(The following article was written for the Courier-Journal by Father Edward Weinigh, American missionary of the Society of the Divine Word, who occaped death when the Chinese Communists invaded his mission six months age at Toloyang. Father Wejelak is new in the U. S.)

did its share of looting and kill the Bishop's permission to leave. ing but the real orders for the but did not come back.

people began when the soldiers. Weeks passed and we received moved on and the communist no news from Sissiang. The true civil officials moved in. These curtain was impeneirable. After are skilled men in their work, two mouths the medicine supply and that work is to see that the ran out. One of us would have people of the conquered terry to go for a fresh supply and, at tory are indoctrinated in com the same time, get the verdict of munist theories. This always to the Bishop. volves morel and physical coer. My confrere, Father Georgi.

church was a Chillege Father, too, never returned. I feet like During the turnover the station Noah when he had vainly sent pillaging. The alters were strip was alone, with a large maintion ped of the ilness, the medicines and money found in the hospital responsibility laid on my shoulwere taken. The soldiers lined ders. If I stayed I should be up the griest and Sisters with risking the lives of all under me. If I left too soon, it might meen but they were roughly stopped the needless sacrifice of our by a captain who appeared on property the scene and apologized for the IN THE MEANTIME, I need misdemeanor of his men and ed help. I had heard that there promised that the incident would were several Chinese priests an American made no differ-

bospital, an orphana e, several sighted. schools and well over four thou-

us It was about this time that territory where they couldn't be when a read in the papers how delight by the inhabitants supplies would be in demand, troi, its methods are variable.

General Marshall arrived in reached so easily by the Nation Province had been tried and sen brought us a period of welcome the Distance should be in demand, troi, its methods are variable.

were put on the Communist Divine Providence black list.

foreigner

situation for a short time, but legality soon the old trouble would crop They must first hold a trial. up again, and with ever increas- find us guilty, and only then pursing ferocity. The situation began ish us by fines or death or both. to look hopeless; we could even There wasn't much time left, so then see the handwriting on the they began working feverishly wall. No hasis existed for co in their effort to despoil the Cathoperation between the Church oile mission. and communism.

head was the general order that tricts of the city. There was not all Catholics and traitors must a single person in fown who register. This was enough to would ever dream, of his own inifrighten the daylights out of tiative, of accusing the Church most of our people; nevertheless, of any wrong-doing. All had only afraid to register.

to the attention of the Bishop mile radius. who immediately protested, not But the Communists were bent to the registration as such, but on getting our things, and 'legalto the fact that Catholics were ly." so they had to stir up the classed with traitors.

The matter was eventually settled amicably; Catholics were ex. Church the Reds came back cused from registering. But we knew some other difficulty was of which we were supposed to in the making. Soon there arose be guilty. 1) Several persons serious talk around the town that the representatives of the the Communist occupation. Catholic Church were to be put on trial, their property coulds have prevented that, but the cated, and a sentence of death or responsibility was fall at the

banishment to be passed.

Missionary Lifts China's Iron Curtain

When the Japanese army surresidered about Thinyang the make a brook for Singiang and
communists soon took over the let the Dishop know our plight,
region. The communist army He intended to obtain trucks and

left one morning. He was to be THE PARTOR of the Tsinyang expected back in two weeks. He. suffered no more than the utilal the birds from the ark. Here I

somewhere about the north "on But life in the town became the run" from the Communists daily more difficult for the Chin, who had driven them from their daily more difficult for the Chin- who had driver them from them as the pastor, till, finally, he asked stations. I sent out an SOS via the Bishop to relieve him. The the underground. One little Chi- ALL TRIB WAS supposed to nese priest came in answer. He be kept secret from us till the was ripe, but we were kept time was ripe, but we were kept and the danger they were in, and who is the danger they were in, and who is the second of a three-day. three parishes, a well equipped seminarians generally are near, menta.

He naturally left that the mill himself and had been could not get near any important around the compound so we possibility should be exthoroughly despoiled by the Compound not get near any important should not be caught unprepared. we must win if it was munists. He knew their tactius tant official. All were too busy No one of us had any idea

mained far below normal Very vance for the evacuation as we by this time the general and thronged to the entirch early ing more dangerous. The Com- know them, we have a graphic cated all the grain the negate tense. It was not next to im the deliverance. It was not until market ting was tightening, and and convincing conformalism at the convincing convincing conformalism at the convincing conformalism at the convincing conformalism at the convincing convincing conformalism at the convincing convincin soon, one by one the difficulties cated all the grain the people tense. It was not until a cated all the grain the people tense. It was not until supplies were running low particularly in our hospital which the but were resolved to forge a month only. All articles of to Sinslang to see the Bishop and the Nationalists arrived. There was still functioning after a liave occurred throughout things. promises that had been made to incommants, only into communities when I read in the papers how delight by the inhabitants

actually was in communist eyes, equipment, would have been the lence Then their spy ring was tight- booty of the Communists had we ened, and every Catholic going not been saved in the nick of ity as jet, and I was determined Communists began to gather in erfy in the matter. I need not

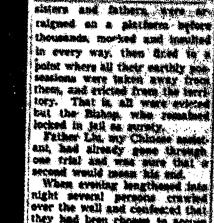
We must always keep in mind cruelty of their methods THE COMMUNISTS made no that the Communists preach that great secret of these activities, their government is most noble Their spies actually patrolled the and, as such, car never do wrong. front of the shurch and tried to Hence, they couldn't simply drive turn back the people and pre up to the mission and take all fourteen districts. The real thing move to a more strategic spot.

vent any dealing with the hated our goods by force, however was to take place next morning. Pandemonium ruled, and the much that might appeal to them. Our protests would ease the There had to be every show of

Preliminary meetings were What brought matters to a held in each of the fourteen disthere were some who were not words of praise for the work of 'the sisters at the hospital which The proclamation was brought was the only one within a fifty-

people against us.

In their tirades against the again and again to four crimes had died in the hospital since Only a series of miracies could door of the sisters anyway. 2) We fivestigated and forcid the The sisters were accused of matter serious enough to decide using the eyes of children for that Father Linzenbech should, medicine. This was an old so-



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cambion of Berr times which they revived. 3) The sisters were necessific selling mode. cines at exerbiant prices. This was patently false since many of our patients were sharity ences and paid nothing at all.

4) The electra and pricets were accused of being spins for their governments. The fact that the four slaters were ence in their eyes. Consumnists find it easy to reconcile

But he was God's gift to me Communist officials and roade tion followed by a third, in anschools and well over four thou. But he was God's gift to me, several tiring trips to the head other 15 minutes. I was nervsand Catholics representing and a consolation during the care commissar stationed about 23 oner to minutes. I was nervover forty years of mission days shead He had gone through commissar stationed about 23 ous and stationed Christians all forty years of mission days shead He had gone through miles away. It was in vain, I around the compound so we

that the trial should have no the neighborhood and molect show of legality I would protest traffic and transportation Raids in every way the injustice and on travelers with kidnapings and

OCTOBER 12, 1946, was set rences. Then came orders for for the driss rehearsal. It was the government's Nationalist attended by delegates from all troops to evacuate the city and

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they had been chosen to account us in the meck trial of the next day. They knell down and begged fergiveness. I somered them that I knew where the real guilt lay and that I would hold nothing egainst them. They explained they were acting under the most violent compulsion.

October 15 happens to be the feast day of St. Edward, my patron saint. The school children had prepared a little program with poems, songs, derices, and games, but all had to be called off. A delegation of Christians came to congratulate me, but obeyed and a day was pel for take my place. He had me a broke down in tears before they the evacuation. We syrp profer the aport there as I philad at any

I went several times to the other hiast from the same direcutes later, precisely, came an-

protect me against the people, been the demolition of Commu protect me against the people. neen the demonstration of A further six works passed at a communister of minute in the this without any serious at ruin of 40 years of mission works.

Things looked even blacker ceived with the greatest joy and

Province had been tried and sen brought us a period of welcome the Bishop should be informed. If any still doubt, let them: (b) Daily thousands of wagon. The people cooperated I resolved therefore, on a trip aming the blight that follows: reason to hope for the better.

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The people cooperated I resolved, therefore, on a trip aming the blight that follows impossible fines. rebuild the city wall and mill vel at all without an escort of many a Tainyang as proof We could do little for ourselves tary installations. This was con- at least a hundred men. These propaganda of lower officials.

They blasted out invectives their possessions and wondered to us for help. We waited for against us in their daily meet. When our turn would come the inevitable. The sisters, with wonderful plety, decided that few in number. It accounted hopes that matters might something for those who looked sidered very important by the I finally procured and made my important by the I finally procured and made my military since the Nationalist way to Sinsing.

THAT DAY DID dawn and our wonderful plety, decided that few in number. It accounted hopes that matters might something for those who looked sidered very important by the I finally procured and made my military since the Nationalist way to Sinsing. their hours of Calvary had come also for the fact that they sell how improve and we must not

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hardened farmers and tough busi. Ired that the city would not be select the most and the select and namened tarmers and touched by the left unprotected. A local militim with supplies on the trip back.

Bishop, Magr. Megan, S.V.D., sin nese priest came in answer. He was ripe, but we were kept noise continued till about 8 in the turn of the Communists. I was trip, and I was forced to turn micable basis on which to dear no inggage whatsoever, and with the invaders nothing even to show that he was catholics and pagans alike, would Then suddenly a found exploration was evident. I was saids and seek hospitality from the reason was evident. We a pricat except his exceptional crawl over our mission compound the saids and all personnel sheller a

BY THIS TIME there were four

nuality but with tolerance We when the Nationalists were ready included our Christians to return they might return and take over they would not be molested. The Communists were well their territory to renew work, they would not be molested. The aware of this too in fact knew all when the Nationalists were well when the Nationalists were showed some increase, but response one by one the difficulties discovered later. They confiss and become very state of the point and could do no wrong allow the general evacuation of Communists. It means the terrals to act as a signal for territory to renew work, general evacuation of Communists. The Nationalist troops which was repulsed with serious showed some increase, but remained far below normal Very manded the evacuation as we showed some the difficulties discovered later. They confiss also in China had become very stored to the church early ing outside the eithy was become true, "By their fully you shall ing more dangerous. The Communists and convenience of the configuration of communists troops which was repulsed with serious sides the mission work.

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and resolved to endure all in si dom went on raids against the abandon the stations till all was

return, but in that case he would

would remain to hold the town.

This was little assurance to a the jeurneying had to be done as The reason was evident. We a priest except his exceptional wall at night—to cludy the spice from about a mile away. Every I order a general evacuation or whom I had become friendly in the past. That saved my litel

As I was about to set out next fathers assisting in the work at morning the news came through Tainyang All voted to evacuate, that Tainyang had been taken I agreed that the situation was by the Communists the previous hopeless and gave orders for by the Communists the previous fathers, sisters and teachers to tilght. The resignificate and eight plored We must win if it was munists. He knew their tactics at all possible it couldn't be and could give me amble warm to me but we had to learn the fing before each move. From the fine that they say their cards on the table. The secretary begged which they expressed their de warm. It could hardly be an attack by the Na.

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