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**Open Persecution in Red China Seen Subsiding**

Helping — (NC) — The open persecution of the Church by the Chinese Communists has subsided in recent weeks, but a deep-seated opposition to the Church and all religion continues, according to a letter received here from a missionary deep in Red-held territory.

The easing of persecution is believed here to be due to the wide publicity given recently to the Red excesses against the missionaries. To avoid any kind of reprisals the missionary uses pseudonyms for the missions and priests of whom he speaks in the letter.

"Anti-religious measures have subsided a bit," the letter says. "Father B. went out bravely and spent Easter at 'Highway.' But he had to leave the place the same day. Too many Christians crowded to his Mass, and this the authorities resented. He is tolerated at 'Oldtown' now, however."

"For one month he was able to visit all his Christian units by night. I hear that he was not seen by any pagans during the whole month. The nights go swiftly: Confessions, a sermon, conversation with the people, Baptisms. Just after midnight he offers Mass. Then he walks a few hours to the next group of Christians, where he finds them hiding, and sleeps during the day."

"The young Chinese priest, Father C., can circulate more easily, although he was arrested and held for 14 days by the Communists. He visits the villages under his care quietly and recently visited the city where two priests were executed last summer. The four sisters there had been without Mass or the Sacraments for eight months. The sacrifices of the sisters have brought about conversions all through the city. The man who killed Father Anthony with an axe at the mob trial has asked with tears to become a Christian."

**Governor Gives Address At Holy Cross Graduation**

Boston—(NC)—Governor Robert F. Bradford of Massachusetts told the 274 graduates at the 102d commencement of the College of the Holy Cross here that "it is not from others who threaten our institutions that we face danger, but in ourselves, for it is we who must maintain what we have created."

"There is much talk today of an atomic war, of a dash between east and west of the infiltration of alien and atheist influences," the governor said. "But the real crisis of today is not to be found in the headlines. It is not along the rim of democracy, but at its core. It rests with every one of us as an individual, and only as individuals working together, shoulder to shoulder, can we surmount that crisis."

**Health Insurance Status Or Priests, Nuns Clarified**

London—(NC)—The parish clergy of England and Wales are generally "self-employed persons" who are "genuinely occupied," the Bishops decided when they discussed the new national health regulations covering all persons from 15 to 65 in the British Isles.

The new plan, which went into effect on July 5, provides that all persons between these ages must be insured for medical and similar treatment and pay contributions for that insurance. It divides insured persons into three classes: employed persons; self-employed persons (described as persons genuinely occupied while not employed under a contract of service); and non-employed persons.

**Resistance Bishop Honored By Nazis**

Brussels—NC — Bishop Louis Kerkhofs of Liege has been awarded the honor of Grand Officer of the Order of the Crown by Prince-Regent Charles of Belgium for his courageous resistance to the Nazis during the country's occupation by the Germans.

Emphasizing the Bishop's firm stand against the occupying power, Belgian Minister of Justice Struyve, who presented the award, declared that throughout the occupation the prelate generously aided victims of the enemy regime, especially Jews.

**CHINA RELIEF REWARDED**



A painting entitled "Immaculate Conception," the work of the late Chang Shan-Tzu, is presented to Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington by Miss Genevieve Wilmatt, president of the Institute of Chinese Culture, at a reception held by the Institute in recognition of the prelate's aid in the field of China war relief. The Archbishop was former head of the War Relief Service—National Catholic Welfare Conference. (NC Photos.)

**Magna Carta Episode Listed In Ithaca K. C. Broadcast**

Ithaca — Fourth of the "Foundations of Our American Ideals" series of radio dramas will reconstruct for listeners the historic scene which marked the birth of constitutional government: the signing of the Magna Carta in the field of Runnymede, on the Thames, June 15, 1215. The program, a presentation of the Supreme Council, Knights of Columbus, will be heard over Stations WHCU, 870 on regular dial, and WHCU-FM, 97.3 on FM dial, at 7:15 p. m. on July 13th. The broadcasts are sponsored in this area by Ithaca Council, No. 277.

The objective of the "Foundations" series, according to Grand Knight Francis Egan, "is to recall to the minds of Americans the ancient and dearly bought bases of the freedom they enjoy."

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**Holy Land Lists 150,000 Christians**

Jerusalem — The current issue of La Terra Santa, periodical of the Custody of the Holy Land, published here, contains interesting statistical material, giving the following comparative figures on the Christian and Mohammedan populations in the various countries of the Middle East.

Country	Christians	Mohammedans
Palestine	150,000	1,000,000
Tyans-Jordan	40,000	300,000
Lebanon	350,000	520,000
Syria	150,000	2,500,000
Iraq	150,000	2,500,000
Egypt	1,000,000	18,500,000
Saudi-Arabia (No list)	6,000,000	
Yemen (No list)	2,500,000	

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