

'Let Your God Protect You!' Red Mob Jeers At U. S. Priest in 'China Trial'

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Nashville, Tenn. (NC)—Catholic missionaries always say "let your God protect you." This was thrown into the face of the Rev. Thomas Langley, 47-year-old Maryland missionary from Framingham, Mass., at a "public trial" in Pingnam, Kwangai province. Father Langley was condemned to "expulsion" at the trial and has now arrived here.

Father Langley had been stationed in the Pingnam area for the past 15 years. Prior to his expulsion he had been under house arrest for 11 months with five fellow priests.

Local security police escorted two of Father Langley's converts from their parish on November 23, announcing that they had been given permission to leave China and would start the journey on the following day. They had not yet reached Hong Kong when Father Langley arrived here.

FATHER LANGLEY was taken to a new building on the night of November 23 when the mission was suddenly surrounded by police. He was bound with ropes and led off to the local jail. No charges were made against him at the time.

For three days and nights the Framingham priest was held incommunicado, and practically without food or drink. On the fourth day he was again bound and paraded through streets of his parish city, Tanchuk, before facing a local "trial."

Many Chinese smiled greetings as he passed. Many turned their backs on the guards to express silent opposition to the treatment meted out to the priest.

The following day Father Langley was marched ten miles to Pingnam to undergo a "public trial." During the journey his wrists and shoulders were bound with coarse rope while another circled his throat and stroked back to his hands of the soldiers.

The "public trial" was held in a school courtyard on December 7 before a large crowd of mostly soldiers and school children. No representatives of

Priest Paraded Through Streets

Union City, N. J.—(NC)—The Rev. Harold Travers, C. F. M., who has been arrested and jailed by the communists in China, was marched through the streets of Faoching under heavy guard, according to advices which have reached the Very Rev. Ernest Welch, Faoching provincial of St. Michael's Monastery here.

Father Travers is a veteran China missionary and founded a trade school for orphans in Faoching. The school has been taken over by the communists and the expenses put to work in the Red Army, according to reports.

The parish town of Tanchuk were present. Ten accusers faced Father Langley as he was forced to kneel on the uneven boards of the raised platform for four hours.

The accusations included: (1) aiding "counter-revolutionaries" and "reactionaries" by distributing medicine without discrimination; (2) establishing a Legion of Mary unit; and (3) being an "American imperialist and spy."

During the entire proceedings Father Langley was bound and forced with prodigious efforts to bow his head and avoid looking at the mob audience. Sentence of expulsion was given immediately. The following day he was escorted by armed guards to the Hong Kong border.

Americans At 'Adopted' Orphanage



A Japanese nun talks with American visitors (FEAMCOM) members of the Holy Name Society there. The servicemen arranged for civilians and others to tour the orphanage which they are helping with money and material assistance.

China Students Show Loyalty To Bishop; Defy Communists

Tokyo — (NC) — Another American-born missionary Bishop has been arrested by the Chinese communists, according to reports received here. He is Bishop Philip Cote of Suchow, Kiangsu province, a native of Lawrence, Mass. On the morning of December 6, manacled, he was taken off to prison. Three Chinese priests were arrested at the same time.

that he had been "accused" by principal of the Catholic middle school.

This was the second arrest of Bishop Cote. He had been previously held in June and July 1949, eight months after the so-called liberation of Suchow. He was arrested as the "responsible head" when a Chinese priest was accused of breaking the law.

BISHOP COTE is the fourth American-born Bishop in communist jails. The others are Bishops Francis X. Ford, M.M., of Kaying, Ambrose H. Pinger, O.F.M., of Chowtsun, and Robert Kowalski, O.F.M., of Wuchang.

The arrest of Bishop Cote followed a dramatic incident when 900 boys and girls, led by the "political director" of Suchow Catholic middle school, screamed "down with imperialism," but observed dead silence when the same communist official tried to lead them in the yell "down with the 'imperialist' Bishop!"

The failure to break down the loyalty of the Catholic and non-Catholic student body to the 56-year-old Bishop spelt the scheme of the communists to arrest him under the usual pretext

Baptist Minister Kefauver To Oppose 28 Years In U.S. Congress

Washington, D. C. —(RNS)—Rep. Charles A. Eaton, who has served in the United States Congress longer than any other clergyman in the nation's history, has announced his retirement, effective at the end of his present term, Jan. 3, 1953.

At that time Dr. Eaton, an ordained Baptist minister, who will celebrate his 84th birthday next May, will have served 28 years as representative of the Fifth District of New Jersey.

ELECTED IN 1942 when prohibition was a major national issue, Dr. Eaton was so beloved by his constituents that they re-elected him to 14 consecutive terms, most of the time without serious opposition.

He won national reputation for his work as ranking Republican member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. In 1947-48 he served as chairman of that committee. He was one of the American delegates to the convention at San Francisco in 1945 which drafted the United Nations Charter. An ardent advocate of international cooperation, Dr. Eaton regarded this as the crowning achievement of his career.

A native of Canada, Dr. Eaton graduated from Acadia University, Nova Scotia, in 1890, and was ordained into the Baptist ministry in 1893 after graduation from Newton Theological Seminary, Boston, Mass.

He was early acclaimed as a brilliant preacher, and Baylor University in Texas conferred an honorary doctorate of divinity upon him when he was only 31 years old. Two years later he became pastor of the fashionable Euclid Avenue Baptist church in Cleveland. In 1909 he became pastor of Madison Avenue Baptist church, New York.

Dr. Eaton's retirement will leave two ordained ministers in Congress, Rep. Clayton Powell (D.-N.Y.) and Rep. Dewey Short (R.-Mo.).

President Truman Will Resubmit Clark Envoy Bid

Washington —(NC)—President Truman made it clear today that he has no intention of abandoning the nomination of Gen. Mark W. Clark to be United States Ambassador to the State of Vatican City.

At one of the Chief Executive's regular press conferences, a reporter asserted that there is a rumor abroad that the administration might "leave on the shelf" the proposal to send an ambassador to Vatican City.

President Truman deprecated this idea and said that when Congress reconvenes next month he will send again to the Senate the nomination of General Clark to be Ambassador to Vatican City, and it will then be up to Congress to take whatever action it sees fit.

President Truman first sent General Clark's nomination to the Senate only a few hours before the first session of the 82nd Congress came to an end. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee holds that, under its rules, the nomination must be submitted again.

Father Pro Vatican City—(NC)—The Sacred Congregation of Rites here took up the question of whether to introduce the cause of Father Miguel Pro, Mexican Jesuit, for beatification.

In view of this and also in view of the fact that this controversy is causing an unfortunate division in the country, I feel that the Executive made a mistake in this instance. As far as I am concerned, the matter of religious prejudice does not enter into it one way or the other."

THE SENATOR disclosed his sentiments in a letter to Beverly McGuire, a student at St. Bernard's Academy, who wrote asking the senator's views on the establishment of U. S. Vatican diplomatic ties.

The Senator in his reply stated that while he thought there should be an exchange of information between the United States and the Vatican during the present troubled times, "it should be in some other way than by the appointment of an ambassador, the highest diplomatic representative."

In HIS LETTER to Miss McGuire, the Senator stated: "In America, we prize our freedom of worship and are proud of the accomplishments of men of all religions. We all admire the strong position of the Vatican against communism and appreciate the fact that the Vatican is an important information center. Since we have a common interest with the Vatican in the effort against communism, there should be an exchange of information, but I think it should be in some other way than by the appointment of an Ambassador, the highest diplomatic representative."

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Artist Dali Drops Atheism, Paints Portrait Of Christ

London—(NC)—The eccentric Spanish painter Salvador Dali came back to London in a blaze of publicity announcing that his surrealism had given way to the realistic mysticism of Catholicism. The former atheist, who last met reporters here 15 years ago in a diving suit with two Russian foundlings on a leash, stated that he had recently met His Holiness Pope Pius XII and that the days of his folly were over.

Dali, now 47, was opening an exhibition of his works, including a "Portrait of Christ" in his "new" classical style, which he considers his greatest work, and a huge "Madonna of Port Lligat" with one of his more familiar "exploding" backgrounds

of landscapes and odd masonry. The painter, who has made and spent a fortune from paintings which most of the world is said not to understand, was accompanied by his wife and model. Recognized as one of the world's great masters of implicit coloring and fine draughtsmanship, he depicts his subjects mystically—it is stated—by incorporating the theories of modern physicists. His past epics have included telephonic lobsters, worm-eaten ruins and flexible, weeping waltzes.

Mrs. Dali announced that he had written to the exiled Spanish painter Pablo Picasso asking him to recant his communism and return to Spain, but he had not yet received a reply.

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The little Lord Jesus will find a pillow for His head in hearts made strong by sacrifice. Poor Bishop Chanzy, ill and shepherd of the poorest section of Syria, begs for \$4,000 to carry him through the coming year. Anything helps.

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THE ELEVEN rose approximately in enrollment 1947-48 figures. The Education Department surveys this year continue number of students since declining trend began in 1942.

Largest enrollment also were 1949-50 school year figures and while men's figures declined per cent from previous year peak of 1948-49, enrollment rose 9.1.

Largest enrollment was reported in which their student 43 figure of teachers and schools in the district.

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