

# Iron Curtain' Youth Resist Red Rule

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London — (NC) — Communist regimes in East Europe are meeting stiffening resistance from young people, according to the findings of a privately-conducted survey carried out over the past six months.

Married and older people, however much they may dislike the regime, think first and foremost of their wives, children and dependents. They try to do their jobs quietly, be true to their principles in their private lives, but avoid actions which might antagonize the authorities and endanger their jobs.

HOWEVER, THE YOUNG who are filled with idealism and enthusiasm, and who are the chief objects of communist propaganda are becoming increasingly opposed to the regimes. They show this not only by words, but by deeds.

An instance was provided in Hungary last December when a military tribunal secretly tried over 30 students of Budapest University for "sabotage and subversive activities." All were sentenced to terms of imprisonment, the majority to life. Those condemned to life have been sent in the greatest secrecy to the Soviet Union. Meanwhile not a word of this trial has appeared in the Hungarian Press.

MANY INSTANCES of youth "disloyalty" have been uncovered in other countries under communist rule.

In Eastern Germany many students and professors have been sentenced to "sabotage" charges since 1945. It is noteworthy that most of them were party or former Communist Youth members. Since September 1951 the number of those sentenced has increased. Their names can be checked in a report compiled by the Office for All German Student Affairs of the West German National Union of Students, which lists all the students and professors who have vanished since 1945.

AUTOCRATIES IN Czechoslovakia are unduly concerned about the attitude of the young. The young people do their jobs, whatever they may be, but they are stony in their reactions to communist propaganda.

Among Czechs who have escaped abroad since January 1, 1951, 65 per cent were working class, under 25 years of age. This may be one of the reasons for the fall of Ladislav Kopriva, the Minister of Security. This loss of young proletarians was bound to disturb the Prague regime.

During the last few months, a considerable number of young men have escaped from Poland to the West. In their screening, they have given remarkably similar answers to certain questions. For instance, all of them have said that they decided to flee because they could see "no perspective" for themselves.

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In the near future I am going to see with my own eyes the plight of these poor people as I am leaving on a journey which will take me to war weary Europe, where I will visit France, Spain and Italy. Magazines and prayers will be offered at the tomb of St. Anthony Mary Claret, patron for the cure of cancer and other seemingly incurable diseases.

Let me be your messenger of cheer and blessing. Send your gifts and intentions. I promise to all of you, my benefactors, that I will put your petitions and wishes in a prominent place in the tomb-shrine of this great saint. Mail them at once to Sister Mary Ann, personally. To one and all who help in this worthy mission cause, I give my grateful thanks.

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## Seven Priests Ordained In War-Torn Korea

Taeju, Korea — (NC) — Seven young Koreans have been ordained to the priesthood in recent weeks by Bishop John Choe, Vicar Apostolic of Taeju.

THE FIRST group of three seminarians was ordained at Mokpo, on Korea's southwestern tip. Then four were ordained here. Two of the first group were ordained for the Kwangju-Mokpo prefecture. One was ordained for the Taejon mission. Three of the second group were ordained for the Taeju vicariate, and one for the Vicariate Apostolic of Pyongyang in North Korea.

Meanwhile several other seminarians are scheduled to be ordained for the Seoul Vicariate Apostolic in the first week in May.

THOSE ORDAINED in the first group were the Revs. Anthony Kim and John Kim (no relations) for Kwangju-Mokpo and Francis Ryoo, for the Taejon mission. The joy of their ordination was dampened only by the memory of a shocking communist brutality which took from their ranks another seminarian who would have been ordained with them. He is Gregory Jien who was beaten to death since 1945. It is noteworthy that most of them were party or former Communist Youth members. Since September 1951 the number of those sentenced has increased. Their names can be checked in a report compiled by the Office for All German Student Affairs of the West German National Union of Students, which lists all the students and professors who have vanished since 1945.

THOSE WHO know her well will add that she has thrown in a most cheerful disposition and the sunniest possible outlook on life for good measure.

## Indian 'Untouchable' Consecrated Bishop

Bombay, India — (NC) — Bishop Nicholas Kujur, S.J., who was consecrated the first native Ordinary of Ranchi, is the first member of the aboriginal or depressed classes to be raised to the Indian hierarchy.

Bishop Kujur was consecrated at the cathedral here by Archbishop Ferdinand Perier, S.J., of Calcutta, a native of Belgium.

The depressed classes, who before the promulgation of the new Indian constitution were considered "untouchables" by the caste Hindus, number nearly 60,000,000, more than a fourth of the total Hindu population. They are the only communities who enjoy special privileges in the new political setup of the country.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney delivered it for her personally in the hospital. This, she says, was one of the greatest thrills of her life. But a greater thrill awaited her.

Last May Betty Ann was flown to Chicago for a consultation with specialists. There she was told that improvement of her eyes was impossible. She accepted the news calmly and began preparing for the dark years that lay ahead. She spent the summer studying Braille.

Last fall she entered Nazareth College where she is preparing for employment as a secretary-typist and dictaphone operator. Since she is interested in writing, she plans to minor in journalism. If you ask her how she is managing her difficulties, she will tell you simply and sincerely that she has none.

During the week the 19-year-old brunette lives on campus in the freshman dormitory. There, with the aid of her readers, Virginia Rogers, and the help of other classmates, she studies and prepares her lessons the same as anyone else — and in many cases does better than others in her class.

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WELCOME VISITORS to Betty Ann Miller, (right) Nazareth College freshman at her home, 84 Gregory St., are Mr. and Mrs. George "Specs" Toporer, nationally known as a baseball player and Rochester Red Wings manager and star, and his wife, "Specs," afflicted with blindness as is Betty Ann, manifest above the cheerfulness with which he too has borne the loss of sight.

## Other Gifts Compensate For Blindness, Cheery Nazareth College Student Says

By WAIT KOLESNIK

"When God takes something away from a person, He repays him double." The speaker was Betty Ann Miller, a freshman at Nazareth College.

She was not reciting a lesson for her religion class, nor was she reading an inspirational work of literature. For God has taken from Betty Ann the vision necessary for reading. It was of this privation she was speaking.

Just what God gave her in return for her eye-sight would not be clear to one who had never met her. But anyone who has spoken to Betty Ann realizes that He has compensated her with the awareness that His will is being done, and has given her the grace to thank Him for it.

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## German Carmelites Go To Brazil

Manitowish, Wis. — (NC) — German Carmelite Fathers will take over the new mission of Paranaval in the Diocese of Jacariguá, Brazil, according to the Rev. Jacob Beck, O.Carm., head of the Brazilian province of the order. The Brazilian government has made a gift to the new mission of a hotel.

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## Indecent Books Italian Left Leaders Reject Communism

Vatican City — (NC) — Five Italian Catholic intellectuals, former members of the disbanded "Party of the Christian Left" who later joined the Communist party, have publicly announced their withdrawal from the latter.

In a statement published on the front page of today's *Observatore Romano*, the five declare that they have come to see clearly "the impossibility of the Catholic belonging to a Communist party."

THE FIVE former communists are: Felice Balbo, Sandro d'Ostiani, Mario Motta, Ubaldo Scassellati and Giorgio Sebbagondi. They were leaders and members of a movement which began during the early days of Italy's liberation in World War II. The adherents of this movement believed it possible for Christians to live and collaborate with communists in the sphere of social action, without adopting communist ideology in full.

Their attitude was condemned by the Church and the movement never attracted any considerable membership or gained much significance. Nevertheless, the fact that these men went so far as to join the Communist party in order to prove their theory, and that they now ended up by publicly declaring their disillusionment is here considered significant and important.

## Magazine Reaches 250,000-Mark

Union City, N. J. — (NC) — The Sign, national Catholic magazine published here by the National Catholic Fathers, will reach the highest circulation in its 31-year history when 250,000 copies will be printed for the April issue. Sell-outs of the February and March issues made necessary the record-breaking order of copies for the current issue.

Teachers' Guild — (NC) — The first Catholic Teachers' Guild in India has been formed with headquarters here. All teaching establishments of the Archdiocese of Madras and the Diocese of Mysore are branches of the Guild.

## Church Clock Becomes Time Marker After 55 Years

St. Joseph's Parish, in the heart of the business district, was established in 1792, but it was not until many years later that the present church was erected.

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That is a question that has just begun to puzzle the City Council, although the city has been paying this amount annually for 55 years. Councilman said they did not know how the custom began, but a finance officer pointed out that there is no budget item for this expenditure.

Councilman Richard Caldwell said he thought the money might be interpreted as a contribution to a religious organization.

Councilman Henry Cohn replied: "It is not a religious clock. Catholics, Protestants and Jews get their time from it. It certainly doesn't keep just Catholic time."

Councilman Harold Durso suggested that as St. Joseph's is the only "down-town" church with a steeple clock, payment toward its upkeep would not be using public money for religious purposes.

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