

WORKER-PRIESTS APPEAL ORDERS

French Laboring Clerics Take Plea to Cardinal

PARIS, Feb. 22 (AP)—A group of France's worker-priests, objecting to orders from the Roman Catholic hierarchy to restrict their mission among the country's laborers, met in Paris to take a united stand against their superiors, it was reported today.

Neither the priests nor church officials would confirm that the meeting is under way, nor is the place of the meeting known, but reports of its activity, including a long appeal to Maurice Cardinal Feltin, archbishop of Paris, have reached the newspapers.

This appeal reportedly was signed by 31 of the priests. Earlier this month, 63 of them signed a protest against their instructions to modify and sharply alter the nature of their mission.

Tool Factory Jobs

Several hundred young priests began this mission with the blessing and approval of French bishops several years ago. Living among and working with industrial laborers, their aim was to counteract encroaching communism. The priests laid aside their clerical garments, took factory jobs and joined unions.

After last summer's general strike of government workers, there were complaints among the higher clergy that the worker-priests had been too much in the forefront of the strike movement and several were suspected of having abandoned their religious duties and functions. There were suggestions in the newspapers that some had knowingly or unknowingly embraced Communist doctrines.

Last month orders originating in the Vatican were relayed to the worker-priests by their bishops requiring them to limit their jobs to three hours daily, get out of the labor unions and resume the normal religious routine of the priesthood. The orders set March 1 as the deadline for the changes in the worker-priests' mission.

Appeal to Cardinal

The French Press Agency reported, without stating any source, that the group meeting in Paris intends to send letters responding to these orders to each of their bishops and, probably, seeking a postponement of the deadline.

Sunday newspapers carried a report of the appeal already addressed to Cardinal Feltin, assuring him that the worker-priests remain faithful to the church and to their vows but that the instructions of the hierarchy present "an impossible choice."

The conditions which the instructions from their superiors would impose on their mission, the letter continued, amount to a "disavowal of the struggle" which they have carried on in solidarity with all their comrades.

The letter denied that the mission of the worker-priests was accomplished in demonstrating to the working class that the church has their interests at heart.

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PRETTY PAT NIXON, wife of Vice-President Richard Nixon, poses with some of the gifts and purchases from their trip to 22 countries in the Pacific area last fall. The Nixons made the trip as "good will ambassadors of the White House." Mrs. Nixon is holding a tiger skull fashioned into a combination cigarette holder and ash tray, a gift from Thailand. The teak makeup box in the foreground was presented to the Nixons by Madame Chiang Kai-Shek and the large silver vase at the right was a gift from a high Japanese official.

NO 'DEALS,' SAYS MRS. ROBINSON

Refused 'Emissaries' of Mayor, She States

Mrs. Martha G. Robinson, candidate for councilman-at-large, said Monday night "emissaries" of Mayor deLesseps S. Morrison have tried to persuade her to consider pulling down in the second primary in return for "some honor" to be conferred on her by the mayor.

Mrs. Robinson, speaking over station WNOE, said "the campaign waged by the mayor and his friends to have me pull down" was what made her decision to run in the second primary final.

"The last straw," she said, "was when a dear woman friend of mine was sent to me by the mayor's emissaries to ask if I'd see the mayor, that there perhaps was some honor he could persuade me to accept—that a second primary would cost a lot of money that he knew I would like to save the city . . ."

Mrs. Robinson said she refused to see the mayor. She termed the attitude that a second primary was an unnecessary expense "an insult to intelligent citizens."

She said she believes "citizens have a right to have offices decided by votes and not by deals."

Mrs. Robinson reiterated that her opponent is the "Morrison-endorsed candidate" and that she is running to give voters an opportunity to have representation on the council which is independent of the mayor's influence.

Utilities Commissioner A. Brown Moore, appearing with Mrs. Robinson, said his support of her is based on her qualifications and his desire to see the already nominated commissioner-at-large from the lower section soloist. Musical arrangements were by William Luft, make-up by Samuel Provenzano, costumes by Miss Velma Wilson and scenic effects by Charles Braai and lighting and other special effects by the New Orleans recreation department.

The little elves who danced from under the waterfall and who acted as escorts to the queen, were: Sharon Mae Killeen, Lester Percy Brooks, Wayne William Hughes, Noel Ray Dukes, Glenda Mura and Charlene Murley.

Members of the floor committee were: Chester Theriot, Earl Thompson, Richard Murley, Sal Provenzano, Benjamin Bergeron, Roy Lucas, Philip Buhler, Louis Wattigney Sr., Lester Samanie, Edward Humm, Junius LeFavre, Lee Orgeron and Harold Bourgeois.

As the ball commenced, members of last year's court were presented these included: Mrs. Mildred Blanchard, the 1953 queen; and the following maids of the 1953 ball—Miss Lillian Humm, Mrs. Helen Cassagne, Mrs. Lillian Hughes, Miss Velma Wilson, Mrs. Adele Pertuit and Mrs. Dorothy Sansovich. Their escorts were the following: Herbert Mura, George Cassagne, Charles Hughes, Bernard Wilson, Alfred, Pertuit and Joseph Gracia. The festivities of the evening concluded with the queen's breakfast held at the Roof Garden Club, Gretna.

Officers of Tekawana are: Mrs. Mildred Blanchard, president; Mrs. Dorothy Sansovich, vice-president; Mrs. Rita Humm, secretary and Miss Lillian Humm, treasurer.

Huks Now Face All-Out Drive

MANILA, Tuesday, Feb. 23 (AP)—A midnight deadline for the Communist-led Huks to surrender was ignored last night as an estimated 20,000 Philippine troops took battle positions for an all-out offensive.

President Ramon Magsaysay said "There will be no extension of the deadline for the Huk surrender." The chief executive gave the rebels the choice of returning to a peaceful life or facing the full might of the military.

Field reports said the army units left from prepared positions on northern Luzon island at one minute after midnight. But there were no reports of any contacts with the estimated 1,300 Huks still roaming the mountainous jungles and swamps.

COAST SEMINARY ORDINATION HELD

Bishop Elevates 27 to Minor Orders.

(Special to The Times-Picayune) GULFPORT, Miss., Feb. 22—The first ordination ceremonies at Pine Hills seminary were conducted by the Most Rev. Richard Gerow, Catholic bishop of Natchez, who over a period of three days ending Monday morning advanced 27 young students to the minor orders, preparatory steps leading to the Catholic priesthood.

The new seminary is the former Pine Hills hotel which was converted last summer to a major seminary of the Oblate Fathers, a missionary order of the Catholic church.

The ceremonies were conducted in the chapel of the seminary, the former drawing room of the hotel.

Saturday evening the bishop conferred the order of Tonsure on the young seminarians in which portions of hair from the head is cut off by the bishop to signify the admittance of the student to the rank of a cleric.

The newly ordained clerics are principally from the Midwest area of the United States and 12 are former members of the armed forces. The Oblate Fathers of Mary Immaculate are a missionary order which specializes in working among the poor and more needy people of the world.

Present for the ceremony were the Very Rev. Edwin J. Fuld, O. M. I., provincial superior of the order from Bellville, Ill.

Search Is Asked for Missing Girl

Police juvenile authorities Monday were asked to help locate Catherine Kimble, 15, 3307 Palmyra, who has been missing from her home since Sunday afternoon.

The girl's father Morris Kimble, said Catherine told her mother she was going for a walk about 2:30 p. m. Sunday and failed to return. Kimble said his daughter has no close friends in the city she might be visiting. He expressed fear for her safety. He said she is about five feet, one Miss Kimble inch tall, weighs about 125 pounds, has black hair and brown eyes. She was wearing dungarees, a red cotton shirt and black ballerina slippers.

CEYLON WORKERS TOSS OUT COMMIES

COLOMBO, Ceylon, Feb. 22 (AP)—The Harbor Workers Union, charged in the past with being Communist-controlled, and the Dock and Harbor Workers Union were merged Sunday.

Union officials said all officers with a political tinge were thrown out in the merger.

Yugoslavs Hold Hungarian MIG

LONDON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Belgrade radio reported Monday a Hungarian air force MIG-15 jet fighter made a forced landing in Yugoslavia last Friday after running out of fuel.

"An inquiry as to the circumstances of its landing is being pursued," the broadcast said.

EX-STAR OF STAGE KILLED IN ACCIDENT

WOODBRIDGE, Va., Feb. 22 (AP)—Edward Matthews, 49, the original "Jake" in the Gershwin opera "Porgy and Bess" and in recent years a college teacher of voice, was killed in an auto accident near here Saturday night.

Police said Matthews' car skidded on wet pavement, went out of control and struck an embankment. He was thrown from the car and crushed beneath it.

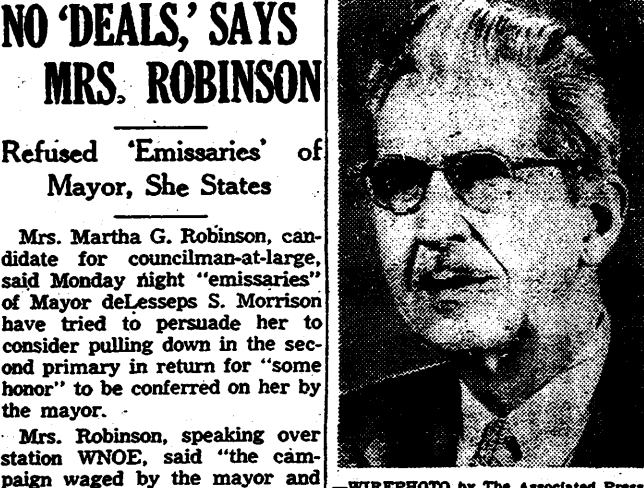
Matthews had joined the faculty of Virginia State College at Petersburg, Va., last year, after two years as a professor at Howard University in Washington.

He was en route to Petersburg from Washington when the accident occurred.

A native of Ossining, N. Y., Matthews, a baritone, received both bachelor's and master's degrees in music from Fisk University at Nashville, Tenn., and toured with the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

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REV. CLAUDE WILLIAMS was unrooked as a minister of the Presbyterian church in Detroit, Mich. He was notified of his dismissal by a special judicial commission named by the Presbytery to try him for heresy and for teaching and preaching communism. He was among half a dozen ministers named by Rep. Velde (R-Ill.) as suspected of trying to infiltrate the ministry with Communist ideas.

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NEW ORLEANS FIRM GETS TAX BENEFIT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—The office of defense mobilization Monday announced the issuance of certificates entitling 57 companies to federal tax benefits for defense expansion projects for defense expansion projects.

Projects approved by ODM, and the percentage of cost to which the rapid write-off privilege may be applied in each case, included:

Mechanical Equipment Company, Inc., New Orleans, for inland waterway vessels, \$2,172,000 at 50 per cent and \$992,000 at 40 per cent.

Industrial Rayon Corporation, \$4,300,500 for production of nylon-type staple fiber at Covington, La., 65 per cent.

BOYS HURT PLAYING HOCKEY WITH SHELL

CUXHAVEN, Germany, Feb. 22 (AP)—An improvised hockey puck exploded in the air here and three German boys were hurt, one seriously.

Police said the boys used a one-inch anti-aircraft shell from World War I as a puck. When one of the players shot a goal, the shell exploded. Hermann Strozoda, 11, was critically hurt.

The rink was on an old German army ammunition dump.

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