

Methodist Chaplain Attacks Catholicism On Army Radio

Tokyo — (NC) — Chaplain (Maj.) Harmon D. Moore, Methodist, of Wedowee, Alabama, gave a sermon over the Armed Forces Radio Service, Far East Network, here which has drawn protests that it was anti-Catholic and a violation of the established policy of the radio service. The talk was part of his Sunday church service, broadcast from Tokyo Chapel Center, a U. S. Army installation here.

Persons who heard Chaplain Moore's talk and read his manuscript describe his sermon as a superficial comparison between Protestantism and what he referred to as "Romanism." They said it was inaccurate; that his treatment was biased, and that his language was offensive.

Chaplain Moore said the real point of difference between the "Protestant and Romanists" was the question of who is the "true interpreter" of the Bible. He said the "Church of Rome denied the right of private judgment in religious matters," while the "Reformers" affirmed that man could find God's will "without the assistance of a professional priest."

He added "the religion of the medieval church was a religion of dogmas, duties and burdens. The Protestant revolt against it was an assertion of the human rights and freedom. Particularly it was a declaration of intellectual independence."

The Chaplain quoted, with seeming reference to Catholic priests, words which Christ spoke about the Pharisees.

Chaplain Moore also said "The principle of religious freedom which alone can resist the totalitarian political regime, is a Protestant principle."

He added that "Protestants fear that the man who takes his religion from an 'authoritarian church' may be so conditioned that he will take his politics from an authoritarian party, or his economics from an authoritarian class."

He contended, too, that "this dynamic religious concept found in the Reformation is the only driving force adequate to support the democratic way of life."

"The principle of the priesthood of all believers... sets the common man free from the authority of, and possible exploitation by, any professional priest," Chaplain Moore said. He added: "The Protestant principle of justification by faith sets man free from the burden of penance and works of merit."

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WATERS SURROUND CHURCH



Essex, Eng.—St. Mary's church on Foulness Island here is surrounded for many miles by the rampaging flood waters of the North Sea. The rising waters caused the complete evacuation of the little island. (Belgian News Service Photo).

GRETTA PALMER

Gretta Travels in Titoland

Zagreb—Next to Rome, this city may be for the Catholic visitor the most important in the world to try to understand. For now western politicians—blind to the menace of Moscow when the Church had already condemned it—heresy—are aware of the fact that Stalin is no friend of ours; but in the matter of Tito they are taking a very different stand.

We alone understand the similarity—we who are Catholics. This Tito-like Hitler and like Mussolini—was baptized a Catholic. Like Stalin, he attended religious schools and was once an acolyte.

Yet, he has introduced into Yugoslavia a persecution of religion and a contempt for Christian values which rival those of the Russian dictator himself.

OH, YES, the churches are open for Mass and crowded. Outside of each church stand uniformed guards (no one knows how many plainclothes police) who look closely into the faces of the worshippers as they go in and leave.

If any one of the congregation is a teacher in a government school, he is immediately deprived of his job and his career... and there are no Catholic schools open, except for one seminary, in all Croatia.

CARDINAL STEPINAC is under village arrest at Krasic, about an hour and a quarter's drive from town. The regular reporters, permanently stationed inside the country, have been permitted to see him; their last interview was immediately after news had been released that he was being elevated to the Cardinalate.

The story Yugoslav authorities hand to diplomats here is that no passes are required to visit him, no efforts made to sequester him from visitors. But on various occasions when Croat Bishops tried to enter the village they were stopped. And so was I.

IF YOU ARE A tourist in Yugoslavia you can hire an automobile only from Putnik, the government tourist agency. I hired such a car and told the agency employees where I wished to go. Through the beautiful countryside we bowled—a driver, who apparently spoke neither French nor English, and I.

There was a single road-shrine to the Blessed Mother at one point along the road (most of the others have been torn down).

THERE WAS A wedding party to celebrate the marriage of a National Geographic Magazine display—the bride and groom, seated stiffly in a horse-drawn cart, wearing the heavy earrings and flowing skirts that are ancestral possessions of the Balkan bride and the velvet jacket and picturesque hat of the Croatian groom. Musicians rode in a cart before, friends with casks of wine in their hands followed.

This looked like the Croatia of the traditional past. But it is not the Croatia of the traditional past. It is a police state, pledged to the militant atheism which is more basic to Communism than any of its economic tenets. On the little dirt road that leads to Krasic we found a uniformed policeman standing in the center of the path to stop our car. He examined my passport and spent some little time in copying down whatever items interested him into a notebook. Then he said, "You cannot go." But he said it by gestures and in Slavic words I did not understand. I protested. I pointed out that I was in a government automobile, rented to me for the express purpose of coming here. I asked him to telephone Zagreb to get permission; but it seemed that Zagreb had telephoned him to refuse to let me pass.

Why? Why in Cardinal Stepinac as shut off from any chance of telling the world what is going on inside his country? Why is it that Catholic correspondents throughout Europe are black listed by Tito's government and cannot get visas even to enter the country?

IT IS FOR A very simple reason: we, guided by Catholic principles, know that the Communism of Tito is essentially as evil as the Communism of Stalin. We know that it is a false philosophy which has to be fought; that nationalism, power politics are always secondary to good and evil.

We know that the church cannot compromise with bad ideas nor play one kind of Marxism against another—not even to save her priests from martyrdom. But secular states think differently—they can join with Beelzebub. Only the Universal Church, its head and its followers cannot. So Catholic writers cannot tell the whole story of Yugoslavia; Tito will not let them.

BOOK REVIEWS

Terror In Red China

By SISTER MARGARET TERESA
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GOD'S UNDERGROUND IN ASIA, by Gretta Palmer. Appleton-Century-Crofts, 1952. NO SECRET IS SAFE, by Rev. Mark Tennien, Farrar, Straus & Young, 1952. BRAIN WASHING IN RED CHINA, by Edward Hunter, Vanguard Press, 1951.

A Christopher Award goes to the hollow excellence of Man On a Boat, over which our talented Lord must weep (for he was intelligently loved by His dedicated servants in Merry England)—but Gretta Palmer's massive accomplishment, her story of China's real hearts, real Christians and foreign, will be read while the synthetic Donkey gathers dust.

"SUFFERING? If you read every Reader's Digest of World War II, you still don't know the possibilities of inhumanity; nor is it bearable to itemize them on a public page. A negative point in which the Chinese Communist proved himself less hellish than his Russian overlord in one North China area: nuns went inviolate to their terrible deaths."

Catholics are but one per cent of the population, yet they are the number one enemy—the small light visible far and wide in the vast darkness.

HEROISM? The Chinese tell each other that the early Christians had 300 years of it, and so they mustn't complain in the first decade of their suffering. But no saga of earlier Christianity can

pare with that decade; no *Que Vadis* gives even a glimmering of it. "Not even devout Poland nor Catholic Austria can show so noble a record," (page 175). Miracles? Just the stern, reiterated, anxious orders of the Commies to the survivors as their victims are buried, give a hint: "Remember, there must be no miracles! There must be no canonization of this man!" But miracles do happen in China, all the time, big ones, little ones. God being a Flame of Love and very near. Read it!

HIGH POINT (but there are many): China's "farewell address" by the martyr Father Tung, who saved Chungking's 39,000 Catholics for God—a perfectly constructed, quietly delivered speech, more like the Apology of Socrates in its ironic tributes to the listening Communists. (Pages 163-66).

But it won't happen here? Father Tennien and Gretta Palmer think it may. We can do something to prevent it: 1. Learn the facts, 2. Learn the tactics, including the University Course in brainwashing, the data for each week and each term given in Mr. Hunter's book; and pass them on. Forewarned has proved forearmed.

3. DON'T RELY on American dislike of Communism. 95% of the Chinese hate it too, but they are enslaved. 4. Don't rely on the fairness of the intelligentsia. Not only are they killed off early on some trumped-up charge or other by prescribed Moscow procedure, but there is the testimony of fifteen years of the blind, blindly anti-Catholic view of Russia's practice-war in Spain, there are our own private experiences of prejudice in the American bloodstream, to tell us that God alone will be the strength of the persecuted.

'White-Haired Gentleman'

Helps Crippled Girl Meet Cardinal Leger

Montreal, Que. — (NC) — As dignitaries filed by to greet Paul Emile Cardinal Leger, following a Pontifical High Mass here, a young crippled girl sat in her wheelchair in one of the jammed side aisles.

The girl managed to catch the eye of an elderly, white-haired gentleman who was near. He turned and beckoned to her, and when she came to her, confided her earnest wish to meet the Cardinal.

The gentleman responded eagerly and guided the wheelchair to the sanctuary steps. Cardinal Leger, in the midst of greeting guests, noticed the wheel chair approaching, interrupted the line of those being presented to him, and stepped down into the aisle.

He went forward to meet the girl, greeted her and extended his ring for her to kiss. Deeply moved, she thanked the priest.

There was smile of satisfaction on the face of the old gentleman too. For he was Ernest Leger, the 76-year-old father of the Cardinal.

Scholarship Honors Pioneer Franciscan

Olean, N. Y. — (RNS) — A \$10,000 scholarship fund in memory of a pioneer Franciscan missionary has been established in the School of Arts at St. Bonaventure University here.

The fund was set up by John P. Herriek, prominent oil producer and author of Olean, to support the Father De La Roche D'Aillon Scholarship.

Father De La Roche was said to be the first white man to report the existence of oil on the North American continent.

The Very Rev. Juvenal Lalor, O.F.M., president of St. Bonaventure, said the scholarship would be awarded for a four-year term "to alert and ambitious young men who, without benefit of a helping hand, would be denied a college education."

Mr. Herriek is president emeritus of the New York State Oil Producers Association, an organization which he founded, and still is an active director.

Homes Sought For Negro Children

New York—(NC)—A plea for more foster homes for homeless Negro children was made at a forum of the Catholic Interracial Council by Father Edmund F. Fogarty of the New York Catholic Charities.

Father Fogarty, director of His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman's Campaign for Foster Homes, declared that organizations seeking to provide homes for Negro children often find their efforts frustrated by the same community problems which beset the average Negro child. "Negro people... want to take homeless children into their homes but most of them are caught up in real problems themselves," he said.

Foremost among these problems, Father Fogarty stated, are income and housing.

Pray without ceasing, in all things give thanks; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus our Lord.

— 1 Thess. 5:17, 18

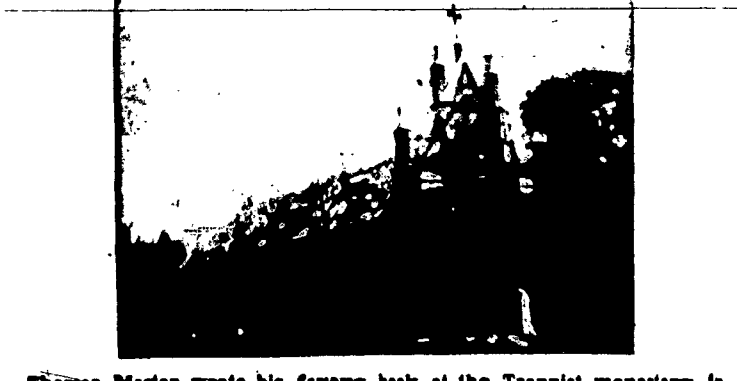
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We hope you will see fit to join one or more of our "MYSTIC SEVEN," our seven support clubs whose members with their dollar-month donations meet seven great needs of the Near East Missions. You'd never believe how much a dollar does.

CARDINAL STEPINAC'S COUNTRYMAN and fellow-priest is Fr. Visnovsky in Yugoslavia. We have been trying so hard to raise \$500 for him to complete his mission chapel. Somehow no one has ever noticed our plea for this heroic priest who needs our help so badly. Can you give him a smile as a token of sympathy for the great Cardinal martyr today?

BASILIANs, our school support club, makes it possible for the poor children in our Near East lands to get a Catholic education. Thanks to them we can get Christ into many Moslem homes through the children in our schools. Will you join them?

GOD'S OWN WANT AD The shrine Fatima Chapel that we are trying to build in Ethiopia will have a lovely fine crucifix which will cost \$100. Perhaps you would like to give it to Our Lady in memory of a loved one? If you haven't that, any help will speed the completion of this wonderful work.

FOOD FOR FAMINE We have hundreds of thousands of Arab refugees in our camps. -Fr. Tuohy keeps asking for FOOD PACKAGES for Easter. \$10 will give one to a destitute family.

THERE ARE MANY THOMASES IN INDIA Because St. Thomas the Apostle was his first missionary and is his patron saint. There are several Thomases studying in the Seminary at Alwaye. Recently three Thomases appealed to us for financial aid in their studies. Can you give one of them the \$100 it costs for each year of study remaining? One has two years more; the other two have four years more. \$2 weekly is enough.

We must have missionary sisters, too. Sister Maire-ignace is a novice with the sisters of the Sacred Heart at Bifkaya. She doesn't have the \$300 it costs for the two years training. Can you give her \$150 yearly for two years? Give monthly, quarterly, annually, or all at once.

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