

Priests, Brother and Nuns Believed Lost or Murdered in China Now Reported Safe

WORD COMES THAT ALL ESCAPED FROM WEST HUNAN AND ARE AT FRENCH MISSION IN KWELCHOW

Washington, May 26.—Apparently reliable information has been received here that the American Passionist missionaries and Sisters of St. Joseph who for many days were believed lost in Western Hunan, China, or perhaps the victims of radicals, are safe.

According to this information, the group have made their way overland out of the province of Hunan and into the province of Kwelchow, which adjoins it on the west. They are now said to be at Chenyuan in eastern Kwelchow, at a French Catholic mission where conditions for the time being are peaceful.

It is further stated that they intend to remain in Chenyuan at present, and that no fears are now held for their safety.

The information was sent by mail from Kwelchow to Yunnan, in the province of Yunnan, still farther to the west, whence it was relayed to Hongkong and thence to America.

Nineteen in Party No numbers are given, the expression "the American Catholic missionaries from Western Hunan" being used. Nineteen missionaries in all fled for their lives when the missions in Western Hunan were sacked. It has been reported that the three Sisters among the number, accompanied by two or more priests, were making their way toward Indo-China, and the province of Kwelchow lies in that direction. However, from the information received here it would seem that the entire 19 are included in those who have reached safety, although that fact cannot be verified as yet.

The 19 are: Sisters Clarissa Statt Miller, Florence Sullivan, and Rose Mary of the St. Joseph Order of Pittsburgh; the Very Rev. Dominic Langenbacher, head of the Passionist missions in Western Hunan; Fathers Cuthbert O'Garra of Toronto, Agatho Purtil of Union City, Pa., Basil Bauer of Sharon, Pa., Clement Seybold of Dun Kirk, N. Y., Constantine Leach of Pittsburgh, Ernest Cunningham of Cambridge, Mass., Gregory McElrick of Columbus, Ohio, Jeremiah McNamara of Philadelphia, Terence Connolly of Woburn, Mass., Paul Ullinger of Pittsburgh, Vincent Oliver of Brooklyn, Raphael Vance of Philadelphia, Timothy McElmott of Pittsburgh, Theophane Maguire of Philadelphia and Brother Lambert of Rotterdam, Holland.

Shanghai, May 16.—While every effort has been made here to find some trace of the sixteen American Passionist missionaries and three Sisters of St. Joseph who fled for their lives when the missions in Western Hunan were sacked, the fact has been over looked that thirteen other Catholic missionaries escaped a similar fate by evacuating the territory immediately before the blow fell.

Even more dramatic is the fact now disclosed that three of the missionaries who were trapped arrived at the concentration point to join the evacuees only a few hours after the convoy had departed, and hence were left behind. Had they been able to reach Shenchow only a little sooner, they would have escaped the major danger of the flight.

For some time before the sacking of the missions, the Passionists in the interior had been considering the evacuation of all their missionaries, but a skeleton staff finally the decision was made, and all but two men for each principal mission station were ordered to Shenchow for evacuation.

When the situation became even more precarious, the party left on the perilous journey to Shanghai. It included seven priests, Fathers Dunstan, William Rupert, Cormac, Jordan, Miles and Caspar, and five Sisters of Charity. In the convey also were about seventy Protestant missionaries, these were evacuating all their workers. With a strong military escort, the party finally reached Shanghai after twenty days of travel filled with perils. At Hankow Father Godfrey was picked up, but Fathers Arthur and Flavian remained in that city. The entire Catholic evacuated party is now housed in Shanghai.

Only a few hours after the large convoy started on its way, Fathers Basil, Terence and Anthony arrived in Shenchow, headquarters of the mission, to join the party. They had made all haste, but had been delayed by the poor traveling facilities of the country. They were forced to remain in the interior station, and presumably fled for their lives together with the others.

Of the others still in the interior, the Rt. Rev. Dominic Langenbacher was last reported at Yunnchow, where he had been stranded for months because of the dangers of traveling and the lack of military escort. Fathers Raphael and Theophane were at Kiating, Fathers Agathe and Constantine were in Yungshui, and Father Jeremiah was in Oshing.

Subsequent reports have come in that the three Sisters, accompanied by two of the Fathers, were making their way through the interior to Indo-China, the only way of escaping themselves from the danger

YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH

A series of articles by Mary E. Spencer (N. C. W. C. Bureau of Education)

is the Child Lazy or Malnourished? The little child carried up for his parent's shoulders—sometimes called "wings" by the children—flat chest and protruding abdomen. His eyes are dull and almost colorless. His lips are pale and almost colorless. His hair is always where it should be. He was listless and disinclined to exert himself. He seemed "tired out" his mind was apparently wandering and only by constantly calling on him could the teacher bring him to concentrate for any length of time on the topic in hand. Whether the subject matter was prepared during the supervised study lesson in school, or assigned for home work the results were invariably the same. He could not read or would not study. Long ago his teacher decided that he was the proverbial "lazy boy" but this announcement did not startle him. He accepted it with his usual indifference. He did not seem to have energy enough to resent it.

John was the mischief-maker. He was nervous and irritable. When any thing happened John was usually at the bottom of things. His versatile abilities ranged from bullying small boys on the playground to starting a fire during silent reading by wind-tuning up a mechanical toy brought to school for just such an occasion. His never-ending energy was always ready for the next thing unless that next call happened to be his school work when he was sure to find something more interesting to divert his attention. John was a personified "bundle of nerves" a thin, wiry, over-active, harum-scarum boy, by most appropriate nick name "Sally" by his crowd. As usual he was at the old tricks today much to the amusement of those in his immediate vicinity.

Case For The Doctor

Sister Agnes Clare concluded the recitation. What was to be done with those two boys was the perplexing thought which occupied her attention as she directed the children to take their seats. All efforts to interest them in the pursuit of knowledge had failed. All the orthodox forms of discipline apparently were unproductive of any good. Could it be possible that these two who seemed unamenable to all training were "difficult" children because they were physically equal to their school work? This thought gave birth to another. At the next visit of Dr. Long, Sister Agnes Clare would consult him and suggest that both boys be thoroughly examined. This at least would eliminate the possibility of malnourishment. Food then is not the handicap found to be one of the most important factors in fact the major causes of school retardation, repetition and limitation. It was not long before this thought was carried out. The parents of both boys agreed to the examination as they were only too ready to do anything which might help their children. The boys' behavior in school as well as at home. As the best proof of their cooperation both Mrs. Moore and Miss Williams came to school to be present at the examination.

From the start it was quite evident that John was not up to par. He was all that was implied in his nickname. A further examination revealed the

zone. One report was that Father Quenton, Brother Lambert and the Sisters had been the long journey. Word also was received that the Sisters, Brother Lambert and two of the priests, unnamed, were in the party. Still another missionary says that the sending of Fathers Ernest and Gregory with the Sisters was being considered. Just what religious attempt the hazardous trip if it were begun, is accordingly not known, but it seems assured that the primary consideration in the minds of the priests was to get the Sisters out.

The closing of the beautiful Aurora University, conducted by the Jesuits here, came about when the students tried to bring about bolshevik control of the institution. Evacuation of missions continues and departures for home take place occasionally. Eight of the 11 Irish Christian Brothers have sailed. A United States gunboat went to the rescue of the Spanish bishop and 16 Jesuits at Wuhu. The cathedral had already been taken over by the Chinese soldiers. A little while back 36 Jesuit Fathers arrived here as refugees, and 20 more followed them shortly afterward. Their bishop had called them in. The Franciscans in Changsha started evacuation some time ago, and the Augustinians have left only a few men in their vicariate.

Shenchow, the Passionist Fathers' mission center which has been cut off, with the remaining missionaries compelled to flee, is now the objective of Nationalist armies in a major military movement. A battle for the city is expected momentarily. The Nationalists have just announced a victory within 100 miles of Shenchow, and the defeated troops are said to be overrunning the district in retreat.

Catholic Writer Dies

London, May 23.—Author of many Catholic books, Miss Sarah Ann Turk has died in Nottingham. Her literary work was blessed by Pope Plus X and Pope Benedict XV. Miss Turk was the author of two sacred dramas, "Joan of Arc" and "The Star of Bethlehem."

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Bad Teeth An Explanation

Herbert on the contrary was found up to weight, in fact a few pounds over. But his muscles were flabby and poorly developed. His eyes were dull and listless with dark circles beneath, while the colorless nervous membrane of the mouth and eyeball lining indicated a poor blood condition and possible oxygen starvation due to nasal obstruction. While his diet seemed to be all that was desirable, its efficacy was thwarted by frequent digestive disturbances which on further questioning and examination were attributed to the presence of five carious teeth, two of had pus pockets at the roots. This pus was constantly entering the child's system, a veritable source of intoxication producing his peculiarly phlegmatic lazy temperament.

Both were pronounced malnourished children in need of medical treatment and education in health habits rather than discipline. They were both recommended to a nutrition class, a wise schoolmaster of one of the largest schools in a metropolis says, "A healthy, happy child is never lazy. So if you happen across a lazy child make up your mind that there is something wrong and that you intend to find out just what it is before you stop searching. This is the attitude we now take in the schools before we condemn the child to the category of the lazy and moreover than not the so-called lazy one is the malnourished one. It used to be thought that only among the poor and ignorant would be found those who were malnourished. We have since discovered this notion to be as false as a matter of fact malnourishment is frequently found as frequently in well-to-do families as in those less favorably situated. In fact it is estimated by investigators that 25 per cent of all school children are malnourished. Food then is not the handicap found to be one of the most important factors in fact the major causes of school retardation, repetition and limitation. It was not long before this thought was carried out. The parents of both boys agreed to the examination as they were only too ready to do anything which might help their children. The boys' behavior in school as well as at home. As the best proof of their cooperation both Mrs. Moore and Miss Williams came to school to be present at the examination.

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England's Catholic Expert On Comets Now In Retirement

London, May 23.—A famous Catholic astronomer, Dr. Andrew Crommelin, retired this week after completing exactly 26 years' service at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich. Dr. Crommelin was by birth an Ulster Protestant, descended from a Huzarid family, but he has long been a convert to the Church.

For 30 years he has been director of the Comet Section of the Astronomical Society, of which he was at one time president. His name is known to the general public chiefly by reason of his correct prediction of the return of Halley's Comet in 1910. This prediction involved an immense amount of mathematical calculation combined with years of experience in observation. His work in connection with comets has led to many discoveries.

On behalf of the Royal Observatory, Dr. Crommelin has taken part in four solar eclipse expeditions, and although he has now retired he intends to go to Colwyn Bay this year to see under the most favorable conditions the total eclipse of the sun due on June 29.

Detroit Conference Adds Three Names To List of Speakers

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, May 27.—Three more names have been added to the program for the fifth annual meeting of the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems to be held this year at Detroit, July 1 and 2. All of these additional speakers will participate in the symposium discussion of the status of an unskilled worker and his family which will feature the afternoon meeting of the second day.

The speakers are Prof. James H. Hagerly, dean of the Department of Sociology, Ohio State University; the Rev. Francis J. Haas, Ph. D., a professor at Marquette University and St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, and Msgr. Patrick H. Dunigan, a pastor of Flint, Michigan.

Labor Women Urge Britain Withdraw Birth Control Ban

London, May 23.—By an 8 to 1 majority, the National Conference of Labor Women, meeting at Huddersfield this week, passed a resolution demanding that the Ministry of Health withdraw its ban on the giving of birth prevention information at maternity centres which receive grants of public money.

A similar resolution was carried last week by more than 1,000 delegates at the annual council meeting of the Women's National Liberal Federation.

A Catholic delegate, Miss Quinn, who rose to oppose the Labor resolution, was shouted down. The disorder became so bad that Dr. Marion Phillips, who presided, had to shout at the delegates to make herself heard. She told the assembly that the demonstration was a disgrace, and urged the delegates in favor of birth control to exercise more self-control.

"Hell must rock with laughter at this resolution," declared Miss Quinn. "I protest against birth control as the most reactionary measure on our agenda. Last week the Liberal women passed it. Read the names on the Birth Control Committee: viscountesses and countesses and the rest of them. Birth control is a complete capitulation to Capitalism. It is a policy of cowardice, and if the motion is passed it will be a fearful gesture of despair to the rest of the world."

Another Catholic delegate, Councillor Mrs. E. L. Dooley, the mother of six children said birth prevention was tackling the problem from the wrong end. "The subject has been responsible for the loss of Labor of many elections, and it will lose hundreds more," she declared.

Dr. Richards stated that if the Ministry's ban were removed it would mean that the maternity centres would have to be scrapped.

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