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Ousted Priests Collapse **Crossing China Border;** Victims Of Red Abuse

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Hong Kong - (NC) - Four Columbian Fathers newly expelled from Red China have told a story here that shows how Communist mistreatment can reduce even the sturdiest to a state of physical collapse.

They are Fathers Patrick Ro- out of dough held together with man, Owen O'Kane, Patrick Riley pieces of thread pulled from pris-and John Casey, all from Ireland and ranging in age from 31 to 33, on clothes.

who spent 17 trying months in Starting in June, 1953, the exthe jails of Chekiang province. captives revealed, food was re-Fathers Riley and Casey "passed duced to one meal a day, with a out" upon crossing the border, bowl of very thin rice gruel and Father Ronan fainted later served morning and evening. All at the Maryknoll Mission House the priests weakened noticeably on these meagre rations, and Fain Hong Kong.

Now hospitalized for rest and ther O'Kane developed a bad case observation, the Irish priests, sta- of dysentery.

tioned in the mission district of When, finally, it was decided Huchow, near Hangchow. said that the priests should be exthat their troubles began when pelled, they were each allowed to they were accused of promoting; take a bath. This was followed by a the Legion of Mary, which the a shave, and then each was pho-Reds considered to be a danger tographed. On November 24, they ous, "reactionary" organization. were assembled together and sent THEY RECALLED that they under armed guard by train to

were seized by the police in June, the Hong Kong border. 1952, and carried off to jall. At The expulsion of the four first they were put in with other priests has left only two Columprisoners who attempted to per. bian priests in Red China. They ! suade them to confess their are Father Edward McElroy, who "crimes." A cell 18 by 16 feet is in Shanghai, and Father Aldan held 15 prisoners with one having McGrath, formerly national direcan assigned place from which he tor of the Legion of Mary in China, who is in prison. could not move.

Morning and afternoon discussion and confession periods, questionings, two meals a day, one basin of wash water for four, and hours of sllent squatting made up the order of the day.

The priests Later were moved to the fail at Klashan, where they were put in individual cells six

feet by three. Father Casey was Salt Lake City, Utah-(NC)-put in a cell with a spy who tried For the first time in the city's to worm out a "confession" that history, a resident has taken a the officials could not wring from religious garb of a Carmelite him, When he made it clear how nun. She is also a convert.

much he hated the questionings Lurlene Romney Cheyney re of the officials, he was given over ceived the habit of the strict, cloistered order and her name in one of such proceedings. As one or other of the priests religion-Sister Mary Catherine was led out for interrogation, he of the Most Holy Trinity-at would blow his nose twice. This ceremonies here in the Carmel of meant he was asking his fellow- the Immaculate Heart of Mary. tions for absolution A loud Sister Catherine, who entered means that the absolution had Angeles, joined, the Carmelite

ALL FOUR OF the priests a postulant. Reception of the greed that prayer had been their brown habit, scapular and mantle restant consolition during the marks the start of a two-year edium months of imprisonment, noviliate, at the end of which she

London -(NC)- A resolution protesting in the name of 58 million Catholics in the British Commonwealth and the Englishspeaking world against the ar-

rest of His Eminence Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, Primate of Poregime. And, as before, his main Albert Hall. target of attack is the Christian SEVEN THOUSAND priests

forces of the West, especially the and laymen, among them many Catholic Church. European exiles, cheered the passing of the resolution, which bore the signatures of six Cardi- at the recent meeting of the Comwere representatives of the Bis- dominant figure to raise a rally- Army. South Africa, the Gold Coast.

and East Africa.-Among those who also signed as an excuse. the resolution, but in an individual canacity, were there Emin-

ences Francis Cardinal Spellman. Archbishop of New York: Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles; and Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston. It was pointed out that the American hierarchy had previously issued its own protest against the arrest of Cardinal Wyszynski.

The resolution, .which was put

to the meeting by His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, declared that "this unjustifiable and sacriligious assault upon a grea re. politan Nikolai holds a whip hand vinced Stalin that he should copy ligious leader, who has per- over those protestant Churches the method of Peter the Great by formed outstanding services for of Eastern Europe that have turning the Russian Church into the Polish nation, has outraged pledged loyalty to their Red mas a tool of the State. He has been the conscience of the freedom ters. He has made them active the prime instigator of the new loving peoples of the world, propagandists for a "neutralized scheme to make Moscow "the Catholic and non-Catholic alike." Germany" - a Germany, in other second Rome," an accomplish-"WE THEREFORE," the reso- words that would have no opport ment that can be brought about lution concluded, "demand that tunity to defend itself, if occasion only by destroying Rome. full liberty for the exercise of his arose, against the militant power I t was he who ordered the ar-

office be restored to the Cardinal of the Soviet dictatorship. to the people of Poland."

olution would be sent directly to rearm Germany." the Warsaw government.

Chinese Catholics Braved Red Guns To Save Him, Ousted Bishop Reveals

Hong Kong -(NC)- When had quelled all resistance, they then brought the Bishop to Bishop Ferdinando Pasini, 0.public "trial," accusing him of F.M., of Sanyuan crossed the border here after having been murdering orphans, evading expelled from Red China he took with him memories of taxes, and carrying on espion-

of Cardinal Wyszynski of Po-

China forever.

With a verdict of guilty a

foregone conclusion. Eishop

Pasial and Father Sinigaglia

were not long in hearing the

sontenic e-expuision from

The Orthodox prelate is re-

year. In Galway City, a life-she statue of the Blessed Virgin was erected over the entrance to the Franciscan Abbey church, where 100 Franciscan Tertiaries carried lighted candies to symbolize the 100th ansiversary of the proclamation

of the Dogmi of the Immacu-

FREED FROM RED JAIL Cardinals Sign Bid To Free Polish Primate Guiding Moscow's Expelled By Attack On Religion Chinese Reds Nong Kong-(NC)-Four Can-BY JUDITH LISTOWEI London - (NC) - Metropolitan Nikolai of Krutitsky - adlan nuns belonging to the the high dignitary of the Russian Orthodox Church who has Order of the Immaculate Concepbecome know as the "Red Rasputin" — is continuing to guide tion arrived here after having been expelled by Communist au-

and, and demanding his immedi-soviet anti-religious policy just as ate release, was adopted at a he did under the former Stalin Ulbricht of the East German churia. They had been the last former bis main Communist regime had accused foreign missionaries left in that West German Protestant and area.

Catholic leaders of being "war One of the nuns was Mother mongers" and "reactionaries" be- Superior Mary Josephine (Elaine This was amply demonstrated cause of their support of the Ade- Gravel), sister of Sister Ste. bore the signatures of six Cardi-nals, representing the hierarch-munist-dominated World Peace ernment is on record as favoring five years' imprisonment at the es of England and Wales, Au- Council in Vienna at which the West German rearmament and infamous Canton 'trial' of Destralia, Canada, Ireland, and In- 61-year-old, dark-bearded Lithu- has prepared to enroll German cember, 1951, at which she and dia. Also signing the resolutions anian-born prelate emerged as a soldiers in the European Defense another Canadian nun, Sister Alphonse du Redempteur (Antonihops of Scotland, New Zealand, ing cry against the Christian Posing as a friend of peace, ette Couverette) were charged South Africa, the Gold Coast, leaders of Western Europe with the Russian churchman, who with atrocities against orphans.

the issue of German rearmament spent the five years between Both were released from jail and 1917 and 1922 preaching Commu. ordered expelled from China at THERE MAY have been hesi- nism to Austrian and German the end of 1952.

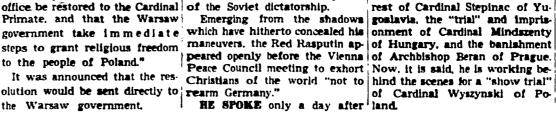
tations and contradictions in the prisoners of war -- told the Vi- Mother Mary Josephine who is 50, hails from Champlain, Quegime in regard to religion, but "As a representative of the bec. Her campanions, also from there is no change in its enmity Russian Orthodox Church, I can. Quebec Province, were Sister toward Rome. This is due in good not keep slient about the re- Ste. Emerentienne (Berthe Fleupart to the influence to Metropol- sponsibility which Western Chris. rent), 46, of Nicolet; Sister Marie itan Nikolai, who owed his ap- tians bear as far as the state of de la Charite. (Corinne Bouraspointment as a Bishop in the affairs in Europe is concerned. sa,) 45, St. Maurice; and Sister Russian Church to Stalin, and The participation of Christian po- Marie Mediatrice (Aline Mawho not only continues to steer litical parties in the governments bouin), 40, of Levis. All four apthe Kremlin in its policies on re- of France, Western Germany and peared to be in good health.

> Irish Trumpet Call Hails Marian Year

Dublin -(RNS)- Ireland's military campa ushered in the Marian Year with a new trumpet call entitled "Salute to Our Lady."

The call, composed by the director of the Irish Army School of Music, was sounded for the first time at special Marian ceremonies held in all the churches of military installations throughout the coun

try. All over Ireland the crowds flocked to their churches to stiend ceremonies marking the opening day of the Marian



of Russia proper.

policy of the new Malenkov re- enna meeting:

ligion, but has even extended his other countries, only makes this

There is no doubt that Metro- membered chiefly for having con-

field of personal activities outside responsibility greater."

Girl Convert Joins Carmelites At Salt Lake City

Hong Kong-Two of four young Irish priests who arrived here weak and broken from ordeals suffered at the hands of the Chinese Communists are shown under the care of a medical

missionary nur. The priests, who were jailed for 17 months at Huchow, Chekiang Province, before being expelled, are: Father Owen O'Kane, 33, of Antrim (center), who passed out from exhaustion four hours after this picture was taken; and Father Patrick Roman, 31, of Kilkenny, who was hospitalized as a precaution. Since June 1953, the four pricein lived on one meal a day. This diet, they said, plus the daily interrogations to which they were subjected as well as conditions in the prison

where they were held, accounted for their poor health



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are work. loyal Chinese Catholics ready to defy Communist guns for

his sake. A missionary in China since 1922, Bishop Pasini, 56 year-old native of San Dona di Piave, near Venice, Italy, was ordered out of the country torether with his Vicar General, Father Giovanni Sinigaglia, 0.F.M. 15.

BISHOP PASINI said that he had been left unmolected intil mid-November although foreign missionàries in his di-ocese had been publicly brand ni as imperialistic spies. On November 13, he reported, he was put in jail, and Father Sinignglia placed under house Two days after his imprison

ment, the Bishop said, the Catholics of the city gathered in a crowd before the fall and shouted that they wanted him spi free. Two Chinese priceio were summoned by the author-ities to quell the disturbance. but without success. Finally, the local magistrate told the crowd he would settle the matter the next day. THE CATROLIC demonstra-

tors left to go in a body to the church for prayer. But they returned to the jail the same evening and forced their way inside, pushing solde armed guards who tried to stop them. lowever, the Reds had meanwhile taken the precaution of removing the Bishop to an-

During the next few days, the Communists conducted a vigorous propaganda drive against the wilssion aries through newspapers and loud-openkers, Convinced that they

Women Aid New St. Jude Church

Whenton, Md. — (RNS) — A church dedicated to the "Forgotien Apostie." St. Jude; will be erected soon in this suburb of the mation's capital as a result of the generosity of three womwhen Patrick A. O'Boyle of

Washington Mrs. Charles W. Allen, widow of a prominent physician, and her two daughters, donated \$25-560 to the archbishop to pur-chase 10 acres of land on which a church school, convent, pur-sonage, period house, and other billedges will be constructed "These are very lew churches a the United States named in herem of St. Jude, so we for the ma the best way to make here betwee the way to make here betwee the way to make here betwee the best way to make here betwee the one, she said, and of here wood that of a chose states and also that of a chose trend.

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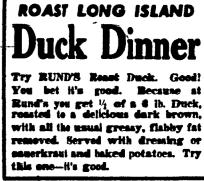
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