

China Priest's Arrest Explodes Communist Myth Of 'Freedom'

Tientsin, (NC) — The arrest of the Rev. Chang See-wen of Tientsin by the Chinese communists for refusing to head a government-sponsored "independent church" movement is seen as exploding the Reds' own myth of "religious freedom," according to word received from China.

RELIGION CURBED IN MOSCOW



The Church of St. Louis of the French, only Catholic Church in Moscow. The city center of religious freedom in Soviet Russia. The city center of religious freedom in Soviet Russia. The city center of religious freedom in Soviet Russia.

The communist regime is reported to be becoming angrier over and impatient with the Catholic refusal to accept the "independence" or "three autonomous movements," as it is also called, the autonomies being ecclesiastical "self-rule, self-support and self-propagation."

THIS MOVEMENT was originally sponsored by a group of Protestants, but of late has been promoted by the government authorities as a "patriotic obligation."

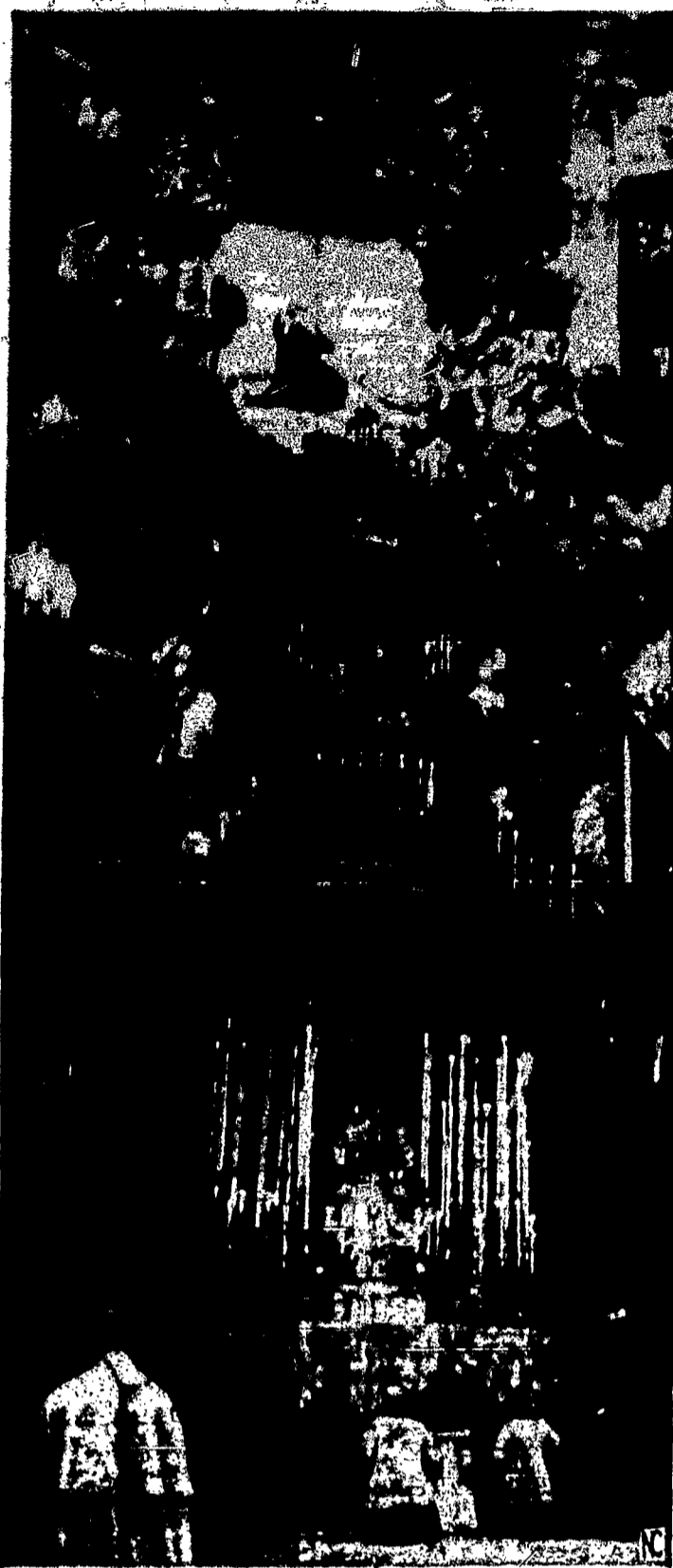
Tientsin, a stronghold of Chinese Catholic resistance to this movement, which has revealed itself to be nothing less than an effort to set up an independent schismatic church separated from Rome, is the scene of arrests of Catholic priests and laymen for alleged "counter-revolutionary activities." Acceptance of the "independent church," since it involves severing spiritual ties with the Supreme Pontiff at Rome, is tantamount to apostasy from the church.

FATHER CHANG has admittedly been taken into custody for sabotaging the "anti-American patriotic movement" among Catholics. There are no American priests or institutions in Tientsin. Bishop Jean de Vienne of Tientsin is French. Father Chang's name was forged to a manifesto of Catholic support for the "independent church" program of the government. This document appeared in the local Tientsin newspapers. It was actually drawn up and circulated for signatures by a renegade Catholic and communist fellow-traveler, Chang King, a relative of the priest.

When the priest made known the fact that he had not subscribed to the manifesto at the beginning of February, he was immediately seized. The present charges by the authorities against Father Chang are seen to be a result of the priest's adamant refusal to head a schismatic church in Tientsin.

Under threat of arrest and capital punishment for "anti-revolutionary activities," which is the communist interpretation of Father Chang's steadfast adherence to the Catholic Faith, even face of religious tolerance disappears.

VENERATED BY PONTIFF



His Holiness Pope Pius XII kneels at the steps of the Altar of the Chair (of St. Peter) incensing the Blessed Sacrament during the Benediction ceremony of Blessed Alberto Cossellani, whose likeness appears in the painting framed above in the famed "Gloria" of Bernini. Prelate in white (at lower left) is Cardinal Piazza, member of the Carmelite Order. (NC Photos)

Army Bars Priests' Return To Seoul

By REV. F. J. O'CONNOR
Seoul — (NC) — This exhausted capital of Korea is showing signs of slowly recovering, but is months away from recovery.

Tactically, Seoul is still insecure apparently. "Because of the tactical situation," United States Army authorities refused to permit priests to return to the city. From nearby areas, however, the Rev. John Chang, pastor of the cathedral parish, and the Rev. Paul Che, of St. Benedict's parish, returned on March 19 and will remain.

FATHER CHANG cleaned dust, glass and splinters from the cathedral for Mass on Easter Sunday. Meanwhile, he is saying Mass at a room of the residence, where his congregation of eight local Catholics gathered on the evening of March 20.

A cold March wind jangles broken windows and doors of empty churches, the hospital and orphanage. It shakes hanging remnants of woodwork and torn paper in dwellings and shops. It chills refugees trudging homeward — often to find only the shattered or charred remains of their homes.

The communists began their withdrawal on March 7, one Seoul resident said. By March 13, when the Red rearguard left for the north, communists had removed large quantities of food and other supplies, including fuel and clothing. They reportedly took the shoes off people's feet. From dwellings they took kimchee, a pickled vegetable, which forms a Korean staple food that every housewife keeps in huge jars for the family.

Catholics Lead In Relief To Korea

United Nations, N. Y. — (NC) — Of the \$2,264,968 worth of used clothing and relief supplies contributed to Korean relief by private organizations \$2,475,067 was given by War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The figures are published in a report of the Secretary General on Korean Relief.

Japanese POW Reported Executed In Bilbid Prison

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR
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Tokyo — Relatives and friends of several score Japanese who for more than a year have been under sentence of death for war crimes in the Philippines have been greatly agitated by reports that 14 of them have now been executed.

So much time has elapsed since the end of the war and



In the New Bilbid prison outside of Manila, Japanese prisoners of war, condemned for war crimes, are pictured following their baptism, with instructors, two Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.

even since the passing of the sentences that families of the condemned men were hoping for a favorable review of the cases. Earlier reports had encouraged these hopes, which have now changed to forebodings.

When I visited New Bilbid prison outside Manila a year ago, I was allowed to meet the Japanese prisoners. They numbered 139, of whom some 70 were under sentence of death. The others had been sentenced to prison terms.

I accompanied two Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, who visited the prisoners every week. One of the Sisters, Mother Marie de Cervellon, spoke Japanese fluently, having been stationed in Tokyo. The prison chaplain, the Rev. R. C. Veneracion, who takes a special interest in the men, came with us.

I LEARNED that about 50 of the Japanese prisoners attended Mass every Sunday. Four had recently been baptized and had been confirmed by Bishop Rufino J. Santos, Auxiliary of Manila, when he came to New Bilbid to offer Mass on the anniversary of his own liberation by Filipino guerrillas from the prison in February, 1945. Ten or 12 were then taking instructions from the Sisters. They were "well treated," the prisoners told me. They received three meals a day, sufficient in quantity though not cooked in the Japanese way. The Japanese "got along all right with the Filipino prisoners," of whom there are about 6,000 in New Bilbid. There was a widespread impression last year that no more death sentences would be carried out. Apparently none was until the 14 were reported executed five weeks ago—unexpectedly. It seems, as regards their relatives here.

Buffalo Catholic Charities Tops \$1,000,000 Goal

Buffalo, N.Y. — (NC) — The Catholic Charities of Buffalo again justified its title of "The Appeal That Never Fails" when its 20th annual campaign exceeded the \$1,000,000 goal on the third day.

The appeal, conducted from March 11 to 18, raised \$1,077,000, according to reports from the office of the Appeal, which is the largest of its kind in the world.

The Appeal was under the leadership of Rev. Edward J. O'Connell, pastor of St. Ignace's Church, who assumed the honor of the Appeal in 1931. It has its primary headquarters in the 10 Southwestern and agencies of Catholic Charities and the nine agencies of the

Church Property

Church Property (RNS) — Florida Attorney General Richard W. Ervin has ruled that unless vacant property owned by a church is used for religious purposes, it is not entitled to tax exemption.

Soviet Zone Bans Catholic's Writings

Berlin — (NC) — Along with Education here has formed the writings of the great Catholic poet as those of a "cosmopolitan, enemy of the people and servant of American monopoly capitalism, promoting a systematic education for murder."

Gertrud von Le Fort, a convert, has stressed the ideals of peace and charity.

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