

Church Baffles Red Premier

Washington (NC)—The Chinese communist premier, Chou En-lai, cannot understand why Catholicism has not been completely wiped out in China. He expressed his annoyance at the continued existence of the Faith as he spoke to a group of subordinates in Peking. Facing back and forth and gesturing angrily, he shouted at the group:

"The Japanese army was large, well equipped and well organized, but we communists vanquished it. The reactionary Nationalist forces were also large and well supplied, but we beat them down. The Catholics in China are a relatively small, powerless force. Still after waging war on them for more than a year we have not wiped them out. Why?"

The story of the Red premier's

bewilderment was told here by Dom Paulinus Lee, Chinese Trappist prior, who heard it from Bishop John Ramalho, S.J., of Macao.

THE PERSECUTION of the Church has actually strengthened the Faith in Red China, the Trappist prior said. He supported his opinion by quoting Bishop Lorenzo Bianchi of Hong Kong, who was only recently expelled from Red China.

"The Church in China is in a wonderful position," the prior quoted Bishop Bianchi. "Before its persecution by the communists the Church was almost unknown in China. Today it inspires the admiration of people all over China, thanks to the publicity given it by the communists themselves."

The Chinese communist regime will fall, Dom Paulinus is convinced, because it is a government without God. He is now in the United States to solicit aid for a project which looks forward to the day when the Red regime will collapse.

DOM PAULINUS is engaged in building a Trappist monastery next to the Red China mainland to replace the one pillaged and confiscated by the Reds in China. He hopes to send his monks back to the mainland when conditions there permit.

The new monastery is being erected on Lantau, a small island near Hong Kong and under British jurisdiction. The monks have leased a 73-acre tract from the Hong Kong government and have already built a small priory capable of housing 12 monks.



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U.S. Clothing Cheers Needy In Hong Kong

Hong Kong (NC)—Forty-five distribution centers in Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories are giving to the needy of these areas a shipment of 200 tons of clothing and shoes donated by American Catholics.

The shipment, consisting of 1,376 bales of clothing and 375 bales of shoes, was received from War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference. It represented part of the collections taken up in U.S. parishes at Thanksgiving time for victims of want in various countries.

The consignment of clothing was the third received here from American Catholics. Besides clothing many other gifts of medicine and food parcels have been received from the same source in the past six months. Distribution is made without any discrimination as to race or religion.

Operating the distribution centers are personnel of 11 different nationalities, members of 17 Catholic religious communities, and three different groups of lay Catholics.

Among those to whom the largest allotments from the new supply of clothing and shoes were the Catholic Mission at the Junk Bay Refugee Camp, and the Maryknoll Sisters in the Bishop Valtorra Center in King's Park, who have been aiding the fire victims of Hominien.

Evening Mass Planned On Coronation Eve

London (RNS)—The Roman Catholic Hierarchy of England and Wales has ordered the celebration of an 8 p.m. Mass in every parish church on June 1, the eve of Queen Elizabeth's coronation.

The service will be the first evening Mass in England since Pope Pius XII issued an Apostolic Constitution in January permitting afternoon and evening Masses under certain conditions. It will conclude three days of prayer to be observed by the clergy and faithful for the Queen and her realm.

June 1 is also the Feast of St. Augustine, Archbishop of Canterbury, who, at the order of Gregory I, brought Catholicism to England.

A Papal delegate will be present at Elizabeth's coronation, but he will attend only the non-religious part of the ceremony. This same procedure was followed at the coronations of Edward VII, George V, and George VI.

Polish Decree Seen Bid For National Church

Rome (NC)—Communist Poland's latest decree making State approval of all Church appointments obligatory represents a major step toward setting up a Red-controlled "National Catholic Church" in that country.

This was the interpretation of Federico Alessandrini, foreign editor of Osservatore Romano, in a front-page signed article in the Vatican newspaper.

HE SAID THAT putting all Church appointments, including those of Bishops, under State control marked a drastic adverse change in the situation of the Church in Poland, despite provisions in the new Polish Constitution guaranteeing the Church's rights.

"The People's Republic of Poland, for motives still unknown," Mr. Alessandrini wrote, "steps up the pace and attempts to impose by decree that 'National Catholic Church' which Moscow in 1945 prescribed for all the Soviet satellite countries."

"NOW WE KNOW the reason for the recent arrests of Bishops in Poland," the Osservatore editor commented, adding:

"By these arrests, they wanted to establish an alibi for an act of force. They were trying to justify ahead of time an arbitrary act of oppression premeditated for more than seven years.

Nazareth College Awards Scholarships To 27 Students

Twenty-seven scholarships, totaling more than \$22,000 in value, have been awarded by Nazareth College. Sister Rose Angela, dean, announced today. Five full-tuition and 22 partial-tuition awards were granted on the basis of a competitive examination February 7.

Winners of the full-tuition scholarships are:

DOLORES D'AGOSTINO, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam D'Agostino, 1153 Maple St., Our Lady of Mercy High School, Holy Family parish, Rochester.

BEVERLY ANN HARCHISON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Harchison, 322 Fayette St., Elmira, Elmira Free Academy, St. Charles Borromeo parish, Elmira Heights.

MARIANNE KNAUF, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Knauf, 120 Seymour Rd., Nazareth Academy, St. Ambrose parish, Rochester.

ORA WRY, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Orin V. Wry, East Rutherford, N. J. Music scholarship.

MARY ELLEN LOSON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Loson, 21 Easton St., Lowville, N. Y., Lowville Academy and Central school, Music.

Winners of the \$800 awards are:

BEVERLY MURPHY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Murphy, 377 Magee Ave., Nazareth Academy, Sacred Heart Cathedral parish, Rochester.

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SHIRLEY STAPLETON, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Stapleton, 62 Green St., Seneca Falls, Mynderse Academy, St. Patrick parish.

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MARY ELLEN DEMPSEY, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Dempsey, R.D. 1, Attica, Attica High School.

HARRIET MARY HALLY, the daughter of Mrs. E. J. Hally, 80 Center St., Genesee Central School, St. Mary parish.

MARGARET L. PACE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pace, 90 DeLand Pk. B, Fairport, Fairport Central School, Assumption parish.

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JEAN MCGARRY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McGarry, Buffalo, Holy Family parish, Rochester.

JUDITH ANNE EDMOND, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Edmond, Perkinsville, Wayland Central School, Sacred Heart parish, Perkinsville.

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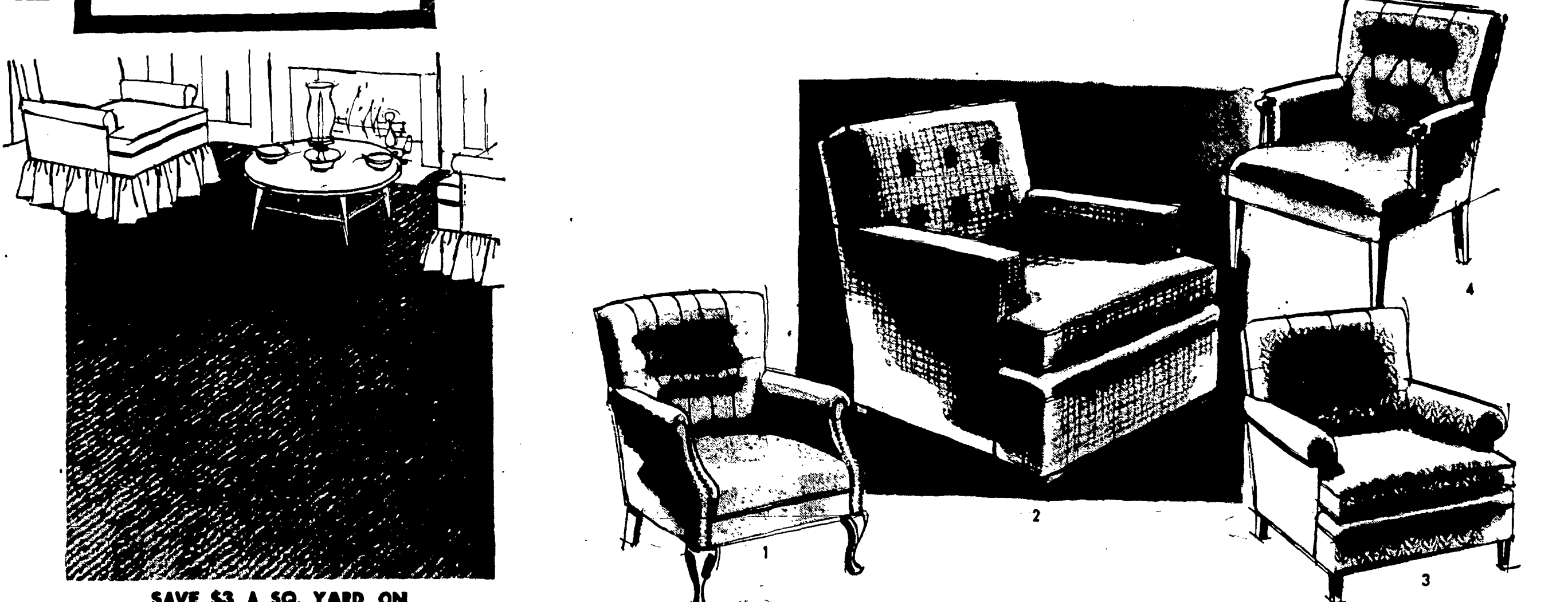
The Marion Caviton Fitzpatrick Memorial Scholarship for the freshman year was awarded to Jeannette Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Clark, of Penn Yan. She is a senior at Penn Yan Academy and a member of St. Michael parish.

Texas Bill Hits Magazine Covers

Austin, Texas (RNS)—A bill that would ban "lewd and lascivious" book and magazine covers was introduced in the Texas Senate.

Andy Rogers, a West Texas Senator, said he had sponsored the proposal at the request of ministers in his district.

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