

# Bp. O'Gara Story Of Prison Horror Told By Missioner

Hong Kong — (RNS) — Bishop Cuthbert O'Gara, C.P. of Yuanling, who recently arrived here on a stretcher after being expelled from Communist China, had been seriously ill for two months prior to his release.

This was reported by the Rev. Paul Ubinger, C. P. of Pittsburgh, Pa. He and the Rev. William Westhoven, O. P. of Liberty Center, Ohio, were expelled with the bishop.

FATHER UBINGER said that after their arrest in July, 1951, he and Bishop O'Gara, a native of Ottawa, Canada, were brought before a "people's court" for condemnation and were then thrown into solitary confinement. Both were constantly interrogated and urged to confess alleged crimes against the people, he said.

After three weeks' imprisonment, the priest said, Bishop O'Gara collapsed and the Communist jailers moved him to a straw hut between a pigpen and a latrine for "more air." Two months later, the bishop was moved to a damp cell.

DURING THE prelate's illness, he was given medicine which caused inflammation of the bladder, Father Ubinger said. After much suffering Bishop O'Gara had convulsions and was taken to Yuanling hospital in February of this year.

There the bishop was treated by a Japanese doctor and was later moved to Changaha hospital, where he again met with Father Ubinger who was suffering from acute deafness.

The priest described how the Communists had questioned Bishop O'Gara to discover what was meant in one of his letters.

THE COMMUNISTS wanted to

know who an "N. D. bandit" was. As the bishop did not recall any such item, they produced a letter which said among other things "N. D. bit the dust. Purdue took them after five years."

The bishop explained that this referred to an American football game between Notre Dame University and Purdue University in which the former lost for the first time in five years.

Father Ubinger said he used a doctor's stethoscope as a hearing aid during his long imprisonment.

## 60,000 Attend Rally To Pray For Russia

Los Angeles — (RNS) — More than 60,000 Catholics gathered at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum for a Mary's Hour observance and prayed for the conversion of Russia and peace on earth.

The sixth annual Mary's Hour was sponsored by James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles. It was produced by the Catholic college students of the city and the lay organizations of the archdiocese.

Cardinal McIntyre pronounced Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and recited the litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Worshipers knelt and prayed for one hour and 15 minutes.

# Canada Senate Asks U. S. Halt Of Printed Filth

Ottawa — (RNS) — More and better border controls to stop the import of obscene books and publications from the United States were urged in a report by a special Senate Committee which has been investigating the problem for months.

The report said that 90 percent of the objectionable material originates directly or indirectly in the United States. The Committee called on Canadians to back up the fight against indecent literature "with all the force of public opinion."

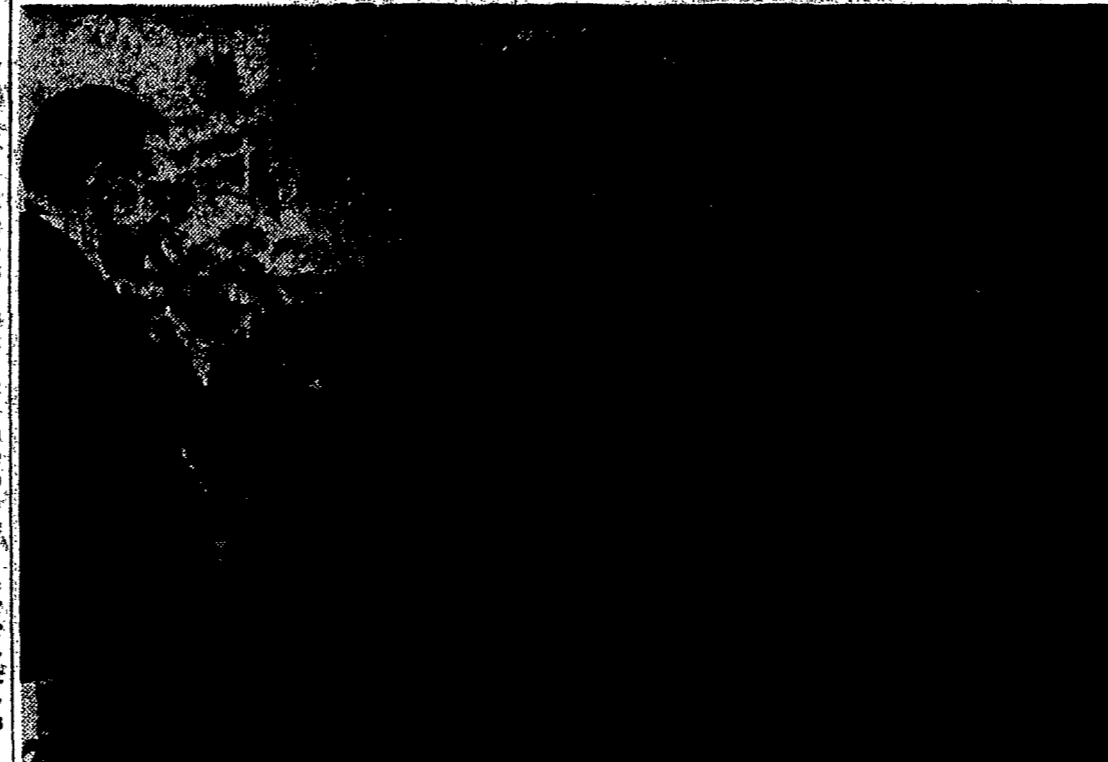
NOTING THAT the customs division is obligated by law to bar publications "of a treasonable or seditious or of an immoral or indecent character," the report added, however, that the personnel to enforce this provision "is inadequate."

It recommended that the excise and customs division of the Department of National Revenue expand its operations "to meet proportionately the present serious threat to the moral standards of Canada."

"IN THE WORLD-WIDE struggle between the forces of darkness and evil and those of good," the Committee said, "the freedom-loving democratic countries have need of all the strength of their moral fibre to combat the evil threat, and anything that undermines the morals of the young, and of the elder citizen, is a direct un-Canadian act."

Thomas Mann  
Rome — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII received Thomas Mann, author and philosopher, in a 15-minute private audience.

# Gets Here's Welcome



Dublin — (RNS) — Magr. Thomas Quinn, Irish-born, Prefect Apostolic of Shanghai, (center), who was recently released from a Korean Communist internment camp, received a hero's welcome upon his arrival at the airport here. Among the civic leaders on hand to greet him were left to right, front row: Sean Lemass, Irish Deputy Prime Minister; Senator Andrew Clarke, Mayor of Dublin; Frank Aiken, Minister for External Affairs; and Dr. Patrick J. Herson, City Manager of Dublin. Magr. Quinn was captured at the outbreak of the Korean war when his mission station was overrun by North Korean Communist forces. The suit he is wearing was presented to him in Berlin by an American priest to replace the rough fiber garments which had been given to him by the Communists en route to Moscow. (Religious News Service Photo).

# Clergy Advised Not To Assume Role Of Doctor

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — Clergymen are not psychiatrists and should not try to infringe upon the role of the medical specialist in treating mental illness.

This advice was given members of the Association of Mental Hospital Chaplains by the Rev. James H. Van der Veldt, O.F.M., professor of psychology at Catholic University of America.

Speaking at the annual banquet of the Association, which held a

three-day national meeting here, Father Van der Veldt said that clergymen and doctors have distinct roles to play in treating the mentally ill.

PSYCHIATRISTS are misnamed, he suggested, because they are doctors of the mind, and not of the soul or psyche, as it was called in Greek.

"Perhaps that is what has caused the confusion between psychiatry and religion," he said.

Father Van der Veldt said the clergy should not try to treat illness but should help the doctor by creating a stable attitude on the part of the patient. Feelings of guilt and problems of conscience are for the religious adviser, he said.

HE STRESSED the benefit that a good chaplaincy program can bring to a mental hospital by giving the patients a frame of reference for the reconstruction of their lives.

# Repatriated Nuns Tell Grim Story Of Korea Terror

Paris — (RNS) — Four nuns and a priest, who with fourteen civilian prisoners repatriated from North Korea, arrived here by plane.

The religious, down here via Moscow and Berlin, were one of several civilian groups recently released through intervention by the Soviet government.

A moving scene took place at La Bourget Airfield as the nuns, one of whom was blind, were greeted by members of their order. Sister Marie Madeline, a Carmelite, lost her sight in a Communist prison camp in North Korea.

ANOTHER nun, Sister Eugenie of the order of St. Paul of Chartres, described how an 8-year-old mother superior of an orphanage at Seoul had died by the roadside during a forced march to a prison camp in 1950.

Tears filled Sister Eugenie's eyes as she told how she had been obliged to abandon the aged and exhausted nun. She said the guards turned their machine-guns on most of those who dropped by the roadside.

LIKE THE REST of the repatriates in the group, the Sisters were dressed in olive green rough linen suits over which they wore heavy gray topcoats provided by North Korean Communist authorities. They had replaced their coils by scarves tied in peasant fashion around their heads.

Father Coyos said that "the Reds tried in vain to indoctrinate us." He said they were never given any medicines, but added that he did not believe this was done out of cruelty, "but simply because they possessed none."

# Berlin Bishop Orders Defiance In Red Seizure

Berlin — (RNS) — Bishop Wilhelm Westermann of Berlin has instructed the Church in East Berlin to defy a Communist seizure order issued against the institution.

Bishop Westermann said his instructions public in a letter of protest to East Berlin's Mayor Friedrich Ebert.

THE LETTER condemned the "open interference with the Church's rights" a Communist order to evacuate by April 30 a house at Biesdorf in East Berlin that is used as an old people's home and retreat center.

Also denounced by the bishop were the East Berlin Communist's announced plans to seize eight other Catholic premises, including several orphanages.

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