

### Korea POW's Converts Reported In Prison Camps

Pusan, Korea—(NC)—Two prisoners of war camps near here have a total of nearly 700 Catholic prisoners. More than 1,000 other prisoners are under instruction.

According to the Rev. Joseph W. Connors, Maryknoll missionary from Pittsfield, Mass., the camp at Kwangju has 685 Catholics and 670 men preparing for baptism. The Rev. Roy D. Pedersen, a Detroit Maryknoller, serves as chaplain there.

At Masan, there are 115 Catholics and 600 more studying the doctrine. The chaplain, the Rev. James V. Parry, Maryknoller from Brooklyn, is said to be the only one who goes into the compound unarmed.

He says that all the prisoners understand his position and are most respectful. When the convert-prisoners are released, he believes that they will do valuable work for the Church in their native villages throughout Korea.

### College Head



Rev. Paul A. Gieringer, of Lancaster, Pa., who has been named rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum, in Worthington, O., of which he is a graduate, Josephinum College is immediately subject to the Holy See, and new rectors are appointed in Rome. Priests graduating from the seminary are assigned to dioceses by the Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

### Gospel Of Christ 'Only Worthwhile Revolution,' Says Former Communist

Dr. Bella Dodd, woman lawyer and formerly the nation's top woman communist, whose conversion to the Catholic Church was confirmed last week, has written the following statement at the request of the NOWC News Service:

**By DR. BELLA DODD**

"For many years I gave public scandal as a notorious communist. The time has come, I think, to make equally public my rebirth in the Faith of the Roman Catholic Church and my repudiation of communism—a repudiation whose formulation began in my own mind and conscience, thanks to God's grace, several years ago. That repudiation came to a most wholesome and definite climax when, on April 8 of this year, I was baptized at St. Patrick's Cathedral by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. Thus, after many years of wandering in the desert, I came full circle, returning to the Faith of my father and mother—contrite, sadder, and I pray, wiser.

"For years, I filled my heart and mind with spiritless communist dogma, frenetic zeal for communist action and propaganda, and too frequent rejections of God's grace. These wasted years now stand like forbidding wreackages in my memory. Now, I must redeem them. From communism I turn, humbly and gratefully, to that Household of the Faith of which the greatest of all converts, Saint Paul, wrote.

"My remorse for straying from the gracious precincts of that household is rendered less galling by the joy of my return and by the manner of Christ's unforgettable parable. Today I understand what 'felix culpa' means.

"During the days of my most obdurate communism, one thread tied me to Christianity: I never failed to read the New Testament—not because I was religious or because I believed it was inspired—but because I deemed it the most beautiful and compelling literature I had ever read.

"NOW, AS A BELIEVER, I know that that inspired word, under the guardianship of the Church (its authentic interpreter), holds more hope of redemption for mankind than all the writings of social dreamers or the accumulated rantings of revolutionaries.

"In a valid sense the only worthwhile revolution is that of

### Reds Dominate Teachers Union

A story in the New York World Telegram dealing with Dr. Dodd's long and prominent association with the Teachers Union, says there are two messages that Dr. Dodd wants to get over to the teachers of New York City:

- (1) The Teachers Union is thoroughly dominated by the Communist party.
- (2) No teacher who is a convinced member of the Communist party should be permitted to teach in the public schools, but no teacher should be fired until he has been given a chance to disentangle himself from the party clutches.

the gospel. By repentance, it gives men new hearts and new minds. By grace, it recreates them. It tells us that to be good is an effort that starts inside the soul, where God's initiative is nearer to us than we are to ourselves. It is not something external, like politics, human law or the messages of calculating re-

formers who would substitute man's providence for God's.

"Centuries of history should have taught me long before this year of my deferred maturity that 'in vain they build who build without God'; that man stands utterly alone in the immense cosmos when only men without God share his fellowship. The most pretentious and damning lie ever invented by the dirty ingenuity of man or satan is the lie that we can eventually be like God—and that, therefore, we do not need God.

"All through recorded history, men, realizing their own piteous state, their narrow limitations, their sins, have sought redemption. The world's tragedy is that they have gone so often to false redeemers. As often as men have turned to Hitler, to Mussolini, to Stalin, to Mao and their unholy ilk, they have crawled back on their hands and knees, slobbering blood, mutilated, deformed—slaves—no longer men characterized with the dignity of persons and elevated to the destiny of children of God.

"THAT IS WHY there is more that is good and sacred in one little Francis of Assisi—who perhaps could not pass a modern high-school examination—than in whole colleges of proudly learned professors who lacked charity for God and man. It is a measure of

our modern failure that we set more store on science and technology, on techniques and mechanisms, than on sanctity; and that we have today so few humble servants of God and of men like St. Poverello.

"I have learned from bitter experience that you cannot serve man unless first you serve God in sincerity and truth, with the faith of little children.

"For these misguided and starved souls, my former comrades in the communist conspiracy of hate, I have only my pity, my prayers and God's lovely gift of charity—not hatred. Perhaps in God's good time, some of them—I hope all of them—may one day learn, as I have, that this is the victory which overcometh the world, our Faith."

### Reds Oust Priests From Tibet Area

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

Honk Kong—(NC)—Two missionaries expelled by the Chinese Reds from the Tibet border have arrived here after 76 days arduous travel, principally in caravans through tortuous mountain passes.

The priests were ousted from their missions in the Salween River valley, 8,500 feet above sea level. They are the Revs. Georges Andre, 61, of the Paris Foreign Mission Society, and Louis Emery, 32, of the Canons Regular of St. Bernard. They had labored among the Tibetan and Loutze tribes only a day and a half walk from the Tibetan border.

FATHER ANDRE came to China in 1920. He had not seen his Bishop for 31 years. From Kiating, the provincial capital of Szechwan and the episcopal residence, to the priest's Bahang mission is a month's trip by caravan over mountain passes. Bishop Peter Valentin of Kiating has been imprisoned by the communists for the past two years.

Father Emery worked in a neighboring parish, but days away in this sparsely settled area at the top of the world. He was the first of the two priests to be expelled from his mission.

THE COMMUNIST armies arrived in Szechwan in January, 1950, the missionaries related. In the fall of the following year, the communist magistrates forbade the people to buy for or sell anything to the priests, or even to hold conversations with them. Terrorized by Red tactics, the people obeyed.

Unable to buy food, Father Emery was forced to walk to the

mission of Father Andre. To cross the bridgeless Salween gorge, Father Emery made the trip in a basket "cable car" that was pulled to the other side.

IN BAHANG, the priest appealed to the Red magistrate, who had forbidden the people to trade or speak with the missionaries. The official denied that he was responsible for the order, saying that it was "the wish of the people." He eventually agreed to inform the tribes that Father Emery was Swiss, not an "American imperialist."

Father Emery returned to his mission post in February, during the height of the Tibetan winter. The people visited him only in secret. On May 10, 1952, an order came from Kiating ordering Fathers Emery and Andre to report there. It is ordinarily a 19-day ride by muleback, and a three-day bus trip.

WHEN THE TWO priests left Bahang on May 16, the snow was still 12 feet deep in the mountain passes. A huge crowd of Christians assembled to mourn the departure of Father Andre, who was called by them "the Emperor of the Loutze Valley."

The Christians number 1,200 persons among the 2,000 families of the area. They are fourth-generation Catholics. A mixture of Tibetans and Loutze tribesmen, the Christians stem from converts made in Tibet proper in the last century by the Paris Foreign missionaries. Christians were driven from Tibet by force in 1865 and settled within the borders of China.

### University Offers Music Scholarships

Washington—(NC)—Twenty-nine scholarships for under-graduate student musicians have been announced for the coming school year by the Catholic University of America's music department.

Twelve half-scholarships valued at \$300 each, and 17 scholarships valued at \$100 each are being offered. The half-scholarships will be for players of wind instruments only. Auditions will be held at the university, September 22.

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### Australia Invites Americans To Eucharistic Congress

Sydney, Australia—(NC)—Word of a United States pilgrimage to take part in Australia's great Catholic sesqui-centennial celebration next Spring has been warmly welcomed here.

His Eminence Norman Cardinal Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney, has invited Catholics everywhere to participate in the event, which is to take the form of a national Eucharistic Congress. Participation from other countries will be especially appropriate as a manifestation of the Congress theme, "Fraternal Charity."

THE CONGRESS will mark the 150th anniversary of a decree that first granted permission for public celebration of Mass in Australia. It will also commemorate the 25th anniversary of the International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney, in 1928, and of the founding of the Holy Name Society here that same year.

Participation of Catholic leaders from many parts of the world has already been announced. Among U. S. prelates and clergy who will be here for the event are Archbishops Richard J. Cushing of Boston and John F. O'Hare, C.S.C., of Philadelphia; Bishop

John J. Wright of Worcester, and the Rev. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., Family Rosary leader who will conduct a Family Rosary Crusade throughout Australia after the Congress closes.

NEWS THAT a pilgrimage to the Congress has been organized by the International Catholic Travel Service of Lancaster, in the U. S., capital, has raised the hope of Australia's Catholics that the U. S. Catholic laity will also be prominent among Congress participants.

The American pilgrims, it is understood here, will come by air from San Francisco, after convening there from various parts of the country. They will be here for the opening Mass of the Congress April 15 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Sydney. That evening Archbishop Cushing is to preside at a Holy Name rally in Sydney Showgrounds.

The Congress will continue five days, closing with a Eucharistic procession composed entirely of the Hierarchy, clergy, and members of various religious communities on April 19. The American group will leave for home the following day, stopping at Pacific points of interest en route and reaching the West Coast, April 24.

### Bishop-Elect Given Automobile

St. Anne de Beaupre, Que—(NC)—Bishop designate L. P. Lussler, C.S.S.R., of St. Paul, Alberta, was presented with a new automobile by his many friends here.

The Bishop-designate served for many years as one of the custodians of the internationally known shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre. As a tribute to his work here, village residents and members of the parish and school commission joined in purchasing the motor car which will aid him greatly in his Western Canada diocese. Bishop Lussler blessed the new car at the presentation ceremony.

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