

'You're Worse Than Nazis!'**Missioner Embraces Leperous Cellmate, Gives Communist Captors 'Bad Time'**

Hong Kong—(NC)—A French Catholic priest who was confined for three months in a Communist prison because he refused to become a "convert" to communism arrived here on March 18 after having been expelled from Red China.

The priest, who spent part of the time in a cell with a leperous prisoner, is the Rev. Robert Guignier, 34-year-old member of the Paris Foreign Mission Society, and a veteran of World War II, who spent a year and a half in a prisoner of war camp near Königsberg, Germany.

FATHER GUIGNIER was forced to follow a rigid schedule of communist indoctrination during his three months' incarceration. He arose at dawn with the other prisoners and was obliged to join them in a "meditation" on communism before breakfast. He was lectured at and taught the doctrines of Marx and Lenin for four hours a day. In the evening, he had to spend two hours in a community class of self-criticism and public confession of faults.

Father Guignier's confession of faults was always the same: "Laziness in studying Marxism; inattention during lectures; disbelief in communist teachings." After the first month, his frankness brought the punishment of being handcuffed day and night for sixty days. During the first month, the irons were removed for short periods when necessary work had to be attended to.

WITH THE punishment came the threat: "We will keep you here until you become a good Communist." Invariably, the missionary's answer was "Twenty or thirty years — it is all the same to me. But if you are keeping me here until I become a communist, you might as well execute me now, for I will never become a 'convert'."

Because of his obduracy, the priest was confined in a cell which usually held from 50 to 60 prisoners, but then contained 80 adults. They slept by leaning against each other. They had one blanket for four men during the winter — and armies of vermin all the time. Every other day the "criminal" priest had to attend a three to four-hour inquisition before the Chungking judges. His answers were monotonously consistent: "I have never done any-

thing not allowed by the Government of China."

When shackles and other punishment failed, a leperous prisoner was thrown in the same cell with Father Guignier and the other inmates. The frightened Chinese prisoners clamored for the guards to take the leperous prisoner to the doctor. They did. But the leper was returned to the cell with both arms tied behind his back.

Eighty terrified prisoners huddled together trying to keep as far as possible from the stricken man and to avoid his contaminated breath. Not so Father Guignier. Instead, the priest moved over to the leper's side. He fed, helped and consoled him, and even slept under the same blanket with the outcast.

Both prisoners and guards were nonplussed. But Communist ingenuity managed to twist even

the charity of Christ into a crooked line of Red propaganda. Guards lectured the prisoners and told them that the Catholic priest's kindness to the leper was a result of his indoctrination course in Communism.

AFTER THREE months the Catholic priest was told by the communist officials: "You have taken the indoctrination course and now you know that you are a big sinner who has spoken and worked against the communists in China. So we must punish you further by expelling you from China. Leave."

Father Guignier answered: "I have been in prison before but it wasn't as bad as this. At least the Germans didn't try to make us believe in Nazism. Here you try to force conversion on us." He was then ordered taken under armed escort from Chungking to the border near Hong Kong.

Stores In Columbus Heed Girls' Plea On Dresses

Columbus—(NC)—By letter and personal visits, girls of St. Mary's High School, here, have persuaded five of the city's leading department and dress stores to stock modest formal gowns for their junior-senior prom, May 21. Moreover, this week the same stores are supplying a number of the girls with enough decent formal dresses to stage a pre-prom fashion show at their school.

ST. MARY'S GIRLS feel their present effort is a part of the growing trend among Catholic high school pupils to "supply the demand for a supply" of modest clothing. S.D.S. clubs have been organized in many cities throughout the country to achieve the same goal.

The girls of St. Mary's report that they found the buyers at the local stores "very cooperative." One store manager congratulated the girls and said he would "go all-out" to help create the demand for such dresses. At another store the buyer of formal gowns told the students that "people simply don't want" modest formal dresses such as the girls described, but she promised to purchase a supply for their prom.

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Altar Boys Shun Modern Gadgets

Cum gratia, Mexico—The altar boys at the Maryknoll church here must be suspicious of new inventions.

"Although they have a modern candle lighter and extinguisher," reports Father Walter W. Winick, "my altar boys prefer their old way of doing things."

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ELECTION TIME -- IN MEXICO

Pictured is a Church, not a poster-plastered monument to the Partido Institucional Revolucionario, Mexico's governing party, whose leaders apparently pay little respect to the sacred character of this Zamora Cathedral. The campaign posters favor the party's candidate, despite a law which prohibits the use of "public" buildings for election propaganda. Another law makes all churches government property. Catholics in this western city were indignant but could only air their wrath in a few Catholic publications. (NC Photos).

Convicts Design Church Windows, Compose Mass

Paris—(NC)—Convicts at Fresnes prison, one of the largest in France, went all out to welcome Archbishop Maurice Feltin of Paris on his recent visit there.

One of the prisoners, a former orchestra leader, composed a special Mass in honor of the occasion and trained a choir of inmates to sing it. Reason for the Archbishop's

visit was the dedication of new stained glass windows in the main chapel designed by another convict. The windows depict Christ and the Apostles. The Archbishop also visited the women's quarters of the prison. In the special section for the mothers of infants, the inmates' babies dressed as angels were placed in a circle around the altar.

New Method Averts Hospital Baby Mixup

Sandusky, O.—(NC)—What is regarded as an "infallible" and otherwise improved method of identifying mother and newborn before they leave the birth room is in use at Providence Hospital, conducted here by the Franciscan Sisters.

A Sanduskyan, Clifford Lyon, developed his new way of getting the footprint of a newborn and the thumbprint of a mother after four years of experimentation.

EXPERIMENTS RESULTED in a smooth surface plate of porous materials, an eighth of an inch in thickness and 2 1/2 by 4 inches in size.

The prints, taken in the delivery room on a special paper, are viewed at once under a combination five-power magnifying glass and flashlight. Two sets are made — one for the parents, one for the hospital.

THE PLATE has a density that allows soil bases to be absorbed, yet releases ink by capillary attraction of body warmth, without use of pressure. A special ink is used.

Use of a rubber roller and ink pad, the earlier method, was objectionable as too smudgy, giving blurred results and causing soiling.

Human-error objections attach to the more common identification methods of beaded bracelets and plastic bands, said Sister Lucia, hospital administrator.

A BABY MIXUP in another Ohio hospital set Lyon searching for a foolproof method of identifying mothers and babies.

He estimates the cost of installing his method in a hospital would be 60 cents a newborn for the first 250 uses, and 33 cents a use thereafter.

Only Providence Hospital here is now using the Lyon method. But he plans to exhibit it at the Catholic Hospital Association convention in Cleveland next month.

Lutheran Schools St. Louis, Mo.—(RNS)—Parochial schools of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod enrolled more than 100,000 pupils for the school year 1951-52, the largest number since the schools were established over a century ago.

Japanese Bishop On Way To U.S.

Tokyo—(NC)—Bishop Paul Yoshitaki Furuya of Kyoto has sailed for Hawaii, the United States and Rome. One of the most dynamic and eloquent Catholic orators in Japan, Bishop Furuya was named Prefect Apostolic of Kyoto in 1940 as successor to Bishop Patrick J. Byrne, M.M., who resigned that year and was later named Apostolic Delegate to Korea. Bishop Furuya became Bishop of Kyoto in 1951.

Bishop-elect

Monsignor John J. Boardman (above), of Brooklyn, N. Y., who has been named Titular Bishop of Guneia and Auxiliary to Archbishop Thomas E. Molloy, Bishop of Brooklyn. The Bishop-elect is national treasurer of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Mission Conducted Near 38 Parallel

With the 1st Marine Division, Korea—(NC)—Four priest chaplains conducted a three-day mission for 1st Division Marines in a makeshift chapel near the 38th Parallel. The Marines were in a rear area at the time but later moved up to the front.

All the priests conducting the mission were Navy chaplains assigned to the 1st Division, and three of the four were from the New York metropolitan area. They are the Revs. (Lt. Comdr.) Joseph P. E. Gallagher and Vincent J. Longergan, of New York City, and the Rev. (Lt.) James F. Follard, C. P., of Brooklyn. The Rev. (Lt.) John J. O'Neill of St. Paul, Minn., was the fourth.

AS PREFECT Apostolic Bishop Furuya was suspected of being an American spy by the Japanese police because of his connection with U. S. Maryknoll priests and was kept in prison for one month.

Suspicious did not prevent him, however, from making his way through back alleys and over the fences around midnight to get to the backdoor of the place where his friend, then Father Byrne, was kept under house arrest.

After the war, Bishop Furuya became so popular even with the police that he was invited to lecture at police headquarters to an assembled group of 200 policemen who applauded him warmly. Thereafter it was customary for the police to give him a formal salute when he passed them in the street. His popularity also led to numerous invitations to lecture in high schools, universities, public halls, and once at a convention of 120 Buddhist monks from all over Japan.

IT IS A SAYING among the clergy of Kyoto that the Bishop would rather teach Catholic doctrine than sit. Many are the times when his voice failed him completely at the end of a day in which he spent from ten to twelve hours explaining the teaching of the Church to individuals, groups and large crowds.

English Nunt Buy Anne Boleyn Site

London—(NC)—Wickham Court, 15th century mansion where King Henry VIII wooed Anne Boleyn, is being bought by the Ladies of Mary as a training college for teachers. It was announced here.

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