

China Papal Envoy Arrives In Hong Kong

ST. THERESA IN MOKRA

'Love Story' Wins Girl Communist

Saint's Life Converts Girl-Red Who Wanted To Kill Chaplain

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR
NCWC News Service Correspondent

With the 7th Division, Korea—(NC)—"I'd like to kill you," the Korean girl-Communist told the chaplain, the Rev. (Lt. Col.) Maurice E. Powers, C.S.C., of Los Angeles. Her eyes were burning with fever and hatred. American troops of the Seventh Division had found her lying by the roadside, critically ill with pneumonia, last Nov. 23. They were about 70 miles north-east of Hamhung then, and the stark mountains were already in the grip of North Korea's deadly winter.

Guns were booming on the warm summer air, when Father Powers told this correspondent the story and its sequel. The Communist girl, aged about 20, was in uniform and armed, he said. In spite of her illness, she mustered enough energy to show fiery hostility. The Americans brought her to a building used as a forward clearing station, where the medics gave her penicillin. Then she was put in a room by herself, with two M.P.s guarding the door.

SEE BELONGED to an intelligence unit, apparently, and had more than ordinary ability, education and good looks. She vehemently refused to answer questions and balked at taking medicine. Father Powers, the division chaplain, heard about this problem prisoner.

"One afternoon, with my interpreter, I went to see her. I wanted to convince her that the Americans would not harm her and that she should take the medicines. "I am a priest," I told her, for a start, "a minister of God."

"Catholic or Protestant?" she demanded. "I am a Catholic priest." "Then I hate you all the more," she snapped. "I'd kill you if I could."

Father Powers was unruffled. "You want to kill me," he said quietly, "but I want to help you, because you are a child of God." HE CAME BACK to see her late that evening. She was still hostile. He repeated that he wanted to help her because she was a child of God and had an immortal soul.

"I don't believe I have a soul," she answered. She told him that she had attended a university in Seoul and had then gone north to study at the Communist university in Pyongyang. She wanted to set all poor people free from the control of capitalists, she said.

"I asked her if she had any privileges among the Communists. She replied yes, she had the privileges of her rank. She admitted that the Russians in North Korea had cars and lived well. I pointed out that they were thus a privileged class and capitalist.

"I GUARANTEED that she could safely take the medicines and that she would not be molested. When I was leaving, she said, 'You may come back tomorrow.' "Outside the door, I told the M.P.s and the medics: 'If you guys make the least pass at her, I'll break every bone in your body.' "Don't worry, Father," they said, and they meant it."



ST. THERESA
A little girl in France... I have taken her name.

her own age, who had shown the grandeur of real love—St. Theresa. "I will call you Theresa from now on," I said. I saw that something was dawning on her that she had never dreamt of before.

"When she was being evacuated to the prisoners-of-war camp, I wrote on her card: 'Any chaplain, please note: This girl is an arch-Communist but she has shown signs of becoming another St. Paul.'"

The Seventh Division was evacuated from Hamhung within a month, landed in the south-east and moved up through the snow through the central front.

"WE WERE ON our way to Chechon, at the end of January," Father Powers recalled, "when a letter, written in Korean, addressed to the Catholic priest, Seventh Division, reached me. It was from our prisoner, and ran like this:

"I thank you for bringing the first real light into my life. I had heard of Christ before through the Christian work in Seoul. I mocked it then, because I did not believe it stood for the weak and poor. In time of war I encountered all possible hardships and fell in defeat. Then I met someone who did not want to kill me or hate me, but wanted to help me. I did not understand that there are Americans like that."

"You told me of a little girl in France called Theresa. I have taken her name because she had love instead of hatred. Now I see the priest regularly in the prison camp and I ask God to direct me." "She signed the letter Theresa."

State Role In Social Welfare Hit

Detroit — (RNS) — Too much dependence upon government social welfare programs tends to create a sense of irresponsibility among individuals, the Rt. Rev. Magr. Vincent W. Cooke, president of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, declared here. He spoke at the 37th annual convention of the National Conference, which met jointly with the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

"THE GREAT programs of social security designed to help our aged, our widows with children, our orphaned children, our blind and, recently, our disabled," Magr. Cooke told 2,500 delegates attending the joint sessions, "have produced a most terrible by-product called irresponsibility."

"Children no longer feel a sense of responsibility toward their aged and needy parents. Let the Old Age Assistance take care of them, they say. Husbands and fathers feel free to desert their wives and seek other marital alliances. Let the Aid to Dependent Children take care of them, they say."

"Today we face the startling fact that a large percentage of approximately two million children and mothers supported by the Aid to Dependent Children's program, at taxpayers' expense, have parents who are legally and financially irresponsible for their support."

DECLARING THAT irresponsibility is "a fast growing cancer," Magr. Cooke warned that unless it is eradicated "it will soon stifle and kill the mutual love which, according to the Fourth Commandment, should exist between parents and children."

"Our agencies of charity, especially those dealing with children and the aged," he said, "should continually stress the sharing not the destruction of responsibility on the part of relatives."

Buffalo Priest Elected Catholic Charities Head
Detroit (RNS) — The Rt. Rev. Magr. Eugene J. Loftus of Buffalo, N.Y. was elected president of the National Conference of Catholic Charities at its 37th annual meeting here.

David School of Cleveland, O., was named first vice-president. Other vice-presidents elected were the Rt. Rev. Magr. James W. Fogarty, Greensboro, N.C.; Mother M. Bernadette de Lourdes of the Carmel of Our Lady, New York; and Father Louis-Philippe Latulippe, Montreal, Can.

THE CATHOLIC Courier Journal

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE ROCHESTER DIOCESE

62nd Year ROCHESTER, N. Y., FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1951 14 Pages

Cardinal Newman Award



HIS EXCELLENCY BISHOP KEARNEY, episcopal moderator of the National Newman Club Federation, presents the Cardinal Newman Award to MRS. CLARE BOOTH LUCE during the Federation's annual convocation at Westworth - by - the - Sea, N. H. The REV. DONALD M. CLEARY, chaplain of Cornell University, on left.

Peace Treaty Signed On Mary's Feastday

San Francisco, Sept. 8.—(NC)—The signing of the Japanese peace treaty here on September 8 coincides the domestic observance of important dates in Far East history falling on a feast day of the Blessed Virgin. Today is the Feast of the Nativity of Mary.

It is recalled here that the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 occurred on December 8 (Far East time), the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Japan's declaration of surrender in 1945 happened on August 15 (Far East time), the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

Observance Writer Catholicism Must Oppose Tito As Well As Stalin

Vatican City — (NC)—Catholicism must necessarily oppose Tito's brand of communism as well as that of the Kremlin since both are morally evil, Observance magazine states in a front-page article written by Federico Alessandrini.

The article comments on excerpts of a book written by an American journalist, George Seides, in Yugoslavia. The ex-Communist, who is now in the United States, is compiling his journalistic memoirs, entitled "Take Nothing as Valid Currency."

Mr. Alessandrini states that it is understandable that for political reasons America has somewhat changed its attitude toward Yugoslavia, since Tito's communist regime is now in rebellion against Russian communism.

Clare Booth Luce Blames UN Failure on Spiritual Lack

New Castle, N.H.—(RNS)—Mrs. Clare Booth Luce, former Congresswoman and this year's recipient of the Cardinal Newman Award, said here that the United Nations is a failure "because the spiritual conditions of unity are not present."

Mrs. Luce spoke at the annual convocation of the National Newman Club Federation after she was formerly presented with the Second Annual Newman Award by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston.

SEE REFERRED to the United Nations as "a tragic example of the frustration to which the most idealistic efforts of materialist man is doomed."

"The United Nations is a failure," Mrs. Luce said, "not because unity among nations is unobtainable or impossible. It is a failure because the spiritual conditions of unity are not present. Unity comes of a voluntary movement of men's wills, born of the voluntary acceptance of the universal law of charity."

"Fear separates, only true love unites," Mrs. Luce added. "The unity of the United Nations is based on fear and can only be preserved by force."

Mrs. Luce was given the Newman Award "because of her outstanding contribution in the field of government, in Church affairs, and, in particular, for her real interest in the work of the Newman Club Federation."

Red-Ousted Envoy Sees 'Our Lady' Save China Faith

By GRETIA PALMER
Radio, NCWC News Service

Hong Kong, Sept. 8.—The most dramatic event in the history of the Chinese Church since the Boxer Movement occurred today, when a slight, thin man and sport shirt threaded his way through the dense packed wire striding Red China from the world of free men.

Archbishop Anthony Fung, Papal Internuncio in China, was escorted across the border by the British and Chinese authorities to the Hong Kong airport.

Archbishop Fung was accompanied by his secretary, Joseph Joseph, and a number of the internuncio's staff. The Rev. Herman Unger, in Belgium-born secretary. Only seven pieces of luggage were taken into the waiting room with the internuncio's party as it left the red train from Canton accompanied by three police guards who had stayed from day and night since their departure from Nanking.

At the border town to greet the internuncio was Magr. Martin T. O'Brien, an American priest who is secretary to the Papal Internuncio in China, and the Very Rev. Anthony Ripatti, Vice Chaplain of Hong Kong, along with many members of the local clergy and representatives of various religious orders.

WALKING BEHIND in the private coach reserved for the internuncio's party, the archbishop, dressed in his black cassock, walked with the press, but spoke only to the clergy who stood by his side.

"What has happened in China is a miracle of Our Lady," the archbishop said. "I have seen the world's greatest miracle in the world."

The archbishop indicated that it had been a miraculous battle to prevent the arrest of a Chinese priest in China, who had been arrested and imprisoned in the past.

AT THE FIRST police interrogation after being placed under house arrest on June 30, the archbishop related, young Red prosecutors informed the papal envoy that the Communists state knew all the "facts" and there was no need for court procedure as practiced in the present, imperialist countries.

The Communists would be silent, they said, in the case of wrongdoers who "acknowledged their 'errors' and showed repentance by signing a 'confession.'"

Reds Tried To Extort 'Confession' From Envoy

Hong Kong — (NC)—Before his expulsion from Red China, great pressure was placed on Archbishop Anthony Fung, Papal Internuncio, to obtain a "confession" similar to those which have marked the "trial" of prisoners in other Communist-dominated areas.

This was revealed by the Archbishop following his arrival in the British Crown Colony here.

AT THE FIRST police interrogation after being placed under house arrest on June 30, the archbishop related, young Red prosecutors informed the papal envoy that the Communists state knew all the "facts" and there was no need for court procedure as practiced in the present, imperialist countries.

The Communists would be silent, they said, in the case of wrongdoers who "acknowledged their 'errors' and showed repentance by signing a 'confession.'"

Archbishop Fung continued with a black book of all charges and stated: "Whatever I did in China as a priest, it is a priest and as a representative of the Holy See I did not do anything and for no other purpose."

A FINAL ATTEMPT was made to have the archbishop sign a "confession" after the five of his "pastoral management" was read to him before a battery of cameras, microphones and wire recorders. The archbishop refused, and he had been questioned and answered by the Red interrogators about 100 times in the past few days.

He said he had been asked to sign a "confession" after the five of his "pastoral management" was read to him before a battery of cameras, microphones and wire recorders. The archbishop refused, and he had been questioned and answered by the Red interrogators about 100 times in the past few days.

He said he had been asked to sign a "confession" after the five of his "pastoral management" was read to him before a battery of cameras, microphones and wire recorders. The archbishop refused, and he had been questioned and answered by the Red interrogators about 100 times in the past few days.

Cardinal McGuigan To Visit Mexico

Mexico City — (NC)—His Eminence James Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, plans to attend the ceremonies in connection with the 56th anniversary of the crowning of the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to be observed here on October 12th. He will be the fifth Prince of the Church to visit Mexico since 1945.

'Rosary For Peace' On Corning Station

Addition of Station WCLJ in Corning to the radio chain broadcasting the Family Rosary for Peace in Rochester Diocese was announced this week by the Rev. Joseph A. Cirincione, founder and director of the program.

Corning's Station WCLJ will carry the half-hour broadcast at 10 p. m. each Saturday. This brings to six the number of cities and stations carrying the radio-Rosary devotion, which originates at 10 p. m. every night except Tuesday at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Rochester, and on Tuesday

Communists Restrict Church Services

London (RNS) — Hungarian Communist authorities have forbidden services to be held in churches without special permission, a Vatican Radio broadcast said.

"I heard no more until she sent a second letter the other day. She is still a prisoner of war but she is happy," she said. Theresa is now her baptismal name. She has become a Catholic.

Protestant Seen Envoy To Vatican

Bonn, Germany — (RNS) — West German government sources here said that Chancellor Konrad Adenauer has decided to nominate a Protestant as the West German ambassador to the Vatican.

The same source said that leaders of the Evangelical Church in Germany had been requested to submit their suggestions as to candidates for the new post.

Blessing Of Graves at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

On Sunday afternoon, September 16, at 2:30 o'clock, His Excellency Bishop Kearney will conduct the annual ceremony of the Blessing of the Graves at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester. The faithful are invited to attend and pray for their departed dead.