

N. Y. City Bishops Observe Jubilees

Brooklyn —(NC)— Two New York City Bishops, who grew up in Brooklyn and who were ordained together in Rome for the Brooklyn Diocese celebrated on Wednesday (Mar. 12) of this week the 25th anniversary of their ordination.



BISHOP GRIFFITHS

They are Brooklyn-born Bishop James H. Griffiths, Chancellor of the Military Ordinariate, and Bishop Raymond A. Kearney, Auxiliary of Brooklyn.

Bishop Griffiths offered a Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan.

Bishop Kearney observed the anniversary by offering a Mass in the home of his invalid mother in Rockville Center, L. I.

BOTH BISHOPS were ordained in the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. Each received the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology in the Eternal City.

Bishop Kearney was only 32 years old when he was consecrated Titular Bishop of Lysingia and Auxiliary of Brooklyn, in 1925. Born in Jersey City, he came to Brooklyn with his family when he was three. His higher studies were at Holy Cross College, the Propaganda College in Rome, and the Catholic University of America.

In 1929 he was named Vice Chancellor of the Brooklyn Diocese, and in 1930 became Chancellor, a post he has held to the present time.

BISHOP GRIFFITHS is believed to be the first alumnus of St. John's College to be raised to the episcopate. The college is part of St. John's University, Brooklyn. In Rome he studied at the Pontifical Gregorian University, the Capranica College, and the Pontifical School of Archbishops.

In 1929 he was named secretary of the Diocesan Tribunal and later Auditor. Archbishop Thomas E. Molloy, Bishop of Brooklyn, named him Vice Chancellor in 1933, a post in which he served under Bishop Kearney. Three years later he was appointed a Papal Chamberlain.



BISHOP KEARNEY

with headquarters in Manhattan, serves as the official representative of the Church in dealing with the armed services in regard to chaplains.

He was consecrated Titular Bishop of Gaza January 18, 1950.

Bishop Griffiths was one of the founders of the Fordham University Conference on Eastern Rites, and is a member of the Board of Directors. He also was a founder of the Canon Law Society of America, and served as president of that organization in 1941-42.

Red - Held Czech Prelate Reported Dead

Cologne, Germany —(NC)— The German Church News Agency here (KND) states there are "persistent rumors" in Prague and Brno that Archbishop Joseph Matocha of Olomouc, Czechoslovakia, died on December 2 of last year while under house arrest.

The agency adds that up to now Church authorities have not been able either to confirm or deny these rumors.

EXAMINING THE conditions which surrounded the Archbishop, KND states that the 63-year-old prelate had been under strict house arrest since the spring of 1950 and was permitted no contact with the outside world.

The communist regime placed a rigid guard around the Archbishop's residence following his refusal to take an oath of loyalty to the government, KND says. His incoming and outgoing mail was examined by Red officials, it adds; his meals were brought in from neighboring barracks.

WHEN HOUSE arrest was imposed, the news agency states, Archbishop Matocha named a "Monsignor Thomas" as his personal representative. However, the latter was arrested by the Reds in May 1951 and nothing is known of his fate, it says.

Another report received here, while making no reference to the rumors of the Archbishop's death, states that he is under such strict confinement that a Red agent even sleeps in the same bedroom with the prelate. The report says that the Reds prevent the Archbishop as well as most other members of the hierarchy from going to Confession.

Cardinal Spellman Poem In Weekly

New York —(NC)— A poem entitled "Cardinal When You Go Home" written by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, will appear in The American Weekly on March 16, it has been announced.

The article notes that proceeds from the rights to the Cardinal's message have been assigned to the Catholic Open here in New York, which is open to all servicemen at all times.

SAFE FROM REDS



Three Canadian nuns and a South American priest, expelled from Red China arrive at Kowloon Station, Hong Kong. Following a broadcast trial, the nuns were convicted of "murdering" 2,116 children at Canton Sacred Heart orphanage. Left to right are: Sister Elizabeth Lemire, Bois du Fevre, Quebec; Sister Germaine Tanguay, Nashua, N. H.; Sister Isabella Lapierre, Pointe-aux-Lacs, Quebec, and Father Albert Martinez, of Bogota, Colombia, who came from China's northern Anhwei province by a circuitous route. Wide World radio photo.

Protestants, Jews Give Aid To Catholic Negro Hospital

Birmingham, Ala. —(NC)— Thanks to the cooperation of Protestants, Jews and Catholics, construction is expected to start soon on Birmingham's first general hospital for Negroes in which Negro doctors and surgeons may treat Negro patients.

THIS IS THE proposed 60-bed Holy Family Hospital here, whose three stories of masonry construction will be situated in a full city square, leaving room for expansion and parking facilities. It will be operated by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Ky., who for 10 years have been seeking to replace their present inadequate 12-bed maternity hospital in Birmingham.

Plans to replace the present facility had been fruitless until Father Eustace, C.P., then pastor of Holy Family Church, contacted a Protestant sports editor of the Birmingham News who was nationally famed for his work on behalf of hospital projects. The editor is Zipp Newman, and the contact was made through the Rev. Francis J. Wade, editor of The Catholic

Week, Mobile diocesan newspaper.

MR. NEWMAN called an informal meeting of men he thought would interest themselves in the cause of a Negro hospital. Out of that meeting came the organization which eventually raised \$250,000 in cash to add to the \$100,000 the Sisters already had on hand.

Aiding in the fund drive were John P. Newsome, a former Congressman, and Walter Henley, a businessman, both Protestants; Louis Pizitz, department store owner, and Mervyn Sterne, a businessman, both Jewish; and William S. Pritchard, a Catholic lawyer. For his leadership in heading the committee Mr. Newsome last year was nominated for the Birmingham Catholic Men's Club "Man of the Year" award.

Protestant Missioners In Red China Now Less Than 100

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR

Hong Kong —(NC)— Out of a 1949 estimated total of 3,000 Protestant foreign missionaries in China, less than 100 now remain, according to Protestant sources here. Many of the American missionaries left before the communists took over, one Protestant worker recalled.

After the communists obtained full control in 1949, "the Red army behaved so well and everything seemed so fine," said another. "Then, from Christmas, 1950, there was a change. Missionaries who had been sending out glowing accounts, now sent different reports and applied for exit permits."

VERY FEW Protestant missionaries were formally expelled, according to authorities here. They left because it was "impossible to work."

One veteran Lutheran missionary, not American, quoted his friends' conclusions thus: "It's no use staying. Mission buildings are taken over, some in part, some entirely. We can't go out to meet the people. No Chinese can safely come to the house to talk to us. By staying, we'd make things still more difficult for the Christians."

The following is a summary concerning some of the principal Protestant mission groups:

CHINA INLAND MISSION: largest group of Protestant missionaries in China; members are chiefly from British Commonwealth countries and the U. S.; at the beginning of 1951, had 637 foreign missionaries in China, now has 20, at most.

LUTHERANS: international, under the auspices of the Lutheran World Federation; had 571 foreign missionaries in China in 1949, about 500 at the beginning of 1951, has now about 7. "Even missionaries from Sweden, Norway and Switzerland, countries which recognize the Chinese communist government, decided to leave because of conditions."

AMERICAN METHODISTS: "We had roughly 350 missionaries in China before the communists took over. Some left; about 150 stayed. Today we have only three. One of these is a music teacher in Yenching University. Another is in jail, Rev. F. Olin Stockwell, arrested 14 months ago."

IT IS WELL KNOWN that a few English-speaking Protestant missionaries in China aligned themselves with the communists. The great majority of Protestant

1,650 Foreign Catholic Missioners Left In China

Hong Kong —(NC)— Catholic foreign missionaries still in communist-ruled China number 1,650, it is estimated here. This total comprises 1,121 foreign missionary priests, 488 foreign Sisters, 66 Brothers and 25 scholastics.

SINCE 1948 when the Reds launched their big drive to take over all of China, 3,730 foreign Catholic missionaries

Catholic Foreign Missioners In China			
	1948	1949	1952 (Feb.)
Priests	2,960	1,900	1,121
Brothers and scholastics	400	300	91
Sisters	2,000	1,250	488
TOTAL	5,360	3,450	1,650

*probable figure

were forced out of the country, according to statistics available here. About half of these missionaries were priests. Many were forced out through formal expulsion.

It is estimated that there are close to 2,500 Chinese priests and several thousand Chinese Sisters in China. (Some of these Sisters are oblates, dedicated lay Church-workers, rather than religious Sisters in the full sense.)

IT IS ESTIMATED that at least 75 per cent of the foreign priests still in China are under arrest, either in communist jails or in their own houses.

None of the missionaries, Chinese or foreign, have full freedom of movement.

Missionaries disapproved of their "pink" colleagues. Some others allowed pro-communist organizations in their schools, colleges and universities, during the years when the struggle for control of China was in progress.

Some Chinese Protestant leaders, educated under the auspices of American groups, have turned against their former friends, whom they denounce as "imperialists." Among the chief figures in the communist-sponsored "Christian Reform Committee" are a high Chinese official of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and another connected with the Chinese Y.W.C.A.

Vatican Warns On Harmful Literature

London —(RNS)— The Vatican Radio broadcast a general warning to Catholics throughout the world against reading obscene books or literature propagating views which clash with Catholic doctrine.

The broadcast warned Catholics especially against reading Communist publications. It reminded them that those doing so willingly, except where special permission has been given, may not receive the holy sacraments.

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