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Reds Seen 'Using' Visits To Moscow

Fribourg, Switzerland — (NC) — The arrival of a delegation of the German Lutheran Church in Moscow is part of a calculated Soviet plan to persuade the Protestant churches of the West that true religious freedom exists within the Russian orbit.

THIS OPINION was expressed here by KIPA, Swiss Catholic news agency, which said that "for some time the relations between the Protestant churches of the West and the Orthodox Church of the Soviet Union have become more intense and the (interchange of) visits more frequent."

"It is necessary," KIPA warned, "to observe that the visits are regulated by those who foist their own opinions on the visitors."

KIPA quoted Dr. Theodore Adams of Richmond, Va., president of the Baptist World Alliance, who went to Russia in August for a two-weeks' visit, as stating that he had found there a re-flourishing of true respect for religious sentiment.

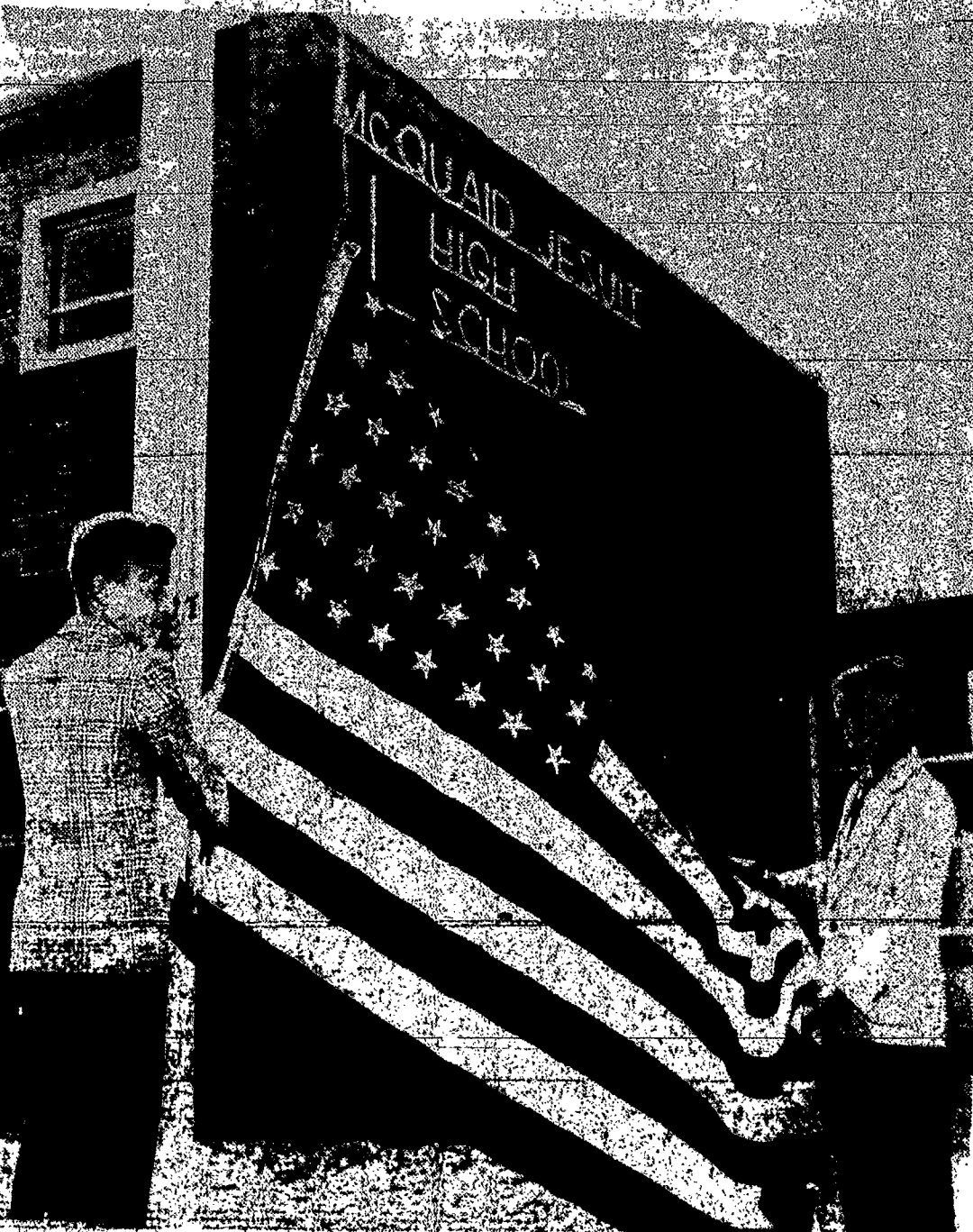
It also quoted him as stating that the Soviets had authorized the re-opening of 1,500 Catholic churches and 800 Lutheran churches.

COMMENTING ON the latter statement, KIPA asked: "Has Dr. Adams been able to ascertain the truth of this, or does he repeat what he has been told?"

In a recent article written for N.C.W.C. News Service, Father George Blissonette, A.A., who served for two years as Catholic chaplain to the foreign colony in Moscow until he was expelled by the Kremlin earlier this year, declared that Dr. Adams' statement was "utterly unrealistic." He said that the status of the reopened churches, the number of clergy, the Union open for worship and served by a priest.

KIPA stressed that more than open churches are necessary to justify speaking of "true respect for religion." So far as Catholics are concerned, it pointed out, a genuine religious freedom in Russia would imply the unhampered administration of the Sacraments and the freedom of the Church there to keep in full and constant communication with the Holy See.

Jesuits Open New McQuaid High



JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL freshmen students (l. to r.) Arthur Deckman and Dennis Conheady proudly raise Old Glory on the campus of the newly completed McQuaid Jesuit High School for boys in Brighton. A three-day official retreat was conducted this week for the Freshmen Class of 248 students. The new school, which has facilities for 1,000 students, will be formally opened and dedicated on Sunday, September 23 by His Excellency Bishop Kearney. (Courier-Examiner photo by Frank Conheady.)

Ambassador Lodge Pledges Efforts To Bring God Into United Nations

Washington, D.C. — (NC) — A pledge to "do all in my power to advance the great goal of bringing God into the United Nations" was made by U.S. Ambassador to the UN Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.

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Mr. Lodge in a letter to Albert J. Sattler, New York, president of the National Council of Catholic Men, which has headquarters here. "I can assure you that I give very heartily when you say those who build in this world labor in vain unless the foundation is of God and I do every thing in my power to show my belief in that great truth," Ambassador Lodge wrote.

Mr. Lodge told Mr. Sattler that his first action on being appointed U.S. representative to the UN was to visit the organizations' meditation room. He added, "I have publicly stated that I think the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, 'Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace,' would be most appropriately engraved over the door." He reminded Mr. Sattler that at present each session of the UN General Assembly is opened with a minute of prayer or meditation.

Public School Rents Catholic Classrooms

Creve Coeur, Ill. — (NC) — Opening of the new Sacre Coeur parish grade school here has saved the public school system from a desperate situation.

Under an unusual arrangement, public schools will rent several classrooms of the newly completed Catholic school.

A teacher shortage makes it possible for the Sisters of the Holy Cross to use only the classrooms of the first four grades this year. This would leave five of the new classrooms empty. Meanwhile the Creve Coeur public school system faced an overflowing enrollment and was considering several emergency moves. The public school officials negotiated with the Catholic parish and succeeded in renting the five empty classrooms, which will be occupied by early-grade public school pupils.

Official Upholds Marian Stamp Issue

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Chinese Reds Still Hold 15 U. S. Catholic Missioners

Geneva, Switzerland — (NC) — Two of the last 17 American Catholic missionaries left in Red China are among the 12 American civilians who are now free to leave that country.

U. S. BISHOP IN RED CHINA



MARYKNOLL, N.Y.—This photo, received early this year by the Maryknoll Fathers at their headquarters here, shows Bishop James E. Walsh, M.M., at the office of the Catholic Central Bureau in Shanghai, China. The bureau, a key organization for the coordination of Catholic work in China, was suppressed by the Chinese Communists in June, 1951, and since that time Bishop Walsh has been virtually a prisoner of the Communists at the old bureau headquarters. This week he was named among twelve American citizens to whom the Chinese Communists announced they will grant exit permits.

Missioner Bishop Ordered To U.S.

Maryknoll, N.Y. — (RNS) — Bishop Raymond A. Lane, Superior General of the Maryknoll Fathers, said here he has ordered Bishop James Edward Walsh, who has been in China since 1946 to apply for an exit permit from Communist China and return to the U.S.

Chinese officials had announced earlier that Bishop Walsh, who has expressed a desire to remain in China to serve his flock there, would be given an exit permit "any time he applies for one."

"BISHOP WALSH'S health has been very bad for the past few years," Bishop Lane said, "and I felt that conditions in China being what they are he would be of more service to his order here at home."

"Had I not issued the order, I doubt very much if Bishop Walsh would have left China of his own will. He has dedicated his life to the Chinese people and has stated many times that he wished to die in the land where he has labored so many years."

A NATIVE of Cumberland, Md., the China missionary was one of the first students to enroll in the Maryknoll seminary here and was one of the four pioneer Maryknollers who began mission work in China in 1918.

After a 10-year term in that office, Bishop Walsh returned to China in 1946 where he headed the Catholic Apostolic Bureau in Shanghai until it was suspended by the Communists in 1951.

Other missionaries mentioned here are: Father Joseph P. McCormack, M.M., born Aug. 6, 1893, Roscommon, Ireland; ordained 1924. Arrived in China in 1925. Imprisoned in Shanghai in 1953. Father Thomas Phillips, S.J., born Sept. 14, 1904, Butte, Montana; entered Jesuits in 1928. Arrived in China in 1928. Imprisoned in Shanghai on June 15, 1953. Father Armand Proulx, S.J., born June 14, 1896, Lawrence, Mass.; arrived in China in 1924. Arrived in March, 1952, and jailed in Shanghai. Father Harold Rigney, S.V.D., born 1900, Chicago, Ill.; ordained 1930. Arrived in China in 1946. Arrived in July, 1951 and imprisoned in Peking. Father Cyril Wagner, O.F.M., born Jan. 15, 1907, Pittsburgh, Pa.; ordained 1934. Arrived in China in 1935. Arrested in June, 1953, and jailed in Shanghai. Father Marcellus White, C.P., born 1908, Waltham, Mass.; ordained 1934. Arrived in China in 1935. Arrested in March, 1952, and imprisoned in Yunnan. Sister Theresa (Eva Stella) Du Gay, Carmelite Sister.

They are now free to leave that country. They are Bishop James E. Walsh, M.M., executive secretary of the Catholic Central Bureau of China, and Sister Theresa of the Child Jesus (Stella Duguay), a Carmelite nun.

Their freedom to leave Communist China was announced here following negotiations between United States Ambassador U. Alexis Johnson and Chinese Ambassador Wang Ping-nan for the release of some 41 civilians admittedly held by the Reds.

AMBASSADOR WANG stated that Bishop Walsh could leave China whenever he applies for an exit permit.

Sister Theresa is the last American nun left in Red China. She was born in New York December 30, 1893, of French Canadian parents. She attended the Ursuline convent in Trois-Rivers, Canada, and then entered the Montreal Carmel at the age of 20. She has been in China since 1922 or 1923. According to the last letter received from her, she is in poor health.

Including Bishop Walsh and Sister Theresa only 17 American Catholic missionaries remain in China of the nearly 500 who were serving there before the Reds seized power. Two of the 17 are Bishops and 14 are priests. Sister Theresa was the only nun. There are 33 foreign Catholic missionaries of other nationalities still in China. They include eight from France, four each from Belgium and Canada, three each from Italy and Poland and two each from England, Korea, and Spain. Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland and Switzerland are represented by one missionary each. Before the Reds took over there were about 5,500 Catholic missionaries in China.

THE FOLLOWING are the American missionaries still held by the Communists: Bishop Ambrose Pinget, O.F.M., of Chowstun, born Aug. 16, 1889, St. Bernard, Neb.; ordained 1924; consecrated 1937. Arrived in China in 1926. Arrested early in 1951 and imprisoned in Tsingtau. Bishop James E. Walsh, M.M., executive secretary of the Catholic Central Bureau of China. Born April 30, 1891, Cumberland, Md.; ordained 1915; consecrated 1927. Arrived in China in 1918. Under house arrest in Shanghai since 1951.

Father John W. Clifford, S.J., born Dec. 31, 1917, San Francisco, Cal.; ordained 1939. Arrived in China in 1946. Imprisoned in Shanghai in 1953. Father Joseph P. McCormack, M.M., born Dec. 6, 1893, Roscommon, Ireland; ordained 1924. Arrived in China in 1925. Imprisoned in Shanghai in 1953. Father Thomas Phillips, S.J., born Sept. 14, 1904, Butte, Montana; entered Jesuits in 1928. Arrived in China in 1928. Imprisoned in Shanghai on June 15, 1953.

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POAU Plans Court Fight On Nuns In Public Schools

Greencastle, Ind. — (RNS) — Dr. Glenn Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, said here that his organization still intends to file lawsuits seeking to end the situation in "half a dozen" Indiana communities where "parochial schools" are supported by public taxes.

Dr. Archer made the assertion while he was at DePauw University to conduct a workshop at the annual Institute of Indiana Methodist Men.

THE USE of public funds to support schools in which teachers are Catholic religious was one of the topics discussed at the workshop. Dr. Archer specifically mentioned Knox and DuBois counties as Indiana areas where public schools are allegedly under parochial control. John A. Teder of Jasper, DuBois county school superintendent, told the Indianapolis News that Jasper and about half a dozen small towns in the county, all heavily Catholic, have schools in which nuns teach and are paid by the township.

Chinese Convert Abandons Twin Sons; Daughter Pronounce Vows

Hong Kong — (NC) — Francis Hsu, 35-year-old convert who was born in Shanghai of Methodist parents, has resigned as senior research officer in the office of the British Commissioner General for South East Asia to study for the Catholic priesthood.

He is on his way to Rome, where he plans to enter early in October the Beda College for late vocations. A graduate of St. John's University in Shanghai, Mr. Hsu was employed by the British Ministry of Information in Chungking and Chengtu during the war years. He then was sent to England, where he was connected with the Foreign Office from 1945 to 1948. A devout Protestant, he attended Church of England (Anglican) services while in Brit-

Blind Woman, Leper Son Walk 19 Miles To Mass

Buxar, India — (NC) — Missionary Father Edmund Burke, S.J., tells the story of the feeble old blind lady who walked 19 miles with her son, a leper, to get to Christmas Mass.

He recalls how he had gently teased the old lady about coming to church when he met her in a village far out in the district.

"I'll come, I'll come," she would say. But it was plain that, bent over nearly double with age, she was hardly able to get around her own village.

On Christmas eve, she staggered into the mission station frozen and exhausted. Her son said she had fallen three times. Each time he thought she would never get up.

The Sisters rubbed her with oil and sat her by the fire for the rest of the night. Next morning after Mass, Father Burke gave her train fare for the return trip.

Foreign Wars Vets Elect Chaplain

Boston — (NC) — Father Leonard T. Goode, chaplain at the Veterans' Home, Rocky Hill, Conn., has been elected national chaplain of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the organization's 65th encampment here.

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Cardinal Stepinac Spends Days In Study

Rome — (NC) — His Eminence Aloysius Cardinal Stepinac spends his days in quiet study, a correspondent for Quotidiano, Rome daily, reports after a visit with the prelate, confined by the Yugoslav Reds to his native village.

The correspondent reports that at first he was refused permission to see the Cardinal. Archbishop of Zagreb. When the reporter persisted, he was given permission only on condition that he not attempt to speak to the prelate.

THE NEWSMAN was taken to Cardinal Stepinac's native village of Krasic, under the watchful eye of a chauffeur and two other people "who by coincidence" joined the ride and who by coincidence knew how to speak Italian.

Confined By Reds To Native Village

THE CARDINALS day begins early when he goes to the little village church of Krasic. During the first Mass he sits in the front row.

On Sunday when the Cardinal celebrates the 11 o'clock Mass and presides the solemn almost all of the village's 2,000 inhabitants crowd in and around the church.

To all outward appearances, Quotidiano's correspondent noted, the restrictions on the Cardinal's liberty are hardly apparent. Every evening at sunset he takes a walk through the village. And every evening at 9:30 the lights of his two rooms are seen to go out.

The Cardinal's health is reported to be good. After his serious sickness in 1953, two doctors were assigned to care for him. He has not issued a bulletin since then.

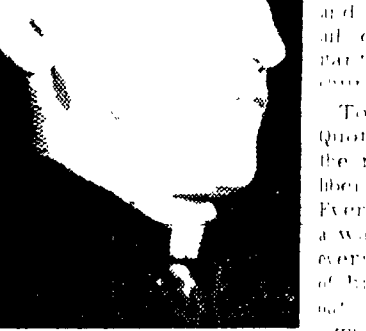
The Cardinal refuses to discuss any current interest in his country. He will accept everything that the Lord wills to send me, he says.

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Mr. Tirona held that the stamps were issued without any sectarian motive but "simply to tap a new source of income."



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