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Chiang, Uncle Sam Chief Targets In China's Little Red Schoolhouses

In this second of three articles, Father O'Connell, S.M., N.C.W.C. special correspondent and author of no fewer than 10 books, continues the account of his experiences in the semi-autonomous Manchurian city of Harbin.

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Harbin, Manchuria — (NC) — Living under a communist roof for a week in this communist-held city, I have seen various phases of communist activity exemplified. I have not

seen strict economic and social communism, of course. That ultimate goal has not yet been attained by the Chinese reds, but it is their declared and obvious aim.

Dressing to the morning, I could see dim ranks of red soldiers drilling in a square opposite my window. The drilling continued through the day. Some of the soldiers were already well trained. Others were obviously raw, boys just conscripted from the farm villages.

After breakfast the communists received the newspaper, the *Dong Bi Rubin* (North-East Daily). It is a 100 per cent Communist Party organ. Occasionaly it publishes a cartoon. The first I saw showed Uncle Sam, carrying a bayonet-tipped rifle, strangling an emaciated Chinese coolie marked "Chinese Democracy." A young communist explained that the cartoon, according to its credit line, was reproduced from the New York newspaper, *P.I.*

Challenge on U.S. Policy

I was challenged several times on U.S. policy towards China and the presence of American troops in China. I answered that these subjects were outside my special field. But the questions became so insistent that I in-

quired whether the students had ever asked about the presence of Russian troops in Harbin up to last April. If they protested against Russian troops in Dairen more recently and if they protested against the Russian striping of factories in Manchuria. The replies to these and similar queries always amounted to the view that the Soviets can do no wrong. Either the fact was denied or an excuse was offered.

The only source of information in Harbin are the communist controlled newspapers. Chinese and Russian news comes from Yenan, the red citadel, by radio. Some remarkable misinformation was current. For instance, one young man told me that 60 per cent of the French electorate had voted communist. When I said that it was only approximately 25 per cent, he seemed quite incredulous.

Chinese communism at present is flavored with extreme nationalism and hot with the heat of civil war. No country burns more fiercely than between men who share the same psychology, especially if they were once comrades. Most of the current communist propaganda in China is directed against Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the Kuomintang. Neal taught in order to

the United States.

Uncle Sam's Goal

Visiting two large public middle schools in communist-controlled Harbin, I found the walls of the stairway and corridor covered with student "newspapers" at which the school authorities obviously approved. These wall newspapers, hand lettered and featuring crudely colored cartoons were usually communistic. Many of the cartoons were virulently anti-American. Uncle Sam was shown with a double face or with the head of a dog or goat. He was kicked out, knocked out, blown out of China by these communists: cartoonists.

These high schools are educational, something new in Manchuria. They have a general curriculum, including two foreign languages, Russian and English, one of which is compulsory. I major chose English. I was told.

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in Switzerland, traditional land of peace, two members of the diplomatic corps, well known in the United States, arrive for the New Year's reception given by President Paulus Miller. They are left to right, Archbishop Philip Bernard, Apostolic Nuncio to Switzerland, and formerly of the faculty of Catholic University of America, and U.S. Minister Edward Marquess, pictured as they passed the uniformed State House guard. (AP, NC Photo)

Maxim Gorky, Lunacharsky and John Steinbeck.

Marxism Taught

I asked for a copy of the newly prepared history textbook but never received it. I did receive a copy of the general knowledge textbook. It begins with a chapter from Karl Marx and Engels. The book's basic thesis is atheistic evolution, stated without any pretense at scientific argument. It frankly preaches communism.

"We have no course in Marxism," I was informed by Li Li-san, who returned last year from Moscow to become a leader of Chinese reds in Manchuria. "But we explain China's problems in a Marxist way." Previously I had been assured by another leading communist that the reds make no attempt to teach Marxism in the middle schools.

Several of the young communist officials in the government spoke English. One came from a Protestant family in Shanghai but he no longer believed in God or in the existence of the soul. "Man is just a high class animal," he told me blandly. "After death there's nothing."

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in Tibet, the Buddhist jurisdiction of Yarkalo in China, the jurisdiction of the Grand Lama, and all efforts of missionaries to regain entrance to the territory have failed.

After enjoying several years of comparative peace the mission was surrounded early last year and the only missionary there, Father Turnay of the Paris Foreign Missions, was driven out of the country. He took refuge in Yunnan province about 35 miles away and has several times applied for permission to re-enter the country but has never received a reply from Lhasa, the city of the Grand Lama.

The Lama is the Buddhist religious head of Tibet and of the vast regions forming central-eastern and southeastern Asia. His place of residence is known as the Home of Buddha. Surrounded by an air of mystery, the city was closed to the Europeans until a British expedition occupied it in 1804.

The Yarkalo mission was founded in 1863 by Father Desgranges and Mgr. of the Paris Foreign Missions; and it has repeatedly suffered persecution at the hands of the lamas. Buddhist monks. During the persecution of 1903 four priests of the Paris Foreign Missions died. Father Masson and Soule were shot. Father Heurdequin was killed with poisoned arrows and Father Bernard was beaten. In 1914 Father Monseigneur of the same society was shot and six years later, Father Desgranges, was also murdered here. In 1926 Father Masson also fell victim to the persecutions.

The territory has about one million people who are deprived of the ministrations of a priest and must give up their souls to be trained as lamas.

COLLEGE GUILD STAFF INDUCTED

Nanareth College Guild installed newly elected president, Mrs. Charles A. Keating, and thanked retiring president, Mrs. Frank Foery, and staff for the Guild's achievements during the past term, at a luncheon, Jan. 7, at Triton Hotel.

Mr. Frank J. Gallagher was chairman of the luncheon. Mr. Earl Comer officiated as installation chairman.

Members comprising the new council are: President, Mrs. Keating; vice-president, Mrs. Joseph Broderick; secretary, Mrs. Joseph E. Goeschke; treasurer, Mrs. Edward Christoff, and Mrs. Mrs. James Bergen, Mrs. Lee G. Frayer, Mrs. Wm. V. Magovern,

Mrs. Joseph Klingenstein, Mrs. Alfred T. Spearman, Mrs. Roman Taylor, Mrs. Frank Temmerman, Mrs. Joseph C. Cummings, Mrs. Joseph Dailey, Mrs. Chancery A. Doxator, Mrs. Gertrude P. Hahn, Mrs. Ralph Kelly, Mrs. R. Emmett Kildee, Mrs. Frederick W. Lucke, Mrs. Edwin Meyer, Mrs. M. H. Normile.

Mrs. John M. Scott has been appointed membership chairman, Mrs. Frank Temmerman, chairman of activity, and Mrs. Frederick Lucke, Mrs. Roman Taylor and Mrs. Donald Griffith.

Retiring members of the council, having completed their term in office are: President, Mrs. Frank Foery; secretary, Mrs. Augustine Nolan, Mrs. Earl Comer, Mrs. Henry Furlong, Mrs. Frank Gallagher, Mrs. Elmer Kelley, Mrs. Edwin Thurston.

Mrs. Ralph Kelly and Mrs. M. H. Normile have been appointed chairmen of the dessert bridge to be held at the Glass House, Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 1 o'clock.

Refugees in Denmark

Lack Religious Goods

Loretto, Pa. — (NC) — The spiritual plight of some 50,000 Catholic refugees in Denmark is described in reports received by Paul d'Agasamp at St. Francis Seminary here from Bishop Theodore-Suhu, Vicar Apostolic of Denmark.

Before the war Denmark had only 20,000 Catholics but now there are some 70,000 in the country, the Bishop reports, adding that while the physical needs of these refugees have been partially provided for it is almost impossible to give them adequate spiritual care. They are in specially dire need of Rosaries, medals and holy pictures, the Bishop declares.

New Church Ordinance

Raleigh, N.C. — (NC) — A bill introduced in the North Carolina Legislature would prohibit the erection of billboards that hinder the view at entrances to churches, schools and public institutions.

Diplomats in a Land of Peace



Archbishop Philip Bernard, Apostolic Nuncio to Switzerland, and formerly of the faculty of Catholic University of America, and U.S. Minister Edward Marquess, pictured as they passed the uniformed State House guard. (AP, NC Photo)

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