

China Missionaries Stay In War Zone

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Shanghai (NC)—As far as loyalty is concerned, 150 Catholic missionaries in the war-ravaged Anhwei Diocese of Pengpu are rated 100 per cent. Bishop Cyprian Cassini, S.J., of Pengpu encouraged all his co-workers to remain at their posts, but did not oblige them to do so. The 70 priests and Brothers and 80 nuns chose to stay.

While most of the priests and Brothers are Italian Jesuits from Turin, Italy, 22 are Chinese. They conducted high schools for boys in five cities of the diocese. All but nine of the Sisters are Chinese, most of them of the Presentation community. Nine Ursuline Sisters from Parma, Italy, taught 400 high school girls.

The Catholic missionaries are virtually the only foreigners who remained in Pengpu since it was threatened by battle. Two Protestant missionaries remained at cities 50 miles southwards. Bishops and relief agency officials withdrew to Shanghai.

Last year 12,300 children attended the schools conducted by Catholics in the diocese. At 27 dispensaries, mostly in rural areas, 261,235 medical treatments were given. In mid-December, the Mercy Hospital and three branch clinics in Pengpu were treating 600 outpatients a day. There are 82,000 Catholics in the Pengpu diocese. Its growth has been among the steepest of any China mission field. In 1922, when the region was given to the care of the Italian priests, Catholics numbered 23,000. The total increased to 54,000 when Bishop Cassini became head of the diocese in 1937.

The mission compound, at Shihai, 70 miles north of Pengpu, is serving as an emergency hospital for wounded Communist soldiers. Twenty three shells fell in the compound while the Reds were storming Shihai. These priests, the Revs. Hector Mauri, and Manlius Carocelli, Italian, and Joseph Martinez, a Mexican, escaped unhurt.

The results of the Turin Province, who staff the Pengpu diocese, evangelized the American Far West and Northwest 100 years ago and founded the University of Santa Clara, the University of San Francisco and Gonzaga University.

Atwater to Lectures. Notre Dame, Ind. (NC)—Donald Atwater, English expert on Eastern Rite liturgies will lecture in the liturgy programs at the 1949 summer session at the University of Notre Dame.

In Christian Art Exhibition



Among statues of saints exhibited at the Demotte Gallery, in New York, are these striking examples of religious art, Saint Joan of Arc, (left) by Henry Rex and Saint Benedict, by Janet De-Coux. Exhibition is culmination of a statue project initiated by Liturgical Arts Society two years ago. (NC Photos.)

Superior Orders Columban Group To Await Reds

Shanghai, China — (NC) — "Remain in your parishes no matter what happens and hope for the best." This is the gist of a message sent from St. Columban's Society headquarters here to the 180 Columban missionaries laboring in the Yangtze River valley, missions which are now in the direct path of the advancing Communist armies.

The instructions were issued by the Very Rev. Jeremiah Dennehy, Superior General, after he had made a personal visitation of Columban missions in China and consulted with the missionaries. Bishops and mission superiors in the areas menaced by the Red advance.

Seventy priests and Sisters of St. Columban staff the Diocese of Hanyang under Bishop Edward J. Galvin; 40 work under Bishop Patrick Cleary in the Diocese of Nancheng; 15 labor in Huchow, and 20 are stationed in Shanghai.

Father Dennehy's message states: "It is felt that the Church must make a stand and try to carry on the work. The only place to do so is where the priests and Sisters belong — in their parishes and convents."

Bishop in China Assists Protestants

Ningxia, China — (NC) — A Catholic Bishop sent transportation recently for Protestant missionaries evacuating their Communist-threatened post in central Suiyuan.

Bishop Carlo Van Melckebeke of Ningxia accepted the task of continuing, as far as possible, the welfare projects of the U. S. China Relief Mission, which left here at the end of October.

When the Communist offensive in Suiyuan appeared to endanger the Protestant mission in Fasa Bolong, a town on the Yellow River, 250 miles northeast of here, the Bishop dispatched two trucks, of the welfare organization, over winter-bound trails to help the Protestants in evacuating to Ningxia.

Medical Group Examines Cures In Saint Cases

Vatican City — (NC) — Establishment by the Sacred Congregation of Rites of a commission of doctors for the examination of cures proposed as miracles in beatification and canonization causes constitutes merely an experiment in procedure, according to an official of the Congregation.

POINTING OUT that medical experts have always been concerned with and consulted in such cases, the official explained that the formation of the commission arose from an effort to proceed with even greater security in investigations of alleged cures.

The commission, composed of five members, will have about 30 to 40 acknowledged experts in various fields of medicine to draw upon for opinions.

The new body will replace the present ante-preparatory commission which is prescribed by Canon Law. It will present its findings directly to the preparatory commission, which is the second step prescribed in beatification and canonization processes.

IF THE EXPERIMENT should prove successful, the official explained, in providing an even surer way toward reaching the truth regarding alleged cures, it may lead to a decree revising the nine canons on procedure comprising Article 4 of Book 4 of the Code of Canon Law. If no great advantage or satisfaction is seen, the old system will probably remain in force, he added.

The official emphasized repeatedly that the step taken is merely of a procedural nature, and that it has no bearing whatsoever on essentials.

Profit-Share



Among the pioneers in the profit sharing fields, Northland Motors, Saranac Lake, N. Y., reports a record distribution of an average profit-sharing bonus of \$2,511.77 to its employees. Its president and owner, Julian J. Reiss, (above) states that in the past three years his employees have received \$120,141.67 under the profit sharing plan. Recipient of the Hoey Award for Interracial Justice, Mr. Reiss is also president of the Catholic Mission for Good Will, New York. (NC Photos.)

St. Stephen's Cathedral In Vienna Opens

By DR. FRIEDRICH FUNDER

Vienna — The nave of St. Stephen's Cathedral, opened here with great pomp by His Eminence Theodor Cardinal Innitzer, Archbishop of Vienna, now can accommodate about 7,000 worshippers. It is separated by a temporary wall from the remainder of the church so that rebuilding may be continued without interfering with religious services.

THE REOPENING of the Cathedral, which had remained closed since April, 1945, when it was severely damaged by the nazis, is largely the result of the magnificent devotion of the Viennese people to their national shrine.

The cost of rebuilding was to a great extent defrayed by voluntary contributions from all sectors of the population. No direct federal or municipal grant was received. However, the government did authorize the sale of St. Stephen's stamps bought by philatelists all over the world, especially in America. The profit realized on these stamps was about \$800,000.

HUNDREDS OF thousands thronged the streets leading to St. Stephen's while Cardinal Innitzer, surrounded by the paying and singing multitude, raised the ancient golden key to unlock the great door for its formal reopening. He then made his ceremonial entry, heralded by the stirring songs of the metropolitan choir.

Dr. Karl Renner, Austrian President, members of the Austrian Government, the Allied High Commissioners and the diplomatic corps were present.

The present roof of the cathedral is a provisional structure; still, the breathtaking beauty of the monument has been largely restored, thanks to the continuous work of reconstruction begun at the end of the war.

New Franciscan Head. St. Louis — (NC) — The Very Rev. Eligius Weir, O.F.M., has succeeded to the office of Provincial Minister General of the 12 State Franciscan Province of the death of the Very Rev. the Sacred Heart, left vacant by Juvenal Emanuel, O.F.M.

Noted Spanish Eye Doctor To Become Priest in China

Wuhu, Anhwei, China — (NC) — Catholic missions in China gained a unique recruit when 71-year-old Dr. Miguel Vidaur, eye-specialist with an international reputation, arrived here recently.

Doctor Vidaur, who flew to China from Europe, is a Basque, born in San Sebastian, Spain, in 1877. Now a widower, he will be ordained in the near future by Bishop Zenora Aramburu of Wuhu, with whom he will remain as a missionary. He will join the staff of the Hospital of Christ

the King, soon to be built here. BY HIS WORK in China, the elderly, still vigorous doctor will crown a long life already filled with achievements as an ophthalmologist, medical author and lecturer. After his graduation from the University of Madrid, he special-

ized in ophthalmology in Paris. Returning to Spain, he became head of the department of ophthalmology in the San Sebastian Hospital and president of the Medical College in his native province of Guipuzcoa.

He has visited the principal eyeclinics of the United States, France, England and Germany. Doctor Vidaur has three daughters and one son, all married.

Anxious to devote himself entirely to religious and charitable work, he began the study of theology in recent years and volunteered for service in China.

Ex-Cop, 2 GIs Enter Christian Brothers

New York — (NC) — A former member of New York City's police department, who served in the Air Force during the war, and two other war veterans who recently completed their religious studies to become Christian Brothers were honored at a reception here by Brother Bonaventure Thomas, president of Manhattan College.

Brother Aquilinus John, whose name before entering the religious community was John Kavanaugh, served as a rookie patrolman in the Seventy-Third Precinct, Brooklyn. He left the force a year ago to take up studies at St. Joseph's Normal Institute, Barrytown, N. Y. Brother Baldwin James of Buffalo, whose lay name was James Roth, and Brother Aquinas Timothy of Providence, R. I., whose name was Joseph Rapa, also undertook their studies at St. Joseph's.

200,000 Mexicans Visit Guadalupe

Mexico City — About 200,000 Mexican workers, it is estimated, marched through the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe for six hours in a pilgrimage organized for the ninth time by the National Guadalupean Association of Mexican Workers. The pilgrims heard several priests expound the teachings of the Church on social questions.

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