ENDING 23-DAY VACATION at Newport, R. I., President and Mrs. Eisenhower return to Washington where he faces many major problems including Far East crisis and task of filling post vacated by Sherman Adams' resignation.

Number of Missionaries Is Concern of Bishop

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American Catholics are sending more missionaries abroad than ever before. But they still aren't doing as much as they should for "the spiritually underprivileged of the world."

That's the verdict of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, who gave up his popular television program last year to devote full time to the task of stimulating a larger U. S. contribution to the global missionary efforts of the Catholic church.

Bishop Sheen is national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He was in Washington, D. C., this week to preside over a three-day meeting of the U. S. Catholic Mission Secretariat.

An official report presented at the meeting showed that there are now 6,124 American Catholic missionaries serving overseas.

That is an increase of nearly 1,000 in the past two years. It is nearly three times as many missionaries as the American branch of the church provided in 1940.

Some people would say that is a pretty good record for a country which was itself a "mission territory" of the Catholic church only 50 years ago.

No Time For Rest

But Bishop Sheen is not a man for resting on laurels. The Catholic church in America is today one of the largest, wealthiest and best-staffed branches of world Catholicism. And Bishop Sheen believes it is high time for more "missionary consciousness" among American Catholics.

Even at the present figure, he pointed out, the number of American Catholic missionaries represents "less than three per cent of the total number of priests, brothers and sisters in the United States."

"It would be a violation of Catholic spirit," he said, "to hoard personnel at home when they are so sorely needed in other parts of the world. The superfluities of the rich are the necessities of the poor, even as regards personnel."

As a further antidote for any pride American Catholics may be tempted to feel in their growing missionary force, Bishop Sheen pointed out that they still have a long way to go to "catch up" with American Protestants and European Catholics.

About 24,000 American Protestant missionaries are serving abroad. They outnumber American Catholic missionaries, by ratios as high as 3 or 4 to 1, in all major mission fields except the Pacific Ocean islands.

African Figures

Africa—where Pope Pius has urged a concentrated mission effort—affords a good example of the contrast between U. S. and European Catholic contributions of missionary personnel.

There are now 381 American Catholic priests and brothers serving in African missions. There are 2,197 priests from France, 1,149 from Ireland, 1,136 from the Netherlands, 660 from Italy, and 451 from Germany.

To Bishop Sheen, the "most encouraging" development of the past two years was a sharp jump in the number of American Catholic laymen serving as foreign missionaries. There are now 96 lay missionaries, compared to only 16 in 1956.

"Judging by the present desire of laity to dedicate themselves to the church, this number will be increased ten-fold within five years," the bishop predicted.

Wrong Attitude

Appeals for greater missionary efforts sometimes encounter apathy from church members who feel it is somehow presumptuous to send missionaries to people who "already have a religion of their own."

To this attitude, which is found widely in Protestant churches, too, Bishop Sheen had an answer:

"Other world religions go from man to God, as do the Moslems by surrender to God's will; the Taoists by obedience to cosmic law; the Buddhists say their denial of wordly desires.

"But Christianity is not man going to God, but God coming to man. Faith, grace and salvation are gifts. Pagan nations cannot save themselves any more than they can lift themselves by their own bootstraps. There is only one savior or redeemer for all mankind.

"Missionaries, therefore, must go to other lands to bring them the hearing of the word of God and the activation of that word in the sacraments."

Pocketbook Guides Purchase of Meat

Washington —(UPI)— Women buy meat according to the pocketbook, not the appetite, says the Agriculture Department.

We buy more expensive cuts of beef or pork and larger amounts of veal or lamb if the budget is larger, an Agricultural Marketing Service report showed.

The effect of income on choices of meat was determined in a survey of food consumption by households in all parts of the United States.

Total meat consumption also is related to family income level, the survey showed. The relationship was marked most sharply in the South.

No matter what the insome, most families tend to eat less pork than beef. The amount of pork consumed varies in each part of the country. In the South and North Central states, families eat more lamb. Stewing and boiling beef is most popular with low income families. Ham has lost favor with the wealthy, and ground beef is popular in all income levels.

RED CHERRY SOUP

New York—(UPI)—Red cherry soup is a good beginning for a ham dinner.

Drain one 1-pound can of water-pack red sour pitted cherries. Preserve liquid and a few whole cherrieis for garnish. Chop remaining fruit very fine or puree in electric blender.

Combine ¼ cup sugar with 2 teaspoons cornstarch and ¼ teaspoon each salt and cinnamon in saucepan. Stir in cherry liquid, chopped cherries and orange juice, and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture comes to boil. Boil ½ minute. Remove from heat, stir in ½ cup claret wine and serve, hot or chilled, with a garnish of sour cream and whole cherries. Serves four.

NOT MODERN ENOUGH

Lansing, Mich.—(UPI)—A conference on "modern methods and machines in state government" Thursday just wasn't modern enough. Several demonstrations had to be cancelled because there weren't enough electrical outlets.

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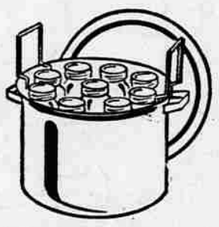

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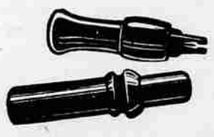

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