

China Bishop Dies In Red Prison

Hong Kong — (NC) — The Hierarchy of the Catholic Church in China has been the principal target of communist persecution there. This became increasingly evident as two more Chinese Archbishops were victimized by the Red.

Archbishop Joseph Chou Chishih of Nanchang has been imprisoned, according to an announcement in the Kiangsi provincial newspaper. His imprisonment reportedly followed a public "denunciation meeting" where he was accused of sabotaging the communist "church reform" program.

After four years of Red rule, only 60 members of the Hierarchy are resident in their sees with nominal freedom. There are 143 sees in the China mainland. Eighty-three sees are vacant through the expulsion or detention of these Ordinaries, or because it is impossible to consecrate Bishops to replace deceased prelates.

Thirty-nine Archbishops, Bishops and Prefects Apostolic have been expelled or forced out of the country. The list is headed by Archbishop Anthony Riberi, Papal Internuncio to China. Thirty-six members of the Hierarchy are under various forms of detention; 20 in communist prisons, ten under house arrest and six in various cities of China unable to return to their own sees.

Austria's Catholic Chancellor Visits U. S.



Austria's Chancellor, Dr. Leopold Figl, one of Europe's leading Catholic statesmen, during his visit to Washington was greeted by President Truman at the White House (left photo) at a luncheon meeting with several cabinet members; at the Apostolic Delegation by His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani (center photo) and by Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle

at St. Patrick's rectory (right photo), head of the Austrian coalition government, Chancellor Figl is on 15-day official visit to United States, and will stop in New York, Washington, Williamsburg, Va., Buffalo, Detroit, Chicago and Madison, Wis.

Austria To Stay Free, Says Dr. Figl On Visit To U. S.

Washington — (NC) — The Austrian people—7,000,000, of whom 94 per cent are Catholics—are determined to stay free. They have refused, and they will continue to refuse, to bow to communist force or to be taken in by communist trickery.

This message, stated quietly but with the force of a conviction that is deeply rooted in faith, was brought to this country by the man who for seven years has led the Austrians in their struggle to rebuild a war-devastated country and to defend it against the dangers from the East.

HE IS Dr. Leopold Figl, Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria, now on an official visit to the United States. After a four-day stay in the capital, where he was honored by President Truman, Secretary of State Acheson and the United States Congress, the Catholic statesman and his wife are now on a ten-day tour of the country before leaving for Paris from New York on May 27.

Even those here who did not understand the Chancellor's Austrian German could not fail to detect the strength of his personality which is the secret of his political skill in heading a coalition government whose other partner are Socialists, and in dealing with four powers occupying Austria: United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union.

IN TALKING TO him it became clear why he had succeeded in winning even the respect of the Soviets and in warding off their schemes for making Austria another Hungary or Czechoslovakia.

On his first visit to the United States, the Chancellor was deeply impressed by what he saw of this country's size and power. But he added one new note.

"When I arrived in New York," he said, "I was, of course, overwhelmed, like any stranger, by what I saw. But I soon found a place where I felt really at home. 'WHEN I WENT TO MASS in St. Patrick's Cathedral — the same Mass I had attended a few days before in our rebuilt St. Stefan's in Vienna — I once again found out what every Catholic knows: He has a home and a refuge wherever there is a Catholic church. He can never be really lonely. Even if the people kneeling next to him do not understand his language, the stranger knows they are fellow-Catholics and, at least in a spiritual sense, his friends."

Nun To Parents

TV Performers Spoiling Native Charm Of Children

Milwaukee — (NC) — Parents, bewildered by the antics and behavior of their "under-five" offspring, may be relieved by a guide book entitled, "Your Family Circle," by Sister Jean Patrice, a kindergarten teacher.

The book presents helpful advice on how to handle pre-school age children. It has just been published by the Bruce Publishing Company here.

SISTER PATRICE, who discusses everything from "floor shows at the dinner table" to the effect of television, bases her suggestions not only on her years of experience as a kindergarten teacher, but also on her own experience of raising her younger brothers. The theme of her book reminds parents not to forget "that the child, with his behavior, mirror more faithfully what you show him than what you tell him."

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A PASTORAL of Archbishop Joseph Otto Kolb of Bamberg brings these instructions to the attention of the faithful. Those unwilling to heed the warning of the Church will face public excommunication. Priests will be automatically suspended.

Ordinaries throughout Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium and Holland have been instructed by Rome to adopt similar measures to forestall a continued influx of travelers to Heroldsbach.

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THE INDIVIDUAL requests come from mothers, fathers, girl-friends, uncles, grandmothers and great-aunts as well as from the boys themselves. Other requests came from American chaplains stationed in all parts of the world and from the Roman Catholic Chaplain General of the Australian Armed Forces.

A sense of urgency is reflected in the letters from parents and from the youths. Typical is the request "Please send your book at once, as I enter the Navy next week"; or a letter from the widow who asks for two copies, "one for my boy in Korea and one for his younger brother, who is waiting for his call"; or the phone call from the mother who says, "My boy is a good boy and we think Father O'Donnell's ad-

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