

ina Catholics
duced by Half
eds Won't Allow
New Consecrations
ONG KONG — (U.P.) — Four
of Communist persecution
China have created vacancies
more than half the ecclesiasti-
cians of the country. Catholic
quarters here report.
statement said that of the 143
in China, only 60 are now
in their sees with nomi-
freedom. The others either
been expelled or jailed or
from imprisonment or pre-
from proceeding to their
PRESENT box score is: 60
are still occupied by bishops,
the other 83 are vacant. Of
33 prelates who have vacated
sees, 39 were deported, 20
sees, 10 put under house
arrest, six unable to return to
sees and eight died either in
or shortly after removal
prison.
Catholic center said it is
impossible to consecrate new
bishops for the vacant sees be-
cause of Communist restrictions.
The list of the 39 de-
posed archbishops, bishops and
apostolic is Archbishop
Diberi, papal internuncio
China. Among the imprisoned
is Archbishop Joseph
Chi-shin of Nanchang, Ki-
chi. He was jailed after he
down a Communist "invi-
to become the "Pope" of
church in China.
Catholic center said, "The
sees were for the
part simply picked up by
Security Police and lodged
in. They have had neither
nor sentences.
ARCELY any information is
able on any of these prelates,
it is a matter of conjecture
whether they are still alive. Some
have been heard of for over a
60 prelates still remaining
sees are not free to exer-
their ministry. If they are not
under guard, they may
be forbidden to leave their com-
or are not permitted to
any contact with church
bishops, or are not permitted to
other parishes in the see.
ghway Group
udies Plans
MEM — (U.P.) — A proposal to
all of Oregon's motor ve-
cles under the administra-
of one department instead of
five as at present is being
by the highway legislative
committee.
committee meeting here last
agreed to make the study
of the state code revision
to prepare a brief indi-
cating amendments needed to im-
prove the plan.
Elmo Smith of John Day,
man of the committee, stressed
that the group had taken no
action on the plan but
hold further meetings.
a plan is agreed upon the
committee will draft legislation
presented to the 1953 legis-
lature.
the plan being studied would
a new department of ve-
hicles, as several other states have.
is done, administration of
vehicle laws now done by
secretary of state's office, pub-
licity commissioner, state
commission and state po-
lice would be transferred to the
department.
committee members ex-
pressed belief such an arrange-
ment would be more economical
the present setup and would
provide more and better service for
motoring public.
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said the boundaries of the
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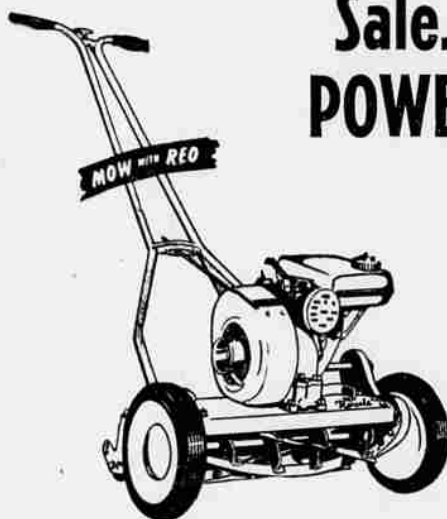
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