



簡訊

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北京新華社六月四日電：宋慶齡名譽主席逝世後，她的親屬孫穗英等向報界發表聲明，爲了表達對她的愛戴，特以她的親屬的名義宣佈，準備設立宋慶齡基金，爲她生前最關心的青年和少年兒童的文化教育事業服務。這項基金首先在北美創立，將依據國際合作的精神來促進這項事業。

這真是一項聰明和積極的做法，因爲悲哀無補於實際，倒不如把愛她的心轉化爲力量，去實現她的偉大志願，造福婦女和兒童。這樣的愛豈不也體現了耶穌的教導：「你跟隨我罷！任憑死人去埋葬他們的死人！」（瑪·8:22）？

神學院育幼苗

中國新聞社南京三月三十日消息：中國唯一的基督教神學院——南京金陵協和神學院於二月底開學。這一屆共招收男女新生四十七名。這些來自二十二個省、市、自治區的學員，具有高中文化程度，是由各地教會推荐，經過考試，擇優錄取的。學制爲四年，主要課程有聖經研究、教義神學、教會歷史、教牧學、聖樂、英語以及其他文化課。

一九八一年第三期的「天風」雜誌很詳盡的介紹了該神學院的學習情形，刊登了幾位正在院內進修同學的學習心得及感想，他們年紀中最少的只有十七歲，最大的卅五歲，有的剛剛走出中學校門，有些是放棄了十多年工齡的工人，有些是任教中、小學的教師。有些是由父母親自送來學院，有的撇下自己的雙胞胎幼兒來上學的，大家都懷着一顆同樣的心，爲了教會內「莊稼多，工人少」的迫切需要，而甘心獻上自己。

作爲一個教會將來希望和命脈之所在的神學院，能有這樣美好的開端，真令人興奮和羨慕。在天主教方面，聽說中國天主教愛國會也正在北京籌辦神哲學院，要爲中國教會培育神職界的接班人，使中國天主教會繼續延綿不斷。

五位新主教 (THE FIVE NEW BISHOPS)



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中國天主教教務委員會和主教團七月二十四日在北京為五個教區新選出的主教舉行祝聖大典。自左至右：瀋陽教區主教徐振江、天水教區主教趙徑農、南京教區主教錢惠民、蘇州教區主教馬龍麟、大荔教區主教張文彬在祝聖大典上。
(大公報、文匯報八一年七月廿五日)

The five new bishops consecrated on 24/7/81 in Peking are shown (from left) Paul Xu Zhenjiang of the Shenyang diocese in Liaoning; Augustine Zhao Jingnong of the Tianshui diocese in Gansu; Joseph Qian Huimin of the Nanjing diocese of Jiangsu; Mathias Ma Longlin of the Suzhou diocese in Jiangsu; Laurence Zhang Wenbin of the Dali diocese in Shanxi. (*Ta Kung Bao, Wen Wei Po 25/7/81*)

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BRIEF

THE SOONG CHINGLING FOUNDATION

Xinhua Beijing, June 4th: After Soong Chingling, the Honorary President of the People's Republic of China, died her relatives, headed by Sun Suijing, announced that in order to reflect their continuous love towards Madam Soong, a foundation of Soong Chingling would be established for the service of the cultural activities of the youth and children for whom she had great love and concern in the days of her life. Sun Suijing was representing all Madam Soong's relatives. The foundation will start first in North America and will be operated according to the spirit of international co-operation in order to facilitate this grand and meaningful enterprise.

This is a very prudent and positive step taken to put her love for the next generation into practical action to fulfil her supreme desire to benefit Chinese women and children, since mourning and grieving could not help the situation much. Is this kind of selfless love an expression of Jesus Christ's teaching "Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their deed." (Mt. 8:22)?

PROTESTANT THEOLOGATE INAUGURATED

China News, Nanjing, 30th March: The Concord Theologate of Nanjing, the only Chinese Protestant Theologate, started its academic course at the end of February 1981. This year 47 students coming from twenty cities, provinces, and autonomous regions were admitted to the program. All of its students were graduates of high school or its equivalent. There were nearly 1,000 applicants sent from local churches from all over China. Selection was based on the result of the entrance examination. Eventually 47 were selected. The program will last for four years. The curriculum includes compilations of Dogma, Biblical Studies, Church History, Pastoral Theology, Music, English, and other cultural subjects.

There was a detailed description of the activities of Theologate in the third issue 1981 of Tien Feng, the Chinese Protestant Magazine. Some students also wrote articles on their studies and their sentiments towards the Theologate. We came to know that the youngest one is seventeen years of age and the oldest one is thirty five. Some of them are newly graduated from high schools, some are teachers of primary and middle schools, and some are veteran workers with more than ten years of experience. Some were sent by the their parents personally to the Theologate, and there was one who even left behind his twin babies so that he could attend the courses. All showed that for the sake of the church, they responded to the appeal: "The harvest is abundant but workers are few," and they were enthusiastic to dedicate themselves to the church by first preparing themselves with studies.

It is very encouraging and consoling to know that, being the heartbeat and the hope of the Protestant church, the Concord Theologate was blessed by God to have such a good start. On the Catholic side, it was said that the Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association has been planning to start a seminary for Philosophy and Theology in Beijing to form successors to the Chinese Catholic clergy. This would make the continuation of the Chinese Catholic Church possible.