

# Vietnam Refugees Describe Flight From Communists

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Haiphong, North Vietnam (AP)—Refugees huddled in a public school here told how they fled from the southern part of the Red River delta when the French evacuated the region.

"We got word early in the morning and had only a few hours to get ready," said a man from Buichu. "Some had less than that."

The refugees boarded French landing craft and other boats in the river or along the coast and sailed north to this port city.

"THE VIETMINH had begun to attack when we were entering the boats," said a man from Phatlam.

Most of the 80 refugees in this improvised shelter are Catholics. Some wear medals around their necks, many from the most Catholic areas in the country.

Twenty-four weary-looking women in black, with rosaries, form a group among the refugees sitting on the floor in one classroom. These women, some quite young, come from Buichu, where they led a full-time religious work.

They are some of the Chinese "Lovers of the Cross" founded more than 30 years ago by early missionaries and now taking various forms in new organized communities.

Most of the refugees wear the dull brown garb of the Vietnamese peasant. None seem wealthy. They present the now familiar picture of the plain poor people of Far Eastern lands fleeing before a Communist occupation takes over.

They sit and sleep on mats in the bare classrooms. Many are in family groups, some with infants in arms. They brought with them only what belongings they could carry. Usually that was little.

SOME WALKED for five hours through the darkness from their homes to the river bank, where they waited all day, without food, for the evacuation boat.

One man, sitting on the floor against a wall, was wearing a bandage around the stump of his leg. He had lost the lower part of his leg in a Vietminh attack earlier this year.

Three Vietnamese Sisters of the Rosary stayed behind with the sick in the little Catholic hospital of Buichu. Father Robert Willoughby, of the Belgian Society of Mission Auxiliaries, remained in Phatlam. He runs a hospital and dispensary, poorly equipped in everything except his own ability and enthusiasm.

HERE IN HAIPHONG, port

# Pope Receives German Envoy To Vatican

Vatican City (AP)—Wolfgang Jaenicke, first postwar German Ambassador to the Holy See, presented his credentials to His Holiness Pope Pius XII at an audience in the throne room of the Vatican palace.

Following the formal ceremony, the German envoy was received by the Holy Father in his private library. During a cordial conversation with the Ambassador, the Pontiff extended his good wishes for the German government and people.

Ambassador Jaenicke had begun a promising government and diplomatic career in Germany when the Nazis came into power. Under the Hitler regime, he was retired from government service, and did not return to official office until 1952 when he was named the first German Ambassador to Pakistan.

The German envoy was the seventh ambassador to present his credentials to the Pope during July. The Holy Father previously received Ambassadors from Uruguay, Venezuela, Iran, Portugal, the Dominican Republic, and Panama, all of whom were appointed during the months he was ill.

# Human Relations Workshop Picnic



Washington—Students attending the Intergroup Educational Workshop at the Catholic University of America here relax at a checker game during a picnic at Rock Creek Park given annually during the sessions. Left to right are: James G. Ester of Washington; Sister Mary Theophane, O.S.P., of Baltimore, Md.; Sister Mary Blending of Humboldt, Tenn.; and Jean Millar of Washington. (RNS Photo)

# No Chance Seen For Church Under Tito's Red Regime

Washington (AP)—The Tito regime in Yugoslavia may be extending a hand to the West—for its own advantage—but it is still thoroughly communistic and has never abandoned its persecution of the Catholic Church, especially in Croatia.

The warning was sounded in an article written by a Croatian-born educator and lecturer and inserted in the Congressional Record here at the request of Representative Donald L. Jackson of California.

THE AUTHOR is Dr. Anthony Butkovich, a Catholic, who became an American citizen after escaping from Yugoslavia several years ago. He said "the thousands of martyrs, the convents destroyed, the prohibition of all Catholic activity in whatever aspect, show clearly that communist terrorism, day after day, and before the astonished eyes of the world, fastens inexorably on the people of the Catholic Church in Croatia."

Dr. Butkovich, who now resides in Los Angeles, recalled that the Bishops of Croatia in 1945 had reported that at that time, more than 273 priests had been murdered, 86 had disappeared and 169 had been sent to concentration camps. He said that since then "the number is double."

Dr. Butkovich gave a partial list of Croatian priests who, he said, had suffered violent death at the hands of the Reds. They were killed by stoning, beheading, quartering, staving, beating or burning—during the past ten years, according to the writer.

"IT IS OBVIOUS that atheistic communism will always, and until the very end, try to destroy the Catholic Church, which can never be false to her principles and can never allow herself to be enslaved by any state or regime," he wrote, adding:

"It sounds incredible that any free, democratic and Christian country of the world can ally itself with the tyrannical, totalitarian and communistic Yugoslavia. It is more than unrealistic to believe that any communistic country—in this case Yugoslavia—will fight on the side of democratic, capitalistic and imperialistic America, as Tito calls the United States of America."

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Literature  
Ceylon, Ceylon (AP)—Ceylon's minister of commerce and trade has formed a board to keep a check on communist literature coming into the island.

# Mass Recalls Red Victims In Guatemala

Guatemala City, Guatemala (AP)—Archbishop Mariano Rosell of Guatemala City officiated at a Solemn Requiem Mass here for the victims of communism murdered during the final days of the regime of ousted president Jacobo Arbenz and for the military casualties during the civil war.

THOSE PRESENT included the new president, Carlo Castillo Armas, and the members of his cabinet, marking the first time in 80 years that a Guatemalan president and his cabinet officially attended a religious service.

Also present was the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Genaro Verolino, and other members of the Guatemalan hierarchy. More than three thousand people took part in the two-and-a-half-hour solemn ceremonies.

Analyzing the causes of communism in the country that had lived through and shaken off Red terror, Archbishop Rosell stated that the people had sought "false gods." Only in its hour of anguish did the country call upon the name of God, he said, and He saved it from its sins.

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Mr. GONCHAROFF, now employed by the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association in Brooklyn, told the senate subcommittee of 24 years behind the Iron Curtain and said that millions of Russian peasants and workers are anxious to throw off Communist tyranny because of 35 years of false promises.

He said that the Communist dictatorship had cost the lives of nearly 30 million persons in Russia, and that in spite of their prayers to Comrade Stalin and the Communist Party, "more than 30 million have died of hunger—organized hunger, not natural."

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# Ex-Communist:

# Reds Make Atheists In Kindergarten

Washington (AP)—Russian indoctrination begins with kindergarten children, Nicholas T. Goncharoff, former Red army tank lieutenant who deserted to the West, said here before the Senate Internal Security subcommittee.

On his first day at school, Goncharoff said, the Communist teacher asked all small boys and girls who prayed at home to hold up their hands. He said a number of 6 and 7 year olds then were told to "pray to your God and ask your God that he should give you a box of candy."

"WE KNELT and began to pray," he said. "After exactly three minutes the teacher gave us the command to stand up, and he said, 'Look you fools, you prayed and nothing happened. Where is the box of candy?'"

This caused the other children in the room to laugh, Mr. Goncharoff continued. "We were put in one corner and some of us began to cry."

Those who had not prayed were then told by the teacher, he said, that they could see a miracle and were asked to "pray to comrade Stalin and the Communist Party, and you ask them for a box of candy and see what will happen."

They began to pray to Stalin and in less than two minutes the door opened and another teacher walked in bringing a big box of candy Goncharoff said, and added that this was typical of Communist indoctrination of all students against religion.

# Taste Of Purgatory

Taipei, Formosa (AP)—Self-sacrificing devotion and heroic endurance are two shining virtues of a nun-doctor in South Formosa who travels five hours to visit the aborigines in the mountains, and returns to her convent—another five-hour trip—the same day.

She is Sister Eugenia Villanova, a Dominican Missionary Sister of the Holy Rosary, who runs a dispensary in the port city of Keoslung and once a week visits the aboriginal village of Chia Pien, where all the inhabitants are Catholics.

Though Sister Eugenia does not mention it, the journey to Chia Pien in the tropical heat of south Formosa, and her work there in a primitive bamboo hut, must be a taste of purgatory.

Sister Eugenia leaves Keoslung at 6 a. m. and travels by bus over indifferent roads for four hours. She then climbs the mountains for another hour on foot. From 11 o'clock

she is busy with crowds of sick mountain folk. Catholic and pagan. And at 3 p. m. she starts the journey back to Keoslung.

The aborigines are sorely lacking in medical facilities, and have to travel considerable distances for treatment. To them the Sister is an angel of mercy.

"I do what I can for them," says Sister Eugenia. "Malaria, tuberculosis and anemia are all too prevalent. Lack of medicines hinders the work."

Not only the inhabitants of Chia Pien, but aborigines from every part of the mountains come for treatment to the Spanish-born Sister.

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# Charge Against Church Denied

Hamburg, Germany (AP)—The president of the Lutheran World Federation branded as false charges that the Catholic Church is persecuting Protestants in Colombia.

Lutheran Bishop Hanna Little made the statement shortly before leaving here by plane for a trip through Latin America. He is making the trip as head of the Lutheran federation.

# Priest-Admiral Called To Duty

Washington (AP)—Maj. Maurice S. Sheehy, head of the department of religious education at the Catholic University of America and Rear Admiral in the Navy Chaplain Corps, has been recalled to active duty for one month. He was assigned to the staff of Admiral John H. Cassady, U.S.N., Commander in Chief of the Eastern and Mediterranean forces.

Monsignor Sheehy will have his headquarters in London. After a trip to Italy, he will accompany Admiral Cassady when the fleet visits the Scandinavian capitals.

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