

Missioner Succeeds Chinese Cardinal

Teohay, Ill. (NC) — Announcement of the appointment by His Holiness Pope Pius XII of the Very Rev. Augustine Olbert, S.V.D., to be Bishop of Taingtao, China, has been received here at the Society of the Divine Word headquarters.

What Makes Harry Red? Harry Bridges Gets Frank Answer From Father Rice

Pittsburgh's noted "labor priest," Father Charles Owen Rice, recently published a booklet entitled "How to Decontrol Your Union of Communists."

Among the Communist-controlled unions listed by Father Rice is Harry Bridges' International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

This prompted Bridges to write a letter challenging Father Rice's charges against his union. Bridges' letter to Father Rice and the priest's reply are reprinted in the Pittsburgh Catholic as follows:

"Reverend Father Charles Owen Rice, 'Joseph's House of Hospitality,' Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

"Dear Father Rice:

"I am writing you with respect to your handbook of instructions to members of the A.C.T.U. (Association of Catholic Trade Unionists) entitled 'How to Decontrol Your Union of Communists.'"

"In this handbook I notice on the back page that you state: 'If your union is one of those listed below—your local union is in the hands of Communists.'"

"Below that statement is a list of unions and the ILOU is included in that list. I would appreciate a statement from you giving your reasons why you list the ILWU as a Communist controlled union."

"If you wish, I will make your reply available to our membership."

"I hope you will in all fairness comply with this request."

"Very truly yours, 'Harry Bridges, President.'"

July 22, 1948

"Mr. Harry Bridges, 'International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, 1500 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco 2, California

"Dear Mr. Bridges:

"I have received your letter of July 17. You asked me why I listed the ILWU as a Communist controlled union."

"My chief reason for listing the ILWU as a Communist controlled union is that you control it."

"The record of yourself and your international union has been one of constant support of the Communist party line."

"LET ME GIVE you an example or two: I remember talking to you at the 1940 CIO convention in Atlantic City. At that time you were isolationist and anti-war."

"You supported strikers at North American Aviation and so on. You made no secret of your views, but you shouted them from the house top. It was an imperialist war, you told me that day, and you said it was wrong."

"On June 21, 1941, Hitler invaded Russia. That changed the war for you and it became a democratic, a people's war. You were so enthusiastic for the war when it

was Russia's war that you cooperated with the bosses.

"You promoted a no-strike pledge and you even went so far as to suggest that the no-strike pledge be continued after the war, because at the time you and Browder and Pressman and others believed that Russia would want a decade of peace and amity with the United States.

"I ALSO REMEMBER that during the war you were so opposed to strikes and so careless of the true interests of the working man that you instructed your people to do the work of the strikers in a Montgomery Ward warehouse—the short ugly word that describes this is the word 'scab.'"

"With the end of the war when the Communist Party line changed, you changed. You became aggressive again. You forced the no-strike pledge.

"You turned on 'our glorious allies' and you discovered once again that there was such a place as Wall Street and you dusted off the old word 'imperialist.'"

"You have followed the Communists in their third party adventure. This alone would not make you Communist controlled."

"None of the things alone would make you a Communist or a Communist fellow-traveler. But taken all together as a pattern—they spell 'Communist controlled.'"

"The Communist controlled unions of the CIO today are bucking Bill Murray and the vast majority of CIO members in the CIO's policy of no labor splitting. Third party wild goose chase in '48.

"You and your ideological colleagues are trying to defeat progressives who aspire to the halls of Congress if these progressives will not pledge themselves to support pro-Communist foreign policy."

"You and the others have opposed the Marshall Plan; you have opposed the admittance of displaced persons who seek a haven in this country."

"Finally, if I know of one single instance in which you opposed, even failed to support enthusiastically a Communist party line policy I would hesitate to say that you and your union are Communist controlled."

"I REGRET THAT you are so controlled because if you were not you could perform a service for the working men and women of America that they badly need."

"But as matters stand I am afraid that for all your labors, you have done the workers of America more harm than good."

"You may make this reply public or you may make it available to your members if you so desire."

"Sincerely yours, 'Rev. Charles Owen Rice'

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