

American Priests Arrested In Shanghai



Hong Kong—These eight American priests were arrested in Shanghai by the Chinese Communists on charges of spying "under cover of religion." The priests are left to right, top row: Fathers John (Clifford, S.J., of San Francisco); John J. Gatz, S.J., of Los Angeles; Cyril Wagner, O.F.M., of Pittsburgh, and John A. Houle, S.J., of Glendale, Cal. Bottom row: Fathers Joseph P. McCormack, M.M., of New York; Thomas A. Phillips, S.J., of Butte, Mont.; John B. Palm, S.J., of Baltimore; and Charles J. McCarthy S.J., of San Francisco.

'Several' In Clergy Cited At Red Probe

New York — (RNS) — "Several" American clergymen were named as members of the Communist Party at closed sessions of the House Un-American Activities Committee here, according to Rep. Kit Clardy (R-Mich.), acting chairman.

Mr. Clardy said the clergymen were named by two ex-Communists. The acting chairman said their testimony would not be made public until it had been checked and verified to avoid "smearing and defaming innocent American citizens."

Meanwhile, at Washington, D. C., Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy blocked a move by members of his subcommittee on investigation to fire the subcommittee's executive director, J. R. Matthews.

MR. MATTHEWS, a former Methodist minister, had accused the two Democratic subcommittee members by charging in a magazine article that Protestant clergymen made up the "largest single group supporting the Communist apparatus" in the United States.

Sen. McCarthy, contending that he alone had the right to hire and fire Mr. Matthews, refused to allow subcommittee members to bring up an ouster motion.

The three Democrats promised to fight the chairman's ruling.

The New York sessions of the House committee were held without the presence of Chairman Harold H. Velde, who was ill.

MR. CLARDY said at least two witnesses who identified Communist clergymen were Benjamin Gitlow, former Secretary General of the Communist Party in this country, who was ex-

Reds Fabricate Immoral Counts On Jailed Priests

Hong Kong — (NC) — The Chinese Communists are expected to add "immorality" to the long list of spurious charges against eight jailed American priests, who will presumably have to face a mob "trial" in Shanghai.

This conclusion is drawn by informed sources here from a Shanghai report it states that a Catholic girl in Shanghai was drugged by the Communists and woke up to find herself in bed at a parish rectory surrounded by newspaper photographers.

IT IS EXPECTED that the photographs will be introduced at the "trial" as convincing evidence of the "immorality" of the priests.

The Reds are described here as being particularly anxious to strike at the priests through the "immorality" charge, because of their great success in Shanghai in keeping Catholic youth from joining Communist organizations.

ONE OF THE charges already made in the Communist press is that the priests sabotaged the country's national defense by preventing young people from joining the Chinese People's Liberation Army and the training schools for Communist military teams.

The priests also have been accused of "seducing" Catholic youth into foreign imperialist espionage organizations to receive training. The latter charge is believed to refer to the work of the priests in operating school ships for Chinese students to study abroad.

CONTOVERSY has been raging over the Committee's intentions since March, when Rep. Velde suggested a probe of clergymen. Mr. Velde has stressed that his group did not intend to investigate churches as such, but only wanted to root out individual Communists.

Sen. McCarthy saved Mr. Matthews his \$11,600-a-year job in the face of opposition from a majority of subcommittee members.

The three Democratic members — Senators John L. McClellan (Ark.), Stuart Symington (Mo.) and Henry M. Jackson (Wash.) — demanded Mr. Matthews' removal.

Sen. Charles E. Potter (R-Mich.) said he would have voted with the Democrats if a motion for removal had been brought up. His vote would have given the Democrats a majority.

But Sen. McCarthy refused to entertain a removal motion. He claimed that under the Congressional Reorganization Act of 1946 he had complete power to control the hiring or firing of non-professional staff members of the subcommittee.



BISHOP O'GARA
Bishop O'Gara Leaves Hong Kong

Union City, N. J. — (NC) — Bishop O'Gara, C. P. of Yunnan, Hunan, China, who was a prisoner of the Chinese Reds for 2 months, left Hong Kong July 7 for the United States. Passions Provincial Ernest Welch announced here.

The Canadian-born prelate, a member of the Eastern U. S. Province of the Passionist Fathers, with headquarters here, is scheduled to arrive in Victoria, British Columbia, on July 9.

A pioneer of the American Passionist mission in China in the early 1920's, Bishop O'Gara has been recuperating in a Hong Kong hospital since his release from prison by the Chinese Communists last April.

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Pope Urges 'United Effort' For Vocations

London — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII called for a "united effort" on the part of all Catholics to foster religious vocations in a letter to His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster.

The Pope's letter was sent on the occasion of the opening of one of the largest Vocations exhibitions ever held anywhere, in the huge Olympia arena here.

IN THE LETTER, read before a large crowd by Cardinal Griffin, Pope Pius said that if the hope and desire "for more and holier priests" is to be realized, then parents "must not hesitate to turn the eyes of their children early towards the sanctuary."

"Parents must make it clear in the family circle," the Pontiff said, "that no greater privilege or honor could come to them than to have a son called to stand at the altar."

Pope Pius paid tribute to the priests, brothers and nuns "teaching in your schools, who have always been effective instruments chosen by God to awaken and foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life."

"THE CHURCH," he said, "owes them an immense debt."

The Pontiff concluded by emphasizing that the ranks of religious needed to be increased and strengthened "if the Church's work is not to be dangerously crippled in the field of education and social service."

Mrs. FDR Says 'Birth Control' Needed In Japan

Tokyo — (NC) — Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has joined her voice to those American and Japanese groups that claim "birth control" is "necessary" in Japan.

Mrs. Roosevelt stated her views in an interview with the Japanese newspaper Yomiuri Shimbun, the third largest daily in Japan, which was published in English by the Tokyo Evening News.

According to the latter paper's report, Mrs. Roosevelt was asked: "Do you think birth control is necessary in Japan?"

She answered: "Yes. Only it should be practiced when there is justifiable reason to do so. Especially in farming areas, perhaps it may be wise to practice birth control."

The Tokyo Evening News states that its English translation of the interview has been checked by Mrs. Roosevelt.

Pontiff Appoints Ottawa Archbishop

Rome — (RNS) — Bishop M. Joseph Lennox, O.P. of Gravelbourg, Canada, has been named Archbishop of Ottawa by Pope Pius XII. He succeeds Archbishop Alexandre Vachon who died in March.

A Dominican, Archbishop-elect Lennox, 51, was ordained in 1928 and elevated as Bishop of Sendai, Japan, in 1936. Appointed Apostolic Administrator of Gravelbourg in 1942, he succeeded to the See in 1944. He is a native of Quebec.

New Convert Received From Church In Scarsdale

New York — (NC) — Another convert from the Episcopal Church of St. James the Less in Scarsdale, N. Y., has entered the Catholic Church.

Former Director of Religious Education of the Protestant parish, Miss Jeanne Miller, was baptized at St. Ignace Loyola Church here in the presence of other Scarsdale converts including the former rector of the Episcopal church.

Miss Miller was received into the Church by Father Ferdinand Schoenberg, S.J., and made her first Holy Communion at a Mass which followed.

POPE RECEIVES SCREEN STAR



Rome—Screen star Gary Cooper, his wife and their daughter, Maria, were received in audience by Pope Pius XII. Mrs. Cooper is shown kneeling to kiss the Pontiff's ring while her husband and daughter look on. (RNS Photo).

Ex-Red Scores Jurist On Alger Hiss Defense

New York — (NC) — Douglas Hyde, former top British Communist who was received into the Church in 1949, contends that Earl Jovitt, former Lord Chancellor of England, shows a lack of understanding of Communism and communism in his book on the Hiss treason case.

In his book "The Strange Case of Alger Hiss," the English jurist concluded that the guilt of Alger Hiss, one-time high State Department official, was convicted of perjury in connection with espionage charges and is now serving a prison term, Earl Jovitt said.

MR. HYDE, who has been a special correspondent of the Catholic Herald of London since his conversion, discusses the Jovitt study in the July 11 issue of America, national Catholic Weekly review published here.

"But while reading his book I found myself as an ex-Communist, examining his examination of the evidence," Mr. Hyde continues. "And I came to the conclusion that despite all his belief in his own objectivity or perhaps even pity because of it, he never fully understood what the case was all about."

"UNABLE to assess in the round the personalities of the principal actors in this greatest of modern human dramas, he had to base his evaluation of the evidence before him upon the credibility of the witnesses. To be able to do that with any chance of success, it was necessary to understand them as persons. Which means understanding."

He does declare, though, that the book "is, I believe, a sincere effort by an honest man to arrive at the truth about something which puzzled and disturbed him."

Mr. Hyde points out that Earl Jovitt was Lord Chancellor in the second British Labor government. But he comments that "the only point at which his so-called socialism colors his approach to his examination of the evidence is here — like others in the right wing of the British Labor party, he believes that he knows all about the communists that they are a much overrated and unimportant crowd who take themselves a great deal too seriously and who are best ignored."

Name Of God Now Lowercase In Red Press

London — (NC) — New rules set down for writers in the Polish communist press call for spelling God with a small "g."

The innovation first appeared in Trybuna Ludu, the principal daily of the Communist (Workers) Party in Poland. The paper studiously tries to avoid the mention of God, but when it is mentioned it is with small letters.

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Peron Honors New Priest
Santa Fe, Argentina — (NC) — When Father Alfonso Rodriguez Parracia, a former laborer, was ordained here, he received a gold crucifix from President Juan D. Peron on the occasion of his first Mass.

Federal Probe Of Red Teachers Backed By Jesuit

New York — (NC) — The protests over surrendering academic freedom in the current investigation of subversive teachers beg "many of the important questions involved," according to Father Robert C. Hartnett, S.J., editor-in-chief of America, national Catholic weekly.

In an address before the New York University Catholic Center, Father Hartnett said that academic freedom, conventionally defined as the right of teachers to pursue and teach truth as they see it.

"Yet the professors who exploit this right," Father Hartnett said, "have themselves largely emptied the term 'truth' of its traditional meaning. They claim that all 'truth' is 'relative,' that moral truth is determined by the mores of the community, that people who believe in 'absolute' truth are authoritarian and 'foes of the free mind.'"

FATHER HARTNETT said if moral truth is socially determined, the mores now happen to be changing so as to put some limits to the right of academic freedom. He asked: "How do the relativists meet this objection? What defense can they make of any 'right' when they teach that all rights are created by society in the first place? What society can give, society can take away, which is what it seems to be doing in respect to academic freedom, as the teaching fraternity has understood the term?"

The priest-editor said colleges are supported by the public, which expects colleges to teach loyalty to the United States. He added that colleges, certainly tax-supported ones, profess to teach good citizenship.

"On what grounds, then," Father Hartnett declared, "do government agencies expose subversives on college faculties? Are college faculties even in public institutions, a law unto themselves? Have they no duties to perform? Has the public no right to the information it needs in order to determine whether the colleges it supports are doing what the public supports them to do?"

FATHER HARTNETT said political interference with teaching and research "is the last thing we want in this country." But he reminded, neither the House Un-American Activities Committee nor the Senate Internal Security Committee has given any sign of trying to politicize teaching and research.

"What they are trying to do," Father Hartnett said, "is uncover possible attempts by agents of the Communist Party to subvert the honest pursuit of learning in American institutions. Why American professors regard such probes as an alarming threat to academic freedom whereas infiltration of faculties by communists is not, is a question only the academic freedoms can answer. To most people their complaints do not make much sense."

THE TEST OF Archbishop Van Lierde's edict reads: "The informative process of the fame of sanctity of Cardinal Raffaele del Val, Secretary of State for Pope Pius XII, having been begun in this court of the Vicariate of Vatican City, and this being the first act of the cause for beatification promoted by the Spanish Episcopate according to the prescriptions of the sacred canons, we order with this present edict all and each of the ecclesiastics of the secular and regular clergy, religious and faithful to send all writings of any type, whether stamped and unedited or manuscripts of Merry del Val as well as letters, speeches, diaries, to this court. Those desirous of retaining originals may send authentic copies."

THE REQUEST was made in a formal edict issued by Archbishop Caudius Van Lierde, O.S.A., sacristan for Pope Pius XII.

Cardinal Merry del Val, who was born in 1883, served many years in the Vatican Curia under Popes Leo XIII, Blessed Pius X, Benedict XV and Pius XI. When he died in 1930, he was Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office.

Crippled Girl Reports Cure At Lourdes

Paris — (RNS) — A young French girl who two months ago visited the Marian Shrine at Lourdes on a stretcher is today bustling about the hospital in which she was confined making herself useful in the service of other patients.

Only a few at the hospital knew that 22-year-old Bernadette David was before her visit to Lourdes, suffering from a progressive decalcification of the bones in the foot and leg, encased in a heavy plaster cast. The girl had been forced to be immobile on her back for six months.

WHEN SHE arrived in the Marian City, Bernadette appeared to have suffered from her long journey from the French north coast. Her leg was in great pain and her temperature.

The following day, however, after participating against medical advice, in the various ceremonies at the grotto and baths her temperature was said to have suddenly returned to normal and she began to feel much better.

Bernadette said she was far from thinking of a miracle, but her nurses began to wonder and encouraged her to try sitting up. This she did for the first time since her illness.

She was then examined by doctors who decided that it was too early to take off the cast. After long x-ray examinations, the doctors finally decided to take off the plaster cast. They are said to have found a perfectly healthy leg with no sign of the disease that was atrophying it before.

Bernadette is meanwhile out of her bed, helping other patients, and despite the fatigue at the end of a long day, her leg remains in good condition.

Recently her doctors announced that they were convinced the cure was permanent and have sent her medical case history to the Lourdes Medical Bureau, which will investigate any possible claims of a miraculous cure.

Flowers are always welcome for the comfort they bring and the memory picture of the beautiful Perry's Flower Shop Inc., 200 East Ave., GE 9100, is a fine gift. East Ave., GE 9100, Perry's Flower Shop Inc., 200 East Ave., GE 9100.

Brother Jailed For Refusal To Print Red Books

Hong Kong — (NC) — An American Divine Word missionary spent two and a half terrible years in a Red China jail because he refused to print Communist literature.

Brother Matthew Swift, a native of Waseca, Minn., revealed this when he arrived here aboard a steamer from Tientsin.

Brother Matthew was head of a mission printery in Tientsin when the Communist authorities demanded that he begin printing their "people's" literature. The Brother steadfastly refused and was thrown into jail on Christmas in 1950.

Protestant Group Backs Red Infiltration Charge

Washington, D. C. — (NC) — An international Protestant group has supported the charge that Protestant clergymen form the "largest single group" backing communism in the U. S.

Speaking for the International Council of Christian Churches, the Rev. Carl T. McIntyre urged Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's investigating subcommittee not to condemn chief investigator J. B. Matthews for his charges in the current American Mercury Magazine.

"We call upon Senator McCarthy's subcommittee not to touch J. B. Matthews," he stated. "His article in the American Mercury Magazine is true. The sooner the American people get such facts and realize the situation the better it will be for both the churches and the country. The church of Jesus Christ cannot be a cover for clergy who promote Marxism."

The spokesman for the Protestant group made his statement in Honolulu where he was stopping on a world tour. The International Council of Christian Churches includes more than 60 Protestant religious bodies.