

### Heroic Persecuted Catholics One Bright Spot In Shanghai, Foreign Businessman Reports

Hong Kong — (NC) — Shanghai's heroic persecuted Catholics are the one bright spot left in that Communist city, a foreign businessman who just arrived here from Shanghai told a N.C.W.C. News Service correspondent.

"When the police and soldiers tried to take over the Church of Christ the King, the Chinese Catholics filled the Church and then knelt in close formation on the walks outside and even on the gravel of the parking lot. The soldiers could not budge them."

"As one policeman with drawn pistol started to force his way in, a young Chinese lady rose to block his path and said, 'If you're going to shoot, you'll have to shoot me before you can go in.' He put up his gun and backed away. My heart certainly went out to that girl, Father."

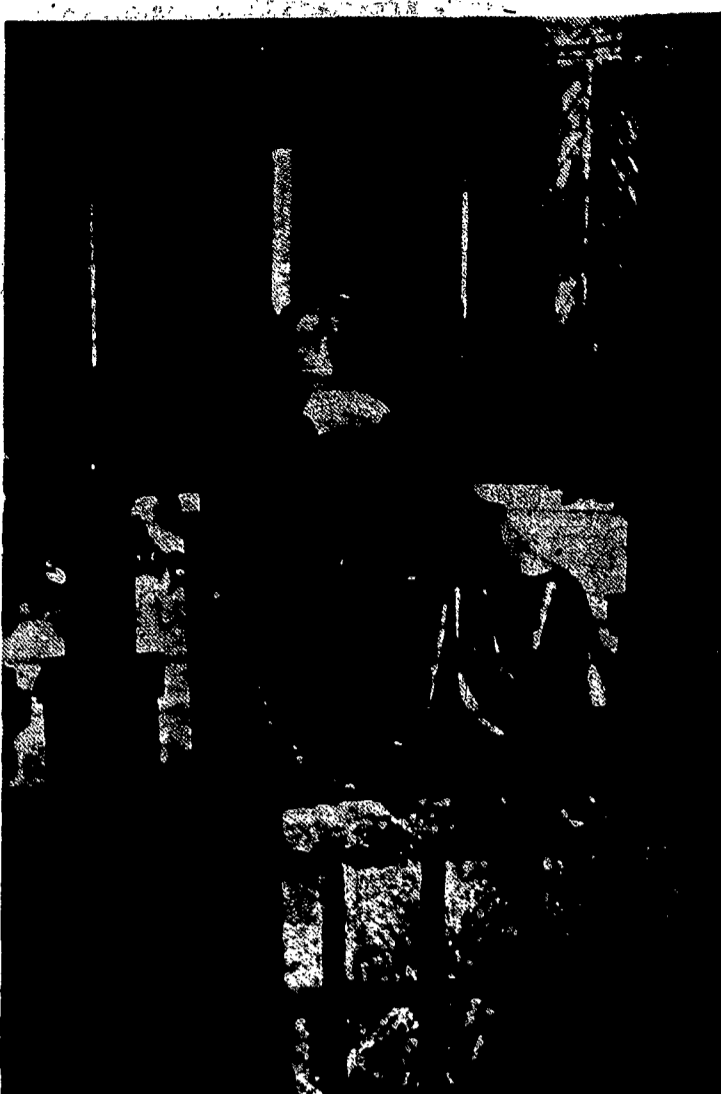
"And then at Zikawei, Father, when they started to set up machine guns and tried to take down the statues and crucifixes, the young men crowded around and hustled the soldiers off by sheer force of numbers; they went to the police headquarters and asked, 'Where's the freedom of religion that you proclaim? Leave our church alone and take the guns out if there's freedom of religion! You had better take the guns out anyway as we are going back now and we'll overrun those gun positions by numbers, even if you shoot!'"

"THE GUNS WERE REMOVED and no trouble occurred. People admire those Catholics and they are taking instruction and becoming Catholics like the ones they admire."

"The Communists made a mistake in persecuting them, Father because they are stronger than ever and there will be a hundred new Catholics for every one they put to death."

"I had never understood them before but now that I have seen them so brave and courageous, I take off my hat to the Chinese Catholics of Shanghai!"

### SITE OF THE ASSUMPTION



Jerusalem—Photo shows crypt of the Church of the Dormition on Mount Zion here where a monument to the Blessed Virgin stands on the site where she is traditionally believed to have fallen asleep before being assumed into heaven. Pilgrims from all over the world come to visit this shrine in the Dormition Church, part of the Abbey of the same name which belongs to the Benedictine Monks. (RNS Photo)

### Oust Color Bar Scouts In South Told

New Orleans — (NC) — Catholic Boy Scout units in the South were called upon at a chaplains' meeting here to take "an active, positive position to make others realize that this organization is and should always be a Christian organization—that draws no barrier in creed or color."

"With the realization that our mission is to work for Christ for the salvation of all men, we must to the best of our ability and with the existing conditions strive for a more unified Scout program among all our children, especially we who are Catholics," the chaplains were told.

"It was always been the role of the Church to strengthen human behavior. This is also her major objective in the work of promoting the work of the Boy Scouts. This being our purpose, it must be all-inclusive, touching, the lives of all our children regardless of color."

Pointing to the value of Catholic Scouting programs among Negro youth, Father Toomey stated that Catholic Scouts "should be made to understand that this organization exists in a country that is founded on the principle of equity for all, and that with the Catholic heritage they should not content themselves with being tolerant, but even more so of being helpful in every way possible toward colored Scouts."

Addressing the chaplains, Bishop Richard O'Gerow of Natchez outlined advancements by Catholics in racial understanding and asked the Boy Scout chaplains to contribute their aid.

"We are on the right track," the prelate stated. "I hope in ten years the problem will be solved."



### Cardinal Cicognani Named To Church's Supreme Tribunal

Vatican City — (NC) — His Eminence Gaetano Cardinal Cicognani has been named by His Holiness Pope Plus XII as a member of the Apostolic Signatura and of the Pontifical Commission for the Interpretation of the Code of Canon Law. It was announced here.

The Apostolic Signatura is the supreme tribunal of the Church. It deals with appeals from the Sacred Roman Rota and other matters arising from that court. It is also a court of appeal for the civil and criminal tribunals of Vatican City.

THE COMMISSION to which Cardinal Gaetano also was appointed is one of a number of pontifical bodies to which ecclesiastics have been appointed for some special work. Other pontifical commissions are those for biblical studies, the revision of the Vulgate, historical studies, sacred archeology, etc.

Cardinal Cicognani is a brother of His Excellency Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States. Before his elevation to the Sacred College of Cardinals a year ago, he served as Papal Nuncio to Spain.

FOYNESS BISHOPS Taped, Foyness — (NC) — The Bishops of Foyness have held a series of conferences here under the chairmanship of Archbishop Anthony Riberi, the Papal Nuncio.

### Fear Growing U.S. Will OK Entry Of Red China In UN

Washington — (NC) — There is growing apprehension over the possibility that the United States will agree to admit Red China to the United Nations.

"That is the reason why fresh impetus has been given to the campaign to obtain a million signatures to a petition in opposition to such a move. Some of the country's most prominent citizens have taken the lead in this work, and several organizations, including veterans groups, are active in it."

IT IS BEING said here that we are drifting toward appeasement of Russia, and that the admission of Red China to the UN will be part of this general tendency.

Statements that have been made on behalf of the Administration have not ruled out the possibility of the recognition of Red China membership in the UN, as a long-range proposition. They have indicated that, as long as we adhere to the conditions we have set down, it is not likely to occur soon.

Speaking to reporters at a recent press conference, Secretary of State Dulles said the present Administration has never said, so far as he knows, that it would forever be opposed to recognizing a Red regime in China.

He added at once, however, that opposition would have to continue as long as the communist government of China was guilty of aggression in Korea, presented aggression in Indochina, and generally conducted itself in a manner unbecoming a nation bound by the pledges of the UN Charter.

Of course, day to day news reports, and even statements by other high U. S. officials, make it clear that Red China continues to misbehave.

BUT THE influential U. S. News and World Report says in its copyrighted "Newsgram" section:

"You can be reasonably sure of the following in the period ahead: 'Appointments in modified form will be offered to Communist Russia. Trade barriers against Communist countries will be lowered. Trade, to be allowed to revive, will give Communist countries many strategic products. Agitation, to cause unrest in the Communist empire, will be checked. Communist China, slowly but surely, will be eased into the U. N.'"

In this same section, the magazine also says: "Mr. Eisenhower is backing away from his stand against deals with Russia until after the Communists give an earnest show of good faith. The basis now is being laid for 1954 talks designed to fix a price to be paid the Communists for a period of promised peace. Russia will not be required to show prior proof that her promises are any good, once they are given."

Some columnists have said the danger that Red China will be recognized is so real that "a new Yalta" can be prevented only if the American people let their voices be heard.

PRIME MINISTER Churchill has revealed in London that "deals with China, recognition of the Chinese Communist government, the admission of China into the United Nations, Korean problems and even such awkward personalities as Syngman Rhee and Chiang Kai-Shek" were discussed at his Bermuda meeting with President Eisenhower and Premier Laniel of France. He would not elaborate, however.

The issue is expected to be a real one in 1954. That is a year in which a new Congress will be elected, a time when the average citizen readily has the ear of candidates for office.

### Chaplain Named For Dartmouth

Manchester, N. H. — (NC) — Bishop Matthew F. Brady of Manchester has appointed Father William L. Nolan as full-time Catholic chaplain for Catholic students attending Dartmouth College here. At the same time, Bishop Brady announced the purchase of a Hanover residence which will be used as a Catholic student center.

### No Strip Tease For Troops In Korea, Story 'Publicity Gag,' Says

Los Angeles — (NC) — USO Camp Shows has emphatically denied reports that a Hollywood actress would offer a strip-tease act as Christmas entertainment for troops in Korea.

"It was simply a press agent's story," said Lawrence Phillips, executive vice president of USO Camp Shows, regarding pictures and stories which appeared in the army newspaper "Stars and Stripes." This newspaper is published by the Troop Information and Education Section of the Armed Forces in the Far East.

THE NEWS statement, issued on behalf of USO Camp Shows, its Hollywood Coordinating Committee and the Department of Defense, Mr. Phillips said that those news agencies "never" took the lead in disseminating the story in the press agent's story is not the lead of entertainment that the news agency want at Christmas time."

He declared that the actress, who left for Korea on Dec. 22, is "not going to do a strip-tease act, but is taking with her her wardrobe, her bathing suit, her jewelry, her press agent's address, etc."

He said the actress would "do a bit" with another actor who had already been in Korea three times. Their act had been "approved" by the Hollywood Coordinating Committee of USO Camp Shows, he added.

"We have had our own good in the armed forces and we are wholly sure that this kind of act is not what we need in the front lines," he said.

These stories are simply a publicity gag perpetrated by a person with a perverted sense of humor," said Col. George F. Walsh of the Troop Information and Education. "The act has been examined, and reasonable had we found a scandalous strip-tease performance."

### India Chaplains Balked On Seeing PW's

Seoul, Korea — (NC) — Four Indian priests who came to Korea as chaplains to Catholics among anti-Communist Chinese and Korean prisoners of war were still waiting to begin their work eight days after their arrival.

On reaching here, the priests expressed their readiness to begin work without delay. The second next day was Sunday. Apparently no arrangements were made by camp authorities to enable them to enter the prisoner of war compounds that day.

The Catholics about them celebrated Mass in the 10-20 in the Indian custodial force attended.

Seemingly, authorities of the Indian force decided that further delay was necessary before the priests could enter the prisoners' enclosure. Repeated queries have failed to elicit any definite answer from the Indian spokesman about the date when the four priests, hurriedly sent from Bombay, can begin celebrating Mass for the prisoners.

### Relief Shipments Blessed By Pope

Vatican City — (Radio, NC) — Pope Pius XII gave his blessing as two relief shipments left Vatican City, one bound for Italy and the other for Holland.

The Holy Father appeared first at the window of the Vatican Palace to bless 35 trucks loaded with food. This was the initial shipment in the Pontifical Relief Commission's winter relief program for Italy.

Later, the Pontiff interrupted his daily walk to visit the Vatican City railroad station. There he blessed five freight cars loaded with chrome metal furniture designed by the Pontifical Relief Commission as a gift to children's schools and shelters in Holland.

### Florida Bishop Confirms Prisoners

Rainford, Fla. — (NC) — Fifteen prisoners at Florida's State Penitentiary were confirmed by Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley, Bishop of St. Augustine.

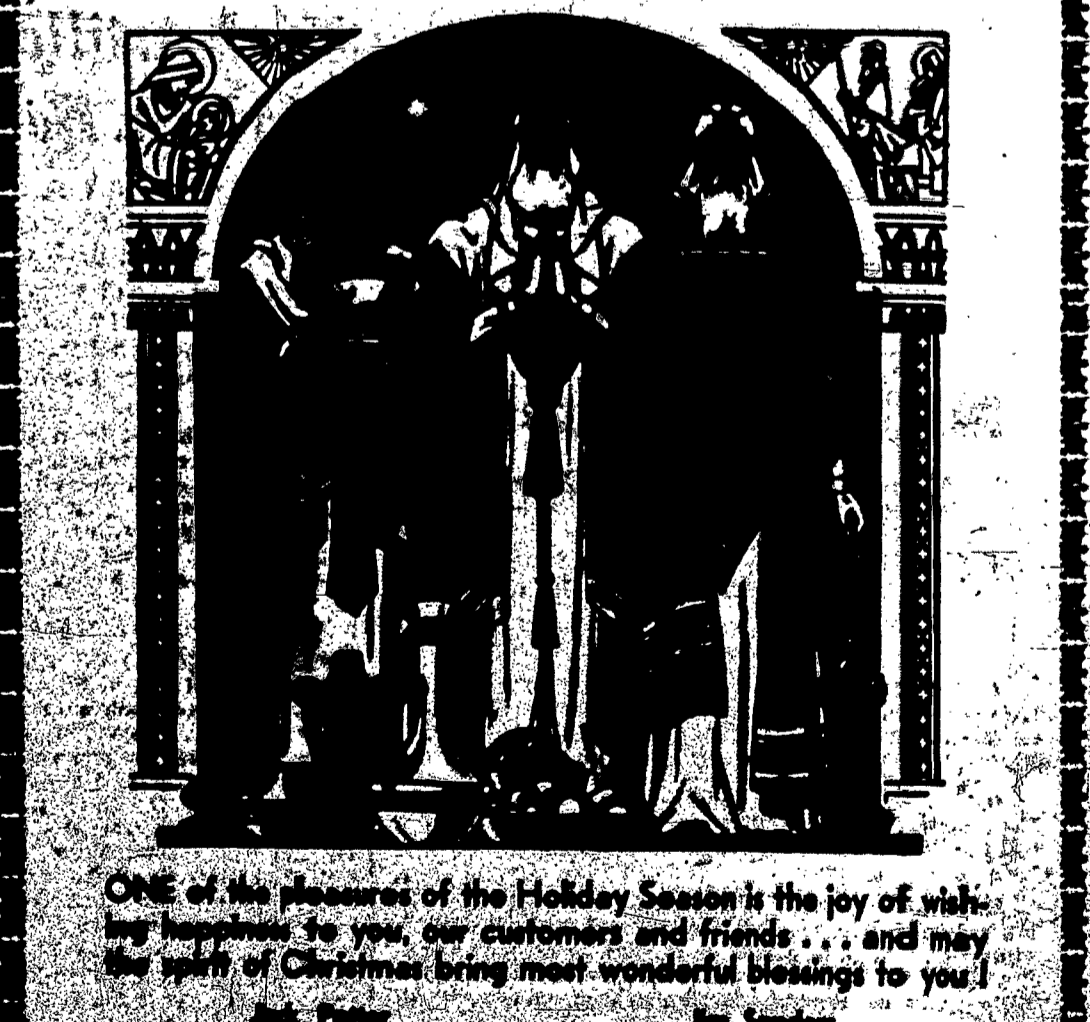
The ceremonies within the high electrified fences of Florida's largest penal institution marked the first visit of a Florida Bishop to the prison, it was stated. "Let this be your noblest pride: to become defender of the faith so that you may traverse the face of the earth," the Archbishop told the newly-confirmed inmates.

### India Sports Arena Named For Jesuit

Bombay — (NC) — The city's newest sports stadium at Bombay University has been named after Father Joseph Fell, S.J., long-time director of sports at St. Xavier's College here.

The plaque on the new stadium reads: "To the Rev. Fr. Joseph Fell, S.J., who as director of sports and games for over a quarter of a century has taught character to thousands of Bombay's youth, this gymkhana is dedicated with gratitude and love."

### Season's Greetings



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