

Students Fleeing North China Belie Red Claims of Support

By REV. CHARLES McARETHY
Shanghai (NC)—A steady stream of university students from Peiping and Tientsin has been flowing into Shanghai in recent weeks. The students say they left the North because their personal freedom was restricted, academic standards were declining, and the economic burden on students of private schools has grown greater.

Among the arrivals are some professors. After communist occupation, professors who had been members of the Kuomintang or Young China parties were told to resign their posts. Students were urged to force them to resign by denunciation. If they did not do so voluntarily, some professors, merely because they had incurred the personal disfavor of students, were denounced as subversive or reactionary.

NEW MISSION FOR JAPAN



An "Atlas of Japan" holds the interest for three Fathers of the Sacred Heart, recently assigned to open their Congregation's new mission in Japan. They will soon leave the Sacred Heart Seminary in Washington, for St. Joseph's Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan, where they will study the language and customs of the country. They will move into the new mission area, the Civil Province of Ibaragi, on the main island of Honshu, north of Tokyo. Left to right, Rev. Albert Evans, of Cleveland, Mass., recently ordained; Rev. Lawrence Craig, Paterson, N. J., of Massachusetts, Mass., former U. S. Army Chaplain in Japan; Very Rev. Columbia Moran, Provincial of the American Province of the Sacred Heart Fathers; Rev. Patrick Heran, former rector of the Apostolic School of Fairhaven, Mass.

Sacred Heart Fathers To Open New Mission in Japan

Fairhaven, Mass. (NC)—Three Fathers of the Sacred Heart, recently assigned to open their Congregation's new mission in Japan, will leave for the Far East this June. They are Fathers Lawrence Craig of Paterson, N. J., Patrick Heran, a native of Ireland, and Albert Evans of Cleveland, Ohio. Father Craig, the head of this small group of missionaries, was assistant pastor of St. Anthony's church, Mattapoisett, Mass., for two years. He later spent 13 months in Japan as a chaplain of the U. S. Army. Father Heran until recently was Rector of the Apostolic School at Fairhaven, Mass. Father Evans is from the recently ordained class of 1948. The Fathers will stay temporarily at St. Joseph's Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan, where they will study the language and customs of the country. They will then proceed to the new area confided to their care, the Province of Ibaragi, which is on the main island of Honshu, north of Tokyo.

Action Study Set In Tokyo Diocese

Tokyo (NC)—The new three-year course in Catholic Action, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Tokyo, will be formally inaugurated with religious services, in the new St. Ignatius Church on May 3. The course comprises two main sections, theological and practical. The first section will consist of a series of lectures on the glory for the liturgy and will be given in two annual semesters of two months each for the next three years. It is designed to cover the essentials of dogma, moral, apologetics and Scriptural exegesis. Of special interest in the first semester will be a lecture by Professor Togawa of the Catholic University of Tokyo on illustration materials to be used in catechetical instruction.

SISTER TESTS THE TUBA



It happened at a State Music Educators Convention in Iowa. Sister Anna Clare, couldn't resist the temptation to test the big tuba on display there. Sister Anna Clare, also of Nauvoo, looks on. They are members of the Order of St. Benedict. Catholic music teachers will have a whole day set aside for them in the program of the 4th annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association, meeting at Philadelphia, April 19-22. (NC Photos.)

French Cardinal Cautions On Communist Peace Pleas

Paris (RNS)—Roman Catholics have been warned by Achille Cardinal Lienart, Bishop of Lille, not to be "duped" by appeals from Communists urging them to collaborate for better social conditions and the establishment of world peace. The Cardinal specifically cautioned against the Progressive Christian Movement which, he said, "spares no efforts to enroll Catholics in its ranks." The Movement, which teaches that Christianity and Communism are not incompatible, has been condemned by several Catholic leaders. "We do, indeed, wish to work with all our might for peace between nations and between men, and to assure them just liberty," Cardinal Lienart declared. "But Communism has singular notions of peace and liberty. They do not coincide in any way with what we have in mind when we pronounce those words. We should be dupes of a misunderstanding if we cooperated with Communists on this ground." Cardinal Lienart said that both priests and laymen who might be attracted by the Progressive Christian Movement should remember that "Communist policy is inseparable from the materialistic and atheistic doctrine which inspires it, and which the Communist Party spreads and applies wherever possible." "We have a social Christian doctrine of our own," he declared, "which fully recognizes the dignity of the worker and accords him, in his profession and in society, the place of a free man. The real progressives among Christians are not those who collaborate with Communists, but those who try actively and resolutely to make their conduct conform with this doctrine."

Norma DePrez Meets 'Action' Leader In Paris

By MARY CAREY

With the dust of four European countries still clinging to her heels, Miss Norma DePrez, *Courier Journal's* "Teen Talks" columnist, has returned home with the feeling that "people in Europe, at their nice, comfortable pace, know more about real living than Americans in their perpetual rush have time to learn."

This easy-going European attitude and the warmth of old-world hospitality are Norma's chief impressions after a tour with her father, Victor DePrez, which included stops at Frankfurt, Germany, Paris, London and Dublin. The DePrezes flew to Europe and back by American Airlines Constellation.

While she makes no claims to hobnobbing with royalty on her first trip abroad, Norma did manage to bump into the Duke of Windsor and to make the acquaintance of a member of the French hierarchy. The latter experience she considers the highlight of her tour.

ON A VISIT to Sacre Coeur (Sacred Heart) Church in Paris, where she admired the gold sanctuary floor, the teen-aged columnist met a young French lad who offered to introduce her to a "monsignor" who was connected with "Catholic Action," a world-wide lay organization of which Miss DePrez is a member.

The French youth conducted the Americans to a nearby building where inquiries brought the gracious response that the "monsignor" would see them in his study. When the prelate made his appearance, attired in the unmistakable garb of a bishop, Norma hardly remembered that the French word "monseigneur" (my lord) is the French title of address for a bishop.

She learned that he was Bishop Courbe, secretary general of the French unit of Catholic Action, and an auxiliary bishop of Paris. They exchanged news on the activities of their respective Catholic Action groups and he was interested to hear of the particularly active participation of Nazareth College students.

LONDON AFTER Paris was rather an anti-climax, Norma recalled. The weather was bad and the food by comparison with the tastefully seasoned French dishes was flat and uninteresting. Surrounded on the streets by women dressed in heavy, durable but shapeless tweeds, the American girl was uncomfortably aware of the lurid hue of her fire-engineered suit. She wasn't surprised to see British men, in sober black hats and black shoes, walking about the streets with umbrellas, "just as they're pictured in the movies."

Army Sends Richard Reid To Germany

By MARY CAREY



Frankfurt, Germany (NC)—Richard Reid, editor of *The Catholic News*, New York archdiocesan newspaper, has arrived here by plane from the United States, on a three-month assignment as an expert consultant in the Office of Military Government in the U. S. Zone of Germany. The widely known Catholic writer and lecturer, who was named to the post by Army Secretary Kenneth Royall, will serve with the educational and cultural division on a special religious press project. During his stay in Germany, Mr. Reid will consult with German religious leaders, conduct seminars, arrange joint meetings and set up the framework for holding zone conferences on matters pertaining to the religious press.

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Most pleasant sojourn of the journey was the four days stay in Dublin with Geraldine O'Carroll, a student of the Dublin College of Surgery with whom Norma has corresponded for five years. Geraldine, who is a cousin of movie actress Madeline Carroll, and her parents showed the Americans "the warmest hospitality we ever experienced."

Norma was impressed by the good sense and strong character of all the Irish young people whom she met.

British Paper Urges Help to Catholic Church

By MARY CAREY

London (NC)—The Sunday Express, large secular Sunday paper, in an exceptional tribute to the Catholic Church has called on all Christians to support its stand against atheistic communism in Europe and to remember that "should the Catholic Church go down—which God will surely forbid—the rest will follow."

THE EXPRESS, owned by Lord Beaverbrook, headed its main editorial "The Martyr Church." It wrote:

"Perhaps the gravest threat to civilization and its freedoms lies in the persecution of religion by communism. The 13 men of the Kremlin realize that they cannot achieve domination of the world unless they can drive from the minds and hearts of mankind their faith in God, and set up in its place a materialistic image as cold as the Caucasus and as barren as the steppes."

"It is the Roman Catholic Church which suffers the brunt of the attack in Europe. It is to the succor of this Church that all who profess and call themselves Christians, all who realize that faith is the sole shield against materialism and the decay of the human spirit, must rally. The trial of Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, is still clear in our minds. The Duke of Norfolk called it a sacrilege. Men of all other faiths agreed with him."

"Such trials and persecutions are no novel feature of our modern world and our peculiar modern civilization. Hitler blazed the trail for Stalin. His atrocity was mirrored by the presence of God in men's hearts. His domination could not be complete so long as the Church of Christ held sway in German minds. So he martyred the Roman Catholic Church in Germany. He imprisoned its priests and sent them to concentration camps."

"Roman Catholicism is today in the front line. Tomorrow some other church, some other form of faith, may join it there. Are you an Anglican, a Nonconformist, even without a particular religious faith beyond a conviction that man and his affairs are neither the beginning nor the end? This evil thing must be fought. "Should it go down—which God will surely forbid—the rest will follow." In spite of these disadvantages, the English made a strong bid for friendship of at least two Americans by an incident in a restaurant in the Soho district of London. Without any preliminary, a distinguished British gentleman approached Norma's father and extended his hand in friendship because "I wish to express my gratitude to you for all that Americans have done for the British people."

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