

CHURCH BANNED IN ONE-THIRD OF MEXICO STATES

Present Unrest Is Laid to
Rigid Enforcement of
Religious Laws.

Opposition of the practice of religion in more than one-third of Mexico and the introduction of the Salazar regime in the schools have created a new phase in the age-old struggle between church and state that is attracting world-wide attention.

Resistance of a considerable segment of the population to the government's program has led to strife and bloodshed. The United Press has made an objective survey of the situation in the Mexican states, presenting as nearly as possible an impartial picture of the situation as it exists today.

The survey is embodied in four dispatches, of which the following is the first:

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MEXICO CITY, Jan. 28—More than one third of the Mexican states and territories, representing between 15 and 20 per cent of the population of the republic, are without legal church services because of the recent tightening of lines in the church-state conflict.

A survey by the United Press reveals that since the autumn of 1934, when the proposed reforms of Mexico's educational laws to include teaching of Socialism in the public schools brought a renewal of the more or less quiescent religious situation, 12 Mexican states either have withdrawn licenses from priests or have expelled them from their borders.

Southern States Radical

This action has been purely that of the individual states. Years ago the federal government passed the first religious laws and since has regulated such matters as the wearing of distinctive garb by priests, but the present laws governing operation of churches have been passed by the states. The attitude of the various states varies widely from San Luis Potosi, with 70 authorized priests and churches, down to those that have closed all churches or expelled priests.

The latter states are principally in tropical southern Mexico and may or may not reflect the influence of Tomás Garrido Canabal, present secretary of agriculture and for years political chief and governor of the tropical state of Tabasco. Strongest and most radical anti-clerical in Mexico, Garrido's state is the center of a group of six without churches or priests licensed.

These are Tabasco, Chiapas, Campeche, Oaxaca, Vera Cruz and Yucatan. Sonora, Chihuahua and Tamaulipas are the northern border states without operating priests, while Guerrero, Colima and Zacatecas, in the central portion of Mexico, complete the list.

Social Program Resented

In virtually every other state except San Luis Potosi, state laws have been amended restricting the number of churches and priests allowed to function. The states of Hidalgo and Nayarit permit five each, while San Luis Potosi licenses 70, Jalisco 50, Nuevo Leon 40 and Sinaloa 20. The Federal district allows 25, with other states varying between that figure and none.

The present situation is a direct result of opposition to the government's educational provisions embodied in the so-called six-year plan, a program of social and economic development originated by the National Revolutionary (governing) party and approved at the Queretaro convention that nominated General Lazaro Cardenas, present president of the republic. These provisions stipulated socialististic instruction in all schools with absolute suppression of all religious theories. Some of them may be liberally decried as atheistic.

Up to that time the religious situation had been fairly tranquil. The religious laws passed under the administration of Plutarco Elias Calles as president were still in force, but there was a laxity in enforcement that was obvious.

Enforcement Was Liberal

Only a small percentage of churches actually had been closed, except in Tabasco, where for years no priest had been allowed. In Mexico City almost every church was holding services openly, others covertly, while the government, apparently in a conciliatory mood, ignored the violations. The same situation prevailed in most of the states.

Occasionally a church would be closed here and there, but in general federal and state governments were fairly liberal in law enforcement. In a broad metaphorical sense the situation was similar to that in numerous sections of the United States during the waning days of the prohibition amendment.

Then a series of incidents brought about drastic action against the church in almost every part of the public. Almost overnight states began to expel priests and close churches.

The second of this series will be published tomorrow.

TREAT A COLD AS IF YOU MEAN IT!

*Don't Fool Around with Half-way Measures and
Invite Serious Complications!*

One of the worst things you can do is "kid around" with a cold.

The so-called "common cold" causes more serious sickness and more enforced absence from work than anything else.

It's a mistake to treat a cold lightly. A cold calls for a cold treatment and not a "cure-all". A cold calls for internal treatment, for a cold is an internal infection.

One of the best things you can take for a cold is Grove's Laxative Bromo Quinine. Your own doctor will tell you that.

First of all, Bromo Quinine is a cold tablet made expressly for the treatment of colds.

Secondly it is internal medication and of fourfold control.

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EXILE TO GIVE SPEECH



TRACTION CAR MISHAP VICTIM DIES OF INJURY

Michael Burgess Succumbs
in Hospital; Hit-Run
Driver Sought.

Services were being arranged today for Michael Burgess, 247 N. Randolph-st, who died last night in Methodist Hospital as the result of injuries suffered Wednesday when his automobile crashed into an out-bound Indiana Railroad traction car at Oliver-av and Harding-st. He was 50, and the 12th fatal victim of traffic accidents in Marion County this year.

Police today are searching for the hit-run driver of an auto which struck and injured three women yesterday, and then fled on foot after the crash. The injured, Mrs. Dorothy Sullivan, 18, of 3130 N. Arsenal-av; Miss Virginia Wolfe, 18, of 3285 North Arsenal-av, and Miss Maxine Wolfe, 22, same address, were in an auto in the 1200 block, W. 34th-st. The women suffered severe injuries.

Three persons were injured Sunday when their auto was wrecked at the interurban bridge at 63rd-st over the canal. The auto was traveling north in College-av.

20,000 MATTRESSES ARE GIVEN NEEDY

7000 Comforts Also Made
in State Plants.

Approximately 20,000 mattresses and 7000 comforts have been manufactured in the 13 emergency mattress and comfort factories operated throughout the state by the commodity division of the Governor's Unemployment Relief Commission, the commission announced today.

The Indianapolis factory has made and distributed 6806 mattresses and 3274 comforts.

The work in these factories is done by 950 persons who have been taken from relief rolls over the state. The mattresses and comforts made in these factories are not sold, but are distributed to persons on relief rolls who would be unable to purchase such articles. Case workers see that the articles are given only to those in actual need and old articles are burned as soon as new ones are supplied.

TRAVELER TO SPEAK AT ROTARY SESSION

Dr. Ethan Colton to Tell of
European Study.

Dr. Ethan Colton, who has visited Europe to study new developments abroad, will be presented by the public affairs committee of the Rotary Club at the meeting tomorrow in the Claypool. He will speak on "New Deals at Home and Abroad."

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen belong to:
Curtis Graham, 4805 Carrollton-av; Ford V-8 sedan, from home; Carrollton-av.
Roger Marshall, 1247 N. Sheffield-av; Ford coach, 16-714, from garage at home.
John C. McRae, 1200 N. Meridian-av; Chevrolet sedan, from Prospect-st and Keystone-av.
C. E. Wood, 5638 Carrollton-av; Ford sedan, 10-204, from 5000 block Guilford-av.
W. G. Dorsett, 1630 Sharon-av; Ford V-8 coach, 17-308, from 3218 N. Meridian-av.
Speedway, 1200 N. Meridian-av.
Ruth Penry, 26 N. 11th-st; Dodge sedan, from New Jersey; and Michigan-av.
William Bright, 2242 College-av; Ford coupe, property of Bohannon Morrison Co., 50 N. Capitol-av; from home.
Vincent Steffin, 916 Woodlawn-av; Ford coach, from 510 E. McCarty-st.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police belong to:
John Taylor, 443 Blake-st; Nash sedan at 9th and West-av.
Kenneth Baker, 811 N. La Salle-st; Ford coupe, 100 block Walker-av; front tires missing.
J. Barton Griffin, 1814 E. Vermont-av; Ford, 1934, 973 Broadmoor-av.
John E. Wilson, 1218 Vandeman-av; Dodge sedan, at 30 N. Delaware-st.
Plymouth sedan, 37-440 (34); no certificate of title, found in front of 5822 E. Washington-st.

Thin, Weak, Backache?

ALL women at some period of their lives need a strengthening tonic. Read what Mrs. Cora Bates of Peach St., Conneaut, Ohio, said: "Following motherhood I could not sleep at night. I was not very thin and had weak, suffered from backache and had no strength. I felt miserable and sick all over. I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and was much better. New size, tablets 50 cts., paid \$1.00. Large size, tabs or liquid, \$1.35. All druggists.

Write Dr. Pierce's Clinic, Buffalo, N.Y.

Send for our free booklet which describes Dr. Pierce's Invalids Hotel and gives all particulars of our work here. Advertisement.

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DANCE LEADER



REDUCTION IN GROSS INCOME RATE IS URGED

Arnett Proposes to Make Up
Loss With Levy on
Sales.

A proposal that the gross income tax rate on personal income be reduced a 2 or 3 per cent retail sales tax law enacted was made yesterday by W. H. Arnett, chairman of the Governor's Tax Study Commission.

He sees benefit in H. B. 107, which continues the minimum wage scale for teachers in that it does not increase the minimum scale.

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New Taxes Urged

A tax on cigarettes, tobacco, playing cards and tickets to professional athletic contests to provide revenue under the provisions of a free text book bill was to be introduced today by Senator Perry H. Inman (D., Winslow).

Senator Inman's measure differs from the administration measure now pending in the House chiefly in the manner by which funds would be raised.

"Now it is reported that additional revenue may be needed for old age pensions, social service, unemployment relief and outlays for state institutions. If such revenue is needed, many favor reduction of the personal receipts tax and substitution of the mandatory retail sales tax of 2 or 3 per cent.

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