

Big Jobs Promised To POW's After 'U. S. Revolution'

Tokyo (NC) — The Chinese Communists told American prisoners who have refused to return home that the revolution would start in the United States maybe within the year, according to a former POW who quit the group.

They said the Communist Party in the United States would know exactly when to start the revolution and you would be sent back to America when the time would come, he told.

They said the revolution was not a threat. "Men who would choose to remain could go to school in China and become political leaders. They should be prepared when the revolution starts in the United States."

They said Marxism and Leninism is materialism and religion is only an idea, and you can't believe in both things, he declared.

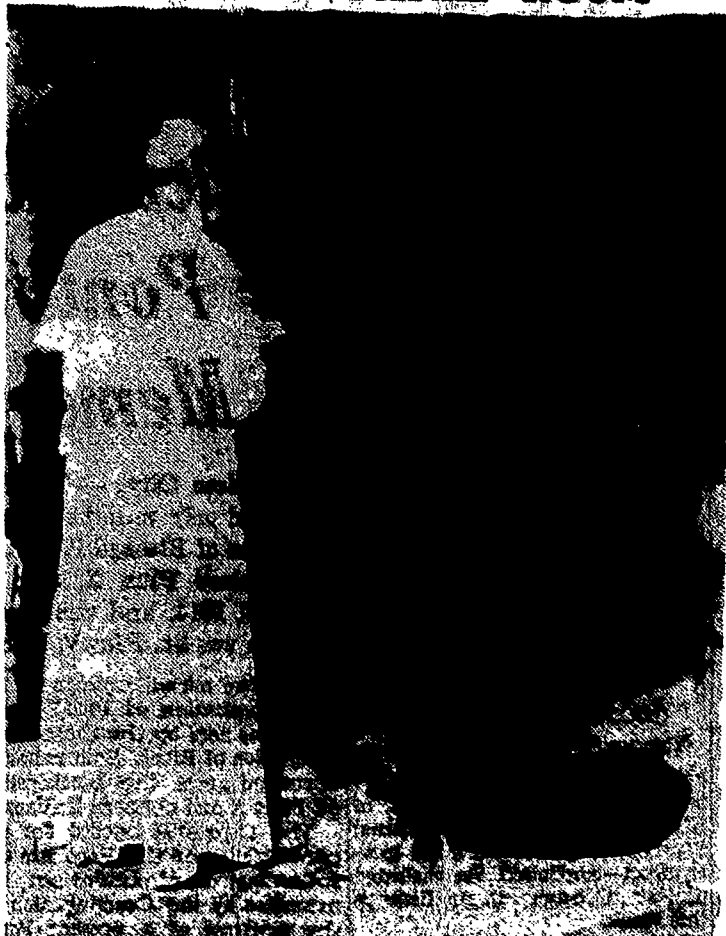
He repeatedly stressed promises by which the Communists enticed men. "They made promises of money and big jobs. They said the men could study anything they wanted, could travel all over China and see old temples or go to Russia and it wouldn't cost them anything."

Dickinson, captured in November of 1950, described conditions in prison camp that winter when "a lot of men gave up."

"We ate cracked corn, millet and had to eat it. We were full of lice. They would by then and wash one of your hands, even wash your face. The Chinese would stare at and look at him and look at you and laugh."

Christ The King — Cal., Columbia (NC) — A missionary status of Christ, over 50 feet high, was solemnly blessed yesterday on the bank of Christ the King.

CANINE IN PAPAL ROOM



Castel Gandolfo—With her seeing eye dog at her feet, Miss Erika Noone of Philadelphia chats with Pope Pius XII during an audience at the Pontiff's summer residence here. The German shepherd, who answers to the name of Trudy, is believed to be the first dog ever admitted to the Papal apartments. (ENS Photo)

Rome Seminary To Train 'Heavyweight Champions In Cold War,' Red Says

Salzburg (NC) — The new North American College in Rome is being readied to train "new heavyweight champions in the American cold war." — At least that is how a Czech Communist propagandist sees it.

The Red commentator heard here over Prague Radio appeared frightened at the solemn dedication of the new college by His Holiness Pope Pius XII in the presence of a number of American Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops.

"THIS SO-CALLED college has its counterparts in espionage centers in Western Germany and elsewhere," the commentator said. "The same tasks—espionage, fraud and subversion—have been allotted to the American college in Rome."

Alluding to the presence of His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, at the dedication, the commentator said: "New Spellmans are to be trained for these tasks in the American college."

He immediately described the Cardinal as "spokesman for U. S. monopolies... rich in experience of fascist methods... organizer of the Vatican press department into a factory of fascist lies and fraud."

COUNT DALLA TORRE, veteran editor of Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily, commented on the Czech broadcast by calling it radioed imbecility.

Reds Map New Attack On Church

Vienna (NC) — A new drive against the Catholic Church in all Iron Curtain countries has been ordered by the Cominform headquarters in Bucharest, Rumania, according to reports reaching here.

The orders were reportedly directed particularly at the Communist regimes in Czechoslovakia and Hungary where the Catholic Church has enjoyed a comparative calm for the past year or more. These regimes have been asked to step up their campaigns against the Church to bring them in line with the all-out war on the Church now being waged by the Polish regime.

THE NEW DRIVE on the Church, according to the Cominform, should open the way for the formal liquidation of the Catholic Church in these countries and the establishment of "national Catholic Churches" along the lines of the National Orthodox Churches now existing in eastern Europe.

Reportedly a conference has been called for December to study the implementation of this step. The meeting will presumably be held at Budapest, Hungary.

Meanwhile, a religious affairs committee functioning under the Cominform has been told to prepare a study of the religious situation in eastern Europe. This study will be the basis for discussions at the forthcoming conference.

Spring, 1954, has been set as the tentative date for the "nationalization" of the Catholic Church in the Iron Curtain countries, the reports state.

ND Seeks Industry Aid For Faculty

Notre Dame, Ind. (NC) — Notre Dame University will invite corporations to underwrite the addition of 45 distinguished professors to its faculty. It was announced here. Additional professors are needed to meet all-time enrollment highs and to replace teachers lost to industry and business.

John J. Cavannah, C.S.C., director of the Notre Dame Foundation, stated, "It is our hope to replace these men with the best teaching faculty we can secure and to encourage the academic advancement of our continuing faculty members as well," he stated.

Cardinal Stepinac Improved, German Specialist Reports

Freiburg, Germany (NC) — The physical condition of His Eminence Aloisius Cardinal Stepinac has improved as the result of the treatment he received from American specialists, but he is not yet out of danger.

This is the finding of Professor Ludwig Hellmeyer, an internationally known hematologist—a specialist in the treatment of blood diseases—who heads the medical clinic of Freiburg University.

PROFESSOR Hellmeyer, who a few days ago examined and treated Cardinal Stepinac in his native village of Krasic, near Zagreb, confirmed the diagnosis made last July by Dr. John H. Lawrence, University of California authority on radioactive therapy, and Dr. John F. Ruzio, Chicago surgeon. Both found the Cardinal to be suffering from "a severe form" of polycythemia, a disease marked by an abnormal increase of the red blood cells which can have "fatal consequences" unless checked.

The two American specialists were sent on their mission by the United States hierarchy through the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The German specialist noted an improvement in the Cardinal's condition resulting from the injections of radio-active phosphorus administered by Dr. Lawrence. However, he added, the vascular system of the Cardinal has been gravely affected by "the mental strains" to which he is at present subjected.

There was a similar reference to "mental strain and stress" in a statement made by Doctors Lawrence and Ruzic after their return from the visit to the Cardinal. They expressed the opinion that "due to the mental stress and strain being constantly experienced by the Cardinal, therapy will be less effective in his present environment."

"serious factor of stress," they said, "cannot be controlled as long as the Cardinal continues under his present regime of restraint."

PROFESSOR Hellmeyer emphasized the urgent need of constant medical care for the Cardinal and discussed plans for further treatment with Dr. Branislav Bogdevic, the Cardinal's own physician. The German specialist will be kept constantly informed on the Cardinal's condition and is available for further consultations.

NCCS-USO To Expand Role In Korea

Washington (NC) — The National Catholic Community Service will expand its USO operations in Korea and Japan, even though the extension might mean a reduction in its activities in the United States.

Michael J. Kelleher, chairman of the NCCS executive committee, announced following the committee's annual meeting here that the move is being made "to provide more services to more boys." Specifically, Mr. Kelleher said, the committee decided to open centers in Seoul, Pusan and Taegu, where the work will be done by NCCS in cooperation with the USO. The service in Seoul, he said, should be re-established "at an early date."

THE EXECUTIVE committee's decision to put more emphasis on Far Eastern operations was in line with an earlier meeting of the NCCS Chaplains' Committee on Religious Program. It was the consensus of the chaplains' meeting that NCCS should concentrate its USO efforts in Korea since "the problems are becoming intensified with the truce," and "Korea offers no recreation or even geographical attractions."

In connection with its work in the Orient, NCCS opened an information center in Hong Kong only recently.

During the committee meeting, NCCS officials reported that some 5,778,000 persons had been served by NCCS-USO operations in the first eight months of 1953. More than 15,000 volunteers a month took part in the operations, and 76 professional staff members were involved. As of October 1, there were 26 USO clubs, two NCCS-operated USO clubs overseas, and four USO clubs overseas staffed by NCCS personnel.

Mass Prohibited To Croat Soldiers In Tito's Army

Trieste (NC) — There is no room in Tito's army for so-called Holy Masses.

This is what Croat Catholic soldiers are reported to have been told by Col. Drashkovich, one of the Serbian Communist officers in command of mobilized units of the Tito army in frontier districts of Gorizia.

The Red officers are said to have put obstacles in the way of Croat soldiers going to Sunday Masses. In addition, prayer books, holy pictures and crucifixes are reported to have been seized from many soldiers recruited from the Croatian countryside.

These interferences with the religious devotion of the Croat soldiers are believed to be one of the main reasons for reported tension and open clashes between Communist officers and non-Communist rank and file soldiers.

New York Chancellor — Vassallo City (NC) — Mgr. John J. Maguire, Chancellor of New York archdiocese, has been named a Protanatory Apostolic.

Dutch Synod Bars Anti-Catholic Post

Capetown, So. Africa (RNS) — A motion calling for the creation of a special post to promote anti-Roman Catholic activity was defeated by the Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church here. The motion was made by the Synod's Vigilance Committee.

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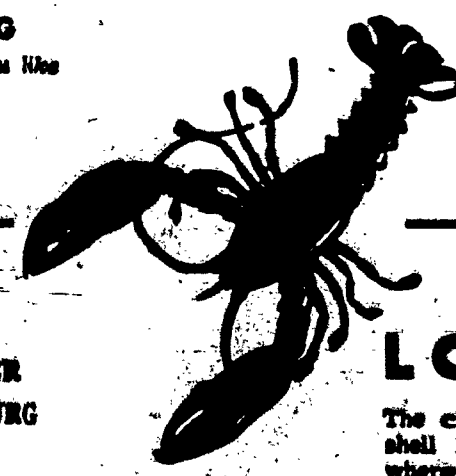
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