

Red Vietminh Hold All Area Bishops Under Arrest

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Hanoi, Vietnam — (NC) — No Catholic Bishop is free in any zone now controlled by the Communist Vietminh in Vietnam or Laos. Four prelates—one Vietnamese and three French—are now in regions held by the Vietminh.

Monsignor John Arnaud, French Prefect Apostolic of Thanh Hoa, Laos, has been a prisoner since last February. Bishop Felix Hode, French Vicar Apostolic of Langson and Cao Bang, Vietnam and his French Coadjutor Bishop Andrew Reginald Jace, have been interned in a village some distance from Langson for the past three years. Bishop John Baptist Tran Huu Dao, Vietnamese Vicar Apostolic of Vinh, was taken from his residence and has been held under house arrest in a village for the past year.

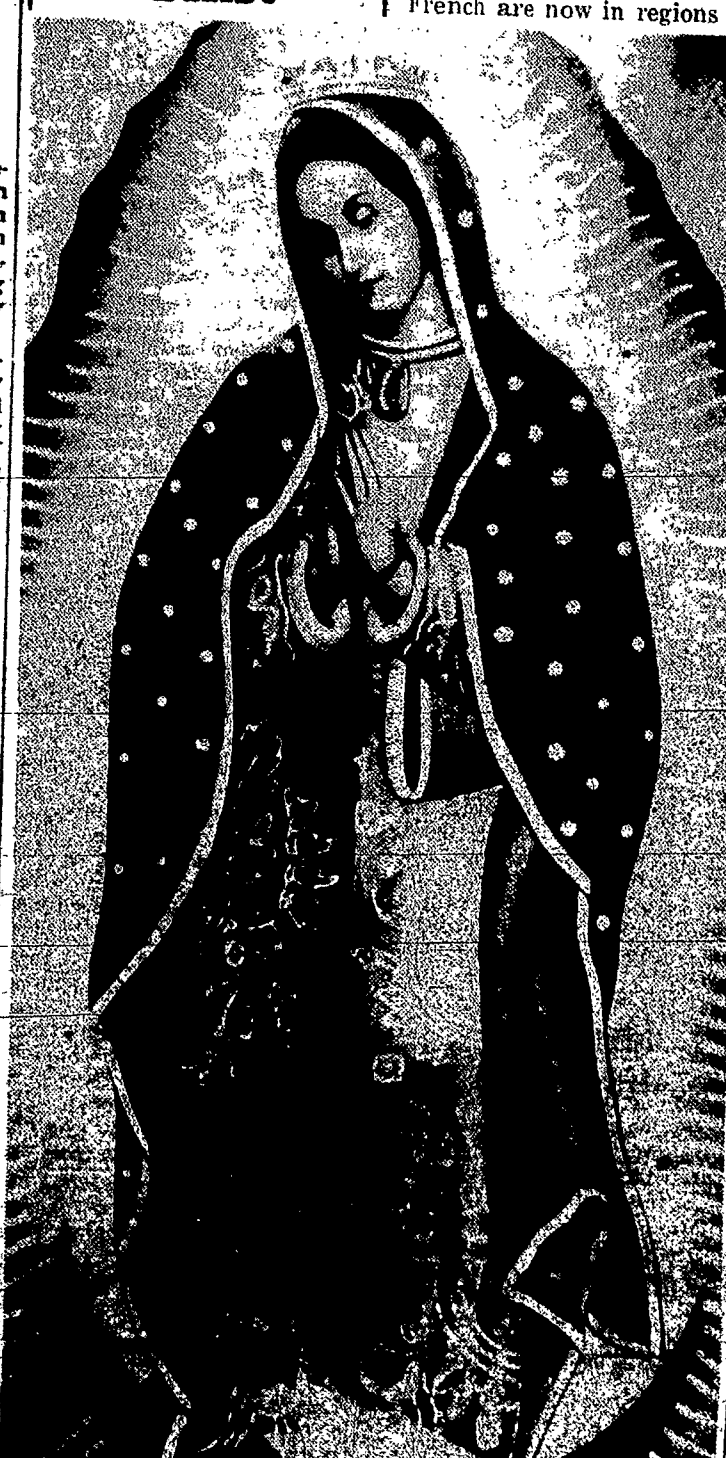
SCORES of priests are imprisoned or under house arrest. Hundreds of the Catholic laity have been imprisoned. It is obviously impossible to estimate the exact number, or how many have been killed or died in prison. The majority of the priests thus victimized are native Vietnamese.

When the Vietminh do not arrest the priest they obstruct his religious work by demanding that he obtain a permit for every little journey. Thus they hinder his visits to outlying villages. In some areas they refuse to allow priests to go to the dying. The dying must be carried to the church for the last Sacraments. Practically all priests thus obstructed are native Vietnamese.

THE POLICE obviously hinder priests from contacting fellow priests and at the same time cut off the Bishop from his priests and people.

With all this goes the constant indoctrination opposing and belittling religion — an indoctrination forced on everybody from school children to adults, including priests and Sisters.

Who Painted This?



Photograph of famous image given in 1531 to Mexican Indian Juan Diego and still venerated at Guadalupe Shrine. (RNS Photo)

Mary's Queenship Holy Father To Crown Madonna

Vatican City — (NC) — Representatives of the principal Marian shrines of the world will be on hand in St. Peter's Square on November 1 to witness the crowning of a famous ancient painting of the Blessed Virgin Mary by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

The event will climax the solemn proclamation that day by the Holy Father of a liturgical feast of the Queenship of Mary Most Holy. It will also coincide with the fourth anniversary of the infallible definition of the dogma of the Assumption by the Pope during the last Holy Year.

THE IMAGE on which the Pontiff will place a jeweled crown is the "Salus Populi Romanus" (Salvation of the Roman People) which is preserved in the Borghese Chapel of the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the world's greatest Marian shrine. Tradition says the picture was painted by St. Luke and discovered by St. Helena in the Holy Land during her search for the True Cross.

It is not known yet what date will be chosen for the Queenship feast. A competent official of the Sacred Congregation of Rites and the chief of the Vatican Press Office have both stated that no date has yet been fixed. The latter denied particularly a press report saying May 1 has been decided on. He said that no statement of this kind has gone out from his office. Talk that May 1 will be the date, pointed in only speculation. Nothing definite apparently will be known until the Pope himself settles the matter, perhaps at the time he proclaims the new liturgical feast.

THE COMING solemnities will mark the second time in recent years that the Salus Populi Romanus has been borne in procession from its special place of honor in St. Mary Major's. The last time was December 8, 1949, when Rome was preparing for the solemn opening of the 1950 Holy Year.



St. Feehan's Church on Chestnut Ridge Road in Chili will be the scene of priestly centennial rites in November. Formerly attached to a mission of St. Vincent de Paul's Church in Churchville, St. Feehan's was recently established as an independent parish and for the first time in a hundred years has a resident pastor.

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Jewish Judge Makes Retreats, Can't See Why Some Catholic Men Still Won't

New Orleans, La. — (NC) — A Jewish judge just can't understand why some Catholic men refuse to make weekend retreats. He has made one for the past 14 years and says it's made a better man of him.

Civil District Court Judge Louis H. Yarrut of New Orleans said that by joining Catholics in a weekend of silence and meditation he not only gained great respect for the Catholic Church but became more devout in his own faith.

"THE FIRST retreat I made indelibly impressed upon me the love and devotion my Catholic friends have for their Church and religion," he said. "I was ashamed into the realization that I had neglected my own faith and people. I did something about it."

When curious friends ask Judge Yarrut why his yearly retreats mean he is going to become a Catholic, he answers: "No, I'm not. I am still a Jew, proud of my origin and religion and the contribution my people have made to mankind: spiritually and scientifically."

But he adds: "I do attend the daily (retreat) lectures on Catholic doctrine and philosophy which offer a liberal education and a pleasing revelation of

many things I did not know or understand."

PREJUDICE AND hate are born in ignorance, Judge Yarrut believes. One reason he first went on retreat was because "I resented the oft-repeated 'calumnies against the religious beliefs and practices of my Catholic friends and wanted to learn the truth in order to defend them properly.'"

Now having completed his 14th year of "retreating," the Judge said "I feel a great sense of appreciation for my Catholic friends who have again led me to meditate and pray with them in my own way. It has made a better man and a better Jew of me, as it must inevitably make any Christian a better man and a better Christian."

WHAT THE JUDGE can't understand is why many Catholics still decline or overlook invitations to attend retreats. It is his belief that if more men attended more retreats "much of the confusion and turmoil in the world today would disappear and communism would have no ignorance or intolerance to feed upon."

Judge Yarrut who has made a yearly retreat since 1940 at Manresa Retreat House in Convent, La., described his feelings on retreats in "The Clavette," official organ of the Knights of Peter Claver.

Red China Ousts Austrian Bishop

Hong Kong — (RNS) — Bishop Leopold Breilinger, S.J., of Chinghsien, China, arrived here aboard the freighter Hunan from Red China.

Bishop Breilinger, a native of Lipz, Austria, had spent two years of inactivity in Tientsin before getting expulsion orders from the Communists.

He said persecution of religious bodies was continuing in China and that "looking out, needed to supplement the rice diet, was very scarce and under strict rationing."

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St. Feehan's

Property Purchase Forecasts Chili Parish Expansion

Long-range plans for the expansion of St. Feehan's Parish property in Chili were revealed today by announcement of the purchase of about 11 acres of land on Chili Ave.

Approval was given by the zoning board of the town of Chili last Tuesday night. The present church and hall are located at 285 Chestnut Ridge Road off Chili Ave.

The Rev. Donald J. Murphy, recently appointed as the first resident pastor of the Chili parish, made known the purchase.

The new tract of land, purchased at the cost of \$15,000, extends between Chili Ave. and Chestnut Ridge Road. It has a 765 foot frontage on Chili Ave. and 200 foot frontage on Chestnut Ridge Rd. The eight and a half acres facing Chili Ave. were purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Elmer W. Sachs. The area facing Chestnut Ridge Rd., amounting to about two acres, was bought from Mr. and Mrs. Warren Brandow and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brandow at a cost of \$2,500.

IT IS PLANNED to open a school this Fall for first and second grades with classrooms in the parish hall. A grade will be added each year until the full eight year curriculum is reached. The school will be staffed by Sisters of St. Joseph, who will live at St. Agnes High School.

Father Murphy was appointed to St. Feehan's two weeks ago by His Excellency Bishop Kearney. Until this time, the Chili parish was a mission of St. Vincent de Paul Church, Churchville, and in earlier years was served by priests of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Scottsville.

Men of the parish have already completed an apartment on the second floor of the parish hall, a former carriage house located on the church property, where the pastor now lives. It includes an office, bedroom, combination living-dining room and kitchen.

MOST OF THE lumber was saved by men of the parish in a small mill owned by one of the parishioners and was taken from a row of fir trees on church property, which had served as a windbreak to protect parish buildings.

It is interesting to note that this progress takes place at St. Feehan's in the parish's centennial year. The one-hundred year anniversary of the parish's founding is celebrated this Nov. 14.

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