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**Predicts Faith  
May Die Out  
In Red China**

Washington (NC) — The Catholic Faith will be extinct in China in two generations — at least by human calculations — if the Communists retain power that long.

This prediction was made here by Mgr. Eugene Fahy, S.J., expelled Erefect Apostolic of Yangchow, China. The American missionary was ousted by the Reds in June 1952 and has since been reassigned to work on Formosa. He is now in the U.S. for medical treatment.

"GOD, OF course, does not always work according to human calculations," the Monsignor said, adding a happy note to an otherwise dark picture of the future of the Church in Red China.

Monsignor Fahy predicted that all Chinese priests and Bishops loyal to the Holy See will soon be thrown into jail or otherwise effectively prevented from exercising the apostolate.

The Monsignor believes that the Chinese Reds will begin a more intensive drive on the Chinese clergy as soon as all the foreign missionaries have been expelled, which may well be by the end of this year, he said. The Reds can then imprison large numbers of the clergy without news of it being spread to the outside world, he explained. The continuing ouster of foreign missionaries at the present time constitutes an information leak in the bamboo curtain. Consequently, the Reds are more circumspect in their persecution of the Church.

Chinese Catholics in their twenties or older will probably hold on to their faith despite persecution, he said. These signs that persecution has increased their faith, the Monsignor said. "But there is little chance that the children will hold on to their faith, and even less chance, humbly speaking, that the faith can be passed from one generation to another."

**France Honors  
Red-Ousted Bishops**

Paris (NC) — Four French bishops expelled from their sees in Red China have been named members of the Legion of Honor by the French government.

They are Archbishop Jean Larrot of Kwangsi, Bishop Stanislas Ballery of Ninguan, Bishop Henri Finaut of Chegwu and Bishop Andre Verheux of Yngkow. All are members of the Society of Foreign Missions at Paris.

Also named to the Legion of Honor were Father Maurice, procurator for the Lazarist Mission in the Far East, and Sister Germaine of the Sisters of Charity, former superior of the French general hospital in Tientsin.

**Wave Of Smut  
Prompts Request  
For Federal Laws**

Washington — A new rising wave of indecency is smashing the efforts of religious and civic groups to cleanse their neighborhoods of smutty books, photos and films, a lay leader said here.

Martin H. Work, executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Men, urged federal legislation to "quash" the "definite increase" in such goods observed within a matter of weeks.

In a letter to Senator Robert C. Hendrickson, chairman of a sub-committee on juvenile delinquency and recent co-sponsor of a bill to tighten laws on obscene material in the District of Columbia, Mr. Work said Catholic men are seriously concerned with a new rash of lewd matter on newsstands, in the mails, and in movies.

QUESTIONED ON the possible reasons for the new outbreaks of filthy material, Mr. Work explained in an interview that fast working producers of cheap immoral products have interpreted recent legal decisions as a go-ahead signal for increasing their output.

Mr. Work said the Post Office Department here had corroborated his report of a big rise in obscene literature and photographs in the mails.

He indicated three reasons for the strong drive on the part of distributors of obscene matter:

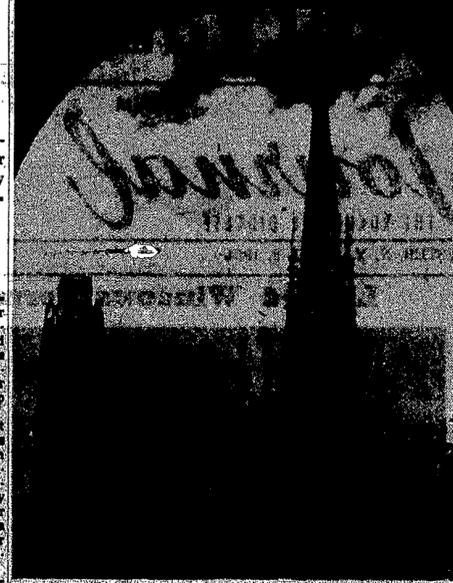
- 1) The Supreme Court, in indicating that the word "immoral" is too vague a term in law, has loosened State censorship of films and has created the feeling that the door is being opened for smutty goods. States such as Ohio are now licensing films that have kept out for years because of immorality.
- 2) Recent court action has favored big-time dealers charged with using the mails for obscene material, thus limiting the Post Office Department's power in keeping the mails clean. As a result letters to NCCM from outraged parents whose children have received unsolicited letters offering indecent books and photographs have taken an upturn.
- 3) The Supreme Court's view of the term "immoral" has already been applied to cases involving literature with the result that local citizens groups have relaxed their fight against indecent matter, feeling that the law will not back them.

"THE TOTAL impact creates the impression that the law permits the existence of immoral material," he said.

In his letter to Senator Hendrickson, Mr. Work praised the work of the Senate subcommittee which established a connection between juvenile delinquency and the multi-million dollar trade in "indecent films."

He urged the tightening of Federal laws against pornography and lewd material and asked Congress to urge publishers to adopt a self-regulatory code to control their own products.

**ROUEN CATHEDRAL REOPENS**



Rouen, France — The Rouen Cathedral, which had been closed for 10 years after it was destroyed by bombing during World War II, was reopened today. The cathedral, which dates back to the 12th century, was reconstructed with its original Gothic style. The reopening ceremony was held in the presence of the Archbishop of Rouen and other church officials. The cathedral is a masterpiece of Gothic architecture and is one of the largest and most beautiful cathedrals in France.

**Pope To Officiate  
At Canonization  
Rites For Pius X**

Vatican City (NC) — Further confirmation of the slow but steady improvement in the health of His Holiness Pope Pius XII was seen in an announcement by Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper, that he will officiate at the canonization of Blessed Pope Pius X on May 24-25.

This was the first word from the Vatican since Catholics throughout the world began to speculate whether or not the Holy Father would have sufficiently recovered from his illness to participate in the arduous ceremony.

PILGRIMS FROM all parts of the globe are expected to be on hand when Pope Pius, object of daily, worldwide prayers since he came ill late in January, formally raises his saintly predecessor to the dignity of the altar.

According to Osservatore Romano, the Pontiff will read the decree of canonization from the epistle in front of the main entrance to the Basilica of St. Peter's.

As in the case of St. Maria Goretti's canonization during the Holy Year of 1950, the canonization of Blessed Pius X will take place in the great square in order to accommodate the enormous crowd expected. On the next day, Sunday, the Mass, which is always a part of the canonization rite will be celebrated inside St. Peter's.

**Youth Meeting  
In Guatemala  
Red-Planned**

Guatemala City (NC) — The newspaper La Hora here has warned that the Central American and Caribbean Youth Festival to be held in Guatemala City next October is a Communist undertaking. It is being sponsored by the "World Federation of Democratic Youth."

La Hora's warning came after the General Confederation of Workers of Guatemala had announced that invitations to the festival had been issued to workers in El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and the Antilles, as well as Guatemala. The invitations stressed that delegates should be chosen "without racial, political or religious distinction."

Last year similar invitations were distributed throughout Central America in connection with a Communist inspired Youth Congress held in Guatemala. At that time delegates were asked to bring along "documentary proof" of "imperialistic trusts" operating in their countries, as well as signed petitions denouncing the military training of youth and upholding Soviet "peace" policies.

**Polish Reds Deny  
Church Permit**

London (NC) — The Polish Communist regime's basic hostility toward the Catholic Church is seen in a new report reaching here that it has consistently refused to grant permission for the construction of a church in a new city of some 40,000 inhabitants.

The new city Nowa Huta (New Steelmill) was erected five miles from Cracow as part of the regime's six-year expansion plan. The refusal of the regime to permit construction of a church is forcing the Catholics of the city to take trains each Sunday to Cracow to attend Mass.

**10 China Missionaries  
Expelled In March**

Near Kang' (RNS) — Ten Roman Catholic missionaries arrived here from Communist China during March. Catholic headquarters reported. One priest apostolic and nine priests made up the total.

Still in China are 207 Catholic missionaries, of which seven are bishops, five prefects apostolic, 130 priests and 65 nuns.

The report from Catholic headquarters gave no explanation for the small number of arrivals in March. However, it is not unusual for the Communists to refuse exit permits and then suddenly to expel large groups.

Some observers here believe the Communists may no want to keep missionaries in China as hostages for political bargaining with the Allied Powers.

**Congress Bares:  
Red Terror Against  
Church In Lithuania**

Washington (NC) — A shocking story of Red terror in the suppression of the Catholic Church in Lithuania is contained in the transcript of the House of Representatives.

Some 70 pages in the 678-page report are devoted to a description of the suppression of the Church during the first occupation of Lithuania by the Soviets from 1940 to 1941. Also included in these pages are biographies of more than a score of priests and Bishops who were murdered, imprisoned or deported by the Soviet authorities.

THE TESTIMONY presented to the committee shows, says the preface to the report, that "one of the first aims of the communist-controlled regime was to undermine and gradually destroy religion." The methods used ranged from the use of open terror to the systematic and determined efforts to turn the younger generations in an antireligious direction.

The transcript describes the brutal murder of 15 Catholic priests by Soviet forces just before they were driven from Lithuania by German troops.

The brutality of these murders is seen in a report which stated that three priests were "bludgeoned with crosses broken on their foreheads and skulls were still alive, unrecognizable, dismembered and mutilated."

These priests, identified as Fathers Vasilevas Balys, Justas Paleckis and Jonas Petras, were murdered on June 25, 1941, near the village of Lomskiai, not far from the Lithuanian German border.

The hearings were held by a special committee headed by Representative Charles J. Keenan of Wisconsin. Among those testifying was Auxiliary Bishop Vincent Brizys of Kaunas, now in exile in the United States.

Bishop Brizys, who was taken away from Lithuania by the Red Gestapo in 1944, testified that, on the basis of his experience, he does not believe that the Soviet regime would live up to any agreement he told the committee that during the first occupation of Lithuania just one priest out of more than 1,400 then serving in the country collaborated with the Soviets.

More than 2,000 persons crowded into St. Mary's Church for the ceremony in which the Legionaries renewed their consecration to Mary.

**THE LORD'S TOMB**

Will shine all our attention to Holy Week. At the supper table on Easter morning we have attached SPECIAL MASSES FOR ALL OUR BENEFACTORS. We beseech the Fatherhood of Jesus to celebrate a solemn Mass after which we offer a Mass for you and request you to make it a FOR YOUR MASS OFFERING THROUGH THE YEAR. It's almost your best support.

YOUR EASIER GREETING FROM THE TOMB? Yes, if you use our GIFT CARD. It'll come right from the Holy Shrine, for with it we enclose a souvenir TOUCHED TO THE HOLY SEPULCHRE. It will tell a friend or loved one that you requested a missionary to offer Mass for them at Easter time; or that you gave in their name a sacred article to a chapel.

We suggest the following needs of our mission chapel:

Sacrosanct Lamp	\$15	Candelabra	..... \$25	Altar cross	..... \$10
Stations	..... \$10	Menstrucal	..... \$5	Altar	..... \$5
Vestments	..... \$5	Mass bell	..... \$5	Picture	..... \$5
Candles, for year	..... \$20	Tabernacle	..... \$25	Chalice	..... \$5

DOMINIC SAVIO  
Although this Italian lad is not yet canonized, a young novice with the Carmelites at Mutholy, India, has taken his name as she recently began her two years training. She pleads for a kind soul to "sponsor" her by sending the \$150 she needs each year. Her family has nothing. Won't you help? She'll die blessing you.

YOU WERE IN THE MASTER'S LAST WILL. IS HE IN YOURS?  
FROM TOMB TO YOUR TABLE  
What greater honor than to have the Risen Lord at your Easter table? Set a place for Him and send us the cost of one meal to feed a REFUGEE FAMILY driven from His homeland and theirs. A FOOD PACK (\$10) lasts almost a week. We gratefully receive your usable castoffs at our warehouse—Harwell St. & Rochester Rd., Bronx 61, N.Y.

IN THE JORDAN WATERS  
The Lord was baptized by John. We hope that our new FATIMA SHRINE in JORDAN will attract many into the True Faith. In holy expectation we will make ready with a special BAPTISMAL FONT for the church's coming day. Perhaps you'd like to make it a memorial in a loved one? Or maybe you'd like to give a block (\$10) for the building. We will offer for each gift of \$10 or more a lovely copy of the Russian painting, "Our Lady of the Near East," in russet and gold, suitable for framing.

A SMILE OF INNOCENCE  
Broke out all over this lad's face when Sister showed him the new FIRST COMMUNION OUYIX (\$10) given by our dear sweetest friends. Won't you help spread these smiles among our destitute children on THE DAY OF DAYS? For a report in English, the best of them is care for this year.

SPEAKING OF SMILES, some noble friend will give the grateful smile and willing prayers of MAGID, a youth who has just begun a five year course in the seminary at Mar Abbé, Lebanon. May I be allowed to transfer him in my installment plan? He needs each year for the cost of his training. Won't you send us your friendly will.

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