

Canadian Nuns Seen Heroines Bid To Save China Waifs

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Canton, (NC)—The communist police of Canton continue to hold three Canadian nuns of the Immaculate Conception one week after the habeas corpus trial sentenced them to expulsion. There is no apparent reason for the delay in carrying out the sentence.

Mother's Prayer Answered In Red Ouster of Nun

Nashua, N. H.—(NC)—The "conviction of Sister St. Victor, one of the five Immaculate Conception nuns "tried" in the Canton, China, "orphan murder" case, may be an answer to the prayers of her 79-year-old mother, Mrs. Victor Tangany of this city, who has not seen her daughter for 17 years.

According to reports, Sister St. Victor (now a Canadian citizen, but born in Nashua) was sentenced to expulsion from China.

Mrs. Tangany is recuperating from illness at St. Joseph Hospital, and in the meantime her husband, an 83-year-old retired carpenter, is staying at the home of another daughter.

Sister St. Victor, who has five brothers and two sisters, was graduated from Infant Jesus School here and left to enter religious life 18 years ago. A year later she went to China and has been stationed there since that time. She and the other four nuns were imprisoned last March as part of a communist purge of Catholic leaders.

When the city in the face of the attacking Japanese Army. Her first duties entailed the care of inmates of the municipal mental asylum. Flooding city officials petitioned the then Archbishop of Canton to assume responsibility for 700 demented persons left unattended in the busy evacuation.

The Immaculate Conception nuns moved into the asylum and faced the war years of scarcity and hardship with their additional burden of the insane. Seven and a half years later, the mental home was turned back to the government when peace and security returned.

THE NAME of one orphan has often been mentioned in the accusations against Sister Sainte-Foy, leaving Tasho, a feeble-minded child who had spent eight years under the Sisters' care, was pictured in a communist southern daily pointing an accusing finger toward the sisters.

Only the sisters and a few inmates know the true story of Sister St. Foy's devotion and protection of this unfortunate child whose untrainable animal habits left her open to the scorn and ridicule of the other orphans. Almost every morning the nun was massaged to the point of actual vomiting with the filth of the child that had to be lifted

Priest Urges Crime Probe Of Waterfront

New York (NC)—A sweeping investigation of racketeering, crime and violence on the New York waterfront was urged by the Rev. John M. Corridan, S.J., associate director of the Xavier Labor School here, in an address to the Catholic Interracial Council.

FATHER CORRIDAN said the probe should be conducted by a State or Federal body empowered to recommend needed legislation "as the first step in eliminating the crime and chaos which grips the dark areas of the world's greatest port."

The labor priest attacked the "shape-up" system, under which longshoremen congregate outside the docks twice daily while hiring bosses select those who will work the next four hours. He said it is the fundamental cause of waterfront unrest.

FACED WITH this arbitrary control over his means of livelihood, the average longshoreman does well if he gets 1,000 hours of work a year, according to Father Corridan.

"Shipouts must be replaced by regularized employment distribution without favoritism," he declared.

"The longshoremen are decent citizens, strongly anti-communist, seeking an equitable opportunity to earn a family living wage," Father Corridan said.

'Living Rosary' For Centenary



Some 2,000 school children formed this Living Rosary during the Catholic centenary celebration at Melbourne, Australia. America's Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., and Australia's oldest bishop, Archbishop Mannix, both from County Cork, Ireland, sponsored the Rosary demonstration. (NC Photos)

Anti-Abortion Vow Dropped In Doctor Oath

London—(NC)—Concern has been expressed here regarding a proposed new pledge to replace the traditional Hippocratic Oath for medical students.

The suggested oath, discussed by members of the General Medical Council here, would leave out the positive statement in that of Hippocrates: "I will not aid a woman to procure abortion." The new declaration is already in use in certain countries following its adoption three years ago by the World Medical Association's general assembly at Geneva.

IT PLEDGES a doctor only to "maintain the utmost respect for human life from the time of conception," which is much less definite than the Hippocratic version. It also binds a doctor not to permit "consideration of religion, nationality, race, party politics or social standing to intervene between my duty and my patient."

A PROMINENT doctor told the Catholic Herald of this city that the new declaration was a clear sign of the times—"vague and woolly when it should be forthright on questions of principle."

Missioners Listed Among Americans Held In China

Los Angeles—(NC)—Three Catholic bishops, a nun and nine other Catholic missionaries are included in a list of 32 American citizens reported imprisoned in communist China. All 32 Catholics were said to have been arrested this year.

Senator William F. Knowland of California released the names here. He said it was a confidential list given him by the State Department, and that he was removing the confidential restriction "on my own responsibility as a United States Senator."

THE STATE Department had indicated there were some 300 other Americans still on the Chinese mainland whose safety might be endangered by release of the list, Senator Knowland said. The Senator declared he did



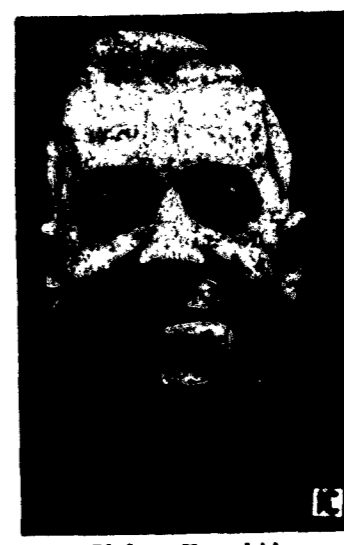
Bishop Ford

not consider this reasoning valid, and added that "it is high time" the public knew about the list. The three Catholic prelates listed are Bishops Francis X. Ford, M. M., of Kaying, Ambrose H. Pinger, O.F.M., of Chovtuan, and Bembert Kowalski, O.F.M., of Wuchang. Bishop Ford was reported arrested last April 14 at Mulyuen, Kwangtung, and is "now believed at Canton." Bishop Pinger was arrested last August at Tingtao, and Bishop Kowalski last June at Wuchang, Hupei, according to the list.

Sister Jean Marie Ryan, a Maryknoll missioner, was the one nun on the list. She was reported arrested last April 14 at Mulyuen, and moved to Canton.

THE OTHER nine missionaries as given on the list, with the 1951 date and place of their arrests, are:

- Rev. Jerome A. Donnelly, O.F.M., January, Sungtze, Hsien, Hupeh.
- Rev. Eugene E. Fahy, S.J., Pre-



Bishop Kowalski

fect Apostolic of Yangchow, July 31, Rangchow, Kiangsu.

- Rev. Raymond A. Gaspard, M.M., April, Loting, Kwangtung.
- Rev. Fulgence Gross, O.F.M., January, Tsingtao.

REV. WILLIAM D. RYAN, S. J., April 31, Yangchow.

- Very Rev. Sigfrid Schneider, O.F.M., June 4, Hankow.
- John Swift, O.F.M., January, Tingtao. (No such name is listed in the 1951 Official Catholic Directory. Some time ago the N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE reported that Brother Matthew Swift, S.V.D., a native of Wisconsin, has been held in a Tsingtao jail since last December.)
- Rev. James E. Thornton, S.J., July 31, Yangchow.
- Very Rev. Paul J. Ubinger, C.P., July 1, Yuanling, Hunan.

Two Writers Become Catholics

Frankfurt—(NC)—Two notable conversions to the Catholic faith are reported from northern Europe: of Clara Nordstrom, well-known Swedish poet and author, and of Edward Schaper, a Baltic writer now living in Switzerland whose novel "The Dying Church" has won wide acclaim.

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Clergy Donate \$35,000 For School-Center In Harlem

New York—(NC)—In less than a month after an appeal was mailed to clergymen for funds to build a parochial school and community center in Harlem nearly \$35,000 was contributed, the pastor of a missionary church in that section of New York has reported.

Magn. Cornelius J. Drew, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church, said contributions and assurances of prayers for success of the fund drive came from curates, pastors, bishops

and Archbishops. Notes accompanying contributions disclosed that many gave at the expense of their personal needs. One priest, who enclosed his salary check, wrote on the back of the appeal letter: "This would come on the day I received my salary!"

Earlier, His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, presented a \$10,000 check from the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Fund to the

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