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Missioner Killed By Chinese Reds

Reliable sources here report that the Rev. Anthony Ma, a Catholic priest of the "China" diocese, was put to death near Pingtu, in central Shantung, last month. Two years a refugee from the communists, Father Ma returned to Pingtu from Taingto for the spiritual care of Catholics over Easter. He was hearing confessions at the time of his arrest. A brief trial preceded his execution. The priest had already been sought by the Shantung communists as far back as August, 1947, when two of his co-workers, the Revs. Joseph Teng and James Chang, were killed at Pingtu. At that time Father Ma escaped. Father Ma was over 50 years of age. For a long time he had been pastor at St. Mary's Church in Chelno, an important seaport.

Six Nations In Social Service



An interchange of knowledge of the social and economic conditions of people of the world and their institutions and agencies is afforded these students of six nations, enrolled at the National Catholic School of Social Service. From left to right: Cecilia Restrepo, Colombia; Angela Radia, Mexico; Anne Overend, Canada; John Green Canada; Vivian Fu, China. (LNC-Photo)

At Our House Spring Cleaning Made Easy

Spring cleaning at our house was late this year—late but satisfying. The lateness is explained by an alumnae group of 18 that met here in March—and of course the house had to be shining when they arrived. It was but only on the surface. Windows, silver, furniture, floors, pictures and mirrors gleamed, the woodwork lost its familiar "human" touch of finger-remarks and Mary Daly clean curtains hung crisply at all the windows—but let's not go into all the incidental paraphernalia stowed away hastily in closets and drawers. It seemed futile when the surface was shining and bright, but the day after the luncheon I decided to get to work real work, and to do the closets if I lived through the day. The zeal burned I took everything out of every closet then things would have to be sorted before they could be put back. It was a tough assignment. ON MARKIE'S bed went the pile marked T.B.F. To be Flaxed—outgrown clothing to be revamped for another member of the family. On Pat's bed went the T.B.M. To Be De-Mothed and put away for next winter. Eileen's held the U.H. Utterly Hopeless like the pair of pants descended either seat or knees, and the rubber bathing cap with a big split in it. But Johnny's bed held the real headache, the H.G.K. or Heaven-Only-Knows pile—things too good to be thrown away. These had been gone over year after year, never worn in the meantime, but always held onto with the plea, "Well, keep it. It might come in handy sometime"—for fishing, or painting or for a fancy dress ball. In the midst of it all the telephone rang. It was Alicia Goerner who works with the National Council of Catholic Women. "Cleaned out your closets yet?" "In the midst," I answered. "Don't you smile! The dust?" "It had a burn," she said. "Thought you might have some children's things to send overseas. They need them so badly. Fact is, they need everything I wish you could see the requests we have from all the countries of Europe. They're still desperately in need of used clothing." "But our church drive is over," I told her. "And I don't know where to send them." Besides packing for overseas is such a hard job and expensive too. "You don't have to do the overseas packing or pay for overseas mailing," Alicia informed me. "All you have to do is wrap up a bundle so that it will arrive in New York safely." WELL, THIS sounded easy enough. "Not a pencil," Alicia asked. "Just write down this address: War Relief Services, N.Y.C., 215 Flushing Ave., Maspeth, Long Island, New York. I'll hang up now so you can get back to those cinquets." Alicia is a very practical person. Somehow those piles didn't look so discouraging and Mary's bed became the O.S.C. Over Seas Clothing pile. Again I went through the Heaven-Only-Knows. Why, the Head of the House would be glad to send that old suit he has bulged out of to some one else. "Certainly, those men aren't splitting buttons off vests!" Pat's old winter coat—why cut it down to a "shortie" to be used as an extra when she has a warm coat?

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Movie-House Owners Organize in Italy

Rome—(CIP)—Italy's Catholic Action has launched a drive to organize the owners and managers of Catholic motion picture theatres in what is called the Catholic Association of Cinema Managers. A letter addressed to all Italian Bishops explained the reasons for this drive in the following terms: "The growing influence which motion pictures are exercising on the masses of the people should be a cause of grave concern to prelates and educators who experience daily that for many persons, especially the young, movie theatres have become schools of immortality and corruption. The Association can exercise not only a decisive influence on motion picture production, but can also aid the distributing agencies in their work of furnishing Catholic motion picture halls, at moderate cost, with pictures adapted to their needs."

Teen Talks Hands Across The Sea

Even in good weather, it rains in London. A Londoner, however, will be quick to reassure you that one gets accustomed to it and as he puts up his umbrella (standard equipment), the soles of your shoes are getting soggy, your hair is drooping beyond the help of a Toast—for a three guinea perm), and you proceed to wring this habitual 10 out of your coat sleeves. You don't have to be amphibious to live in England but it helps. Our mode of transportation to England was no less than spectacular. The night before, we had boarded a train in Paris and the next morning we woke up in London. How did we cross the English Channel? By train. You see, the ingenious English have worked up a unique scheme whereby the entire train is smoothly and quietly put aboard a ferry for the Channel crossing. At the same time the passengers are in the land of nod, they are being whisked from terra firma in France, across a body of water to England.

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AN ENGLISH guide had recommended to us a continental restaurant in the Soho district—a place that was willing to sacrifice a little pride on more palatable meals. There we were delectating the third-course and enthusiastically lauding every crumb when we noticed the couple at the table next to ours. The woman, a stately and gracious woman of about fifty had never heard our table talk. She turned to us to reassure us that this was undoubtedly the best food in London. We talked for several minutes. She asked us what we had seen of the lovely English countryside and extended an invitation to us to visit their historic country estate in Sussex. Her husband, all this while, sat like a ramrod, exercising no muscles save those with which he was chewing. I thought his cool indifference rather odd but continued to speak with his charming wife. They finished dinner first and as she was slipping a mink cape over her shoulders, the Silent One came over to our table. He extended his hand to my father and as the two were shaking hands the Englishman said, "Sir, I would like to thank you for all that your country has done for us." With that they turned and left the restaurant.

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