

Priests Forced to Fight, Reich Chaplain Tells Yanks

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WALK WITH 10TH DIVISION, U. S. Third Army, Inside Germany (AP)—An Austrian Catholic Chaplain who walked into the 10th (CQ) Division's lines carrying a

message was held interrogating almost the week that he was one of the enemy's 10th Division priests, forced into the Wehrmacht at Wehrmacht. The priest, he said, was drafted from the Vienna archdiocese of Cardinal Innitzer and refused the right to say Mass, perform marriages or perform any of the other religious duties

of army chaplains. The priest, 28 years old and a chaplain for four years, said he had been sentenced to ten days' confinement recently for saying Mass for his men in the face of contrary orders from his battalion commander. Fingering a Crucifix worn about his neck, the chaplain told

Capt. William Kearney of Long Island and Sgt. Richard F. Ury of San Mateo, Calif., that priests of that division were drafted shortly after one of the Cardinal's attacks on the Nazis. At first, he asserted, they were promised that they would perform only chaplain duties, but actually they were ordered to "cut out the Measles and worms"—there's no time now for preaching. Last Sunday, he continued, the battalion commander caught him saying Mass and immediately ordered him to the front with a machinegun "or I'll shoot you."

The priest walked to the front and continued to walk until he entered the Allied lines. During the last two days the chaplain had preached over loudspeaker to German troops opposite the 10th Division, urging them to surrender. He reported that the Nazis are using one of Vienna's largest seminaries as a military installation. In his speeches to the Germans he touched on themes of that type, described Hitler as "a man ridden with the devil" and added, "If anybody can bring to peace, the American."

He revealed that the Nazi per- ty now has "mental security" of- ficers with every outfit "to make sure the men think about the right things." He told Lt. Col. Charles Rappert of New York City that only the regular officers and non-coms are keeping the Wehrmacht in action, with the called men all ready to quit as soon as they had a chance. Desertions, he added, already are heavy and even threats against their families at home are not keeping the men in line since they decide to break for the American lines and surren- der.

Congressman Finds Catholics United In Peace Pursuits

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Catholics are more united than are Protestants in respect to their ideas of how to mobilize Christian influences for a world peace, according to Congress-

Peru Decree Condemns Propaganda Causing Religious Dissension

PERU (AP)—The decree of the Peruvian Government prohibiting non-Catholic religious propaganda in public places and other public places where that respect for and tolerance of various religions is to be observed, was issued by the national congress and took effect in public places throughout the body of all-

ness Mr. Lodge, who is a non-Catholic, referred to the Statement on International Order issued by the bishops of the United States last November as a document "which may be construed as representing Catholic thought," but, he continued, "among Protestant groups there appears to be no inter-denominational agreement or understanding."

On the basis of reports which he received from 20 leading clergymen, Congressman Lodge proposed a conference between leaders of all religious denominations and Secretary of State Edward Stettin. "I am in a position to say it is not just work with me—that Mr. Stettin would be most grateful if he could in an informal way help in establishing the future of the world on the foundation of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. He knows that it is the only foundation on which the future can be built without recurring wars with their dangers of blood and tears." The Congressman inserted in the Congressional Record some of the more impressive answers which he received. Among these were statements from several members of the Catholic hierarchy.

Charges Orthodox Church Sovietized

ROME — France's State is maintaining in the Soviet State the same Orthodox church he has criticized for its conservatism in Constantinople in a Religious News Service bulletin which states it contains "serious evidence of Soviet propaganda in the Balkan region."

RELIGIANS STAND

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Avers Soviet's Imperialistic Aims in China Same as Czars'

First To Return to Mission



OF THE 124 New Guinea missionaries of the Society of the Divine Word, sent to Austria because of the war, the Rev. William Egan, S.V.D., is the first to return to his mission on Mt. Hagen in northern New Guinea. Father Egan, photographed here beside an American Army jeep "renewed" by a good native Army driver, is from St. Ignace, N. J. His New Guinea missionary activities begin in 1922, 4 years after his ordination in St. Mary's Seminary, Valley, N.J.

ST. COLUMBANS, Neb. (NC)—Soviet policy towards

China has been imperialistic in the same direction as Czarist policy, and to an even greater degree, the Rev. Patrick O'Connor, President of the Catholic Press Association and editor of The Far West, St. Columban, Minn. Magazine, writes in an article that traces the beginning, the methods and the aims of communist activity in China. "No Christian can be unconcerned, as communist leaders play for position in China and the Far East," he warns. "The Chinese communist party is one of the major Soviet interests in the Far East and it is treated accordingly by the party-leaders everywhere." He denounces as a "falsified" propaganda-inspired writings about "the happy communist millions" in the Yunnan area of northwestern China and brands the Chinese communist army "an army of occupation wherever it is, terrorizing the defenseless people."

Waves Fighting Pattern

It is doubtful whether this communist minority wish to reach any real agreement with General Chiang Kai-shek's Government," Father O'Connor writes. "They are likely to claim a recognition that would imply abdication by the Government or a partnership that would permit them to wave the familiar Red pattern of unrest, protest."

Reviewing the history of the communist movement in China, Father O'Connor points out that Dr. Sun Yat-sen, founder of the Chinese Republic, appealed to Moscow for aid in his struggle to unify China after he had been turned down by the United States and Great Britain. While the Russians originally agreed that China was not ripe for the introduction of communist philosophy, their chief propagandist, Mikhail Borodin, succeeded in gaining great influence in building up a Chinese army.

In 1927, when Chinese troops under General Chiang Kai-shek, Dr. Sun Yat-sen's successor, began their march north to bring all China under one nationalist government, "Russian sympathy and support for China were revealing themselves as a Soviet attempt to control the vast country," Father O'Connor writes.

Communism Before Day

The 10 Chinese years, starting in 1911, are now regarded as the beginning of the communist era in China. The 10 years were marked by the rise and fall of the Nationalist Government, the rise and fall of the Kuomintang, the rise and fall of the Chinese Republic, and the rise and fall of the Chinese Empire.

37 Priests Will Be Ordained in Manila

NEW YORK (RNS)—The Rev. William F. Masterson, S.J., director of the Jesuit Philippine Bureau, will leave here shortly for Manila to supervise rehabilitation of Jesuit mis-

Action on Probe of U. S. Relations With Vatican Will Be Delayed, Says Senator

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Senator William E. Jenner, R-Ind., said today that action on a bill to probe U. S. relations with the Vatican will be delayed. The bill, introduced by Sen. Charles McNary, R-Ore., would require the State Department to report to Congress on the activities of the Vatican in the Philippines.

2000 Colored Catholics, 5000 Indian Gain in Year

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The number of Catholics in the United States has increased by 2,000 in the past year, according to a report by the National Council on Catholic Education. The report also shows that the number of Indian Catholics has increased by 5,000 in the same period.

17,000 Colored Catholics, 5,000 Indian Gain in Year

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The number of Catholics in the United States has increased by 17,000 in the past year, according to a report by the National Council on Catholic Education. The report also shows that the number of Indian Catholics has increased by 5,000 in the same period.