

UN's 'Moral Weakness' On China Scored

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Silence Of UN On Missionaries' Plight Deplored

Hong Kong — (Special) — A blunt charge of "moral weakness" is leveled at the United Nations for its failure to protest religious persecution in China by an editorial in the Hong Kong Standard, daily newspaper published here.

Calling the mob trial of five Canadian nuns in Canton "a dark plot to modern civilization," the daily newspaper scores the attack as "but an instance in the whole anti-God program which is being prosecuted throughout the world."

SINCE THEN other instances have occurred, including the beating of an American Maryknoll Bishop in an attempt to extort money from his missions society, and the four and one-half hour public trial of an American Maryknoll priest in the middle of a crowd of 1,000 onlookers screaming "Kill him!"

These are references to Bishop Adolph Paschall, American Maryknoll Bishop whom the Communists have tortured several times in a demand for extortion money; and to Father Thomas Langley, American Maryknoll missionary, whom the Chinese Reds subjected to a four-hour "public trial" during which he was forced to kneel with ropes binding his wrists, shoulders and throat.

In the struggle to prevent the repetition of such trials, the Hongkong Standard sees the need of allying all religious forces to fight the worldwide anti-God programme. The editorial continues:

"The most lamentable part

U. S. Priest Slave Laborer

Hong Kong — The Minneapolis priest who has been imprisoned in a Communist jail in China for nine months, Father Raymond A. Gaspard, 39, has been seen going to manual labor with a prison gang, according to word reaching Maryknoll headquarters here.

The son of Mrs. Mary J. Gaspard of 4127 Westworth Ave., South Minneapolis, Father Gaspard was arrested last March. Although no official reason for his imprisonment has ever been received here, the usual Communist charges against missionaries are on such vague grounds as "being enemies of the people" or "for imperialistic practices."

of the struggle is the assumption by the world's statement that religion is not their concern. Thus, while atrocities are being perpetrated everywhere by the forces of evil, these so-called missionaries look upon them with indifference as if such atrocities were the daily occurrence of a normal world. If they, instead of talking about disarmament, were to direct their attention to the protection of human rights now being flagrantly trampled upon by the Communists, they could rally indubitable support to the cause of freedom and of peace."

"In the United Nations, for instance, there is a committee on human rights. What has that committee been doing? The five nuns were arrested nine months ago, and during the nine months, the committee has not raised a single finger to save them. If there ever was a case involving human rights, it was the case involving the five nuns . . .

"THE FREE world is frankly disappointed with the United Nations. If it cannot prevent war, it may be excused because it is militarily weak; if it dare not even raise its voice against the violation of human rights, it cannot be excused because it is morally weak. And what is the use of having a world organization that cannot even protest on paper?"

"The trial of the five nuns in Canton is a challenge to the United Nations . . . Let the United Nations appoint a commission of investigation, let that commission contact the Communists for permission to investigate into the trial of the five nuns . . . The commission may perhaps never reach the shores of Continental China; but in the eyes of the free world the United Nations should at least show its moral courage by trying to meet the Communist challenge squarely in the face."

Strange Story—U.S. Envoys



Ambassador Allen Smiles On Tito; Ambassador Griffis Harasses Franco



By J. J. GILBERT

Washington — (NC) — This is a story of two ambassadors. They are Stanton Griffis, United States Ambassador to Spain, and George V. Allen, United States Ambassador to Yugoslavia.

Mr. Griffis seems dedicated to demonstrating that



AMBASSADOR GRIFFIS Threats For Franco

AMBASSADOR ALLEN Dollars For Tito

Protestants do not enjoy full religious liberty in Spain, and to threatening Generalissimo Franco with the loss of U.S. assistance if he doesn't do something about it. Mr. Allen seems even more dedicated to proving that Catholics are only getting what's coming to them in Yugoslavia, and to seeing to it that Marshal Tito gets U.S. assistance despite the fact that he is engaged in a vicious and widespread religious persecution. This was brought out very impressively in the closing days of 1951.

ONLY A FEW days ago a Baptist evangelist, the Rev. Paul E. Freed of Greensboro, N. C., called on President Truman at the White House. When he issued from the executive office, he told reporters that he had just come back from Spain, that "there is very little religious freedom" there; that "the President was very much interested" in his report, and that he understood that Ambassador Griffis in Madrid had made the arrangements for him to see the President. This is in many ways a strange

story. The evangelist said he had been back in the United States about two months, from a tour of Spain. He said he preferred not to disclose how long he had spent in Spain. And yet, after a visit of undisclosed duration and after being home two months, at the behest of the U.S. Ambassador to Madrid, he was recalled at the White House to say he had found "very little religious freedom" in Spain.

THIS BROUGHT to mind the fact that, not many days before, C. L. Sulzberger of The New York Times had quoted Ambassador Griffis as saying "that he believed that the United States should have absolute religious freedom of all rites."

It also brought to mind that, in the United States Senate in March, 1950, Senator Owen Brewster of Maine brought out that the so-called "Protestant problem" in Spain was "grossly misrepresented."

The Senator read into the Congressional Record a letter from Max H. Klein, president of the American Chamber of Commerce at Barcelona, Spain, who stated that "I personally had never heard of any such thing as a Protestant problem in Spain" until he read a story by an American newspaperman the year before. "I thought that this article grossly misrepresented the facts of the case," said Mr. Klein, "and in this way not only harmed the reputation of the Spanish people and Government, but at the same time did great harm to our own American interests."

"PROTESTANT PASTORS in Spain have repeatedly stressed the fact that they suffer from the lack of freedom of worship and freedom of speech," Mr. Klein continued, "which apparently has aroused public indignation in Great Britain and the United States. May I say that I have found these statements misleading and inexact, and after talking the matter over with some of the pastors, they themselves admitted that they might have been over-zealous in their complaints. It seems to me that the Protestants of, say, Barcelona, cannot complain of lack of freedom of worship, when they have over 20 authorized chapels functioning regularly and without the slightest difficulty or interference."

It can be assumed, of course, that Mr. Klein has lived in Spain longer and knows it better than does Ambassador Griffis or the Rev. Mr. Freed.

ONE CANNOT recall hearing of a single Protestant minister who is in jail in Spain, but it is well known that there are hundreds of Catholic priests and Religious who are in Tito's prisons because of his persecution of religion.

Nevertheless, consider the case of Ambassador Allen. An American correspondent reporting an interview with him, quoted Mr. Allen as saying that, from the Yugoslav point of view, Red Marshal Tito had "adequate reason" for trying to condemn Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac of Zagreb, whom Tito had just released "conditionally" from prison.

He was quoted as saying other things, and the net result was astounding: that the State Department got out a statement saying "Ambassador Allen has made no statement on the subject of Archbishop Stepinac's release." The Department admitted, however, that the Ambassador gave news papers and U.S. Congressmen "background material on political considerations involved in this question," and that "this has included an account of the views of the Yugoslav government." Well, everyone knows what the views of the Yugoslav government are.

Holy Name Mass Sunday In St. Joseph's

Marking the annual observance of the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus by members of the Holy Name Society, His Excellency Bishop Kearney will celebrate Pontifical Mass this Sunday (Jan. 6) at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph's Church, Rochester. The celebration is sponsored annually by parish Holy Name



Bishop Kearney

units of the Rochester Diocese which includes all those in Monroe County. A general invitation to all area laymen to attend was issued this week by Frank R. Davis, Deaneary Holy Name President.

THE VERY REV. James T. Connolly, C.S.S.R., pastor of St. Joseph's Church, will preach the sermon. Father Connolly served for twenty years as a professor of canon law and moral theology at the Redemptorist Seminary, Mount St. Alphonsus in Esopus, N. Y. before his assignment as rector of St. Joseph's in November, 1950.

Priests who will assist as officiators of Sunday's Mass are: Assistant priest, the Rt. Rev. Wilfred T. Craugh, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary; Assistant Deacons to the Bishop, the Rev. Arthur F. Florack, pastor of St. Michael's Church, and the Rev. Robert A. Kleher, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church.

DEACONS OF THE Mass will be the Very Rev. Magr. Gerald C. Lambert, pastor of St. Monica's Church, and subdeacon will be the Rev. Patrick J. Flynn, spiritual director of the Diocesan Holy Name Union. The Rev. John E. Maney, vice-chancellor of the diocese, will act as master of ceremonies. Students of St. Andrew's Seminary will assist in the minor offices of the Mass.

The Holy Name Societies' observance of the patronal feast by attendance at Pontifical Mass was inaugurated as an annual custom in 1945 in St. Michael's Church and always marks the year's largest turnout of Holy Name men.

DEANEARY PRESIDENT Davis is urging men of the individual parishes of the Society to make arrangements for transportation to the Mass.

Martin Q. Moll, diocesan union president, will head the diocesan officers attending. Serving with Davis, of Holy Rosary Parish, on the Deaneary Executive Committee are: Richard J. Toole, Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Rochester, vice president; Richard S. Torpey, Blessed Sacrament, secretary; Henry J. Schoenherr, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, treasurer and Frank J. Lange, St. Andrew's, marshal.

Baptists Query Political Candidates Baton Rouge, La. — (RNS) — Governors and state candidates for Louisiana state offices have been asked by a Baptist laymen's group to outline their position on separation of Church and State, gambling and 32,000 other questions. A questionnaire was sent to the candidates by the Baptist Men of Louisiana, Carlos Rabby, president and founder of the organization, said that the answers will be made public.

In addition to asking the candidates if they favor legalized gambling and would use their office to enforce all laws against gambling, the laymen asked their views on separation of Church and State, and civil service. They also asked if the candidates are members of churches.

On Sunday Afternoon

January 6, 1952

The

Feast of the Epiphany

His Excellency Bishop Kearney

will receive visitors

at his home, 947 East Avenue, from three to six o'clock

to confer his

Blessing for the New Year

Fathers Cuddy, Nolan, World War II Chaplains, Recalled By Armed Forces

Two priests of the Rochester Diocese who saw duty as World War II chaplains have been ordered back to active duty.

They are Chaplain (Major) Paul J. Cuddy, leaving St. Andrew's Seminary where he was spiritual director; and Chaplain (Lieut.) William F. Nolan, now assistant pastor of Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral.

Father Cuddy will leave on Monday, Jan. 7, for the Chaplains Training School of Fort Slocum, N. Y. and Father Nolan will report to the Naval Training School at Newport, Va. on Feb. 21.

WHEN FATHER CUDDY completes his course he will be assigned to Air Force duty and will be stationed at Parks Air Base, California.

After four weeks' training, Father Nolan will be sent to San Francisco to be assigned to duty with the Military Sea Transportation Service in the Pacific Area.

Father Cuddy, who was ordained in 1935, served in Clyde and Ithaca before entering the service on March 9, 1942. He was the first Catholic chaplain at Napier Field, Dothan, Ala., where he was promoted to Post Chaplain and raised to the rank of Captain.

Truman Felicitates Capitol Hill Priest

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — Congratulatory messages from President Truman and other leaders of American public life showered upon the Rt. Rev. Magr. Edward P. McAdams, whose parish includes Capitol Hill, on the occasion of the golden jubilee of his ordination here.

"When you say your anniversary Mass," Mr. Truman said, "I am sure that your heartfelt prayer for the welfare of our country will be heard by the Father who has blessed you with the gifts which have endeared your spiritual leadership for half a century."

"May it be His will that you continue in health and strength to extend your administration through the long years to come," the President wrote to the venerable pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, which is situated three blocks from the United States Capitol.

Magr. McAdams received a new autographed portrait from Vice President Barkley to add to his valuable collection of pictures.

Fine diamonds in beautiful gold mountings. William S. Thorne 313 Main St. E. — Adv. RA. 5981

Father Chang Priest's Grave Red Headache

Tokyo — (NC) — A priest, whose remains lie in an unidentified grave in Shanghai, is becoming an even greater stumbling block to the Communist dead than alive.

The priest is the Rev. Beda Chang, 46-year-old Jesuit, who died an emaciated wreck after three months in a Shanghai jail. The priest's death at the hands of the Reds has led to new demonstrations of courage by Catholics and has led the Communist officials and press to assail "the reactionary Chang" even in death.

His grave in Shanghai has a tombstone but no name. The Red authorities have ruled that the only lettering that could be put on the tombstone is "The Criminal Reactionary Chang." Under such circumstances his friends left the tombstone unlettered.

However, a number of Father Chang's former students have knelt at the priest's grave to pray for a similar courage. One of them chanted on the tombstone: "Long live Christ the King."

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Msgr. McBride Named Aide To Bishop Sheen

New York — (NC) — Msgr. Charles M. McBride of Cleveland has been appointed assistant national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He will work with Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Auxiliary of New York and the society's national director.

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, who is chairman of the society's Episcopal Committee, created the new office to meet the organization's increased workload.

Msgr. McBride has been the director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in Cleveland since 1945. He has also visited many of the mission fields. Archbishop Edward F. Hoban, Bishop of Cleveland, is regretfully releasing Msgr. McBride.

"Any reluctance on my part to lose his service in the diocese, must yield to the work of the Society of the World Missions. I know that any sacrifice made for the Society will merit added graces and blessings for our work in the diocese of Cleveland."

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