

# 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. Carr, S.J., of Los Angeles; Cyril Wagner, O.F.M., of Pittsburgh; and John A. Houde, 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 investigations to fire the subcommittee's executive director, J. B. Matthews.

MR. MATTHEWS, a former Methodist minister, had aroused the ire of 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 the two witnesses who identified Communist clergymen were Benjamin Gilroy, 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 "trial" in Shanghai.

This conclusion is drawn by informants 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 leaders."

The priests also have been accused of "deliciously seducing Catholics whom they secretly sent abroad to foreign imperialist espionage organizations to receive training." The latter charge is believed to refer to the work of the priests in obtaining scholarships for Chinese students to study abroad.

## 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.

## Pontiff Appoints Ottawa Archbishop

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

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

## Bishop O'Gara Leaves Hong Kong

London, July 9. — (NC) — Bishop of Cambodia, M. O'Gara, C. P. of Yangtze, Hunan, China, who was a prisoner of the Chinese Reds for 22 months, left Hong Kong July 7 for the United States. His sister, Provincial Ernest Webb, accompanied him.

The Canadian-born prelate, a member of the Eastern U. S. Province of the Pastoralist Fathers, with headquarters here, is scheduled to arrive in Victoria, British Columbia, on July 9. A pioneer of the American Pastoralist mission in China in the early 1920's, Bishop O'Gara has been resupplying 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 Plus 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 Plus 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 Plus 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."

## POPE RECEIVES SCREEN STAR



Rome—Screen star Gary Cooper, his wife and their daughter, Maria, were received in audience by Pope Plus 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 Communists 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 was not fully established.

Hiss, onetime high State Department official, was convicted of perjury in connection with espionage charges and is now serving a prison term. Earl Jovitt said no British jurist would have found Hiss guilty on the available evidence.

## 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.

## 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 is 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."



FR. HARTNETT

## Cardinal Merry del Val Letters Asked

Vatican City — (NC) — Catholics possessing any writings of Rufface Cardinal Merry del Val, Vatican Secretary of State during the pontificate of Blessed Pope Plus X, have been invited to send them to Vatican City, where an informative process has been started for his beatification.

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

Cardinal Merry del Val, who was born in 1855, served many years in the Vatican Curia under Popes Leo XIII, Blessed Plus X, Benedict XV and Plus XII. When he died in 1930, he was Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office.

THE TEST OF Archbishop Van Lierde's edict reads: "The informative process of the fame of sanctity of Cardinal Rufface del Val, Secretary of State for Pope Plus X, has 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 Episcopacy, according to the prescriptions of the sacred canons, we order with this present edict all and each of the ecclesiastical of the secular and regular clergy religious and faithful to send all writings of any type, whether stamped and unsealed, or manuscripts of Merry del Val, as well as letters, speeches, diaries, to this court. Those desirous of retaining originals may send authentic copies."

## 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 know 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, gave cause for anxiety, since her illness.

She was then examined by doctors who decided that it was too early to take off the cast.

## Jailed China Priest Makes 12 Converts

Hong Kong — (NC) — A Chinese priest jailed at Kaying has made 12 converts among the prisoners, according to word received here.

The report states that the priest, whose name was withheld, instructed the prisoners while on a forced labor gang. Four other Chinese priests are held in jail in Kaying. Two others were released this year; one in March and another last month.

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## 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. Ignatius 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 Schoberg, S.J., and made her first Holy Communion at a Mass which followed.

Through the Epiphany and the Mass and at the Communion rail with Miss Miller were James Harry Price, former rector of the Church of St. James the Less, William C. Kernan, former assistant rector, Mrs. Kernan and Mrs. Beatrice Jones, all of whom were recent converts to Catholicism. Mr. and Mrs. Kernan were sponsors at the Baptism.

Miss Miller was parish secretary and later director of religious education at the Episcopal parish.

Kernan was the first of the group to enter the Church. He was baptized and received Holy Communion in May, 1952, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Scarsdale. He was followed by Mrs. Kernan and their children.

Price was baptized at Holy Trinity Church in Washington, D.C., and received Holy Communion at Dahlgren Chapel, Georgetown University, last May.

Mrs. Jones was received into the Church later in the same month by Father Hugh J. Rooney at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Scarsdale.



BISHOP O'GARA