

Bishop Yu Pin Returns To U. S. For Visit; Lauds Missionaries

WASHINGTON (AP)—"This war has united the American and Chinese peoples; the Catholics of China and America have never been united."

The words are those of the Most Rev. Paul Yu Pin, Vicar Apostolic of Nanking, China. They were spoken as he arrived in Washington after a 10,000-mile journey from war-torn Chungking.

Driven from his own ecclesiastical jurisdiction by the invading Japanese, Bishop Yu Pin has made his headquarters in Chungking since that city became the war capital of his native land. There, directly in touch with Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, he has not only carried on, as far as possible, his episcopal labors, but has given generously and patriotically of his time and effort to the suffering of his stricken people. He keeps up their morale, works in all ways for the victory he is sure will come for the United Nations.

Talks of Americans

Bishop Yu Pin talked of his China, but first he insisted upon talking of America and Americans. He was impressed, he said, with the manner in which the people of the United States, new to the things of war, have given themselves to the task of thwarting the designs of the foe of mankind.

Particularly, His Excellency said, he would talk of American Catholics, of their generosity and their truly Christian desire to assist all victims of the war of whatever nationality. For what they have done for his own afflicted Chinese, His Excellency said, he wishes to express deep gratitude through the Bishop's War Emergency and Relief Committee.

The Bishop spoke with admiration of the work of American missionaries—priests, Brothers and Sisters—who have continued at their appointed posts in Free China. He has visited many of them and has been witness to their heroism.

Of the spiritual care of Catholic youths among the American armed forces in China, Bishop Yu Pin brought reassurance. In addition to their Catholic chaplains, he said, those in or near Chungking are ministered to by five English-speaking priests regularly stationed there. And throughout Free China, he added, Catholic missionaries have come to the aid of the military chaplains, giving advice and encouragement and hearing Confessions along the road—in the military zone and close to the actual fighting lines.

Allen Missionaries

In addition, His Excellency said, there are about 600 Italian and German Catholic missionaries in Free China. Contrary to Axis methods, he said, they are not in

concentration camps. Their movements are restricted only in that they are not allowed to go within 200 miles of the military zone. However, they practice their ministry unimpeded.

That, he said, is the work of the Communists' attitude toward the missionaries, giving as an instance the fact that when the Chinese leader pointed that mission work was greatly hampered by financial difficulties, he insisted, under various excuses available, to Bishop Yu Pin be declared that whatever the military problems in his country, the missionaries among the Catholics and suffering must not be abandoned.

It is not alone as a churchman that Bishop Yu Pin is known throughout the world. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Chinese People's Political Council, a body which corresponds to the Congress of the United States. He is the only Catholic member of the committee. He is the editor of *Xi Sheng Pao* (Social Welfare Daily), Catholic newspaper of Chungking. And he is President of the Program of Social Welfare, an organization in China similar to the U. S. C. I.

It is partly in this capacity that he has come to the United States—his makes a study of the work for those in the armed service and for war workers that is done by the National Catholic Community Service and the other member agencies of the U. S. C. I.

Three Hour Silence

In keeping with the solemnity of the Three Hours of Christ's suffering, agony and death upon the Cross, a period of three hours of silence was observed in the city of Washington on Good Friday with solemnity.

All who can do so will attend the services in their churches—others will try to maintain silence during that period. It will be an especial offering, this year, that a just and lasting peace will come to the war-wracked world.

Likes Persecution To Three Hours of Agony

FRESNO (AP)—Three years of brutal persecutions undergone by the Christian nations of Europe were likened to the three hours of agony suffered by Christ in the Easter festival of the Most Rev. Philip O. Scher, Bishop of Monterey-Fresno.

Bishop Scher reminded that "as the Church is the Mystical Body of Christ, so it too must have its Calvary if it is to witness the joy of Easter and the glory of the Resurrection."

Honor Copernicus

Chicago—Chicago people of Polish extraction are cooperating in sponsoring the exhibit at the Polish Roman Catholic Union marking the 400th anniversary of the death of Nicholas Copernicus, famous Polish astronomer. The exhibit includes a bust of Copernicus by Szentkuthy, a copy of the famous *De Revolutionibus*, oldest showing the outlines of America, and books and prints pertaining to Copernicus.



LEADING WAR'S MESSAGE... A delegation of American Catholics, headed by the U. S. C. I. delegation, met in Washington with a group of missionaries from the Holy See, Italy, and other parts of the world who met at the Holy See in Rome to discuss the situation in China and the work of the U. S. C. I.

Delegation Handles 80,000 War Prisoner Messages In 2 Months

Eighty thousand messages to and from all parts of the world, putting at rest as many war-torn family anxieties have been received and dispatched in the last two months by the Apostolic Delegation of the Holy See in Washington.

Thousands of these messages are being received at the Delegation every day. They are from parents or wives of war prisoners everywhere from the mountains themselves; from or in war internment, from or in civilian separated from their families by the war.

This is a part of the vast world-wide work of mercy put in motion by Pope Pius XII on behalf of war victims. Promptly on the outbreak of hostilities, the Holy Father set up an office for war prisoner information and the interchange of messages by families separated by the war. Messages are received at the Vatican and sent in every country, except those very few where the governments forbid it. No charge.

There is no charge whatever. The service is based entirely on the charity and generosity of the Holy Father. Not in any attempt made to weaken it to Catholics. At the Delegation, it was said that messages to and from soldiers and sailors who are Protestant and Jews, as of no religion, far exceed the messages to and from Catholics. Messages had been received from or to persons in Germany, France, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Egypt and Turkey. The great task in this country is being conducted under the efficient and constant guidance of the Most Rev. Apostolic Delegate in the U. S., who directs a small regular staff and certain volunteer staff members.

Reply to letters received from families overseas to relatives in this country are handled by the Rev. Dr. James McAniff at the Chancery Office in Rochester. The form upon which the letter is written should be brought to Father McAniff and the reply written in his presence. The message, limited to 25 words, must be purely personal and have to do with only family matters. There can be no mention of weather, defense industries, employment or anything that relates to the war effort.

The Red Cross Chapter in Rochester is cooperating with Father McAniff in facilitating these messages. Anyone outside of the city is instructed to contact a local Catholic priest who in turn will communicate with the Chancery in Rochester.

There are no restrictions for sending packages through the Delegation.

On the day the Delegation told of the plan, two communications of names and addresses of prisoners were received.

Redemptorist Dies

Kirkwood, Mo.—The Rev. Thomas Steyer, C.R.S., who was born in New Orleans 51 years ago, has died here. He has been a Redemptorist more than 40 years and served 20 years in St. Michael's Parish in Chicago.

Survivors include his sister, Mrs. A. J. Korman, New Orleans, and a niece, Sister M. Keadah, Monroe, La.

contained sixty-one names and the other one hundred and one. These messages were dispatched at once to the anxious families.

This work is carried on by the regular Delegation staff with the assistance of a group of volunteers from one of the seminaries at the Catholic University. These young men are trained in the use of the typewriter and regularly report on the number of messages received and those dispatched.

Baptist Minister Lauds Msgr. Arnold Work As Chief of Chaplains

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The U. S. Army diver has had a more important Chief of Chaplains and his deputies than the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William R. Arnold, Brigadier General.

Would Deny Catholic Schools Federal Aid

WASHINGTON (AP)—An appeal to amend pending legislation for the selection of Federal aid to education, so that "not one cent of funds appropriated for instruction, or construction of schools, shall go to Catholic schools, or any other private schools, or for assistance in paying the cost of such schools," was made by Congressman C. March, speaking before the Senate Committee on Education and Labor.

Mr. March said he was Secretary of the People's Lobby, and that the President of the People's Lobby is Bishop Francis James McAniff of the Methodist Church in the New York area.

Mr. March said the proposed law "is narrowing down into a conflict between the Vatican and the American economy," and warned that the Rev. John J. Flanagan, former assistant to St. Joseph's parish, the Rev. Martin E. Gallagher, former assistant in St. Patrick's parish, the Rev. James J. Moran, former assistant in St. Gregory's parish, and the Rev. William J. O'Boyle, former assistant in St. Timothy's parish.

Four More Chaplains

Cleveland—Four more priests from the Diocese of Cleveland have been commissioned as chaplains' corps. All are first lieutenants in the Army. They are the Rev. John J. Flanagan, former assistant in St. Joseph's parish; the Rev. Martin E. Gallagher, former assistant in St. Patrick's parish; the Rev. James J. Moran, former assistant in St. Gregory's parish; and the Rev. William J. O'Boyle, former assistant in St. Timothy's parish.

Birthday Honors

Officers and Members of the Cleveland Council of Catholic Men, Inc., are celebrating the birthday of St. Joseph on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

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and his associates, the Rev. Dr. Ernest A. Poling, pastor of the Baptist Temple here, and president of the International Christian Brotherhood Society, stated in an item published in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Dr. Poling, who served as a chaplain in World War I and is now visiting the theater of war in Europe and Africa, has been writing a series of articles for the paper from "Reminiscences in Europe." The English minister writes of that "more beautiful, more of the finest quality, more than the needed" and expressed the gratitude of the three principal faiths—Catholic, Protestant and Jewish—for the assistance they should be given.

Detailing an air force detail after the war have been given their assignments for a number of months, Rev. Dr. Poling writes.

There is no question, making national or global, but the Catholic boys know where their chaplains write and nearly all of them had them. The President has spoken to their chaplains. For the boys who serve in Europe, they are not only the greatest, but they are the best. There is no question in their minds that the chaplains are the best of the best. They are the best of the best. They are the best of the best.

Pastor in Army

San Diego, Cal.—The Rev. John J. Gallagher, former pastor of St. Rita's Church here, has been commissioned as a chaplain in the Army. He is the only Catholic chaplain corps and has reported for the training school at Camp University, Wash. The commission was given him at a ceremony at St. Rita's church. Father Gallagher will head the building of a chaplain corps and of three, rotary and auxiliary.

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