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Japanese General Freed, Became Convert In Prison

Hong Kong —(NC)— Lt. Gen. Philip Shigenori Kuroda, former Japanese Army commander recently released from prison in the Philippines, became a Catholic a year ago.

During a stopover here enroute to his home in Japan, General Kuroda told this correspondent he had been baptized by Bishop Rufino Santos, Auxiliary of Manila, on January 20, 1951. He took the Christian name of Philip.

Father O'Connor

General Kuroda became interested in Christianity in England where he studied military science from 1922 to 1925. At the New Bilibid prison outside of Manila he attended instructions given by Japanese-speaking Sisters, Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, who visit the prison weekly. About 20 Japanese prisoners became Catholics, he said.

TWO YEARS ago this correspondent, while visiting the New Bilibid prison, met the general with other Japanese prisoners. Some were under sentence of death. General Kuroda was serving a life sentence.

He was convicted after a lengthy trial in 1947 by a Philippine court on a charge of failing to prevent Japanese troops from committing atrocities. He commanded the Japanese Fourteenth Army in the Philippines from May, 1943, to the latter part of 1944, when he was relieved of the command and sent back to Japan.

GENERAL KURODA said that if the troops had followed his orders they would have treated the Filipinos well. He is credited with having saved the life of President Quirino during the Japanese occupation. The late Archbishop O'Doherty, then in his last illness, testified in the general's favor in writing, the General said.

After his arrest by United States authorities following the Japanese surrender, General Kuroda was confined in Sugamo prison in Tokyo, he recalled. There he attended Mass celebrated by U. S. Army chaplains.

GENERAL KURODA was held in the Sugamo prison until 1947, when he was sent back to the Philippines to stand trial. He is 64 years old, married and has four sons. He is the only Catholic in his family.

General Kuroda thanks the "kind Filipino friends" for obtaining the pardon which enabled him to return to Japan on the SS President Wilson.

Irishmen Take Over Ireland-From Women

Dublin—(NC)—A heavy increase in the emigration of women from Ireland in the past five years leaves the country, for the first time since 1911, with more men than women.

Of 121,631 citizens who left Ireland between 1946 and 1951, a total of 19,021 went to the United States and 102,610 to Great Britain. For 50,752 male emigrants there were 70,879 women.

As a result of an annual emigration rate of 24,326 persons in the five-year period, Ireland's total population has increased but one-tenth of one percent. The population in 1951, as reported by the Central Statistics Office, was 2,958,878, an increase of but 3,771 over 1946.

Eucharist Congress Film Planned

Barcelona, Spain — (NC) — A documentary film on the history of Eucharistic Congresses, including the cities of recent congresses, is being prepared by the publicity committee here of the 35th International Eucharistic Congress. The musical theme of the film is the recently composed official hymn of the Eucharistic Congress.

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Actress Virginia Mayo Studies Faith

New York — Beautiful Virginia Mayo, Hollywood screen star, is taking instruction in the Catholic Faith from Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York, national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Miss Mayo has discussed Catholicism with Bishop Sheen on several occasions here and is conscientiously reading books on the Faith given to her by the Bishop.

German Bishops Urge Denials During Lent

Frankfurt — (NC) — A joint pastoral specially addressed to children and young people, urging them to practice self-control during Lent, has been issued by the German Bishops.

THREE SPECIFIC suggestions are made by the Bishops to the children and young people:

(1) Get up early during Lent, and, if possible, each week attend Mass at least twice on weekdays, too.

(2) Give up all candy during Lent and don't go to the movies except when some are shown at school. Give the money thus saved to poor children.

(3) Never indulge in alcoholic beverages or tobacco during school time.

The Bishops give detailed reasons for these suggestions which are all summed up in the sentence: "All self-control makes you stronger, all indulgence weaker."

El Greco Restored

Dublin — (NC) — Restored by the Spanish artist, Dr. Sanchez Canton, the famed El Greco painting, "St. Francis in Ecstasy," has been returned to its place in the Irish National Gallery here.

Pope Pius XII

Predicts Pope's Peace

Manila — (NC) — "When peace comes it will not come in the way the world anticipates, but in an utterly unexpected manner," said the Rev. Fernando Mempin, executive secretary of the Catholic Welfare Organization of the Philippines.

In an address at the traditional Pope's Day celebration at the University of Santo Tomas, Father Mempin expressed the "profound belief" that the Holy Father, "whose name signifies peace, will be the one who will restore peace to the world."

"I profoundly believe," said Father Mempin, "that the day will come when the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove, Whom our Holy Father is constantly invoking for a better world, will fly out of the Ark of Peter, over devastated areas and come back bearing for a weary world the olive branch of peace, as a rainbow appears in the sky, attesting a new covenant of man with God."

'Catholic Leadership' In Anti-Segregation Fight Praised

Wilmington, Del. —(RNS)— Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, president of Howard University, Washington, D.C., urged here that Protestants "catch up with Catholic leadership in the fight against segregation before it is too late."

"Protestantism must cross the racial line without condescension and with complete brotherly sincerity," Dr. Johnson told a Negro YMCA group. He said that "90 per cent of Protestant leadership in the United States favors segregation," while Catholics have gone far ahead in their efforts to abolish segregation.

Lourdes Bishop Studies Diverting Course of River

Paris — (NC) — To enable ever growing numbers of pilgrims to assemble in front of the miraculous grotto in Lourdes it will probably be necessary to divert the course of the Pau River.

At present the river prevents enlargement of the esplanade in front of the grotto, which is too small to hold at one time the huge crowds coming to the shrine on major pilgrimages.

While no final decision has yet been made, it is likely that the river bed will be moved several hundred yards, permitting tens of thousands more pilgrims to gather on the esplanade. Bishop Pierre Theas of Lourdes has announced that a special committee headed by an architect is studying the matter.

Rochester Jesuit Describes Expulsion by Chinese Reds

By ARTHUR P. FARREN

"We are winning converts in China no longer with rice but with the blood of martyrs."

So declared the Rev. Louis J. Dowd, S.J., Aquinas Institute graduate now visiting his family in Rochester, who was escorted out of Red China last summer at the end of a tommygun.

Many thousands of Chinese have come to know and love Catholicism because of the courage and faith of the missioners and nuns who have worked among them, Father Dowd said.

Father Dowd, a graduate of Blessed Sacrament School, Rochester, will speak at the parish auditorium at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12. He also will be interviewed on the Courier Journal of the Air program over Station WHAM at 12:10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10.

"THEY REGARD the Church as their friend," the Jesuit priest said, "and as the main enemy of their enemy—the secret police." He also was high in praise of the work of the Legion of Mary.

Father Dowd, who has spent most of his 20 years as a Jesuit in China, regards himself as "an exile" from that country and hopes to return as soon as possible to resume his work of teaching Chinese children.

He is back in America to study new catechetic techniques

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The Rev. Louis J. Dowd, S.J. (left), Rochester native whose 20 years as a Jesuit have been spent mostly in China from where he was expelled last summer by the Reds, is shown at Columbus Civic Centre in Rochester with the Rev. Albert H. Schnacky, director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in the Rochester Diocese.

Brother's Keeper: Bishop Shows Flock 'Love Of Neighbor'

By REV. DR. MAX JORDAN

Freiburg, Germany — It might have happened anywhere.

The Bishop had come to the small town for Confirmation. There was a procession, and all the houses were decorated with flowers. Flags were displaying the Papal colors and the people were dressed their best. A mixed choir bid a hearty welcome to the visiting shepherd and everybody had a wonderful time.

THEN, IN the afternoon, the Bishop stepped on the pulpit.

"My dear friends," he said. Let me thank you for the cordial reception you gave me. But after the services this morning I went over to the refugee camp. I looked at the barracks. I saw the poor children. I was deeply touched by the misery which still prevails. And all this at the very gates of your town. All this while here we were celebrating and you were having your children promise fealty to Christ.

"I am sorry, my dear friends, but the next time I am here I hope you will have your promises come through. I hope you will have done something to ease the sufferings of those poor people who are your brethren in Christ."

AND AMIDST the shocked silence of the crowd, the Bishop left the pulpit.

A few days later, at another place, the same Bishop attended a Holy Name gathering. To everybody's surprise, he ascended the rostrum in the company of a shabbily dressed man. And then he spoke.

"My dear Catholics," he said, "I have just arrived in your midst, and before entering town I met this poor man on the highway. A beggar! One down and out. Hungry. Miserable. I stopped to ask him what I could do to help him. He told me he had just knocked at every door in your town—and no one even gave him a piece of bread . . . I am shocked to the depth of my soul, my dear Catholics.

"I am shocked and afraid that Our Lord will not be pleased by your town. That's why I took this poor man along for you to meet. Do meet him as a brother in Christ. Do meet him as you have met me, your Bishop. And be your brother's keepers . . ."

The Freiburg diocesan weekly reports these two incidents under the headline: "That's the way our Bishops are . . ." It does not name the Bishop of whom these true stories were told, nor does it give the names of the two towns. But all the readers understood. It was their own Bishop who was being referred to. And the towns were in their own diocese.

'Christian Spirit' Urged By Pope For Social Order

Vatican City —(NC)— His Holiness Pope Pius XII has again called for a truly Christian spirit as the only efficacious basis for a just and human social order.

The Pontiff reemphasized the need of working for a "corporative, professional order of the entire economy," and repeated his previous criticisms of forced codetermination as an unsatisfactory solution to the social problem.

(The "corporative" order called for by the Pope proposes freely organized cooperation between the accredited representatives of capital and labor in each industry and in the economy as a whole under the supervision but not the control of government.)

THE HOLY FATHER spoke to members of the Italian Catholic Union of Employers whom he received in audience. He lauded their ideal of "a clear elevated Christian concept of enterprise." He said this concept of a business meant more than a means of earning a living, "more than the technical and practical collaboration of thought, capital and labor leading to production and progress."

"The great failing of the social order is that it is not profoundly Christian nor really human, but merely technical and economic," the Pontiff said. "In fact, it does not stand on what should be its basis and the solid foundation of its unity; that is to say, the common character of men by nature and by being sons of God through the grace of divine adoption."

The Catholic Employers' Union, the Pope told the group, is following the only secure way, one which tends to animate personal relations with a sense of Christian fraternity. It is a way "which is practicable everywhere and which circulates broadly on the level of enterprise," he added.

"If by uniting themselves to you one after another, enterprises which are penetrated by true human feeling are multiplied, if they become like so many large families, and if—not satisfied with their private life as though within a closed container — they mutually unite all together," the Pope stated, "they will tend to form a strong and happy society."

Red Terror Hounds Red-Ruled Germans

By REV. DR. MAX JORDAN

Frankfurt—(NC)—Somewhere in the Soviet zone of occupation Herr and Frau Muller were asleep.

Suddenly Herr Muller awoke. He had heard a knock at the bedroom window. He got up and listened. Outside he could hear a whispering voice.

"Please! Please, let me come in. Father sends me . . ."

The person gave the name of the village priest.

Once inside, the mysterious visitor told his story. He was, he said, a refugee from the communist police. He had almost been caught in a net and was now trying to escape across the border into Western, free Germany. Would Herr Muller please help him with some clothes, especially a hat and a coat so he could disguise himself, and with some money perhaps.

Herr Muller is a poor man himself, but he was willing to help. Frau Muller, too, thought it was all right.

The next day, Herr Muller met the pastor.

"Why," said the priest, "that man you sent to see me last night certainly was in trouble, wasn't he? Do you know him well?"

Of course, Herr Muller had not sent the man, and he did not know him at all. Both the priest and Herr Muller had been fooled by a stranger. Soon they were to find out what was behind it.

At the general store, Herr Muller got into an argument with another man known to be close to the communists.

"You just wait," said the latter at one point. "We've got your number. What about those spies you help across the border? Your pastor, too, better watch his step."

A few days later the local communist youth leader called on the Mullers.

"You've been keeping your kids out of our group," he said. "You make them go to that Catholic club, too. We know all about it. And about the spies, those you help across the border . . ."

As for the priest, he soon was to discover the purpose of that strange visitor who had called in the middle of the night, allegedly at Herr Muller's suggestion. The priest, too, had given him some clothes and money.

"Father," the local communist boss said, "we don't like the way you give aid and comfort to the imperialists. If you complain again about our communist group staging games in front of your church at Mass time, we will know how to handle you . . ."

The Muller incident is reported to be typical. It's the sort of thing that happens every day throughout the Soviet zone. There is no peace, no security, no privacy; if anyone lets it be known that he is not in sympathy with the Red rulers, sooner or later he "gets it," and disappears.

4 Others Refuse Hospital Request At Poughkeepsie

Poughkeepsie, N. Y. — (NC) — Seven Poughkeepsie physicians were asked by St. Francis Hospital here to drop their affiliations with the Dutchess County League of the Planned Parenthood Association, or resign from the medical staff of the hospital on which there are 200 doctors.

There were immediate reactions to the order, issued by Dr. Victor A. Batile of the hospital's medical board. Three of the seven decided to leave the birth control group. They are Dr. John F. Rogers, former president of the Dutchess County Medical Society; Dr. Paul M. Lass, and Dr. Martin Leiser.

Dr. William H Meyer, medical director of the birth control unit, said a special committee has been formed to take the physicians' case to the Dutchess County Medical Society

MEANWHILE, the hospital's position was termed logical and just by Msgr. Michael F. O'Shea, dean of the clergy of Dutchess County.

"Everyone knows," he said, "where the hospital stands on the question of birth control, and the doctors should know. St. Francis Hospital has been, is and always will be open to people of all races, colors and creeds. People who donated funds to the hospital knew when they made their donations where the hospital stands on birth control.

"This is not a fight between Catholic and Protestant," Monsignor O'Shea added. "This is a point on which Catholic, Protestant and Jew should all be agreed since it is the Bible which expressly forbids birth control".

Sister Ann Roberta of the Sisters of St. Francis, administrator of the hospital, pointed out that there was nothing new in the institution's policy relating to birth control. "The hospital opened its doors in 1914," she said. "There is nothing new and there is no controversy between St. Francis Hospital and any other group."

St. Francis is under the jurisdiction of the New York archdiocese and operates under the code of Catholic hospitals which, of course, does not tolerate birth control practices. Nevertheless, the ministerial committee of the Planned Parenthood League expressed "amazement" over the hospital's order.

A STATEMENT signed by the Rev. Earl F. Spencer, First Baptist Church; Rabbi Alton Winters, Vassar Temple, and the Rev. Dr. Philip Allen Swartz, First Congregational Church, had this to say:

"The attempt to police the thoughts and actions of individuals in our American democracy is un-American and contrary to our cherished principles for which American boys are suffering and dying in Korea.

"We affirm and support the high ethical principles of planned parenthood. The planned family is necessary for the well-being of this and every other community throughout the world.

"We deplore the fact that the Roman Catholic Church has injected this divisive controversy at a time when we need more than ever national unity and interfaith co-operation. We reaffirm our desire for closer association with those of our Catholic brothers who work for democracy."

WILLIAM VOGT, national director of the planned parenthood group, announced he has requested the American Medical Association to support the seven doctors—who are non-Catholics—as members of his group. Vogt charged that the hospital's demand amounted to "coercion" and added it was "an example of the extremes to which opponents of planned parenthood are sometimes carried by their dogma." He said he asked the AMA to support the physicians' rights "to apply medical science unhampered by pre-medieval doctrine."

The Dutchess County Ministerial Association in a resolution said the hospital order violated the doctors' "inalienable rights as American citizens."

Paris Prelate Puts Ban On Group As Heretical

Paris—(NC)—All persons belonging to the "Community of Christian Hope" have been declared in heresy and schism by Archbishop Maurice Feltin of Paris and have been excommunicated.

Reds Hold U. S. Bishop In Chains

Maryknoll, N. Y. —(NC)— "Refugees from Canton say that Bishop Francis X. Ford, Brooklyn-born Maryknoll Missioner imprisoned last year, has been placed in chains," the Rev. Maurice Ahern, Maryknoll Missioner stationed in Hong Kong, reported to Maryknoll headquarters here.

"They feel that as soon as the excitement over the secret public trial of Rye Cassidy Mutsuo dies down, he will be brought to trial to keep the young people and students aroused against all foreigners," Father Ahern reported.

Bishop Ford, after 30 years in the missions of China, was placed under house arrest in December 1950. Four months later he was taken to a jail in Canton. Since then he has been held incommunicado by the communists.

Georgetown Sets Lawyer Institute

Washington —(NC)— A Continuing Legal Education Institute whereby lawyers in active practice may return annually for continued systematic education in the law, has been established by Georgetown University, the Rev. Francis E. Lucey, S.J., announced. The new course began this month.

Said to be the first of its kind in the District of Columbia and third in the nation, the Institute will offer six courses of two-hour lectures weekly.

Courses embrace "Trial Preparation Strategy and Technique," "Tax Procedure in the Internal Revenue Department," "Federal Income Taxation," "Estate Planning," "Basic Legal Accounting" and "Use and Regulation of Industrial Property Rights."

U.N. Investigation Of Kremlin Urged

Paris— (NC) —A request for an investigation by the United Nations' General Assembly of Soviet Russia's "forceful imposition" of communist regimes in central Europe has been handed to Dr. Luis Padilla Nervo, General Assembly president.

The request came in a memorandum from the Christian Democratic Union of Central Europe which represents the Christian Democratic parties of central European countries now under Red domination. It was signed by Dr. Miha Krek, acting chairman of the Union's board of officers, and five vice-chairmen.

"The Government of the USSR," the memorandum charged, "working in the political sphere prevented central European nations from expressing their will in free elections. Several coup d'etats and fixed elections swept democratic forces out of existence."

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