

# Reporter Cracks Red Ranks

### Catholic Newsman Tells How He Infiltrated Communists

Cleveland — (NC) — How a Catholic newspaper reporter attended communist meetings and exposed campaigns to undermine America and spread hate is being unfolded in a series of weekly articles in the Catholic Universe Bulletin, weekly newspaper of the Diocese of Cleveland. The author is James T. Flannery, enterprising reporter who adopted communist tactics to get into their meetings.

It started two years ago when Flannery's editor handed him a clipping from the Daily Worker, announcing a meeting in Cleveland, and told him to attend it. He could.

FLANNERY knew the building custodian, who "threw" him as hat check man. The committee had hired the hall on the pretense of holding a "memorial" meeting. Most of them were well-dressed, the majority of the women in expensive furs. "Boy, were they lousy tipsters," commented the reporter who spent an evening checking hats and coats for the communist elite who had come to listen to speeches condemning the United States.

At subsequent meetings Flannery tells of Gus Hall, later convicted of contempt and now in prison, who held up a handful of newspaper clippings, denouncing the American press for reporting communist meetings. The clippings were from the Universe Bulletin.

FLANNERY tells how, using communistic tactics he adopted an alias. Through a lawyer friend he (or his alias) was put on the attorney's "payroll." A mailing address was established, and the reporter Flannery, the devout Catholic, began to attend communist front meetings, sign petitions and otherwise take part in the activities under his new identity.

At one meeting Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, who Flannery described as the "second stringer" in the U. S. communist politburo denounced the FBI in language no self-respecting woman would use. At that particular meeting she called for donations and the 200 communists present coughed up \$7,000, which caused Flannery to comment, "and that ain't hay."

He told of attending a "picnic" in July, 1950, shortly after the Korean war broke out and hearing Gus Hall, against whom he was later to testify, tell of communist atrocities and the cheers and applause of the audience. He related how the "picnickers" applauded

when Hall predicted the Americans would be defeated and how the communist speaker exhorted them not to make sacrifices to back up U. S. soldiers.

Flannery listed some of the "fronts" which sponsored meetings he attended. Three well-known groups, he reported, are the Ohio Bill of Rights Conference sponsored by "fly-by-night" front "committees" which call meetings, then disband.

AFTER ASSUMING an alias and signing up to receive literature Flannery said he affixed his name to every petition circulated, to avoid stirring up suspicion.

"The comrades are clever at using a good cause to stir up hate," he explained. "For instance they'll get out a petition denouncing high prices, or high taxes. Who isn't against them?"

## Legion of Merit Awarded Chaplain

Marine City, Mich. — (NC) — The Rev. Edward J. DeLafare, former resident here and now a colonel in the Army chaplain corps, has won the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious service with the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea.

## How To Find Good Husbands And Wives

# Old-Fashioned Courting Spells Happier Marriages

Cleveland — (NC) — "The so-called old-fashioned dating, in which the young man called at the home of the girl, met the family and shared in the family fun should become popular again as a means toward happier marriages."

That belief was expressed to members of the Cayomaw Club by the Rev. Martin Scully, who has instructed more than 1,500 couples in preparation for marriage. The Cayomaw Club, composed of single Catholic men and women over 21, heard Father Scully urge early marriages.

He blamed parents to some extent for delayed marriages, declaring they all too often coddle their children and try to make life easier for them. Good-paying jobs held by the young women also loom as barriers to early marriage, he added.

Father Scully said a girl with a good job, her own car and fur coats "can be mighty independent when she weighs all this against the possibility of sacrificing luxuries as a wife." Girls who hold good jobs usually scare "good husband" material away, he continued.

Men are not free from blame, according to Father Scully. He believes some of them are lacking in gallantry and chivalry.

Although marriage is a "solemn contract that is binding until the death of one or the other of the wedded pair," Father Scully declared that "it is easier to break this solemn pact than it is to break a business contract." That is one of the reasons, he stated, "we are living in an upside down world today."

To the young man whose girl swears a war while he does not, Father Scully said, "Go along for the ride." To the girl who likes to dance, he said there was no harm in asking a young man whom she knows, and to "forget what people would think of it."

## BLESSING OF THE SKIS



Officially opening the 1952 skiing season, Rev. Robert McMahon, of Wheat Ridge, Colo., "the sking padre" presents Miss Pat Kelly, president of the Sking Club of Loreto Heights College, a medal of St. Bernard, patron saint of skiers. Rev. Edward A. Leyden (left) chaplain of the college, presided at the ceremony of blessing of skis. (NC Photos)

Vatican Envoy Providence, R. I. — (RNS) — Opposition to the appointment of an ambassador from the United States to the Vatican was voiced by the annual assembly here of the Rhode Island State Council of Churches.

Expelled Missioner Hong Kong — (RNS) — Father R. Russell Sprinkle, an American-born Maryknoll priest, was among a group of eight Roman Catholic missionaries who are expelled from China by Communist authorities.

## Jesuit Urges Betterment of Worker Status

Woodstock, Md. — (NC) — The Rev. Albert LeRoy, S.J., of the International Labor Office in Geneva, told the Jesuit theological students at Woodstock College that the best way to fight communism is to improve working conditions and to give the workers some share in the direction of their own lives and destinies.

HIGHER WAGES are not enough, Father LeRoy said. The fundamental aspiration of trade union members is the recognition of their human dignity through a voice in management, he continued, adding that it is not clear whether this will take the form of Industry Councils. Father LeRoy expressed the opinion that some form of co-determination is inevitable.

The International Labor Office is the permanent staff of the International Labor Organization which was originally a part of the League of Nations, and which is the only part of the League surviving today. The purpose of the ILO is to improve working conditions in cases where such improvement can be accomplished only by international agreement.

FATHER LEROY, who was formerly associated with Action Populaire in Paris, has been a member of the staff of the ILO for the past 18 years, and acts as liaison officer between the ILO and interested Catholic groups.

## Some Old Tito Priests, Nuns Held In Yugoslav Prisons

London — (NC) — Another priest in Yugoslavia has been sentenced to a long prison term, a Catholic woman has been imprisoned for harboring "war criminals," and the official communist newspaper in Belgrade has again accused priests of "antistate" activities.

News also has reached here that the Yugoslav government maintains at least 60 concentration camps confining more than 200,000 political prisoners, including an unspecified number of nuns and 280 priests.

THESE REPORTS confirm the recent editorial comment in Il Quotidiano, Italian Catholic Action daily, that the Yugoslav communist regime persists in its war against the Church and pursues tactics similar to those of the Red regimes behind the Iron Curtain.

The convicted priest is identified as the Rev. Jacob Siraj of the Slovene town of Novo Mesto. He was sentenced to nine years imprisonment for "war-time collaboration with the enemy" and post-war "activities against the state." The recently paroled Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac of Zagreb was "convicted" on similar charges.

THE WOMAN CONVICTED of "harboring war-criminals" and sentenced to six months is Marja Krul, leader of a local Catholic women's group in a Slovene town.

Both the leading communist daily in Belgrade, renewed its attacks on what it calls "a segment of the Catholic clergy," which is using "all possible means to harm our development . . . behind the mask of clerical duties." Similar charges are the stock-in-trade of communist propaganda everywhere, leading to the arrest of so-called "unpatriotic" priests and to favors for those few "patriotic" priests willing to collaborate with the regime.

INFORMATION about Yugoslav concentration camps is contained in a report of the Catholic Netherlands Press Agency, published at The Hague.

The largest and, according to the report, "most deplorable" camp is that of Lepoglava, said to contain 24,000 prisoners. Many nuns are said to be among the 3,000 inmates of the camp for women at Stolac in Herzegovina. About 200 priests are reported among the 10,000 prisoners in the camp of Sira-

stredski in Slovenia. The fact that Tito holds such a number of nuns and priests in prison shows, indeed, clearly that there is no religious freedom in Yugoslavia, the report says. Many of the prisoners are forced to work, serving as cheap manpower for road building, mining and similar activities.

## China Reds Jail Priests In Sacristy

Tokyo — (NC) — Two U. S. missionaries have been held prisoners in a small sacristy in Red China for about a year, according to reports received here.

They are the Rev. John J. Chin, of White Mountain, and Albert V. Rodgers, of Conington, Ky. Both Maryknoll priests are attached to the Wuchow diocese in South China's Kwangsi province.

The Communists have taken over the Catholic church in the area as a meeting hall, the reports state. The two U. S. priests are usually hauled into the church during the Red meetings and ridiculed as specimens of American imperialism, the reports added.

## Jordan Seeks Link With Vatican

Amman, Jordan — (NC) — The government of Jordan would welcome diplomatic relations with the Holy See, according to the official spokesman of the government. He added that the government hopes such relations will be established in the near future.

The spokesman was made in connection with a press report concerning the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Kingdom of Jordan and the Holy See.

Shimoda Club Tokyo — (NC) — Property has been purchased by the Canadian Dominion Bank for the establishment of a dormitory and students' club here.



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