

Reds Seize Old Priest's Rare Insect Specimen As Aid To Germ Warfare

Hong Kong — (NC) — An 87-year-old French missionary is looking longingly at the Red China border following his expulsion after 36 years of labor there.

China holds for Father Adolph Buch, a Vincentian, his most precious memories. It also holds a rare collection of butterflies and beetles that the priest gathered over many years as a hobby. He tried to bring the collection out of China but it was taken from him by the Red border police.

AS AN AMATEUR entomologist Father Buch contributed some unusual specimens to the Chicago museum and others which honored him by naming newly discovered specimens after him. The Red police held on to the collection because, they charged, the "imperialist Americans" might use the beetles in "germ warfare."

Father Buch had labored in the Ningpo diocese in China's mid-coastal area. He related that Bishop Andrew Defebvre of Ningpo, a 66-year-old Vincentian, is sick after months of grueling interrogations by the Red police. Two Chinese priests are in prison, he said.

AS FATHER BUCH looked across the border he sighed and reminisced:

"During the 36 years of my life in China I celebrated my 50th and 60th anniversaries in religious life, the 50th and 60th anniversaries of my priesthood and I am now in my 70th year as a religious."

"I have seen our mission grow up. Orphanages? Yes, I saw five of them started, a major and minor seminary in which I was teaching, medical dispensaries, a society of native nuns, a tremendous increase in native priests. Of all that, practically nothing now remains."

Father Buch related that the Reds had taken over most of the mission buildings. But he saw hope for the future in the religious fervor of the Chinese priests and laity.

"THE CHINESE laity are ever ready to profess their faith," he exclaimed. "May God bless them and sustain them. How happy I would have been to remain with them."



Fellow members of the SS. Peter and Paul Mission Society, (upper photo) greet Bishop Lawrence Blanchi, at Kowloon Railway Station, Hong Kong, as he arrived from Communist China from which he was expelled after months of restricted movements and fourteen months imprisonment in Southern China. Thin and pale, the prelate arrived in soiled, gray jacket and trousers. Members of the reception committee brought prelate's robes for him to don before leaving the train for a civic reception. Lower photo: Father Adolph Buch, C.M., 87, shown shortly after he had been expelled from Communist China. (NC Photos).

Abp. Martinez Pleads For Religious Peace In Mexico

Mexico City — (NC) — A warning against acts of violence that might threaten religious peace in Mexico was sounded here by the nation's leading Catholic prelate.

In a public statement, Archbishop Louis M. Martinez of Mexico City exhorted the Catholic faithful to abstain from political agitations, and to "accept peacefully" the results of the recent national elections.

Held last July, the elections resulted in the choice of Adolfo Ruiz Cortines, of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, as President. He will take office in December, replacing Miguel Aleman y Valdez, a member of the same party, who was elected in 1946.

Archbishop Martinez' statement appeared in Excelsior, leading Mexico City daily.

Young Chinese Priest Dies In Red Jail

Hong Kong — (NC) — Father Matthew Su, a young Chinese priest of the Diocese of Wuhu, Anhwei Province, died in prison after two years of hard labor and harsh treatment by the communists.

Word was given out secretly by prison employees that Father Su died a month ago and was buried outside the city in an unmarked grave.

FOR TWO YEARS the communists had tried to wear him down by harsh treatment, frequent questionings, making him walk about in chains and forcing him to hard labor under a burning sun.

As soon as he was questioned on his ideas or about communism, Father Su would only answer by reciting the Apostles' Creed. He reportedly died while reciting the Creed by which he had lived, and for which he suffered.

A 30-year-old native of Wuhu, Father Su made his missionary studies under the Spanish Jesuits there. He was ordained in 1949. He was assistant pastor of the Catholic Church at Fanchang, near Wuhu, when the communists jailed him because of his unyielding stand against the schismatic "Independent Church."

HIS FELLOW missionaries and parishioners remember him as an energetic and fervent priest.

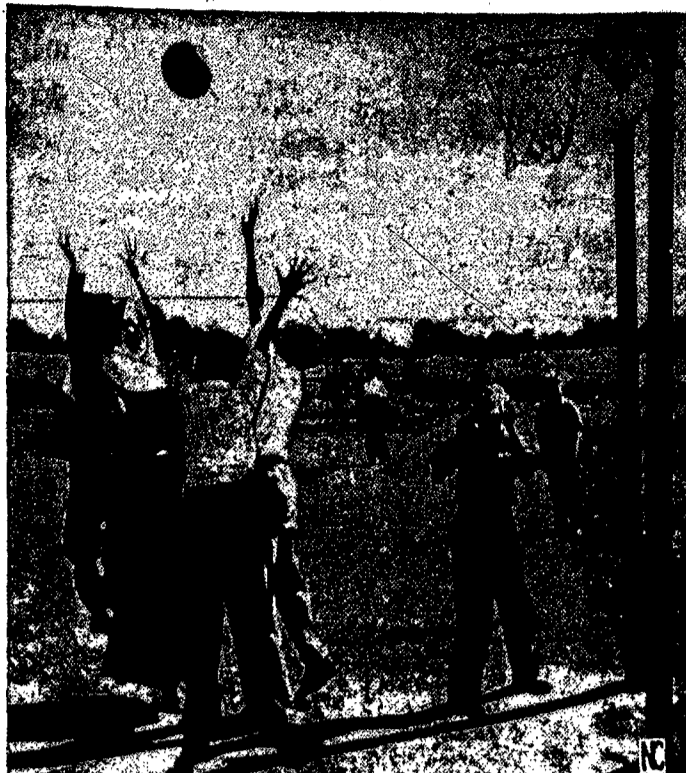
The communists kept his death a strict secret and buried him at night in an unmarked grave outside the city. Prison employees finally passed the news on secretly to his cousin, one month after the death occurred.

Muenster Diocese Churches Restored

Cologne, Germany — (NC) — Of 180 churches in the Diocese of Muenster that were wholly or partially destroyed during the war, 159 have been completely rebuilt or repaired, according to statistics by Church authorities. Only 21 churches are still unusable.

The late Cardinal von Galen, the "Lion of Muenster," was Bishop of the Westphalian diocese during the war. The present ordinary is Bishop Michael Kaßen.

NUN-COACH SCORES



When Sister Mary Terrence, O.S.F., took religious vows she did not lose her interest in athletics. She is shown here tossing up a hook shot at St. Michael's Children's Home, Hopewell, N. J., where she coaches basketball and baseball for the boys there.

Red Execution Of Bishop Unconfirmed, Says Vatican

Vatican City — (NC) — Vatican officials today emphatically stated they have no information that might bear out circuitous reports of the execution of Bishop Eugene Bossilkoff, C.P., of Nikolai by the Bulgarian regime.

BISHOP BOSSILKOFF, a Passionist, was sentenced to death, together with three other priests, last October 3, following a "trial" in which they were "convicted" as "spies and agents" for the Vatican and other "imperialist powers." Thirty-six other priests and lay people received long prison sentences.

The reports, which are said to have originated outside Rome, asserted that Bishop Bossilkoff was executed on October 5 "at 12:30." Some of these reports said that three co-defendants doomed to death with him also died before a communist firing squad.

FATHER Malcolm LaVelle, Illinois-born Superior General of the Passionists and first American to head the congregation, also categorically denied that any such report regarding the execution of the Bulgarian bishop originated at Passionist headquarters here.

42 U. S. Catholic Missionaries In China

Hong Kong — (NC) — The arrival of four American missionaries here from Red China leaves only 42 U. S. Catholic missionaries on the China mainland.

The new arrivals are Father John Brennan, a Jesuit from San Jose, Cal., and Sisters Maureen O'Connell of Brooklyn, Regina Marie Holland of Norfolk, Va., and Mary Stephen Du Gay of St. Louis. They are all Loretto nuns with their motherhouse at Nerinx, Ky.

THE GROUP arrived here from Shanghai. The three Sisters left behind in Shanghai two Loretto nuns, but these are also expected to leave China soon.

The 42 U. S. Catholic missionaries still in China include five Bishops, 33 priests, one Brother and three Sisters. Thirteen of the group are known to be in prison. All are under restrictions from the Red officials.

Before communist pressure began forcing out foreign missionaries there were some 500 American Catholic missionaries working in the China missions.

A COMPLETE list of the U. S. Catholic missionaries still in Red China follows:

BISHOPS
Bishop Philip Cote of Suichow (Jesuit), Lawrence, Mass. (imprisoned); Bishop Frederick Donaghy of Wuchow (Maryknoll), New Bedford, Mass.; Bishop Rembert Kowalski of Wuchang (Franciscan), Calumet, Mich. (imprisoned); Bishop Ambrose Pinger of Chowsiun (Franciscan), Lindsay, Neb. (imprisoned); and Bishop James E. Walsh (Maryknoll), Cumberland, Md.

PRIESTS
Dominicans: Reverends Joseph E. Hyde, Lowell, Mass.; James G. Joyce, Clinton, Mass.; and Frederick A. Gordon, Somerset, O.

Franciscans: Reverends Kyfried Schneider, Louisville, Ky. (imprisoned); Eugene Gross, Omaha, Neb. (imprisoned); and Cyril Wagner, Pittsburgh, Pa. Jesuits: Reverends Thomas Phillips, Butte, Mont.; Joseph I. Gatz, Los Angeles; John A. Houle, Glendale, Calif.; and John Palm, Baltimore, Md.; Charles J. McCarthy, San Francisco; John W. Clifford, San Francisco; and Armand Proulx, Lowell, Mass. (imprisoned).

Maryknollers: Reverends Joseph A. Sweeney, New Britain, Conn.; Carroll I. Quinn, Baltimore; Donat Chastigny, Amesbury, Mass.; Joseph R. Lavin,

Framingham, Mass.; Rocco P. Franco, Brooklyn; Joseph P. McGinn, Philadelphia (imprisoned); and Joseph P. McCormack, New York.

Passionists: Reverends Paul Ibinger, Pittsburgh, Pa. (imprisoned); Linus Loinhard, Ipswich, Mass.; Lawrence Mullin, Jersey City, N. J.; Justin Garvey, Ridgewood, N. J. (imprisoned); William Westhoven, Liberty Center, O. (imprisoned); Jerome Does, Winthrop, Mass.; Cyprian Leonard, Genoa, Ill.; Basil Bauer, Sharon, Pa.; Marcellus White, Waltham, Mass. (imprisoned); Ernest Hotz, Brooklyn; and John Baptist Mayer, Scranton, Pa.

Society of the Divine Word: Reverend Harold Rigney, Chicago (imprisoned).

Vincentians: Reverend Joseph Hill, Philadelphia.

BROTHERS
Matthew Swift, (SVD), Waseca, Minn. (imprisoned).

SISTERS
Loretto Sister: Sister Mary Jane (Mary Jane McDonald), and Sister Florentine (Magdalene Greenwell).

Maryknollers: Sister Margaret Marie (Jung), San Francisco.

First Army Chaplain Named

New York — (NC) — Father (Col.) Robert J. Hearn, Columbus diocese priest, has taken over a new assignment as First Army Chaplain. It was announced here at First Army Headquarters.

He succeeds Major (Col.) Edward R. Martin, who has retired. As part of the honors accorded Monsignor Martin on leaving the service, there were a parade of some 600 troops which he reviewed and the presentation of a Certificate of Achievement "for especially meritorious and faithful service" at First Army Headquarters, Governors Island.

Father Hearn, a native of Roxbury, Mass., was ordained in 1930. He entered the Army in 1941 and served in New Guinea and the Philippines in World War II. He went to Korea in July, 1950, and served there eight months. His father, John Hearn, resides in Roxbury.

Visitors may see the Bishop without previous appointment any Monday, or Friday, from ten to one, at the new Chancery office on the fifth floor of the new Fidelity Union Life Building here.

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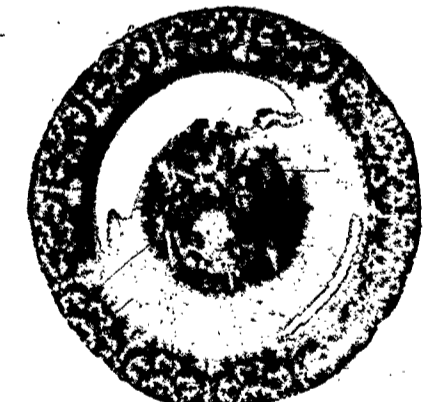
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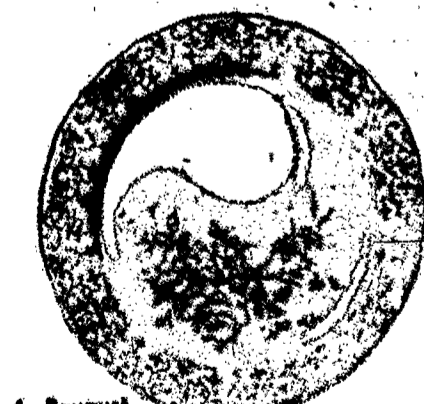
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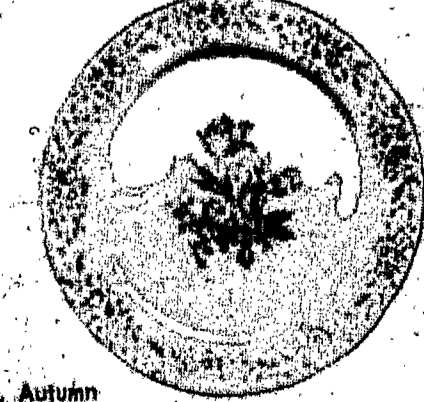
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