutoring from eight-grade or high school graduates. Where mulatto families outnumber the Negroes, the blacks must build their own separate school, or depend on white tutoring after school hours.

Most mulattoes are Catholic, and in the larger churches try to preempt the center Gospel section while blacks are forced to occupy the narrow Gospel side section along the windows. Whites take the entire Epistle side in larger places like Buras.

Twenty years ago a newly built movie house displayed two signs at the stairs leading to the peanut heaven: "For Dark Colored" and at the other entrance "For Light Colored." Mulattoes refused the dubious distinction and boycotted the theater.

Color agonizes community life, particularly where heavy concentrations of mulattoes live. Much more miscegenation went on between whites and Mulattoes a few generations back than many insecure whites will openly admit. Whispering campaigns and cautiously guarded association patterns are rigidly maintained in

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