

stronger than the membership of the Communist Party) been one which was trained in lay leadership, instructed in Catholic social teaching and prepared to apply it, then we might well have gotten the allegiance of the peasants and prevented them from falling into the hands of the Communists. Moreover, the Chinese people today would be on the way to having those promises fulfilled.

I know that it is easy to answer this sort of judgment in the sense that the first job of the priests in the mission areas is to get the Sacraments to the people and that often they have little time in China for anything but this. The fact remains, however, that, as we learned in the commissions at Panama, there are missionaries who today consider that it is worth sacrificing some of their ordinary work in order to do precisely the sort of work which I suggested. The real point is, of course, to use the lesson of China in order to ensure that there shall be no more Chinas. (Mission Secretariat)

### PERSECUTION EN INDE

Deux textes à méditer: "The spectacle of what is called religion, or at any rate organized religion, in India and elsewhere has filled me with horror, and I have frequently condemned it and wished to make a clean sweep of it. Almost always it seems to stand for blind belief and reaction, dogma and bigotry, superstition and exploitation, and the preservation of vested interests... The religious outlook does not help, and even hinders, the moral and spiritual progress of a people". (Nehru's Autobiography, Newsweek)

"Numbered Days: The mahasabha slogan today is "Militarize the Hindus; reconvert the ex-Hindus". Its vice president, Dr. N.G. Khare, declares it is the government's duty "to follow the good example of our neighbors China and Burma and banish all these foreign missionaries. Shuddhi is a national necessity".

Faught between secularism and militant hindu fanaticism, the missionaries themselves are gloomy. As an American Protestant woman missionary who had been long in India said: "I don't think we can remain very long. We are living under sufferance". (Newsweek)

### ADVANCED TECHNIQUES AND BETTER LIFE TO FARMERS OF BRAZIL

The Church and agricultural experts will unite efforts to improve the living standards of farmers and to increase farm production in Brazil.

Archbishop Jose Delgado of San Luis del Maranao and Minister for Agriculture Don Benito Munoz da Rocha, signed an agreement promising mutual support in the farm program. The agreement was signed after a two-day conference between 15 Brazilian Bishops and experts from the Ministry of Agriculture, called by Minister Munoz da Rocha to study the farm situation. As the conference ended, the Bishops sent a message to Brazil's Present Joao Cafe Filho, offering the cooperation of the Church in the rural programs. All Bishops and priests in the farming district are expected to promote the farm programs, which will encourage latest techniques in agriculture and husbandry. (Mission Secretariat)