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'Who Won World Series?'

Priests 2 Years In Red China Cells

San Francisco—(NC)—"Three steps forward, three steps back." Stage directions? Hardly. The succinct phrase describes the prison quarter where two Dominican missionaries spent the last 23 months of their stay in communist China. The missionaries, Joseph E. Hyde, of Lowell, Mass., and James G. Joyce, Clinton, Mass., disembarked here from the SS President Martin Van Buren, en route home for a long rest six weeks after they reached freedom.

"House arrest" is the press term for what the Reds inflicted on the two priests. It tells something less than the truth.

"Armed soldiers grabbed us one morning after Mass, in August, 1953," they said. "We were marched to the servant's quarters of our procurator house in Foochow, still in cassocks.

"Each of us was put in a rubber seven-foot by four-foot room for three steps forward, three back. That was our prison for the next two years. We had no communication with each other, only our breviaries and an occasional communist magazine to read. The lights were kept on constantly. Guards with rifles walked back and forth just outside.

In two years the pair received no mail and only one package, though plenty of both were sent by relatives, friends, and Dominican conferees in this country. The packages, full of winter clothing, arrived last winter when both were down to fat-tiers — "the most welcome sight you can possibly imagine," Father Hyde put it.

Not until the day they left their solitary confinement quarters did Fathers Hyde and Joyce learn of the undelivered goods.



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Father Dion Gets Visa To Russia

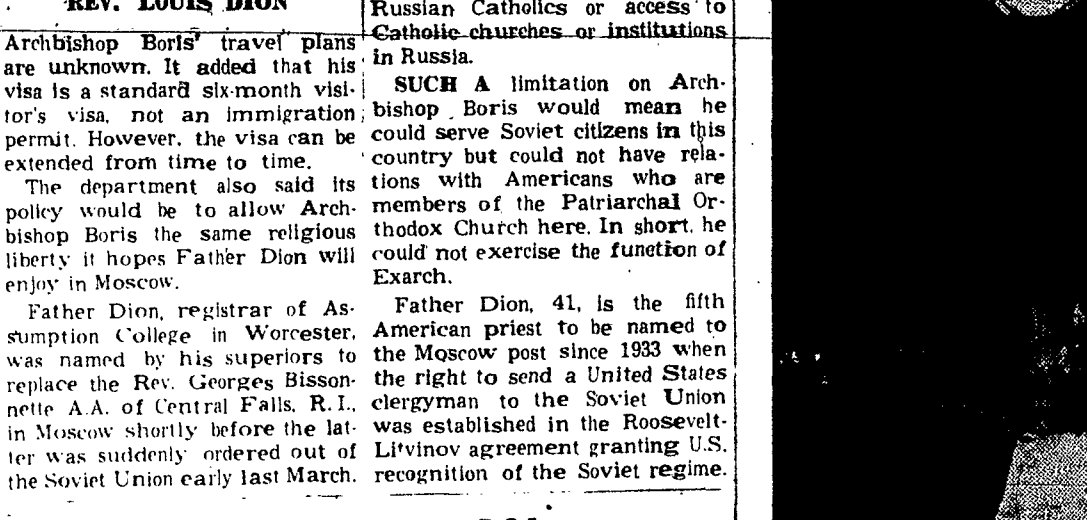
Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—Soviet Embassy officials here granted the Rev. Louis F. Dion A.A. of Worcester, Mass., a visa to reside in Moscow. At the same time, the State Department issued United States entry permits to Russian Orthodox Archbishop Boris, Exarch of North America of the Moscow Patriarchate and his secretary, Alexander Shishkov.

Father Dion is expected to leave about Dec. 1 for the Russian capital where he will minister to the spiritual needs of United States residents there.

THE STATE Department said Archbishop Boris' travel plans are unknown. It added that his visa is a standard six-month visitor's visa, not an immigration permit. However, the visa can be extended from time to time.

The department also said its policy would be to allow Archbishop Boris the same religious liberty it hopes Father Dion will enjoy in Moscow.

Father Dion, registrar of Assumption College in Worcester, was named by his superiors to replace the Rev. Georges Bissonnette A.A. of Central Falls, R.I. in Moscow shortly before the latter was suddenly ordered out of the Soviet Union early last March.



REV. LOUIS DION

Less 'Spirits' Seen Way To Real Christmas Spirit

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Rome Upholds Election Of New Abbot

The election of the Rt. Rev. Walter Helmstetter, O.C.S.O., as abbot of the Trappist Abbey of Our Lady of the Grotto, Piffard, N. Y., has been confirmed by Vatican and Cistercian officials at Rome, according to word received at the Piffard Abbey.

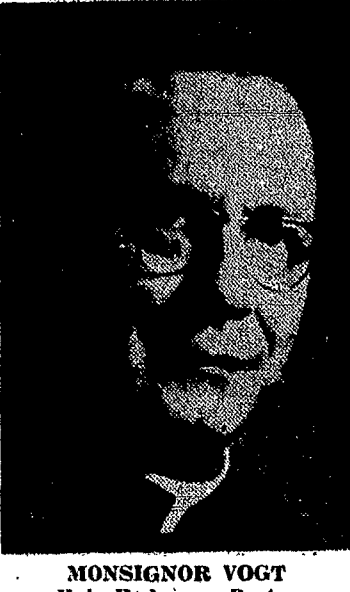
Approval of superiors at Rome was required in Dom Walter's election because Trappist law requires an abbot to be 35 years of age. The newly elected abbot is 34.

Abbot Helmstetter will arrive Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the Piffard Abbey where he will be installed as superior by the Rt. Rev. Abbot M. James Fox of Getsemani, Kentucky.

The new abbot was master of novices at the Getsemani Abbey prior to his election as head of the Cistercian community in the Rochester diocese.

Dom Walter Helmstetter will receive the solemn abbatial blessing at a date yet to be determined.

He succeeds the late Rt. Rev. M. Gerard McGinley, first abbot of the Piffard Abbey, who died this past Sept. 19.



MONSIGNOR VOGT
Holy Redeemer Pastor



REV. W. J. SCHIFFERLI
Industry Chaplain

Americans Confirmed At Japan Air Base

Tokyo—(NC)—About 60 Americans, most of them adults, received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Tachikawa Air Base here from Archbishop Maximilian de Furstenberg, Papal Internuncio to Japan. Several were recent converts.

Some of the adults had not yet received their first Holy Communion. A number of those confirmed were Catholics who had been brought back to the Faith by the Legion of Mary at the base.

Eating Meat OK Friday, Nov. 11

His Excellency Bishop Kearney has granted a dispensation to the Catholics of the Diocese of Rochester from the law of abstinence on Friday, Nov. 11, Veterans' Day, a national holiday.

Reds Move Polish Prelate To Cracow Monastery

Bonn, Germany—(NC)—His Eminence Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, Primate of Poland, has been transferred to a monastery at Sanok, near Cracow, according to a report received here. It said the transfer took place on October 29.

According to the report, various Polish Bishops, including Bishop Michael Klepac of Lodz, recently had an opportunity to visit Cardinal Wyszynski. He was also visited, the report said, by members of his family.

Polish officials recently stated that Cardinal Wyszynski has been kept in forced seclusion at a monastery in Bialystok ever since he was taken into custody on September 26, 1953. Last September, a "progressive Catholic" in Warsaw was quoted as saying that he would be released "very soon," but would not be recognized as Primate of Poland.

Bishop Appoints Pastor, Chaplain, Two Consultors

His Excellency, Bishop James B. Kearney has made the following clergy appointments, according to an announcement made today by the Chancery Office:

The Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Vogt, chaplain at the State Agriculture and Industrial School, Industry, N. Y., is appointed pastor of the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, Rochester.

Monsignor Vogt succeeds the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. William Staude who died Oct. 26 after over 30 years as pastor of Holy Redeemer Church.

The Rev. William J. Schifferli, assistant pastor of the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, Rochester, is appointed chaplain at the State Agriculture and Industrial School, Industry, N. Y.

These two appointments will be effective Friday, November 18.

The Chancery statement also announced:

The Very Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, Chancellor of the Rochester Diocese and administrator of Corpus Christi Church, Rochester, has been elected to the Board of Diocesan Consultors.

The Rev. Charles J. Azzi, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Rochester, has likewise been elected to the Board of Diocesan Consultors.

Diocesan Consultors are the priests who serve as special advisors to the Bishop to assist him in the administration of the diocese.

Monsignor Vogt, ordained in 1931, has served as Catholic chaplain at the Industry School since 1944.

The new pastor was born in Rochester in 1906, the son of Mrs. Clara Vogt and the late George C. Vogt. He attended Holy Redeemer School, Rochester, and studied for the priesthood at St. Andrew and St. Bernard Seminaries.

Ordained June 6, 1931, he was first assigned as assistant pastor at St. Boniface Church, Rochester.

Monsignor Vogt was appointed director of the Social Action Division of the Rochester Catholic Charities on July 6, 1937. In this office, he was in charge of the Columbus Youth Association (now the CYO) and headed youth work in the diocese. He was a pioneer in establishing Camp Stella Marie on Conesus Lake and long identified with the camp.

In addition to his Catholic work, Monsignor Vogt also served as an instructor in history at Niagara University Extension and taught sociology in an extension course at Nazareth College.

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He was chaplain of the Rochester Knights of Columbus, Council 178, and served as moderator of that Council's First Friday Luncheon Club. Father Schifferli also held the post of County chaplain for the Catholic War Veterans.

He has also been director of the Newman Club at the Eastman Dental Dispensary, Rochester.

At Holy Redeemer Church, he supervised the Scout program, was director of the parish Holy Name Society, and recently organized the Damien Club for young people out of High School.

Father Schifferli also organized the only still active Catholic Machine (Girl Sea Scouts) Troop in the Rochester diocese.

Father Schifferli has had considerable experience with young people to qualify him for work at the Industry School. With the Rev. Raymond Ward, also assistant pastor at Holy Redeemer, he has aided in developing a camp in the Bristol Hills near Canandaigua Lake for children of the Industrial School at Industry, parish.

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'School Crisis' Seen Bid For Federal Aid Funds

Philadelphia—(RNS)—Advocates of federal aid to public education seek to bolster their case by pointing to a "nation-wide school crisis" that really doesn't exist, it was charged here by Archbishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C. of Philadelphia.

The prelate spoke to more than 150 members of the Catholic Press Association at its eastern regional meeting here.

HE SAID statistics and statements issued by the National Education Association and other powerful groups in the public education field "convey the false impression that there is almost universal overcrowding in classrooms and dire need for new buildings."

"We have a great 'hoonodgie' in the making," Archbishop O'Hara declared. "The White House Conference on Education (Nov. 28-Dec.1) may become a sounding board for this false propaganda and Catholic delegates should be alert for it."

The archbishop said it was "a fallacy to generalize and to apply national statistics to state or local conditions."

"Many states and many communities in other states have declining, not increasing, enrollments and empty classrooms," he said. "They are not likely again to reach the enrollment peak that they had about 1934."

He noted that, generally speaking, the Catholic school building program has caused parochial school enrollment to go up, but that states which did not have large migrations in the war and post-war periods have had a decline in public school attendance.

In Pennsylvania, the state's public school population has declined by 11 per cent over the last 20 years, while the Catholic school enrollment has risen by 39 per cent, Archbishop O'Hara said.

In the Solemn Hours, flowers are more comforting than words. In the beauty of flowers is confirmation of the faith which sustains all who have suffered loss. Blanchard Florist, 58 Lake Avenue.—Adv.

Crusade Asked For Argentine

Buenos Aires—(RNS)—Catholics in this country were called upon by the Argentine hierarchy to get behind a mass Christianization effort.

Such a crusade, the bishops said, would have a two-fold goal: to dispel spiritual ignorance and prejudice through religious instruction in public schools, and to eliminate the causes of social evil.

Catholic Girl Scout Troops In Cavalcade

Fifty-eight Girl Scout troops sponsored by Catholic organizations in the Rochester area will participate in the Girl Scout Cavalcade, a two-day pageant to be held in the new Rochester Community War Memorial on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18 and 19.

Scouts of all ages will join in this scene, which also includes cooking on real fires, archery, canoeing and other typical camping activities.

Other pageant highlights include a square dance by 600 girls and their fathers, a roller skating exhibition, and costumed folk dances.

EVERYTHING FROM five houses to pomander balls will be included in the 233 booths which will be on display in the downstairs exhibit hall. The exhibits, both working exhibits and displays, will cover all facets of Girl Scout activities, ranging from handicraft and homemaking to outdoor activities and nature study.

The booth displays were coordinated by Burton S. August.

Cavalcade tickets, priced at 30 cents, are available through all local Girl Scout troops.



"COME TO OUR CAVALCADE"—Mary Margaret Brady and Mary Cecilia Baker, Holy Rosary parish, Rochester, invite His Excellency, Bishop James B. Kearney, to view the area wide Girl Scout Cavalcade at Rochester's new Community War Memorial. Catholic-sponsored Girl Scout units will join with other groups in two-day exhibit expected to attract throngs to the recently completed War Memorial building.

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Pope Makes New Plea For Peace

Vatican City—(RNS)—Pope Pius XII, called upon the world's statesmen to stave off new wars "for the sake of justice and charity."

The Pontiff made his peace appeal in an address to 30,000 veterans of the Italian Grenadier Corps at a mass audience in St. Peter's Basilica.

"WE CANNOT omit to implore anew the rulers of peoples to make every effort to prevent new bloodshed, new mourning, new useless massacres," Pope Pius said.

The Pope said he was directing his appeal "especially to those, wherever they may exist, who in their inhuman desires may be considering aggression against other peoples, awaiting only for them to be defenseless."

"We pray," the Pontiff added, "that God may scatter those nations that delight in wars."

Pope Pius said that Church doctrine conceded a nation's right to defend itself if unjustly attacked. He declared that this right must be upheld as long as there is no effective international machinery to enforce universal respect for a people's frontiers and wealth without recourse to war.

THE PONTIFF made it clear that he regarded the international outlook as serious.

"We try not to hide from our own eyes and the eyes of those who listen to us," he said, "the spectacle of a sky covered with clouds.

"The prospect is enough to make it look as if a gloomy twilight is approaching, almost as if night were to descend on the world."

But the Pope emphasized, as he had done in many other occasions, that there was hope for the world "if men of goodwill will arouse themselves and unite in an ardent and coordinated effort."

"Nothing is yet lost . . ." he said. "Maybe sooner than might be expected, rays of sun may reappear in triumph of a new Christian spring."

Druggists Drive Against Obscenity

Minneapolis—(RNS)—Minnesota druggists are launching an all-out campaign to purge "obscene and indecent literature" from their magazine and book racks.

Actually, "most drug stores have been cutting out this material for years," Henry M. Moon, executive secretary of the Minnesota Pharmaceutical Association, said.