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### England's 'Red Dean' Saw Red Persecution But Only Smiled

By REV. THOMAS J. BAUER  
(Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Hong Kong — (NC) — On at least one occasion during his recent conducted tour of communist China, Dr. Hewlett Johnson, the Red Dean of Canterbury, was able to visit and talk with missionaries unattended by his official guides.

Catholic missionaries related to him the facts of the confiscation of mission property and the false allegations under which missionaries were being expelled by the Red regime. The Red Dean merely smiled. He made no comment.

During his overland trip from Peking to Shanghai, the Red authorities included a stop-over for Dr. Johnson at Pengpu, Anhwei province, to view the pride of Red China's reconstruction program, the Hwai River project.

ON SUNDAY morning, June 22, Dr. Johnson was walking about the city with two Chinese attendants. It was an informal jaunt, with no particular object in view. When the Dean of Canterbury came upon a cross surmounting one of the buildings, back in a small alley of Pengpu, he insisted on paying a visit to the place. In spite of the protests of his two attendants, he went inside.

The little building was all that was left of the Catholic mission of Pengpu. After paying a visit to the chapel, Dr. Johnson met the missionaries. He admitted it was the first occasion he had had since coming to China to converse with foreign priests.

THE CANTERBURY Dean was not recognized by the missionaries at first. Wearing a red zucchetto, he was mistaken for a Moslem. Dr. Johnson smiled, and pulled his pectoral cross from his pocket.

"This was not given to me by Stalin," he explained, "but by Patriarch Alexis of Moscow."

It was sufficient introduction. The visiting churchman was introduced to the four priests residing in the former convent of the native Sisters of Pengpu. One was the pastor of the cathedral church (now confiscated by the Reds). Another was the administrator of the Catholic hospital (now confiscated by the Reds). The third was the principal of the Catholic school (now confiscated by the Reds). The fourth was pastor of Pengpu's second parish (also confiscated by the Reds).

"WHAT DO you Fathers do in Pengpu?" the Dean inquired. "Nothing at the moment," he was told. The priests pointed out to him that the very building he was living in at Pengpu was the former residence of the Catholic priests.

The meeting hall, holding the exhibition of the Hwai River project, is the Catholic cathedral, he was told. The Reds had torn down the front of the church and reconstructed it to resemble the facade of a bank. The Dean smiled, but said nothing.

The priests also pointed out the hospital and the school. Both were taken over by the communist authorities on July 31, 1951. They also spoke of the accusations leveled against four missionaries who had been expelled from Pengpu. Again no comment from the visiting churchman.

Before taking his leave after a half hour's conversation, Dr. Johnson extolled, for the benefit of the missionaries, the "great" progress that the Chinese government was making.

"But what about the enslavement of the people?" the priests asked him. "There is no spiritual progress, but spiritual degradation."

"Spiritual progress," the Dean commented, "that will come later."

As the Red Dean departed, four attendant missionaries wondered how the suppression of religious exercises, the closing of churches and the expulsion and murder of priests and Religious could "later" lead to "spiritual progress."

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DR. HEWLETT JOHNSON  
'Spiritual Progress Later'

### Israeli Street Honors Priest Who Saved Jews

Jerusalem — (RNS) — A street in Ramat Gan, suburb of Tel Aviv, will be named after Father Giovanni Palatucci, an Italian Catholic priest who was instrumental in saving the lives of many Jews during World War II.

Father Palatucci was later imprisoned at the notorious Dachau concentration camp in Germany where he was murdered.

Mgr. Antonio Vergani, Vicar Apostolic of Jerusalem, will participate in the dedication ceremonies at Ramat Gan.

### Hungarian Regime 'Pensions' Priests

Vienna — (RNS) — Seven Roman Catholic priests in Budapest have been forced to resign as a result of ceaseless attacks by the Hungarian Communist press.

The newspaper Magyar Kurir announced that Bishop Endre Harmas of Csanad, Apostolic Administrator of the Esztergom archdiocese — the diocese of imprisoned Josef Cardinal Mindszenty — has appointed seven new priests to replace those who have been "pensioned off."

A check of the "pensioned" clergymen disclose that, with the exception of two, all had been under heavy attack for either "failing to support the peace movement" or for "reactionary and anti-State activity aimed at influencing the minds of the youth."



AMID FOG AND ICE, somewhere in the north Atlantic off the coast of Labrador, the above picture of Chaplain (Captain) Raymond G. Heisel, U.S. Army, priest of Rochester Diocese, was taken celebrating Mass on the U.S.S. Latimer in an empty troop compartment. Father Heisel serves both Army and Navy personnel and also offers Mass on the mess decks of other ships. His 'altar' above is a pile of cartons, two boards and a piece of green cloth. The backdrop is a sheet borrowed "from the medical." The ship escorted by icebreakers has worked through vast ice fields. Giant icebergs go by daily. (U.S. Army Photo)

### Czech Bishop Placed Under House Arrest

Vienna — (RNS) — Roman Catholic Bishop Stefan Trochta, S.C., of Litomerice, Bohemia, has been interned at his residence and forbidden to celebrate Mass by the Czech Communist government. It was reported here.

THE REPORT said that the Bishop is not allowed to receive visitors and is permitted exercise only in the company of security police.

Czechoslovak Communists have, in the past, tried to picture Bishop Trochta as being amenable to their regime.

THE BISHOP was one of the first members of the Czech hierarchy to take the oath of loyalty to the government. However, Vienna Church sources reported early last year that, before taking the oath, Bishop Trochta had suffered weeks of "torture" at the hands of the Czech security police.

Along with Bishop Moric Picha of Hradec Kralove, Bishop Trochta was said to have been subjected to injections which induced a state of fever and finally led to a partial paralysis of the brain. Both bishops afterwards took the oath.

### U. S. Sailors Attend English Martyrs' Rites

London — (NC) — Officers and men of the United States Navy formed the guard of honor at a pilgrimage to the execution site of five English Martyrs.

The Americans, from visiting the battleship Missouri, attended with hundreds of Catholics from south-west England the ceremony at the village of Chilcock, near Dorchester, where the five Holy men of Dorsetshire lived, worked and died in persecution times.

With Bishop Francis J. Grimshaw of Plymouth they walked in the procession of the relics through the village of the church outside which Benediction was given. Msgr. Edward Dewey, former Vicar General for the British Navy, preached.

The martyrs honored at Dorchester include an Irish Jesuit priest, John Cornelius (scapegoat), given the surname of O'Mahony; and two Irish servants, John Carey and Patrick Salmon. These three, with Thomas Bosgrave, were executed together on July 4, 1581 in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. Fr. Hugh Green was martyred three 48 years later. All were beatified in 1929.



WELCOMED BACK as administrator of Rochester's St. Mary's Hospital — a post she held eight years ago — is Sister Martina (right), pictured conferring with Sister Bull, business manager. Sister Martina, who came from a hospital post in Detroit, succeeds as superior of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul here Sister Inez, administrator of the hospital for the last four years, who has received an assignment to a mission post in Bolivia. (Courier Photo.)

### Sister Martina Appointed St. Mary's Administrator

By FAWN SCHEFFEL

Sister Martina, newly named superior and administrator of St. Mary's Hospital, arrived in Rochester this week to take over her duties. Replacing Sister Inez, who has been assigned to mission work in La Paz, Bolivia, Sister Martina is returning to St. Mary's after an absence of eight years.

FIRST ASSIGNED to the Rochester hospital in 1916 Sister Martina, a member of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, was head of the Nursing School. Returning to St. Mary's after serving in Buffalo and Saginaw, Michigan, Sister took the reins of the local organization in 1935 and headed the campaign for building funds for the present addition on Genesee St. in 1943. Remaining at St. Mary's long enough to see the new hospital opened, she was sent to Detroit where she has served ever since.

"St. Mary's has changed since I last saw it in 1944," Sister said. "It was all new then and there were many adjustments to be made. The improvements are many."

SISTER MARTINA, a graduate of St. Joseph's College, Emmittsburg, Maryland, has served on the executive committee of the Blue Cross Board, the State Hospital Relations committee of

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### Prays Atheistic Leaders Return To 'Right Path'

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Pius XII dedicated the Russian people in "most special way" to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in an apostolic letter addressed to them.

POPE ASKS:

### More Just Distribution Of Wealth

Rome — (RNS) — In one of his most important pronouncements on Catholic social doctrine, Pope Pius XII said that the problem of wealth and poverty can be solved only by "a more just distribution of the fruits of labor."

The papal statement was made in a letter addressed to Charles Flory, president of Semaines Sociales, a French Catholic congress held at Dijon to discuss social welfare.

"The discrepancy between wealth and misery cannot be tolerated by the Christian conscience," Pope Pius said.

HE OBSERVED that the unbalanced distribution of resources between individuals and nations had been intensified by the last war, which made the cleavage between rich and poor sharper. This situation, the Pope added, was "now a world problem."

"It is being aggravated," he said, "through new desires kindled in the hearts of the masses and a deep awareness of the inequality in conditions between peoples and classes and even between members of the same social classes."

The solution, Pope Pius said, was to increase the available supply of goods through the expansion of production and by a more just distribution of the income produced by the cooperative efforts of labor and management.

AS EMPLOYERS and workers are jointly concerned with the health and prosperity of the national economy, the Pope said, "why should it not be legitimate to give workers a just share of responsibility in establishing and developing this economy?"

He said that the manner in which the fruits of labor should be distributed could not be left to the "free play of blind economic forces," adding that the State should play the role of coordinator.

### Msgr. Cleary, Fr. Tormey Present Gift Of Diocese To St. John Fisher Church

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The unique apostolic letter was addressed to "all the peoples of Russia." It is believed to be the first time that a papal document was addressed directly to the Russian people. Previous papal documents were usually addressed to individual Patriarchs, Archbishops, princes and so forth.

DATED JULY 7, the Feast of St. Cyril and Methodius, the Apostles of the Slavs, the papal letter prays that the children of religion may be driven far from the Russian peoples who have always been devoted to God and the Blessed Virgin. It assures the Russian people of the Pope's constant prayers for them and for universal peace.

A translation of the Latin document has been made into Russian. It was beamed across the Iron Curtain to the Russian people by Radio Vatican.

The Pope stated that his consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary answers the many appeals the Pontiff received after the demolition of the dome of the Assumption. It is also a fulfillment of the requests made by the Blessed Virgin during her Fatima apparitions. She then urged:

"I come to ask the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart..."

In 1942 the present Pontiff dedicated the entire world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, but the dedication contained only an indirect reference to Russia.

THE POPE'S NEW apostolic letter says:

"Just as not many years ago we consecrated the entire world to the Immaculate Heart of the Virgin Mother of God, so now, in a most special way, we dedicate and consecrate all the peoples of Russia to this same Immaculate Heart, in order that, as in the past, through the most powerful protection of the Virgin Mary there may at the earliest moment be happily realized the hopes and desires which we together with you and with all those of upright intention have for the attainment of true peace, or fraternal concord and of rightful liberty for all..."

The Holy Father prays that Mary may "look with clemency upon those who are organizing the ranks of militant atheists... that she may desire to obtain for their minds that light which comes from on high."

The Pope takes note of the campaign of hate directed against him and the Holy See by communist officials. He declares that while he has been required to challenge their errors, he cherishes for them "a greater pity and a more ardent love." "Not only do we not turn away from them," he says, "but we desire that they should return to truth and to the right path."

THE PONTIFF also addresses himself to those who have withstood the official campaign of atheism in Red Russia and have clung to their Christian beliefs. He states:

"We know that there are very many amongst you who preserve their Christian faith within the innermost sanctuary of their consciences, who in no way allow themselves to be induced to help the enemies of religion, and moreover whose ardent desire is to profess the Christian teaching—the one safe foundation of a civilized life—not only in private but if possible also openly, as becomes free men."

HE RECALLS their traditional love for the Blessed Virgin and urges them to continue to venerate, love and beseech her. He adds:

"We together with you are raising to her Our suppliant invocations, that the Christian faith, which is the honor and support of human society, may be strengthened and increased among the peoples of Russia, and that all the wives of the enemies of religion, all their errors and their deceptive artifices may be driven far from you... that those especially who among you profess themselves as Catholics, although deprived of their pastors, may resist with fearless fortitude the assaults of the impious, if necessary even unto death; that just liberty, which is the right of the human person, of the citizen and of Christians, may be restored to all as is fitting..."

### Los Angeles County Eases Taxes On Church Schools

Los Angeles — (NC) — A petition for reduction of assessments on Los Angeles archdiocese schools here has been granted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, sitting as a Board of Equalization.

California is the only State to tax non-profit private schools. Voters will decide at next November's elections whether to exempt such schools from taxation.

In a statement to the city board, Archbishop J. Francis A. McIntyre of Los Angeles said the school buildings we have erected in this county have only a nominal, if any sale value.

Supervisor Roach said: "These schools actually afford a tremendous savings to the county."