

Gen. Chennault Recalls Nuns, Orphans Rescue, Urges China Recovery

Los Angeles — (NC) — Forgetting the hazards of the situation, General Claire Lee Chennault chuckled as he recalled here the air evacuation of five nuns, 40 orphans and two Jersey cows from the path of advancing communists in China.



GENERAL CHENNAULT

"That was quite a picturesque bit of logistics," the General said. "The Sisters and orphans on each side of the plane, the cows in the middle. We got the whole bunch to another area with one of our planes. The nuns had raised the animals from the time they were calves for milk for the youngsters."

THE SMILES left the weather-beaten face as the General recalled: "I didn't do too much good, though. The group was overrun by the Reds at the next base." General Chennault came here for a reunion of the famous Flying Tigers group he headed in China in pre-World War II days. In an exclusive interview with The Tidings, Los Angeles archdiocese newspaper, the General discussed the gravity of world affairs and gave his views on the China situation.

He said he was impressed highly by the great work Catholic priests and nuns had made in China. "That's something we've forgotten," he said. "I just don't go for Tito."

AS TO THE future, the General said: "We've got to get China back somehow. If we want to stay in the Orient, Lenin recognized the power of China. So did Stalin. We didn't. The only way to get China back is to support in every way the Nationalists under Chiang on Formosa. Any other troops besides Chinese wouldn't have a chance on the mainland. The Japanese tried for eight years and got nowhere."

"As soon as the Nationalists could hit China in force," he said, "you would see the same thing happen that has happened in Korea: thousands of Red soldiers would defect to the Nationalists." The General grimaced again and commented: "There's one thing you can say about the communists anywhere: they'll renounce communism in a second if they think they have a chance of getting away with it."

AMERICAN foreign policy is "just not realistic enough," he declared. When asked about the present state of China, the General said it is "definitely lost" to the western democracies. He expressed the belief that the United States by pouring money into too many unworkable schemes in the Far East, has not staid throughout the world.

GENERAL CHENNAULT analyzed the situation, trying to aid General Chennault said: "We're not sure whether or not they are anti-communist — we just hope they are. As a result, we might be the only country."

"Look at Spain and Turkey and Greece," he continued. "Spain was won by the Reds in 1936. The Spanish are good people, but they made the mistake. Same for the Turks. Turkey is one of the toughest anti-communist nations. There would be hard to help in a war because of its geography, but again, it's a rugged, mountainous country."

General Chennault indicated he wasn't particularly interested in the capabilities of Tito's Yugoslav army. He commented: "I don't

Shepherds Give Pope Eagle, Fox

Vatican City — (NC) — An eagle and a young fox were presented to Pope Pius XII here by the association of shepherds from the Abruzzi mountains in central Italy. The two animals, the natural enemies of the Abruzzi shepherds, were caught by them and presented to the Pontiff as an expression of their filial devotion. The Pope directed Vatican authorities to give the animals to the Rome Zoo.

Pope Pius Writes Letter To Mother Of Girl Saint

Vatican City — (NC) — Mamma Assunta Goretti found the "proven instruments of a Christian education equal to all trials." She received this tribute from Pope Pius XII in a special letter sent to her on the 50th anniversary of the death of her daughter, St. Maria Goretti, who died in defense of her chastity. THE POPE TOLD Mrs. Goretti that these "proven instruments" were "holy fear of God, daily prayer and the exercise of the domestic virtues." The Pontiff sent the remembrance of his "paternal consideration" to Mrs. Goretti as a reward to her for creating St. Maria's "martyrdom for purity" were held in Corinaldo, Nettuno and Ferriere. Mrs. Goretti wanted to go to Nettuno where the death of her daughter occurred. But 86-year-old "Mamma Assunta," who has been an invalid for eight years, was dissuaded from making the journey. It would have been a 500-mile, roundtrip journey from her home at Corinaldo.

Bp. Wright Cites Need For Temperance Apostolate

Worcester, Mass. — (NC) — "The need for the temperance apostolate is constant and universal," Bishop John J. Wright of Worcester declared in formally inviting the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America to hold its 80th annual convention here, July 28 to 30. "Whatever pertains to the protection of morals and the promotion of Christian virtue holds top place of priority among our duties," Bishop Wright added, "hence the special interest with which we welcome a convention of the Total Abstinence Union." He said he earnestly prayed that God may prosper their deliberations. THE CONVENTION, whose headquarters will be the Hotel Sheraton, here, will receive the report of its president, the Rev. John W. Keogh of Philadelphia, on Monday, July 28, while the opening Mass will be offered up in St. Paul's Cathedral, on Tuesday morning, July 29. Father Keogh will be celebrant of the Mass, and Msgr. Joseph M. Lynch, director of the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the Diocese of Worcester, will preach the sermon. There will be business sessions Tuesday morning and afternoon.

Montreal To Appeal Ruling On By-Law

Montreal — (RNS) — A recent Superior Court ruling holding Montreal's holy day store closing by-law to be illegal will be appealed by the city. The province of Quebec will be asked by the city to support the appeal. The City Council decided to take the action after Emery Beaulieu, who represented the provincial attorney general's department, said he considered the court decision badly founded.

Montreal — (CNC) — Massachusetts' child-adoption law does not prevent Protestants from adopting Catholic children, the vice versa, the State's Supreme Judicial Court has ruled.

Divorce Decline Cited In Canada

Ottawa — (CNC) — There has been a steady decline in the number of divorces in Canada during the past four years. In 1947 the total was 8,139 and in 1951 it was 5,128. The decline was general across Canada. Eight of the 10 Canadian provinces have reported divorce drops. Divorces in Quebec and Newfoundland have to go before a special committee of the Federal Senate in the form of special bills. These two provinces are reported to divorce courts.

Vancouver — (CNC) — Well over 40,000 boys and girls from Austria and Iceland are expected to gather in this capital next September for a Week of the Catholic Youth.

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