

Vietminh Still Violate Geneva Pact By Blocking Refugee Trips To Freedom

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Hanoi — (NC) — The Vietminh (communists) continue to violate the Geneva agreement of last July by hindering Vietnamese villagers from leaving their zone.

Refugees who have succeeded in reaching Hanoi and Haiphong from various areas concur in their reports of difficulties in leaving the Vietminh zone. They also report that thousands of their fellow villagers who want to leave are prevented by the Vietminh.

EACH SIDE is bound by the Geneva Agreement to authorize and assist those who so desire to leave one zone for another. Instead, according to accounts given independently by refugees in recent weeks, the Vietminh are obstructing the villagers' departure by force, intimidation and removal of the means of transportation.

This correspondent talked to refugees from Thai Binh and Phu Thuan provinces who have seen Vietminh men handling Catholics who were trying to leave their villages.

Many report the Vietminh tactics of grabbing infants from their mothers' arms to prevent families from departing. One family showed me a four-year-old boy whom Vietminh officials tried to take forcibly from his mother's arms after the family had stepped aboard a river boat. In the tug-of-war that followed, with the unfortunate baby in the middle, the child's head hit the side of the boat. I saw the ugly bruise five days later at Hanoi.

The boat was already loaded with passengers who resented the Vietminh actions, so officials thought it better to let it go. In refugee camps at Haiphong, Vietminh agents tell the people any relatives they left behind will be penalized if the refugees don't go back.

FISHERFOLK of one riverside village departed in their boats with the apparent permission of local Vietminh authorities. As they came into the estuary, Viet

Many GI's Enroll In Sophia Classes

Tokyo — (NC) — Many of the 500 students enrolled for the fall semester of the International Division of Sophia University here are American soldiers, sailors, and airmen.

minh mortars opened fire in their direction. No boats were hit, but the threat was obvious. The boats, each loaded with families, had no choice but to turn back.

Nearly all these refugees are Catholic. When some 300 Catholics set out from a village in the Thai Binh province, the Vietminh barred them from using row boats, without which it was impossible to cross the river. In another place, men who operate bicycle rickshaws told the people, "If you're Catholics, we can't take you."

On September 2, the International Control Commission, whose responsibility it is to supervise carrying out the Geneva agreement, issued a statement reminding each side of Clause 14 which gives civilians full freedom to change residence from one zone to the other.

The Commission asked each command to give "widest possible dissemination" to this clause. Actually, since just about that time, Vietminh have tightened restrictions on people's movements out of their zone. To date, the International Control Commission apparently has done nothing about it.

Pope Says Conscience Pharmacists' Best Guide

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Pius XII has sent a message conveying his counsel and blessings to the delegates at the third international congress of Catholic pharmacists at Zaragoza, Spain.

The message, sent in the Pope's name by Msgr. Giovanni B. Montini, Vatican Pro-Secretary of State, praised the theme of the congress "Christian Humanism and a Profession."

THE LETTER pointed out that proper legislation can be most helpful to the pharmacist, for example "legislation in a matter which is in accord with Catholic morality, which, in turn, confirms and elevates natural law."

"Of still further help to the pharmacist will be an ethical formation that will illustrate for him the application of those laws and principles," the letter went on.

But the greatest help, the letter said, will be "the honesty of his Christian conscience — the immediate judge and guide of his (the pharmacist's) actions."

The first congress of Catholic pharmacists, a section of Pax Romana, was held in Rome during the Holy Year of 1950. The second was held at Spa, Belgium.

Over Million Want Out Of North Vietnam

Paris — (NC) — There are 1,400,000 Christians in North Vietnam who wish to escape the domination of the Vietminh, declared Father George de Rocheau, who has recently visited Indo-China as the representative of His Eminence Maurice Cardinal Felin, Arch-bishop of Paris.

This number, he said, represented those "who wish to save the freedom of their conscience at the price of abandoning all their possessions."

Father de Rocheau stressed the extraordinary self-denial of those Christians. "For the most part," he said, "they are peasants who have only a straw hut, a little rice paddy, one or two buffaloes and a primitive plow, but they are very attached to their land and are afraid of the unknown."

"Vietminh know this," he continued, "and to stop the exodus of people, they try to prevent the village priests from leaving."

Indians Visit Martyrs' Shrine



Auricville, N. Y. — The Rev. Louis A. Devaney, S.J., director of the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs here (left), explains the story of St. Isaac Jogues to a group of Mohawk Indians who made a pilgrimage to the shrine. St. Isaac Jogues was one of three Jesuit missionaries killed near the site of the shrine by the Mohawks more than 300 years ago. While a slave at the ancient Mohawk village of Ossernenon near here, he used to carve the Cross and the Name of Jesus on hundreds of trees in the forest. The statue shows the saint carving a tree. The other two Jesuits whose martyrdom is honored by the shrine were St. Rene Goupil and John de Lande. (RNS Photo).

Vatican Recognizes A 'Widow's Mite'

Calcutta, Bolivia — (NC) — The happiest person in town these days is an elderly Indian woman who recently received a letter from Vatican City, reported Father John J. McCabe.

A few months ago the woman gave Father McCabe \$1 to send to the Holy Father. As a child many years ago she had heard that the Holy Father needed funds. The sum of \$1 represented her savings over the years.

"For her gift, the woman received a letter of thanks from the Vatican Secretariate of State," continued Father McCabe. "She also received the Apostolic Blessing of His Holiness Pope Pius XII."

Mail Response Staggers Convert Pamphlet Writer

New York — (NC) — A recent convert has found that what she needs most now that she is in the Church are full-time, top-quality secretaries and two jumbo-sized filing cabinets, one for answered mail and the other plainly marked: "Letters to be answered immediately."

MISS MARJORIE Hoagland, of this city, authored a pamphlet telling the story of her conversion. She has been virtually swamped with mail, and finds keeping up with it a real job.

"Some was from 'born Catholics' extending gracious greetings, some from mature or elderly Protestants," she said. "One very touching letter came from a Protestant minister, who said: 'I got your booklet from a Church book

Attlee Faces Critics On Return From Tour Of Red Lands

London — (NC) — Clement Attlee, leader of the British Labor Party, and his team have stored up plenty of trouble for themselves when they return home from their tour of the Communist world.

Their "fact-finding" visit to China has doubtless warmed the hearts of Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai but many secular papers here — in addition to the Catholic Press — have criticized their "glow of good fellowship" (as one paper put it) and rather puzzling conclusions.

NEWSPAPER correspondents accompanying the group have written reports criticizing the rather naive acceptance by the Laborites of the propaganda showered upon them in every way and form, in sharp contrast to the journalists' scepticism, and listing the things and the facts which were not explained and about which questions were not asked.

These were of a political or international aspect generally but the Catholic Press has been more concerned with the evasive tactics regarding moral and religious matters adopted by Mr. Attlee's tour group.

THE UNIVERSE pointed out that Mr. Attlee, possible future Prime Minister of Britain, has ended his tour without apparently having discovered anything of the vicious persecution launched against the Catholic Church in China in the past few years. At a press conference in Hong Kong he could find no stronger term than "antipathy" to describe the tortures inflicted on scores of foreign missionaries before their expulsion from the country.

His actual reply, as reported, was: "I formed the impression that the Chinese antipathy to foreign missions and Churches was nationalistic rather than Communist, an objection to foreign influence, although final judgment is difficult."

THE UNIVERSE went on to remind Mr. Attlee once again, and its many thousands of readers who vote for the Labor Party, of a few of the facts, quoting a report entitled "The Systematic Destruction of the Catholic Church in China" published in New York earlier this year.

History Of Diocese. Covington, Ky. — (NC) — "The History of the Diocese of Covington," a book by Father Paul J. Ryan, administrator of St. Mary's Cathedral parish, here, has been published.

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