

U. S. Clergymen In Korea Protest Article In 'Time'

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR
Tokyo, Korea — (NC) — When a correspondent finds himself figuring in a news story that is news to him, that's news in its own right. "Last week in Seoul," said *Time* magazine for December 29, "three American clergymen—a Methodist and two Roman Catholics—made a formal protest. In an indignant public statement they charged that many of the victims (executed) had no trials and had been shot without the consent of President Rhee or other civil officials."

THAT WAS THE first I heard of this "public statement," and I was one of the three.

Private blocked in Move to Stop Rhee Executions said a headline in the Washington *Times Herald* of December 17. That came as a surprise, too. The United Press story under which I wrote the mass except for a few sentences, failed to mention the protest. I tried to get in a letter to see President Rhee, but we did not get an answer. The telephone communication with President Rhee's house was not operating and it seemed useless at 11:15 p.m. to try to see him without telephoning. I had been guarded residence first.

THEY ARE THE FACTS: Late on December 16 I learned that group executions had taken place that morning and on the previous day in Seoul. I talked to an American officer who had seen a truck filled with bowed prisoners turning into the execution ground and had seen where the bodies lay lightly buried after the shooting. I heard that 20 were scheduled for execution next morning.

Earlier that week I had seen conditions in West Gate Prison. I knew that when Major George M. Carroll, M. M. of Brooklyn, Dr. William E. Shaw of Columbia, Ohio, Methodist missionary, informed President Rhee of these conditions he took prompt action to have them remedied. Major Carroll and Dr. Shaw enjoy his confidence because of their years of service to the Korean people. Accordingly, I now sought them

Budenz Urges U.S. Bombing Of Red Bases

Honolulu, Oahu, N. H. — (NC) — Bombing of Chinese communist bases in Manchuria by American planes was advocated by Louis F. Budenz, former communist editor and now a Fordham University teacher, at a meeting of the Bayley Seton League here at Seton Hall University.

"If the Manchurian bases were bombed," Mr. Budenz declared, "Chinese communist forces would be in serious distress. Most of their arms would be behind their backs." (He referred to Mao Tse-tung, Chinese communist leader.)

Mr. Budenz said he is unable to understand why American forces could not bomb an attacking enemy, nor why the forces of Chiang Kai-shek are not being used against the communists. He said Americans, generally, do not comprehend the real nature of the communist foe, he declared. "We are not facing reality. We should realize that any and every member of a communist front is our enemy."

The United States faces its greatest danger in communism, he said. Stalin's greatest victories have been won "not in Poland nor in China, but in this country through the power of his fifth column which has spread its influence and infiltration in radio, motion pictures and the press."

Prayer and penance were advocated by Mr. Budenz as the most effective means of defeating communism.

Engagements Blessed In Canada Rites

Cap De La Madeleine, Que. — (NC) — Five hundred young couples, engaged to be married, were blessed and promised to prepare for their marriages with prayer and more frequent reception of the sacraments in a ceremony here at the internationally known shrine dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary.

No unusual significance is seen in this departure from tradition by observers here, but rather a new division of points among the small number of Cardinals now in the Roman Curia.

Clergy Poll Tax Concord, N. H. — (RNS) — A bill which would have exempted "bona fide" clergymen from paying the state's \$2 poll tax was killed by the New Hampshire House of Representatives.

Cardinal Micara Named Rome Vicar General



Vatican City — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has named His Eminence Clemente Cardinal Micara, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for Religious and Pro-Prefect for the Sacred Congregation of Rites, to be his Cardinal Vicar General of the Diocese of Rome. He succeeds the recently deceased Cardinal Francesco Marchetti-Selvagiani in the post of Vicar General.

CARDINAL MICARA is relinquishing his post with the Sacred Congregation for Religious, but retaining that in the Congregation of Rites, according to the announcement here.

At the same time it was made known that His Eminence Benedetto Aloisi Cardinal Masella, Pro-Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments, has been named archpriest of the Basilica of St. John the Lateran, the Pope's own cathedral in Rome.

THIS IS NOTED here as a departure from the traditional practice, which heretofore found the Cardinal Vicar General of Rome in the post of Archpriest at the Lateran, since his task is to act for His Holiness and the Lateran papal cathedral. Cardinal Marchetti-Selvagiani had held the two posts.

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Red Regime In Poland Arrests Bishop

(N.C.W.C. News Service) The reported arrest of Bishop Caslaus Kaczmarek of Kielce, Poland, is said to mark the first direct action the Red regime has taken against a member of the hierarchy since the signing of the Church-State agreement in April, 1950.

THE INTER-CATHOLIC Press Agency of New York reported that Bishop Kaczmarek was arrested by State police and is kept under house arrest. This action followed the "trial" of two priests at Cracow. The priests, the Revs. Piotr Oborski and Zbigniew Gadamski, were sentenced to life imprisonment for alleged activities in the "anti-state" group. The priests suffered confiscation of all property and permanent loss of civil rights. They were tried with eight other defendants.

At the trial the prosecutor charged that the Kielce diocesan authorities should be held accountable because they knew of the "illegal" complexity of the priests and failed to stop them. The Polish Red press has also charged Bishop Kaczmarek with Nazi collaboration during the occupation and spying for the Vatican and the Americans.

BEFORE HIS consecration in 1936, the 55-year-old Bishop was director of Catholic Action in the Plock diocese and a noted leader of Catholic youth, whom the present regime is trying to wean from the Church. During the occupation the prelate distinguished himself by defending all the Polish population, without discrimination, against the nazis.

Prior to the signing of the April pact, Bishop Kazimierz Kowalski of Chelmo had been held under house arrest for a few weeks, but charges against him were not so serious as those against Bishop Kaczmarek.

Columbia Offers Catholic Theology

New York — (NC) — A course in "Roman Catholic Theology and the Church" will again be offered by Columbia University's School of General Studies in the Spring Session, the university has announced. The course will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. William E. O'Connor, professor of theology at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, N.Y.

60 Per Cent In Regiment Attend Mass Says Catholic Chaplain At Korea Front

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR (Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service)
With United Nations Forces, in Korea—"About 60 per cent of the Catholic men in this outfit attend Mass regularly," said the Rev. (Capt.) Aloysius M. Knier, from the Green Bay (Wis.) diocese, a chaplain serving with a U. S. regiment here. He was speaking in

CHAPLAIN'S 'RECTORY'



Leaving out from his "rectory," a pup tent on frozen ground, an Army chaplain (Capt.) A. M. Knier, priest of the Diocese of Green Bay Wis., offers some penance to a Korean farmer.

Occasionally the canvas would shake as somebody stumbled over the tent-rope. Men were going up the steep hill or down to the dark winding road to stand guard at the observation posts. They could have no fires these bitter nights. A complete blackout had been ordered. Communist lines were perhaps ten miles north of us, but communist infiltrators might be within 50 yards.

ONE OF THE tents on the wintry hill was the "chapel." It could offer nothing to make church-going comfortable. The congregation knelt on rice straw lightly scattered on the frozen ground. Their breath came like steam on the frosty air. Next-door stood the "rectory," the chaplain's two-foot-high pup tent.

"If we're close to combat," continued Father Knier, "we get 75 per cent attendance at Mass."

"HOW DO YOU explain the attitude of the other 25 per cent?"

"We find they're usually fellows who never had a real home."

"Did you get 60 per cent attendance when the men were on occupation duty in Japan?"

Father Knier, whose native town is Kiel, Wis., has been an Army chaplain since May, 1945, and on active service in Korea since July, 1950. He was awarded the Silver Star for bravery at Kumchon last August 2.

THE TOTAL attendance at my three Christmas Masses was 230," he told me. "I was glad to see that it was no more than an average Sunday. It showed that every Sunday the men make just as much of an effort as on Christmas."

Refugees Aided Beirut, Lebanon — (NC) — Clothing and food from Pope Pius XII have been distributed to the refugees of St. Joseph's Camp near here, by the Rev. Raphael Kratzer, O.F.M., a priest from Washington, D. C.

Permission For Mass Anytime Given China

Tokyo — (NC) — Bishops in China may grant their priests known here that all Bishops in the faculty to offer Mass at any time of the day, wherever a small congregation of people can be gathered.

THIS FACULTY was granted all Ordinaries by Archbishop Antonio Riberi, Papal Intermuncio to China, who maintains his offices at Nanking. The concession was made "in order to cope more effectively with the peculiar needs of the time," according to a copy of the order received here.

If priests offer Mass after eleven o'clock in the morning they are required to abstain from all solid food and alcoholic beverages for three hours and from all other beverages one hour before Mass. The same regulation holds for the faithful who wish to receive Communion at Mass later than eleven in the morning.

Archbishop Writes Boston — (NC) — A first-hand insight into the life of an Archbishop and the activities of an archdiocese is being provided for Boston readers in a series of articles just begun in the Boston Sunday Advertiser, a secular newspaper.

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