

ACCEPTABLE HOLOCAUST

# China Priest Prays For Martyr Role

Hong Kong — (NC) — A Chinese priest asked his parishioners to pray that he might become "an acceptable holocaust," in a sermon which led to his "trial" by the Reds.

Placed on "trial" with the priest were Bishop Patrick Cleary of Nanchang, another Chinese priest and two Irish Columbians. After the "trial" the two native priests, the Revs. James Yang and John Chang, were thrown into jail. Bishop Cleary and the two Irish Columbians were placed under house arrest and forbidden to hear confessions.

THE CLERGYMEN were charged with "sabotaging" the Red "church reform" movement and fostering the "counter-revolutionary" Legion of Mary.

Forecasting his arrest in a sermon in which he warned against the "church reform" movement, Father Yang told his parishioners:

"The possible consequences of my action have been carefully considered. But the glorious example of our Saviour, who did not spare the last drop of His blood, helps me to hold them of small account..."

"WHAT I EMBRACE lovingly is not 'imperialism' but the ladder of my salvation — the holy cross consecrated by the blood of our Divine Saviour. I earnestly beg you to give me a large share in your prayers that I may please the Sacred Heart and prove an acceptable holocaust."

Last Christmas Bishop Cleary excommunicated all Catholics who signed a manifesto for the "independent" church movement which was circulated by three apostates in the diocese. Since the excommunication was read, the leaders of the "reformed church" had sought charges against all the priests of the city.

BEFORE THE "trial," the priests were brought by the committee for the "reformed church" before an accusation meeting held in the mission school auditorium. Lined up before the stage, the five missionaries were forced to listen to denunciations of themselves for two hours.

After the "denunciations" the Bishop and four priests were marched through the streets to "court." Along the way youngsters threw dirt and pebbles at them and spit on them.

# Two Bishops In Red Hands Reported Dead

Hong Kong — (NC) — German-born Archbishop Cyril Rudolph Jarre, O.F.M., of Tsinan, has died following the rigors of a long imprisonment in Red China. He died (on March 8) at St. Joseph's Hospital at Tsinan, where he had been moved by his Red jailers a few weeks earlier after he had become dangerously ill.

No priest was permitted to attend the dying prelate. His death was reported due to pleurisy and bronchial complications. Though unable to see a priest, the Arch-bishop had the Holy Eucharist brought to him by nuns who are still working at the hospital in lay clothes.

The 74-year-old Archbishop had been held in prison eight months by the Reds before his transfer to the hospital. At the hospital he was kept under constant police guard. The Archbishop was charged with "sabotaging" the Red program for an independent "Catholic" church.

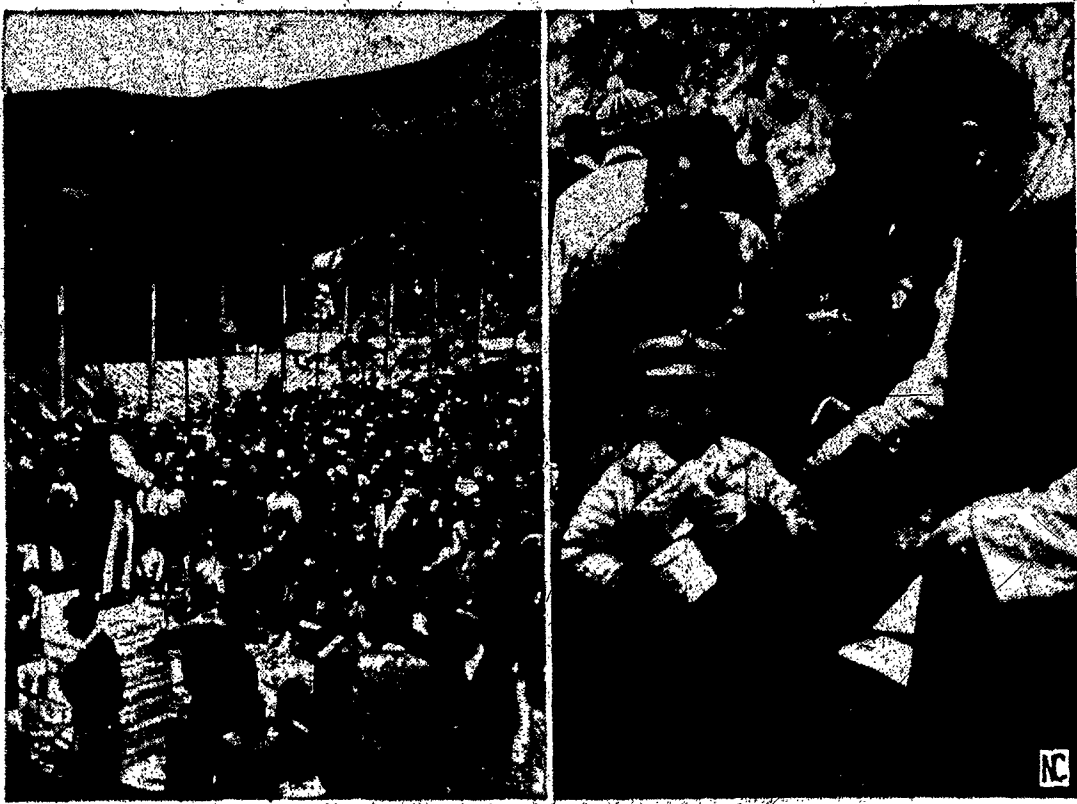
Vienna — (NC) — Reports reaching here from Hungary tell of the death in a concentration camp of Bishop Zoltan Mészery, former Auxiliary of Esztergom, who had been a prisoner of the Reds since mid-1950.

This brings to two the number of Bishops who have died at Red hands in Hungary.

The other Bishop who died at Red hands is the late Bishop Vilmos Apor of Győr, who was shot by Russian soldiers in 1945 as he tried to defend from rape a group of women who had sought refuge in the episcopal residence.

Bishop Mészery was arrested immediately after being chosen Vicar Capitular of the Esztergom archdiocese following the death of Msgr. John Drahos, the vicar general.

# Feeding The Hongkong Refugees



Some 1,200 refugees from Communist China gathered on a mountainside refugee center to share in the distribution of milk, sugar and fruit purchased with the gift left by Cardinal Spellman of New York when he visited the settlement in January. Right photo, smiles tell the story and show the gratitude of the unfortunate hundreds in the Junk Bay Refugee Camp, Hongkong. (NC Photos).

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# Protestant Minister Voices Plea For Catholic Victims

Pahokee, Fla. — (NC) — The Rev. John Clarence Petrie, vicar of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity here, addressed a statement to the Catholic Bishops of America, voicing sympathy over the sufferings of Catholics behind the Iron Curtain.

The Protestant clergyman meanwhile denounced what he described as attempts to revive anti-Catholic bigotry in the "days of trial" experienced by Catholics living under Communist domination.

MR. PETRIE'S statement was published in the parish bulletin after he had passed out to his congregation copies of the resolution expressing admiration and commiseration for "suffering millions" in Iron Curtain countries adopted by the U. S. Bishops at their annual meeting in Washington, D. C., last November.

"Many of us know," Mr. Petrie told the Bishops, "that the martyrdom of your people behind the Iron Curtain may well exceed that of the early Christians in the days of pagan Rome. In our security here in America, it is hard to realize the horror."

"We join our prayers with yours to Almighty God that He will have mercy upon the human race in this day of its reversion to atheism, animalism and barbarity. We feel that your martyrs may be all that stands between us and the destruction of Christian civilization."

Mr. Petrie, who is vicar of St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Clewiston, Fla., added a note condemning efforts by Protestants to stir up anti-Catholic bigotry. He said:

"Those of us who know of the heroism of your martyrs blush with shame at our fellow religionists who have chosen your day of trial to whip up old and dying bigotry. May God forgive such Christians."

# Czech Reds Hold Priests In Labor Camps

Rome — (NC) — Sites of nine concentration camps in Czechoslovakia which are exclusively for priests and religious are listed by Veritas, bulletin published by the Academy of Czechoslovakia.

THE BULLETIN sets down the number of priests in five of these 16 camps. They total 2,800. Veritas lists the camps as follows:

Kralupy, northeast Bohemia, where more than 200 priests are forced to fell trees in neighboring forests; Hejnice near Liberec; Osek in north Bohemia; Novy Jicin; Moravec near Tisnov, west Moravia, where 300 priests are held, mainly over 60 years of age; Zeliz, east Bohemia, 100 priests considered "incorrigible"; Nova Bice, west Moravia; Plumlov near Prostějov, middle Moravia, and the Tatra Mountains in Slovakia, where more than 2,000 priests are imprisoned, including several hundred from Hungary and Rumania.

Also in the area of the uranium mines of Jachymov, 200 priests, mainly Jesuits; Mirov, north Moravia; Ostrava; Pankrvas prison in Prague; Opocno in Bohemia, and Hava and Kocice in Slovakia.

# Nun Surgeon Exposes Red Fraud At 'Trial'

Hong Kong — (NC) — A public trial of four nuns in Red China turned into a public exposure of Communist fraud, according to the nuns who arrived here following their expulsion from China.

The nuns, all Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, were ousted after being accused at a public "trial" of feasting on the bone marrow of "slaughtered children." The Reds had piled dried-up animal bones and a heavy liquid labeled "marrow" on a table at the "trial" to prove the accusations.

BUT MOTHER NOTRE DAME du Censacle Ravel, 37, a physician and surgeon, knows a ham bone when she sees it and she "made no bones" about what she thought of the Red attempt to fake evidence against her and her fellow nuns.

Some 3,000 people were gathered by the Reds for the public "trial" of the nuns. The nuns had to kneel for three hours. One nun fell in a dead faint. When they were asked to sign "confessions," Mother Notre Dame du Censacle picked a pig's thigh-bone from the table of "human" bones and shouted at an official:

"You ask us to say that this evidence is true? You are a leader of the people and you cannot distinguish this animal bone from a human one. It is false. It is false. The accusations, this so-called evidence. The whole trial is false."

One official grumbled to another: "These people are not like the Chinese. Their heads are too hard. You cannot change them." THE FOLLOWING DAY the nuns were escorted to the Hong Kong border.

The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary formerly worked in the Wanhshien diocese in Szechwan province. Besides Mother Notre-Dame du Censacle, they are: Mother Marie Alphonsina De Bogt, 58, Ninove, Flanders, Belgium; Mother Paule Ailix Audet, 33, of Notre Dame du Bon, Quebec, Canada, and Sister Mary Reguldine, 39, of Unterbettringen, Schwab Gmund, Germany.

The nuns had been in prison since April, 1951. Mother Alphonsina, the superior, was charged with responsibility for the deaths of 3,000 people recorded at St. Joseph's hospital in Tientsin during the past 40 years.

During their imprisonment the nuns were allowed no exercise, given only two bowls of rice a day for food, one glass of water each for washing purposes, permitted no bath for a half-year period, and kept in a crowded cell for 24 people most of the time.

Despite the fact that the nuns were loudly denounced as murderers, the Reds did not hesitate to trust the surgical skill of Mother Notre Dame du Censacle. She was called on to operate on an army officer suffering from acute appendicitis. The operation was successful. The officer recovered. The nun was dragged back to prison.

# Ousted Priest Reveals Red 'Peace' Bribe

Jacksonville, N. C. — (NC) — An American missionary ousted from Red China was made an offer to stay if he would denounce "American imperialism" or cooperate with a "peace" group in the United States.

The Rev. George N. Gilligan, a Maryknoller, revealed this when he arrived here to become an assistant at the Infant of Prague Church. Father Gilligan was ousted from China last May after having been held under arrest at Watlam, Kwangsi province, for about six months.

Father Gilligan revealed that the Reds promised him "he could still remain in China if he would preach against 'U. S. imperialism' or cooperate with what the Reds described to him as the 'Crusade for Peace in Washington, D. C.'" He refused to do either. He was given to believe that the "Crusade for Peace" was an organization formed to force the United States to pull out of Korea.

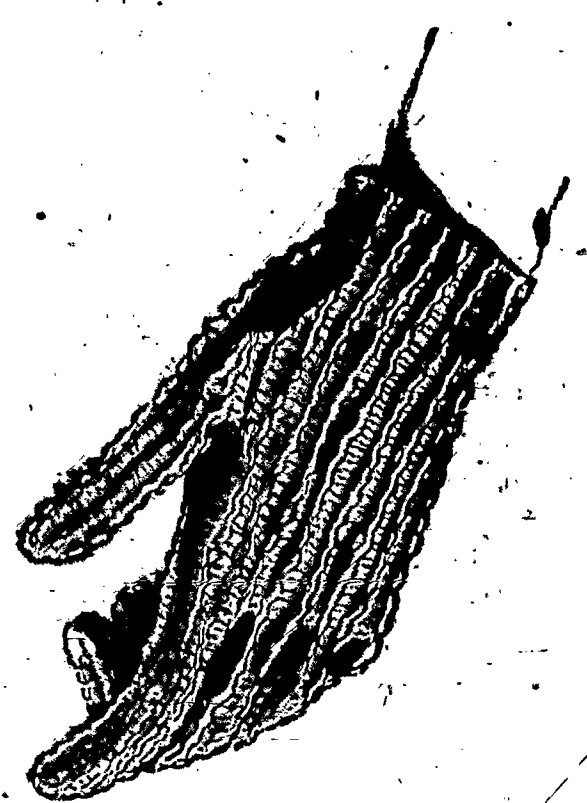
# 'Eyes To See And They See Not'

Montreal — (NC) — Those who have good sight often are the most blind to the problems around them, Archbishop Paul Emile Leger, of Montreal declared here at a gathering held to mark the centenary of the death of Louis Braille and to introduce the film "La Nuit Est Mon Royaume" (Night Is My Kingdom) which was sponsored by the Society of Aid for the Blind.

"The problem of the blind is a social problem, and we who enjoy good sight must extend a helping hand to the blind," the Archbishop said. "It is high time that people occupied themselves with the problem of the blind in order that in our city we will have all the schools, institutions and other centers necessary for these handicapped persons."

# Protestant Lauds Nuns In China

Toronto — (NC) — Tribute to the work of Catholic nuns expelled from China was paid here by the Rev. Howard J. Veale, 54, United Church missionary who has returned after 23 years in China. Canadian nuns have been "accused" by the Chinese communists of murdering Chinese babies. Mr. Veale declared that the nuns took into their arms sick and dying children, and they were dying. They also looked after the burial of children who died, he said.



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