

Canada Nuns Tell Of Red Brutality

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Hong Kong—(NC)—Eighty-eight days after they were tried by a "people's court" in Canton and sentenced to expulsion, three Canadian nuns arrived here, wan and weary.

The nuns are Sister St. Germaine (Yvelde Lapierre of Font Rouge), St. Victor (Germaine Tanguay of Nashua, N. H.) and St. Foy (Elizabeth Leamire of La Bale du Fleuve). All are members of Congregation of the Immaculate Conception with headquarters in Montreal.

THE NUNS arrived at the Hong Kong border under a Red military guard. Two other Sisters are still held in the Sai Chun Jail in Canton serving a five-year sentence imposed on December 2. They are Sisters St. Alphonse Marie du Rempteur (Antoinette Courvette of Joliette, Quebec) and St. Marie Germaine (Germaine Gravel of Three Rivers).

On their arrival here the ousted nuns were wearing religious habits for the first time since their arrest last March 11. They had all lost considerable weight on their prison diet of two meals of rice and vegetables served at 11 and 3:30 daily.

ONLY ON the morning of their ouster were the nuns informed that they would be taken to Hong Kong. They had been kept in ignorance of their future since the brutalities of December 2. Then they were forced to walk around the Sun Yat Sen outdoor auditorium to be spat upon by the audience. Later they were stoned as they were taken slowly through the city in an open truck.

The public "trial" which aroused world opinion against the barbarism of the communist "people's courts" was the second for the Sisters. On November 4 they were privately "tried" in much the same manner. Four orphan children were forced to accuse the Sisters. Only one was eventually persuaded by threats to appear at the later public "trial."

A scar on Sister St. Foy's forehead is still visible. On the afternoon of December 2 it bled profusely after being opened by a stashed rock thrown by someone in the mob that lined the Canton streets. Handcuffed to Sister St. Foy was the Superior, Sister Alphonse. She also was almy with a split lip and covered with her own blood as it streamed down from a wound in her head. The other

Tito Terror Against Church More Violent

Trieste—(NC)—The war against religion and the Church continues unabated in communist-ruled Yugoslavia. There are no signs of its lessening; on the contrary, many indications point to a new, even more violent phase of persecution.

News reaching here from various parts of the Yugoslav "people's republic" destroys the vague hopes of some that the conditional release of imprisoned Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac last December might mean at least a truce in the war on the Church.

THESE REPORTS also stand in ironic contrast to the predictions and assurances of those who expected the break of the Tito regime with Moscow-style communism and the resulting links of Belgrade with the western powers to produce the dawn of an era of freedom in Yugoslavia.

Articles in the strictly controlled Yugoslav press leave no doubt that the regime considers the war on religion part and parcel of its efforts to make Yugoslavia a 100 per cent communist country. Legislative measures are enforced to stamp out the last remnants of Christian education in the schools.

INCIDENTS of physical violence against bishops, priests and faithful are increasing. The few remaining seminaries are closed. Party members who get married in church are denounced. Ringing of church bells is limited to three minutes a day.

Priests loyal to the Church are denounced as "enemies" of the people. Those few willing to collaborate with the regime are showered with honors as "patriots." Bishops, as "agents of the Vatican," are automatically suspect. And the Vatican remains for the regime its most bitter enemy and is accused of "preventing" a "reconciliation" between Church and State.

Priest Named To Apostolic Delegation

Philadelphia—(NC)—The Rev. Dr. Gerald V. McDevitt, professor at St. Thomas More High School here has been appointed a secretary at the Apostolic Delegation in Washington and has left to take over his new assignment.

PRIEST-HERO OF AIR CRASH



Rev. Leonard T. Goode, of New Haven, Conn., injured survivor of the February 11 crash of an airliner at Elizabeth, N. J., in which 33 persons were killed, is shown in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, where he is recovering from burns received when he attempted to give the last rites of the Church to the victims. A nun reads to him some of the many "get well" messages the World War II chaplain has received from former shipmates of the Battleship New Jersey. (NC Photos).

Body Of Explorer Cartier Reported Found In France

Ottawa, Ont.—(NC)—An announcement in Paris that the remains of Jacques Cartier were uncovered by Allied bombs dropped accidentally on the Cathedral at St. Malo during World War II has served to recall the notable part played by the French Catholic explorer in the discovery of Canada.

In a 250-page report to the French Academy of Medicine, Professor Rene Pledelleve, one of France's most noted anthropologists, reported the definite identification of one of the 10 skeletons disinterred by the bombing as that of Cartier.

THERE HAD BEEN rumors of this after the war but it was not until the French professor made his report to the French Academy of Medicine that it had become definite.

According to local tradition in St. Malo, Cartier had been buried in the Cathedral during a plague epidemic which wiped out most of the population of St. Malo in 1557, but no one was sure just where the burial had been.

Professor Pledelleve made a long study of all records available on the life of Cartier and learned that he was 66 years of age at the time of his death and that he had lost most of his teeth during an attack of scurvy some years before he died.

CARTIER'S REMAINS have

Fantastic Red Charges Of Cannibalism Recounted By Expelled China Sisters

Hong Kong—(NC)—Five Sisters arriving here from Red China told of fantastic charges of cannibalism that had been made against them by the Reds.

The Sisters said they had been accused of "eating two fat orphan babies or three skinny ones daily" in their "trial" at Chongtu before they were expelled. They were charged with guilt in the alleged deaths of 120,000 children at the orphanage they ran for 46 years. The Reds, the Sisters said, made no attempt even to show that many children had ever been accepted at the orphanage.

These ousted nuns are Franciscan Missionaries of Mary from three European countries.

Some 40,000 people were gathered by the Communists to watch the "trial" of the nuns on February 4. The nuns were marched to the "trial" in single file through the streets of Chongtu under a guard of 20 soldiers with drawn revolvers and leveled guns. Over the shoulder of each nun was suspended a two-foot high cardboard sign on which her name was written in Chinese.

At the park the Sisters were first forced to stand at attention in an ante-room for an hour before they were called to present themselves before the raised dais of the presiding judge. Individually they were summoned to the platform to give their names, nationality and occupation in the orphanage.

During the remainder of the "trial," which lasted four hours, the five nuns were forced to stand beneath the stage with bowed heads. One Sister attempted eight times to look at the misson orphans who were lined up to one side. Each time a soldier struck her head and ordered her to look at the ground.

The "accusations" ranged from mistreatment of the orphan girls to eating the flesh

of the babies. One orphanage employer charged that the Sisters ate two babies a day when they were fat, and three a day when they were skinny. She also accused the Sisters of plucking out the eyes of the children to make medicine, of

feeding worthless medicine to the sick infants and of eating well while the girls got only inferior food. The ridiculous charges of eating babies, or plucking out their eyes, were never repeated in the Red newspapers.

NATIONAL ORATORICALS



"The Role of the College or University in Developing the Spiritual Leadership and Economic Security of Our Nation" was the subject of the National Speech Contest (NSC) prizes, sponsored by the National Forensic Commission of the National Federation of Catholic College Students. It is open to all undergraduates of Catholic colleges and universities. Noted making the initial announcement of the contest were Ronald A. Marwitz, Chairman of the National Forensic Commission and Rev. Francis T. Williams, C.S.V., moderator, both of Fourier Institute of Technology, Lemont, Ill. (NC Photos)

Southern Catholic College Sees 'First' Negro-White Game

Baltimore, Md.—(NC)—More than 2,000 basketball fans attended a game between Loyola College, Jesuit institution here, and Morgan State College, Maryland, a Negro school. Staged in the new Edward P. Hurt million-dollar gymnasium at Morgan College, the game was said by a member of the Loyola College faculty to have been the first intercollegiate Negro-white basketball contest held in the South.

The faculty member paid special tribute to the complete lack of race consciousness during the event, which resulted in a 65-to-55 victory for Loyola. He said: "Forty of our colored students of the evening college brought Loyola flags and sat and rooted with the Loyola whites. All went off in gentlemanly fashion—no fist-bumping, even good feeling. More than 150 of our white boys sat down with their girls."

Telephone Operators Recite Rosary Daily

Madrid—(RNS)—Every morning at 5:15 when telephone traffic is at a minimum, Spanish operators recite the Rosary over their lines. Portuguese telephone employees do duty at that hour also follow this custom.



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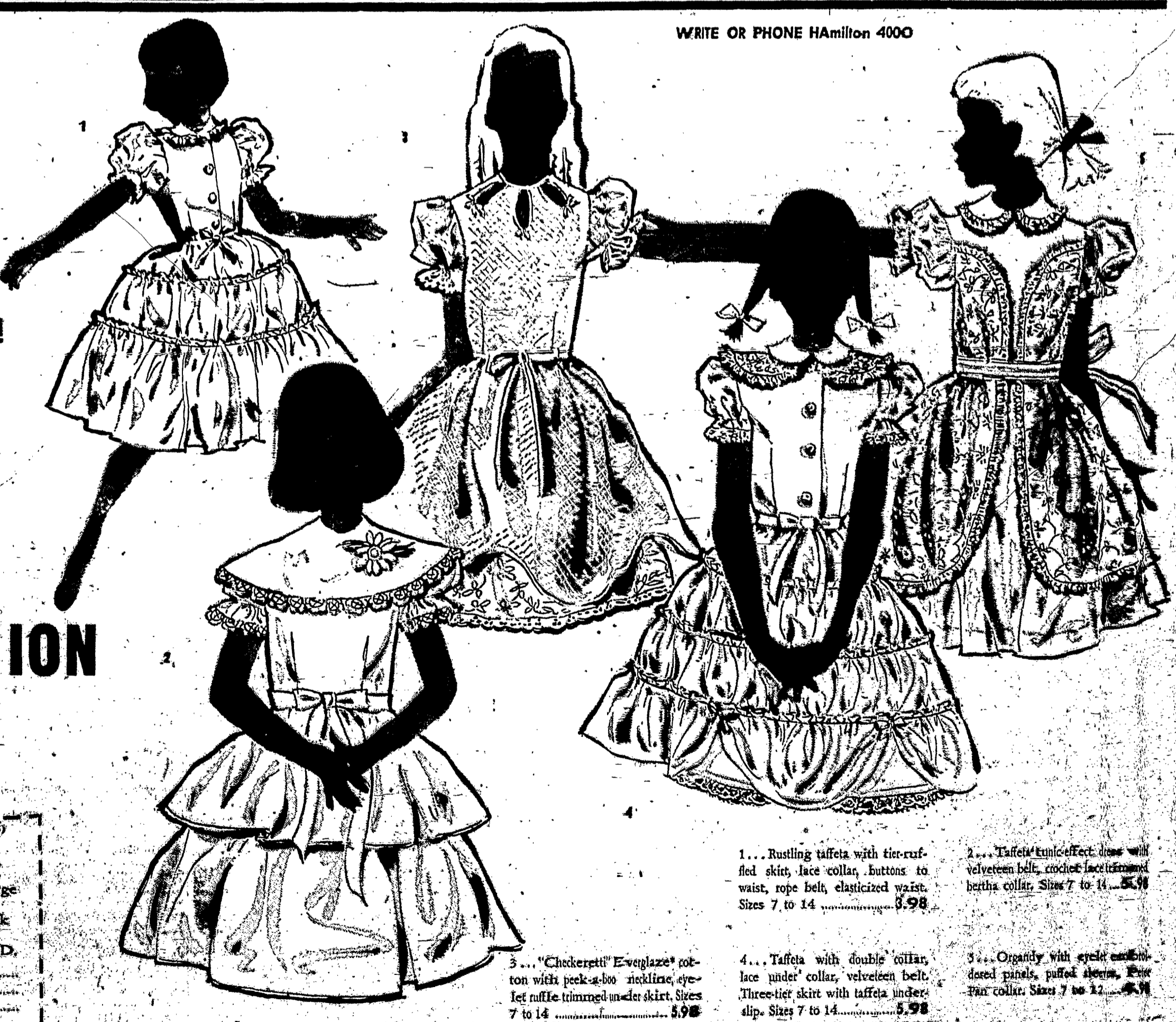
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