

Communism Dupes U. S. Youth, Ex-Red Warns

Toledo, O. — (NC) — Marxism's greatest threat to this country lies in its false appeal to young Americans, those who have just finished high school up to the mid-30's, Elizabeth Bentley, former communist, told a Mary Manso College Forum audience here.

Miss Bentley, who became a counterespionage agent after she had been duped by communists, appealed to adult Americans to help youth see the greatness of this country and its religious ideals.

She said that schools have failed to give youngsters knowledge of the fundamentals of government and communism have hampered away at evils in national life. As a result some young Americans with

zeal and courage have fallen prey to communists trading on humanitarian feelings and an idealistic spirit.

Such victims do not see that communism builds up a power that leads to barbarism and unbridled inhumanity, Miss Bentley said. Marxism gained its momentum during the past two centuries through two factors—economics and religion, she declared.

Communist education, she said, is "very slick," working by degrees until a person becomes so absorbed that he has no time or strength for anything else. When that stage arrives, he no longer thinks as an individual but acts as a robot, Miss Bentley said.

Birth Control Wrong, Says Anglican Head

Georgetown, British Guiana — (NC) — Birth prevention measures are "contrary to the law of God," Dr. Alan John Knight, Anglican Archbishop of the West Indies, declared here in a reply to "some people" who had asked whether the Church of England had ever made any pronouncement on the subject.

SPEAKING at the opening of the Diocesan Synod at St. George's Cathedral Church, Dr. Knight quoted the Declaration of the 1945 Synod, which condemned recommendations made by the West India Commission of 1945. The Declaration said:

"To the further safeguarding of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, we the Bishops in Synod assembled have felt bound to condemn unequivocally the recommendations contained in the report of the West India Commission of 1945 on birth prevention measures as contrary to the Laws of God. The solution of this and any such social problem is to be sought and found in individual responsibility and self-control."

"You will agree," Dr. Knight commented, "that this pronouncement leaves no doubt for misunderstanding what the teaching of the Church is about this much debated subject."

Dr. Knight said that the Church taught also that marriage is indissoluble except by death, and does not admit that any court or other authority in the world has the power to dissolve a marriage.

Endless Grilling Left Missioner's Mind Reeling Between Fact, Fantasy

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Hong Kong — (NC) — An ordeal of continuous questioning by communist interrogators that left his mind reeling between reality and fantasy was recounted here by the Rev.

Father Greene, Maryknoll missionary from Jasper, Ind., who was expelled by the Chinese Reds.

Father Greene's arrival here left only 75 American Catholic missionaries in Red China, almost half of whom are known to be either in "prison" or under house arrest.

IN THE DUSK between dream and actuality, brought on by hunger, thirst and sleepless nights, truth and falsehood became indistinguishable. He was harassed and was missionary revealed. Eight days and nights of ceaseless harping on his "guilt" as an "American spy" of being tied up and bagged to "confess" preceded a mob trial in the town of Tzeng, Kwangsi Province, which was held on Easter Sunday morning.

Father Greene, a veteran of 15 years in China, arrived in Hongkong, tired and bearded, still a bit baffled by the sudden turn of events which changed his position as "a criminal condemned to be beheaded" to a free man once again. For 53 weeks he had not seen another priest, and had not spoken to a living being from January 1 of this year until April 3 when he was arrested.

"THE SINGLE interest of my inquisition was to obtain a 'confession,'" Father Greene recalled in reviewing the nightmare of loneliness and humiliation he underwent for over a year. "Confess" was the only idea that drilled into my mind hour after hour as they forced me to stand at attention and recite the oath with 'witness' and 'proof.' In the bleak morning hours the shouting of the questioners grew dim and it was more dreamlike than real. 'Do you confess' was hammered into my ears, when my mind wouldn't comprehend what was going on about me."

On one occasion Father Greene said that he awoke with a start, about six hours after he had been released from an eight-hour interrogation, to the realization that he had signed a "confession" admitting that he had offered \$150 to "bandits" to kill one of the guards before the gate of the mission, and had paid \$50 because one had merely been wounded.

THE SOLDIER had actually cut his own hand while chopping wood, and the wound was exhibited as "evidence."

"It came as a shock that I knew then that I hadn't ever done anything of the sort, although a couple hours before I had put my name on a piece of paper admitting that I had," the priest said.

The next morning Father Greene asked to see one of the questioners. He told him that what was written the night before was just a tissue of lies. That night he started off the interminable hours of interrogation by denying all that he had signed the night before. He was tied with ropes that held his arms behind him in a painful unnatural position.

"I HAD THE sensation after a couple hours of seeing all this as a detached third person without relation to myself," the missionary said. "I tried to keep repeating my own name and the fact that I wasn't seeing a movie, or reading a book, in order to hold on to reality."

When Father Greene refused to sign another statement the officials gloated that they already had his earlier declaration.

Bars Nun Teachers In Public Schools

St. Joseph, Mo. — (NC) — The educational policies of the Catholic Church are directly in conflict with those of the State of Missouri, and the two "are utterly inconsistent and mutually exclusive," Circuit Judge Emmet Crouse asserted in a formal declaratory judgment which banned Catholics from teaching in public schools.

THE SUIT was tried on an agreed statement of fact that specified the nuns involved taught no religious and maintained no religious emblems or insignia in the public schools, although they did wear religious garb.

The school district board has indicated that Judge Crouse's ruling will be appealed to the Supreme Court of Missouri.

Judge Crouse held that any school in which the Catholic educational policy is in effect cannot "in fact be a free school within the meaning of the Constitution and laws" of Missouri. He said it is the State's policy to maintain public schools separate from all religious, church or sectarian activities. He held that no public funds can be used for any school

they have placed themselves in the exclusive control of Church authorities.

"It is the policy of the Roman Catholic Church," Judge Crouse held, "to intermingling education and religious teachings in order to secure and strengthen the faith of the adherents and to secure indoctrination of children in its religious principles as an integral part of the education of said children."

HE REMEMBERED that the seat of government of the Catholic Church is the Vatican and its ruler is the Pope and added that the hierarchy and members of religious communities such as the nuns who taught in Franklin County schools, are bound by the Church's Code of Canon Law.

The court finds, "the opinion continued, "that the policy of the State of Missouri with respect to the separation of church and state in the public educational system of Missouri is so different from the policy of the Roman Catholic Church toward the desirability of the combination of religious and secular education, that said policies of the State of Missouri and the Roman Catholic Church cannot be effectuated in any single school at the same time. The said policies are utterly inconsistent and mutually exclusive."

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