

Last American Vincentian Ousted From Red China

Geneva, Jan. 29 (AP)—The expulsion of Father Joseph Hill, a native of Philadelphia, has forced the last American Vincentian out of Red China. Father Hill arrived here after his ouster by the Reds.

Before the communists seized power in China the American Vincentians served in two Chinese dioceses: Kanchow and Yukiang, both in Kiangsi province. In all, some 50 American Vincentians once worked in these two dioceses.

Father Hill had served as mission procurator in Kanchow. His ouster leaves only 36 American Catholic missionaries in Red China. There were about 500 there before the Reds seized power.

St. Anne Pilgrims Establish Record

St. Anne de Beaupre, Que.—(NC)—An attendance record was set at the internationally known shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre here during 1952. According to statistics, the total number of pilgrims and visitors was 1,244,500. Since the year 1658 when the shrine first opened there have been 25,255,025 pilgrims and visitors. During 1952 there were 15,125 Masses at the shrine and the number of Communions was 370,300.

Rosary On Patronal Day Set By Diocesan Women

Geneva — Weather conditions didn't detract any from attendance at the meeting of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Sunday, in Geneva.

Despite a snowstorm, forty members were present from Geneva and area for the first quarterly meeting of the new board of directors in the Knights of Columbus Home. Representatives came from Rochester, Ithaca, Corning and Geneva.

MEMBERS PLEDGED to recite the Rosary on the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Patron Saint of the organization on April 26. All affiliates of the Council will join in reciting the Rosary on this day.

Mrs. Arthur T. McAvoy, Diocesan president, presided. The Rev. Francis R. Waterstraat, Penn. Yaw, moderator of Geneva Diocese, gave the opening prayer in the absence of the Rev. Louis Holman, Rochester, who was ill.

Reports given included: Mrs. Colin Tracey, war relief chairman, Rochester; Mrs. Lawrence P. Weis, Rochester, Family Life chairman; Mrs. James A. Rains, Rochester, International Relations chairman.

A BRIEF business meeting was held and reports were heard from deanery presidents: Mrs. Glenn Jamison, Corning, and

FROM BEHIND BAMBOO CURTAIN



Rev. James P. McGinn, M.M., of Philadelphia, Maryland, missionary ousted from Red China after a year's stay in overcrowded jails, is greeted upon his arrival in Hongkong. Left to right are: Rev. William O'Hara, C.M., Irish missionary who met him at the border; Rev. Albert R. O'Hara, S.J., of Los Angeles, NC correspondent; Rev. Paul Duchene, M.M., of Cohoes, N. Y., and Father McGinn. (NC Photos).

Parochial School Building Hit New Record In '52

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—Parochial school construction hit a new high in 1952 and, despite controls and building materials shortages, the building of churches and hospitals by religious organizations staged a near-record level.

Government officials, backed up by a new relaxation of controls on scarce materials predicted sharp increases in church and parochial school construction in 1953.

A REPORT by the Department of Commerce and Labor gave the following summary of building activities of religious organizations during 1952: Parochial school construction totaled \$355,000,000, a gain of three per cent over 1951 and about 18 per cent of all U. S. school building.

Churches valued at \$399,000,000 were erected, a decline of 12 per cent below the all-time high of \$452,000,000 the year before.

HOSPITAL AND other institutional construction totaled \$386,000,000, a drop of seven per cent from the 1951 level. This figure was 45 per cent of the value of all hospitals and other institutions built in the U. S. in 1952.

The report estimated 1533 church construction at \$425,000,000 and parochial school building at \$375,000,000. It said hospital and other institutional construction probably would drop about 10 per cent.

Last year's decline in church building was much smaller than expected. In May of last year, the two departments had predicted 1952 church construction would drop to \$340,000,000.

BY MOVING up the effective date of its controls relaxation, the National Production Authority has paved the way for 1953 to become the second largest church building year in history. Originally scheduled for May 1, the relaxation went into effect Jan. 1 for steel and copper building materials. Larger supplies of aluminum, however, will not be available until NPA's original target date.

CITIZENSHIP If you would consider the state of sanctifying grace as citizenship for heaven, you would be on the right track. No one in his right mind would give up his citizenship in America and no Catholic should for a moment consider the possibility of relinquishing his citizenship for any other citizenship. That is a sure way to keep from mortal sin.

5 Retreats For Women Set At Cenacle In February

Meditative services arranged for women at the Cenacle Convent, 693 East Ave. during February include five retreats, 2 days of recollection, six guild meetings and the monthly holy hour. It was announced at the Cenacle today by the Religious in charge.

The February schedule follows: RETREATS: Jan. 30 to Feb. 1—Rosary Hill

Feb. 6 to Feb. 8 — College Newman Clubs, the Rev. Herbert Clancy, S.J.

Feb. 13 to Feb. 15—LeMoine College Alumnae, the Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B.

Feb. 20 to Feb. 22—Our Lady of Mercy High Alumnae, the Rev. Kieran J. Hickey, O. Carm.

Feb. 27 to March 1—Nazareth Academy Alumnae, the Rev. John P. O'Meara, C.S.B.

DAYS OF RECOLLECTION: Thursday, Feb. 19—Churchville and Chili parishes, the Rev. Louis J. Hohman.

Thursday, Feb. 26 — Service Mothers of St. Salome's Parish and St. Louis Guild of Pittsford, the Rev. Raymond G. Heisel, Cenacle chaplain.

GUILD MEETINGS: Tuesday, Feb. 3—St. Raphael's Guild, 7:15 p. m. to 9 p. m., the Rev. Joseph L. Hogan.

Wednesday, Feb. 4—St. Regis Guild, 7:15 to 9 p. m., the Rev. L. John Hedges.

Thursday, Feb. 5—Eucharistic Guild, Mass 9:15 a. m. meeting to close at 11:30 a. m., Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B.

Wednesday, Feb. 11 — Our Lady's High School Guild, 3:30 to 5:30 p. m., the Rev. Edward A. Zimmerman.

Wednesday, Feb. 11—Cenacle Guild, 7:15 to 9:15 p. m., the Rev. Henry Arwell.

Wednesday, Feb. 18—St. Gabriel's Guild, 7:15 to 9 p. m., the Rev. Albert J. Shannon.

Wednesday, Feb. 25—Blessed Couderc Guild, 7:15 to 9 p. m., the Rev. John P. O'Meara, C.S.B.

The Holy Hour for the intentions of the priests will be conducted on Thursday, Feb. 5, from 8 to 9 p. m. by the Rev. Albert H. Schnacky.

"It was the black legend of England which put Spain down as an ignorant, feudal land interested in exploring only for the purpose of exploitation and gold."

Yugoslav Court Sentences Priest

Trieste.—(RNS)—A Catholic priest, the Rev. Daniel Perkan, 40, secretary of the Curia of Rijeka (Fiume), was sentenced to seven months imprisonment by a Yugoslav People's Court on charges for "acts of provocation and anti-popular sentiments."

The court found Father Perkan guilty of "provocation" on a charge that he had said "it would be better if the authorities saw to it that people have enough to eat" during an argument with an official of the district attorney's office.

The argument arose when the official presented an order, signed by the district attorney, directing the priest to surrender ecclesiastical archives for the years 1920 to 1945 when Rijeka was under Italian sovereignty.

Father Perkan was said to have protested the order on the ground that important papers might be lost if the archives were removed from the Bishop's office. By so doing, the court held, the priest "imputed negligence to a government authority charged with safeguarding the law."

His remark about the lack of food was ruled to have been "a denial of the interest of the people's authorities for the welfare of the population."

Farm Areas Called Top Red Target

Mannheim, Colombia.—(NC)—Bishop Albert R. Zuroweste of Belleville, Ill., told the opening session of the first Latin American Congress on Rural Life Problems that God's gifts of nature "have been usurped by the few to the detriment of the many."

He indicated that for this reason communism directs its efforts very strongly at rural areas throughout the world.

Bishop Zuroweste is a co-chairman of the eight-day meeting and former president of the U. S. National Catholic Rural Life Conference, which sponsored the congress.

English Abbey Given To Monks

London.—(NC)—English Benedictines are to take over Bignor Abbey, Dorset, West England home of the Cistercians from 1172 until the dissolution of the monasteries at the Reformation 400 years later. It was announced.

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