

White Russians in Flight from China

Shanghai—(NC)—The Greater East Asia Co-Soviet Sphere is becoming a reality. Ten years ago, Japanese militarists were fighting to establish their "Co-Prosperty Sphere" in the same regions. But where Japan was an invader, the Communist movement is an inside job, always supporting and supported by Moscow.

Every day non-Soviet Russians are fleeing from China in panic. They have given up their employment, sold houses and furniture at a sacrifice and are willing to go anywhere to escape the danger they see approaching.

IN SHANGHAI ALONE they number some 6,000. Five thousand of these are classed as "emigrants," who have never taken Soviet passports. One thousand are Russians who accepted the Soviet offer of citizenship at the end of the war but have since changed their minds.

The number of Russians who took Soviet passports here in 1946 and have since renounced them is increasing daily. This is largely a result of reports, transmitted in prearranged code, from those who returned to Russia from Shanghai last year.

They had left here, with much fanfare, on Soviet ships bound for Vladivostok, eager to begin life again in the motherland from which they had been exiles since the revolution. But many of their letters back to Shanghai hinted at bitter disappointment and carried veiled warnings to their friends.

Under a Chinese Communist regime, the holder of a Soviet passport might be forced to return to Russia. Stateless persons can claim IRO aid to leave China now. Non-Soviet Russians who do not leave will feel exposed to Soviet power of arrest and deportation—a power to which they clearly expect the Chinese Communists to give free rein.

THE WHITE RUSSIANS will go anywhere in the world to escape Communism. An official of a Russian emigrant organization told me.

Their panic was increased by the report that 70 agents of the Soviet secret police, including some Russian-trained Chinese, are in Shanghai, installed in a house in the former French Concession.

James F. Fennell of Rochester, N. Y., has been appointed director of the Guluan camp. He is on loan to IRO for the emergency from the Catholic Welfare Committee of China. He came to Shanghai last April from the New York headquarters of War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference.

His appointment as director of the 6,000-person camp in Guluan is a result of his work for refugees in Shanghai. The appointment was made by Jennings Wong, chief of IRO Far East mission.



Archbishop Gustavo Testa, Apostolic Delegate to Palestine (upper photo), distributes subsidies to heads of poor refugee families and coins to little children to aid the sad plight of the thousands of refugees and displaced persons in the Holy Land. Father Hughes of the Franciscan Church in Jaffa, celebrates Mass in a P.O.W. camp somewhere in Israel (lower photo).

Aiding Palestine Refugees

Siamese Ordination Climax Of Long Vocation Struggle

Bangkok, Siam—(NC)—In the sweltering heat of the Siamese jungles, where river boats are still the only means of transport, a young convert achieved his dearest wish and the Church in Siam received a worthy recruit when Bishop Gaetano Pasotti, S.D.B., Vicar Apostolic of Rajaburi, Siam, ordained the Rev. Ratna Khutrakul in the chapel of the seminary at Bangkokkhuek. The ceremony climaxed a saga of heroic perseverance in the priestly vocation.

Father Khutrakul, the son of a wealthy merchant of this city, went to Hong Kong at the age of 17 and attended the Irish Jesuit Wah Yan College. He came to love the Catholic Church but deferred entering it because he knew his father would never approve of the step.

HE EMBRAUED the Faith while a student at Hong Kong University, where he was a leader in academic and sporting events. After obtaining a degree in law and commerce he decided to become a priest and work for the conversion of his own countrymen.

In 1940 he returned to Bangkok and informed his Buddhist father, who had expected to have

Berlin Catholic Action Survives Hard Winter

Berlin—(NC)—With spring approaching Catholics here look upon this winter as one of the most severe trials they have undergone since the war.

Fortunately it was a mild winter. Nevertheless, the majority of this former German capital's people consider it a luxury if but one room in their homes is heated on Sundays only. A basket of coal is a treasure.

IN CHURCHES, people sit wrapped from neck to feet in heavy clothing in freezing temperatures. The churches are dark because of the electricity shortage. An oil lamp or two at the altars and in the pulpits often is the only light, besides the flickering of a candle during Masses.

Still people flock to their churches in larger numbers than before. They come afoot over long distances when transportation is not available. Despite mass unemployment and lack of money, they give to the Church liberally within their means.

In the sectors occupied by the Western Allies, Catholic activities continue. Under the sponsorship of His Eminence Konrad Cardinal von Preysing, 20 halls have been opened for religious courses.

On the other hand, in their sector of Berlin, communist officials persist in repressive measures against the Church. Parochial schools now are banned entirely in the Russian sector. Church properties are being confiscated in surrounding rural districts.

Clearly such measures would be enforced throughout Berlin, were not the Western Allies in control in their areas.

Released-Time Case Comes To Appeals Court

Albany, N. Y.—(RNS)—New York's Court of Appeals—final judicial arbiter in the state—has been called on to determine the constitutionality of the released-time program of religious education.

Joseph Lewis, president of the Freethinkers of America, filed an appeal from a decision made last November by State Supreme Court Justice Roscoe V. Elsworth. At that time, Justice Elsworth upheld the constitutionality of the released-time practice.

LEWIS SAID HIS appeal resulted from the Supreme Court dismissal of his motion that released-time be halted on the ground that his petition failed to show facts sufficient for a cause of action.

Lewis' petition was based on a U. S. Supreme Court decision which banned religious education in the public schools of Campaign III.

Convert Guilds Stage Regional Convention



Nearly 400 converts and their god-parents attended the annual banquet following the first regional meeting of convert clubs, held in Lexington, Ky., with Bishop William T. Mulloy of Covington as principal speaker. The picture shows some of the Spiritual Directors and Presidents of the Guilds for converts, which now number more than 40 throughout the nation. (NC Photos).

Church Mission In Spain Rouses Amazing Fervor

Madrid—(RNS)—A 15-day spiritual mission conducted by 300 Catholic priests among the 81 parishes of Valencia, on the eastern coast of Spain, has just concluded with phenomenal results.

One of the most impressive events of its kind ever organized in Spain, the Valencia mission was two years in preparation and 3,000,000 Spanish Catholics were said to have joined in prayers for its success.

MORE THAN 200,000 persons received Communion at open Masses during the two-week exercises, and 15,000 loudspeakers were used to broadcast sermons to every part of the city.

Officials estimated that the priests in charge of the mission preached a total of 3,873 hours, equivalent to five and a half months of uninterrupted speaking.

Five hundred thousand persons were present at the final exercises of the mission. Prior to the closing of the mission, priests spent the entire night hearing confessions.

Parish Co-op Farm Idea Grows in Eire

Dublin—(NC)—Introduced on a wider scale some months ago by the Minister for Agriculture, James Dillon, a new agricultural cooperative plan on the basis of parish councils working through local guilds may yet become of both nationwide and international importance.

In fact, Dillon foresees in it the Christian counterpart to the collectivist farm of the Soviets.

Begun in the parish of Moyahis, Tipperary, where Father J. M. Hayes is pastor, this experiment already has proved a success. Designed to enable neighbors in a parish to work together voluntarily for their common good, the "Banaha Plan," as it is called, unites in a parish council representatives of the clergy, farmers, farm laborers, professional men, business men—in short, all who share in the life of the parish.

A PARISH AGENT is appointed by the Department of Agriculture to advise farmers concerning aid in the shape of government grants and loans.

At meetings in six school areas, the agent suggested poultry-keeping on a practical scale. Every home in Banaha parish now has a poultry house, and, on the side, a small industry in making concrete blocks for these houses has been established.

A jam factory is another new thing in the district. Father Hayes says that not only has it brought back home berries to work in it, but 400 people are going into fruit production. He says that the parish is unique in Ireland in having boys go into poultry fruit farming. This had always been regarded as woman's work.

ANOTHER COOPERATIVE success is demonstrated by the first "producer-consumer" market, recently opened in Dublin. This market, at which fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs, poultry and other farm products are sold on a non-profit basis, has created a situation, it is felt, the "middle-man" who, rightly or wrongly, is held responsible by the average consumer for the great disparity between the price paid to the producer and the price charged to the consumer. The consumer buys at much lower prices than at the grocers.

Dublin people were quick to take advantage of this market. It is of great benefit to the poorer districts, where hitherto the people were rarely able to afford the high prices quoted for fruit and vegetables.

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Priest's Brotherhood Week Talk Urges Prejudice Ban

Chicago—(RNS)—Americans were urged to "pick up" the "weeds" of prejudice, bigotry and hatred in a Brotherhood Week address given here over the CBS network by the Rev. Edward V. Cardinal, director of the Shell School of Social Studies.

Father Cardinal said "the great danger we face in America is thinking that because we have just a little prejudice or hatred, it is not dangerous."

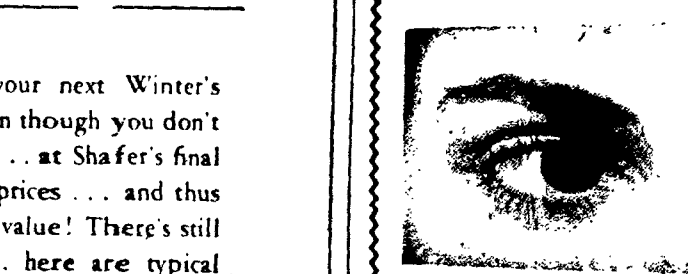
"In order to remove this leprosy of hatred from our midst," he said, "we need the cooperation of all. It is such a tremendous battle that no effort must be spared in the struggle to attain it."

The National Conference of Christians and Jews does not expect the people of the different churches to sacrifice their dogmas.

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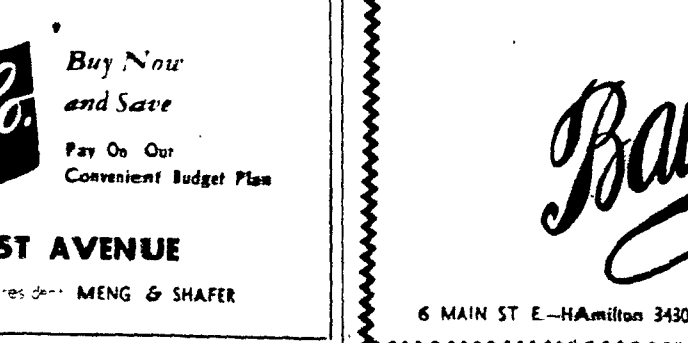
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