

# I Chose Freedom

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ing to escape this land of horror. Even death will be better than life as a slave.

I broke out in cold sweat. Nervously I locked my door. Then I put on gloves and picked up the letter. It was an extraordinary document. Its substance remains engraved on my mind:

"Thank you from the bottom of a true Russian heart for all you have done for me. I hate the Soviet regime and its police with a deadly hate. Though I have committed no crime—unless loving freedom is a crime—I have been through their torture chambers and prison holes. When I was released, I realized that my freedom would be short-lived and that I could not even find work unless I put myself at the service of my torturers.

The evening before you met me I had just arrived in Nikolop from concentration camp, as I had been ordered. I went to the N. K. V. D. and was taken to Gershgorin. That's how I came to you. All that happened—including the recommendation by Komarov—was part of an ugly comedy of which you were the victim.

I did not mind working as a spy. Hating all Communists, it seemed to me a chance to revenge myself by getting a few of them into trouble. The deeper the better. I looked on you as my first victim. But very soon I came to respect you and loathed myself for what I had planned to do to you.

"I want you to know that after a while I became the main informer so far as you are concerned. Though the spies in your plant did not know one another, I knew them all. The least I can do is in gratitude for your sympathy, to list to reveal them to you.

"A list followed. It included Romanov, the genial Romanov whom we all liked and trusted for his soft, paternal ways. It included several of my closest colleagues in the plant, foremen, plain workmen, clerks in the commissary. The network of informers was spread through every shop and office in the factory covering all stages of the technological process.

"Respect For Truth

"Beware of these people, Victor Andreyevich! They have no respect for truth. Whatever you decide, I beg by all that's sacred to you to give me at least one day's leeway before reporting my absence. The extra day may be the difference between life and death. I implore you on my knees, dear Victor Andreyevich."

Next day, after I had reported Groman's absence, Gershgorin himself, accompanied by a uniformed man, arrived in great excitement. They asked me questions, ransacked Groman's desk, and departed. Whether the fugitive escaped, I could not ever know. The chances of standing across a Soviet frontier are very slight, yet hundreds have accomplished the feat.

The information about the spies around me was helpful. It enabled me to safeguard myself and sometimes to protect others.

Groman's successor was a young, pretty and hard-working Cossomol. No doubt she picked up the espionage threads where the unhappy Groman had dropped them.

There were usually a few foreign engineers at Nikolop, Americans and Germans, to install imported machinery and raise its efficiency. To the Russians, high and low, they were at once objects of fascination and of fear. To associate with them—to make "contacts with class enemies"—was dangerous but the aura of danger itself gave foreigners a dimension of thrill.

"When Comrade Brachko suggested that I take two Americans into my home, I was frankly alarmed. They were to keep them in Nikolop for several months. The local hotel was a squallid. As a bachelor with a large house to myself, I could not refuse to take them in. But I feared the complications of this enforced "contact with alien class elements."

"They were tall, blond, good-looking men, bewildered by their new surroundings and evidently homesick. In the months when they were my guests we became friendly despite language difficulties. Not once did either of them touch on political questions.

"On an expansive moment, long after the two men had left Nikolop, Gershgorin, permitted me to glimpse of their dossier.

"But why do you need these?" I asked. "The men are back in America by this time."

"Yes, they're back in America. But you can be sure they won't write any scurrilous attacks on our Socialist Fatherland the way some Americans do after taking our good gold and eating our best food."

"Next Week: Super-Purge—Kavchenko is denounced as a spy and begins eighteen months of life as an "unlucky fellow."

## The Courier Journal

JOE AND JUDY



## Midget Saves the Big Game

By Sister M. Marcella, O. S. U.

"DICK, is your team in shape for the big game?" asked Sister Anita.

"Yes, Sister, the Fighting Tigers are a good team. We have some fine players. Even the Midget does pretty well."

"Midget makes up in brains for what he lacks in size, Dick," said Sister. "I wonder if you hadn't better play a green-eyed dragon before the game?"

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## Word Square

Can you make a perfect score in this nature quiz?

- Why do cats have whiskers?
- What birds hunt out moth and beetle eggs in decaying wood and clean the bark of trees?
- How do crickets chirp?
- What birds keep our air clean by eating mosquitoes and gnats?
- Why do cats and dogs lay back their ears when angry?
- What insects help our gardens bloom by carrying pollen from flower to flower?
- Why do kangaroos have pouches?
- Should a turtle's food be dropped into water?

## Answers

1. To see if they can see.
2. Woodpeckers.
3. By rubbing their abdomens together.
4. Robins.
5. To hear better.
6. Bees.
7. To carry their young.
8. No.

## BASEBALL CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

- Game boys enjoy
- Opposite of shut
- Drop or bubble
- Instruct
- Therefore
- Fifth letter of alphabet written twice
- Mountain (Abbr.)
- Pennsylvania (Abbr.)
- North America (Abbr.)
- Part of verb to be
- Opposite of Yes
- Georgia (Abbr.)
- Hebrew prophet of the fifth century B. C.
- Male children
- Stagger
- Produce
- On the move
- Likewise
- Imaginary man-eating giant
- Celestial body
- Street (Abbr.)
- Within

Down

- Children who are not girls
- Behold
- Finish
- First three letters of alphabet
- Meadow
- Tardy
- Opposite of shallow
- Three strikes in a ball game make a player.....
- Men who arrange affairs for ball clubs
- Opposite of Down
- Past (used always after the noun)
- Astonish
- Number of men on a baseball team
- Peruse
- Likewise
- Imaginary man-eating giant
- Celestial body
- Street (Abbr.)
- Within



## Pentecost Sunday

After Jesus had ascended into Heaven, the Apostles waited in Jerusalem as Jesus had commanded them. For nine days they remained in the Holy City praying to the Heavenly Father to send upon them the Holy Spirit, as Jesus had promised.

At the close of the Jewish feast, the Apostles were gathered together in a room in Jerusalem. It was the tenth day after the Ascension. Suddenly a sound as of a mighty wind was heard. It filled the house where the Apostles, and Mary and the holy women were. Then there appeared to them parted tongues as of fire which rested upon every one of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in many languages, praising God.

Jews who had come to the Holy City for the Jewish feast were attracted by the sound of rushing wind to the house where the Apostles were.

St. Peter, head of the Apostles preached a sermon to the crowd which gathered. He told them that Jesus was God, and proved to them that He was the Saviour for whom the Jews hoped and prayed. Those in the crowd were greatly amazed when each man heard the sermon in his own language.

Three thousand persons were converted to the Church by Peter's first sermon that first Pentecost feast day.

## Holy Childhood Association

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In the Holy Childhood column of next week's issue of the Courier-Journal we will announce the winners of the Essay contest. So don't miss next week's column.

47 Jesuits To Be Ordained

St. Mary's — (NC) — Forty-seven members of the Society of Jesus will be ordained by Bishop Paul C. Schulte of Leavenworth, in the Immaculate Chapel at St. Mary's College here on Sunday, June 16.

## Marine Sees His Mission Pennies Doing a Real Job

By SGT. FRED A. OHRHEK, U. S. Marine Corps Correspondent

Under the Sisters' supervision, the Japanese children entertained Corporal Scafield by reciting lessons, playing native games and singing songs in the wooden orphanage building which was partially destroyed during the incendiary raid last June.

A former student of Cathedral Latin high school in Cleveland, Corporal Scafield participated in the Okinawa campaign and during the past seven months has been on occupation duty with the Sixth Marine Regiment in Japan.

"Going to Mass celebrated by a Japanese priest and seeing schools maintained by native Sisters has been a real experience," the corporal said. "Like most people in America, I believed that Japan was almost entirely Buddhist or Shinto. Actually, there are about 200,000 Japanese Catholics in this general area alone."

Corporal Scafield recently visited St. Mary's Orphanage here. The institution is operated by cross-replaced Sisters of the Visitation, Buttencourt wish, ranging in age from two to nine, welcomed the Ohio Leatherneck.

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## KNOW IT?

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1. Recluse.
2. Thomas, Alphonsus, John, Ignatius, Charles, Robert.
3. The sixth.
4. St. Anne de Beupre, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. James' Compostella, St. Peter's at Rome.
5. Simon the Pharisee (Luke, 7:36); Sign of the Cross (Mark, 15, 21); St. Philip (Acts, 8:27).

## Nun Denouncing Comics Blames Parents' Laxity

Milwaukee — "Comic strips fill young Americans with a doctrine of hate, contempt and a haughty superiority sufficient to have them qualify as second generation Hitlerites," declares Sister Mary Felice, of the Holy Family Cathedral high school faculty of Superior, writing in the current issue of the Catholic School Journal here. She added that parents who are too pre-occupied with their own amusements are no little to blame for the type of reading tastes children acquire.

"Laughter is the saving grace of humanity," says Sister Felice, "and we bless God for its presence, but it is a comic strip or a sound story."

"Yet they hand them comic books to most murderous critics, and degenerates. Surely they forget that something of the least value is a comic strip upon which a stimulating and instructive story, be it a comic strip or a sound story."

"The great popularity of the comic is undoubtedly a clear indication of a thirly imagination which we fail to satisfy, not because we lack a good substitute, but because we have not made a positive approach in the substitution process."

"Children need reading matter which provides good emotional outlets through humor, thrill, adventure, imagination, and adventure, and plenty of good books that will fill each of these needs."

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### Happy Birthdays

Have you read our illustrated booklet "Happy Birthdays" which we send to all who give an offering for "NEAR EAST MISSIONS"? God will bless you for your kindness to thousands of starving children.

### SHIRING TOUCH

It seems you've done what you can to help in building the Memorial Chapel of the Queen of Peace. It is really only a matter of time before we hope to reach the goal of our dream.

There's still a few things needed for the chapel. If you can help in any way, please let us know. We'll be glad to send you a list of the things needed.

Contributions: \$100, \$50, \$25, \$10, \$5, \$2, \$1, \$0.50, \$0.25, \$0.10, \$0.05, \$0.01.

God bless you for anything you do to help in this great work. Give their lives for us. Their debt must never die.

### CONSECRATION

During June, the month is consecrated to the Sacred Heart. Truly, the month of the Sacred Heart is the month of the Sacred Heart. Let us consecrate our hearts to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let us consecrate our hearts to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let us consecrate our hearts to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

### ROBBER

We were a little disappointed when we were told that our special for Bishop Cyril Zerkowicz of Erie. Even his children were robbed by burglars who broke into the church. Can you give \$10.00 for another child? It will make this poor missionary very happy.

### BISHOP KALLAS

A visitor from Erie has just returned to the Bishop's Office. He has a letter from Bishop Kallas. He says that the Bishop is very happy to hear from you. He says that the Bishop is very happy to hear from you. He says that the Bishop is very happy to hear from you.

### LAST CALL

It will soon be the time to send our offering to the orphan child for the great day of Holy Communion. Your \$10.00 gift will do everything. A picture of the Holy Communion group will be yours.

Send all contributions to:

Catholic Near East Welfare Association  
 180 Lexington Ave., at 42nd St., New York 17, N.Y.