

Red Attacks Fall

Converts, New Fervor Spark Persecuted China Church

WASHINGTON (AP)—Aided repeated reports of white persecutions in Red China comes occasional encouraging news telling of the growth of Catholicism and increased interest in religion in the Catholic East.

A missionary in the Kiating area, South China, states that his parish is a "missionary's paradise." Over 400 adults received the sacrament of Baptism during the Lenten season and at Easter. The Kiating diocese is headed by the American Maryknoll Missioner, Bishop Francis X. Ford.

THE LARGE number of conversions is particularly encouraging, it is pointed out, because 20 years ago this area was marked for its antagonism against the Catholic Church. Several claim in the area had sworn never to join the Church. However, some families were converted in 1928, but they apostatized a few years later because of missionaries which they ascribed to the deplorable of the pagan gods at their having become Catholics.

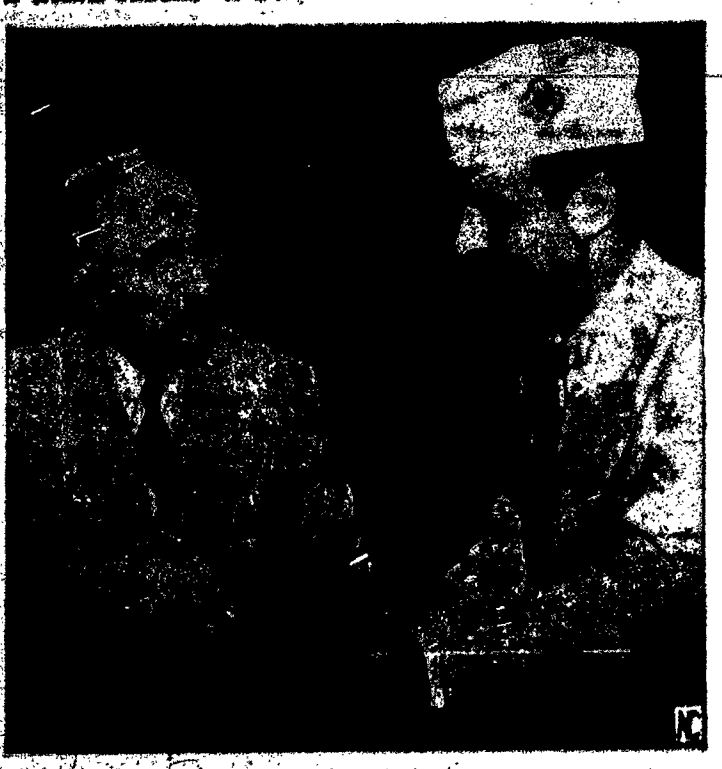
At present the missionary is conducting a school for 50 children to prepare them for the opening of a school in the village. Some 800 heads of families have registered for study at these catechumens.

AT THE SAME time, the cooperation of laymen in the conversion apostolate has won high praise from a Bishop of one of the Mongolian dioceses in China. In spite of risks entailed in doing religious propaganda work, the Bishop says, these lay Catholics, many of them recent converts themselves, have given a remarkable example of courage and zeal.

"Their work is further reason," the Bishop says, "for being optimistic in spite of all the present difficulties. Notwithstanding the great hardships which have fallen upon our mission and a future that is very uncertain, God makes clear that His benevolent Providence is guarding us."

The missionaries of this particular diocese are scattered over a vast countryside, often alone and far from their nearest priestly neighbor. One Chinese priest, isolated for two years by travel restrictions, was able to visit the Bishop recently. He traveled in the guise of a workman and made the long trip by mule.

PREPARE FOR WAR EMERGENCY



President Truman seems pleased as he listens to National Commander Donald McQuade, of Toledo, head of the Catholic War Veterans, tell of the CWV pledge of loyalty and cooperation during the present national crisis and emergency. The visit to White House occurred during a meeting in Washington of national board of officers and executive committee of Catholic War Veterans which outlined plans for cooperation with President in the Korean war. (AP Photos)

Catholic Vets Will Expand Services for U. S. Emergency

WASHINGTON (AP)—Anticipating reactivation of the armed forces reserve corps and the National Guard, the national officers and executive committee of the Catholic War Veterans have approved a program for streamlining administration activities and expanding CWV services during a period of emergency.

The action was taken at a meeting in CWV headquarters here, following a report of a recent visit which Donald McQuade, of Toledo, O., national commander, had with President Harry S. Truman.

Commander McQuade said that he pledged to the President the support of the 5,000,000 Catholic War Veterans of the nation and told him that they supported his action in the Korean crisis. He also told the President that he was starting an emergency period.

Theologian Explains:

"Extreme Cases" Justify A-Bombing of Combatants

Fr. Connell Says Evil of Mass-Killing of Civilians Outweighs Military Gains

WASHINGTON (AP)—The A-bomb is not intrinsically opposed to the divine law, but "may be used only in very extraordinary and extreme cases," the Very Rev. Francis J. Connell, moral theology professor at the Catholic University of America, declared in a statement issued here.

Father Connell said considerable discussion has been stirred up in connection with the "Stockholm Appeal," which he pointed out was inaugurated last March under communistic auspices.

"ONE CAN easily imagine a person of sincere good will signing this statement without recognizing its implications; and doubtless this accounts for a large portion of the 1,000,000 signatures obtained in the United States," the theologian continued.

"The inalienable feature is this: If this resolution were accepted by all nations, the communists could utilize their large armed forces, first in one country, then in another, to weaken the defenders of human rights. Then if the United States or an allied power, used atomic weapons as a last resort, the other nations would be pledged to punish this country as a war criminal, even though it would be evident that all the real criminals were the communistic warlords, the first to start the war."

FATHER CONNELL discussed the use of atomic weapons from the moral standpoint in three steps deduced "from the commonly accepted principles of Catholic moral teaching."

First, the use of the A Bomb, or any weapon of destruction, is a violation of God's law "if it is intended directly to kill or injure non-combatants," Father Connell said.

In modern warfare, he said the term "combatant" includes more than members of the armed forces, citing men engaged in making war planes as an example.

In his second step, Father Connell said that, presuming a nation is justified in going to war, the use of the A-bomb or the H-bomb against a military target is not in itself forbidden.

As examples of military targets he cited a fleet, a body of troops, a plane factory, or a railroad center, and said: "An atomic weapon may be used directly against such an objective because such a weapon is not essentially different from a TNT bomb, a cannon, a hand grenade, or a rifle. The difference is in its nature as an instrument of warfare."

IN HIS third consideration, Father Connell said if the use of a bomb, "even when directed against a lawful target, will involve the death or maiming of so many non-combatants that the evil effect outweighs the military advantage, the procedure is wrong."

Father Connell reasoned: "For while it is permitted at times to perform an action which in itself is lawful, even though some innocent persons may suffer in consequence the action is forbidden if the harm that is foreseen is out of proportion to the good results hoped for."

"A military commander," he continued, "would not be justified in seeking to capture a fortified position held by the enemy if the advantage would be slight and it probably would result in the death of several hundred soldiers. On the other hand, if the victory would mean a vital advance into the enemy's territory he would not be wrong if he sacrificed several thousand of his men to obtain it."

"If a military chief planned to use an atomic weapon to destroy a single plane factory, but foresaw that it would probably involve the death of tens of thousands of non-combatants of the enemy nation, he would be committing a sin against God's law if he launched the attack."

"On the other hand, if the objective were the entire fleet of the enemy, or the plant in which A-bombs were being made, it might be permissible to sacrifice even this large number of lives to achieve the object."

After concluding that using the A-bomb is not intrinsically opposed to the divine law, but that it may be used only in very extraordinary and extreme cases, Father Connell stated: "Under ordinary circumstances—at least when it is used against land targets in the vicinity of a great city—the number of non-combatants that would be killed or maimed would be so great as to be out of proportion to the benefit sought from the attack."

"Moreover, even in the case of a justifiable use of the bomb, the consequences would probably be retaliation in the form of reprisals which in the heat of combat would soon become the mass slaughter of civilian populations by the millions."

AT OUTING FOR THE BLIND



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Cardinal Cites U.S. Failure To Establish Peace

New York (AP)—The nation's failure to gain both at home and in the world "the promised peace purchased half a decade ago by the heroic sacrifices of America's youth" was deplored by His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, at a Mass of Thanksgiving in Old St. Patrick's Cathedral on the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Archdiocese of New York.

Fourteen Bishops and 600 priests were in the congregation of 1,000 persons who assisted at the Mass offered by the Cardinal in the historic church, which served as New York's Cathedral from May 4, 1815, until May 29, 1879.

THE CARDINAL singled out "communism and bigotry" as the weapons which have been employed to rob the world of peace. He said they are "fiendish, feline, fierce cancerous growths that would destroy the fairest enterprise of men—the richest treasury of human liberty—America, our own and only land."

He alluded to the controversial Federal aid to education issue as disrupting the peace at home and recalled the recent action of the National Education Association convention in St. Louis which recorded itself in favor of Federal aid solely to public schools. The Cardinal said, "publicly therefore I protest the intolerant action and unjust resolution of the National Education Association."

"What fair-minded American," the Cardinal asked, "can fail to see that it is discrimination to demand that one citizen pay taxes to help another citizen's children, yet deny his own child a cup of milk, a little lift along the common way, because some say that this would 'promote the union of church and State'?"

"SURELY SANE men will not find Papal colors in a glass of milk nor find St. Peter riding to power in an old school bus, nor Catholic dogma in a common text book."

The Cardinal blamed "bestial communist enmities" for the crime into which the world now has been plunged. He said that communism is a "menace which we have listlessly, apparently permitted to develop and spread over the major portion of the world."

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Society Note

Society of Jesus, that is St. Ignatius Loyola (7/31) would be proud of the members of his Company out in Tanai, Lebanon. This Jesuit Mission was begun in 1840, an orphanage was added in 1890, a dispensary in 1947. Now, under the direction of Elio Monary, S.J., the dispensary cares for 40,000 persons annually. On \$5,000 a year... But right now an outlay of \$1,000 for improvements is needed. You can salute Ignatius and his Company on his birthday by some small gift towards that sum.

THE CARDINAL'S DREAM
For many years the zealous priest taught theology in Rome. Countless American Bishops and priests were his students. Then he returned to his Armenian people, their Cardinal Patriarch. His great dream, the dream of a Patriarch who was once a Professor in the Seminary, is a Seminary for his own people. He has started to build, but he needs much help. A set of Mass vestments, for \$100, will help a dream come true and cause you to be remembered daily in the prayers of young men who will one day wear that set of vestments in their own Seminary.

THE MORAL DOCTOR
St. Apollonius Ligouri, (8/2), is the only Doctor of the Church who has gained distinction as a great Moral Theologian. He is the leader of a great school of Moral Theologians. His Redeemerist Fathers have devoted their lives to winning men back to the confessional and to God through parish missions. You can honor this Moral Doctor by providing a confessional for some needy mission church. He'd like the idea. And it costs only \$50.

SWEAT SHOP
You'd hardly think of a Seminary as a sweat shop. Or would you? In an event a lot of boys who are students at our Near East seminaries are "sweating it out" these "dog days." They only hope that we can raise the money for their tuition. They can't; no matter how hard they might try. \$100 will let one of them stop sweating till next summer. \$600 means he's "in."

BUSYBODY
That's what Martha was. (7/29). Mary's was the better part. But Martha's was a necessary part. Someone had to feed Christ. And someone has to feed Christ's poor. Like the Sisters of Charity in Nazareth. The thing about which they are eternally busy is the care of the poor who are sick. Almost all their hospital care is given without charge. Who supports them? We do. Want to help Martha's Sisters? \$10 is a lot to them.

PEACE OFFERING
The finest possible offering of the Holy Mass. It can win peace for the world or peace for the faithful departed. The Victim of the offering is the Prince of Peace. Arrange for masses, single or Gregorian, for the living and the dead.

JAILBREAK
St. Peter was freed from his prison chains (8/1) by the intervention of an Angel. You can be an Angel helping to free the lepers from the heavy chains of their misery by a gift of \$1 monthly to our DAMIEN LEPROSY FUND.

IF WINTER COMES
and it always does, there will be great distress among the Refugees in the Holy Land. We're starting early. \$10 buys a food package, \$5 a blanket and basic supplies. KEEP COOL!

FAST BALL
Comes in "high and hard" in the clutch. No one "pulls the string" on it. Like our STRINGLESS GIFT. Comes in "high and hard" and in a hurry to the needy missionary. No strings to slow it up. We need STRINGLESS GIFTS.

BLACK AND WHITE
Could be the colors of the "house flag" in the new home for Sister-in-Beirut. It's run by the Dominican Nuns. But they lack a "house flag" and many more important things. Honor St. Dominic, (7/4), by helping his daughters in religion. \$150 will pay for one of their students for a year. \$20 supplies Chapel candles for a year.

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