

Vietnam How Reds Blocked Refugee Flight Told

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR
Saigon — (NC) — The Vietnamese Communist Party gave top priority to their program of blocking refugees from leaving the north, in violation of the Geneva armistice agreement, according to Nguyen Due Tuy, former Vietnam agent.

Tuy was one of 3,000 cadres or agents hastily summoned from an instruction course to join local cadres and Vietminh soldiers in smashing the refugee movement. In a booklet published here, he has revealed the orders given and methods used.

Towards the end of August, 1954, Tuy said, the central committee of the party issued urgent orders saying that the "principal objective" now was to stop the refugees.

THE COMMITTEE'S reasons were summed up thus by Tuy: "1. If so many leave, who will plough the fields and supply the party and its armed forces with food?"

"2. Who will work as dan cong ('people's workers,' i.e. drafted laborers) to rebuild our lines of communications with Great China?"

"3. If so many go south, it will harm us politically. The world will blame our regime and people in south Vietnam will have doubts about our policy."

The 3,000 agents were sent out September 8, 1954. Tuy was one of 15 assigned to Xuan Lien, a Catholic village. They were to work with 35 provincial agents, 125 Vietminh military and 25 police.

PARTY OFFICIALS estimated that "about one million" wished to leave that province (Nam Dinh) and the adjoining one, Ninh Binh. Each had large Catholic populations.

"During the day," Tuy narrated, "we went to each villager's house to persuade the family not to leave and to prevent them from selling their belongings. If a family showed signs of intending to leave, an agent immediately settled in the home, following every move of every person. At night soldiers and police made the rounds. Yet every morning we found that from 5 to 8 families had escaped during the night and others had been stopped on their way."

"I slept in the house of a hamlet chief. We woke up one morning to find that he had fled with one child. After that, three agents settled down in the house to prevent the wife and 2 other children from following him. At night an agent usually made one child sleep with him as a hostage."

THE VIETMINH put agents disguised as boatmen and boatwomen at the ferries. Female agents disguised themselves as food vendors along the refugee routes.

Disgusted with Vietminh oppression of the people and the systematic deceit, Tuy himself fled and is now in South Vietnam.

Cardinal Cites Loss Among British Youth

London — (RNS) — A general increase of materialism and the indifference of parents to their religious duties were cited by Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, as "considerable factors" that explain why young people are abandoning the practice of their faith.

IN HIS Advent pastoral letter, Cardinal Griffin said that boys and girls, especially those between 15 and 18 years of age, were lapsing in such numbers that "it would be idle to pretend there is no cause for alarm."

He called upon all concerned with the welfare of the young to help protect them from contemporary "evil influences" which constitute "increased dangers to youth."

Cardinal Griffin said that while some abandoned their religion before leaving school, "leakage" was "particularly predominant" in industrial areas where young Catholics had passed from the protected surroundings of home, parish and school to the "pagan environment of work."

Most of the lapsed, he said, came from homes where parents themselves had become indifferent about practicing their faith.

THE CARDINAL expressed concern over a tendency of parents to shift to the school their duty to give their children primary religious instruction in the home.

"Many infants arrive at Catholic schools who have never been taught a prayer by their parents and do not even know how to make the Sign of the Cross," he declared.

Vatican Stamps Honor Popes
Vatican City — (NC) — A new series of three commemorative stamps was issued by the Vatican Postoffice to mark the fifth centenary of the death of Pope Nicholas (1447-1455).

The new series consisted of three denominations on a single design executed by Professor E. Pizzi. The design is taken from a painting by Fra Angelico which depicts the Pope in pontifical garb.

Pope Nicholas V was the first of the "humanist popes." He brought to Rome the great scholars and artists of his time, and ordered the collection of books and manuscripts which make up the nucleus of the Vatican library.



Mistreated — Two American Passionist priests released by the Chinese Communists after two years of suffering in prison are shown speaking to reporters on their arrival in Hong Kong. They are: the Rev. Marcellus White, C.P., 41, of Waltham, Mass. (left); and the Rev. Vincent Garvey, C.P., 40, of Union City, N.J.

Freed U.S. Priests Reveal 'Treatment' Under Reds

Hong Kong — (NC) — When two American priests arrived at the Hong Kong border a few days ago they said they had not been mistreated while prisoners of the Chinese Reds. Later, as they detailed their prison terms, it became apparent to observers here that in 1955 "mistreatment" had become a relative term.

AS COMPARED with some of their fellow prisoners and with scores of priests imprisoned before them, the priests had not, in fact, been treated badly. But in comparison with prison treatment given even the worst of criminals in the United States, the two Passionist priests, Fathers Marcellus White and Justin Garvey, had, in fact, received very bad treatment.

Both had been held in solitary confinement for more than two years. Each had lost more than 50 pounds during this time. There were two periods of 20 and 30 days when Father Garvey was thrown into a cell with 20 Chinese prisoners, but even that was the equivalent of solitary because speech was absolutely prohibited.

Father Garvey described the cell as a tiny dark room built of cement blocks, a small door providing the only light and ventilation. All day the prisoners sat erect on the floor. At night they slept on the floor. They still noticeable.

'Death March' Hero Becomes Bishop
Seoul, Korea — (NC) — Bishop Thomas J. Quinlan, a survivor of the Korean "Death March" five years ago, received episcopal consecration here.

The new Vicar Apostolic of Chunchon, Korea, Bishop Quinlan was raised to the fullness of the priesthood in Seoul's war-damaged Cathedral at a ceremony attended by the entire diocesan hierarchy, some 250 priests and Sisters, and high army and civilian government officials of the U.S. and Korean governments. Bishop Quinlan will continue as Regent of the Apostolic Delegation at Korea.

Bishops Cite Spiritual Ills In Argentina

Buenos Aires — (NC) — A warning against dangers that still threaten the nation's religious and material well-being was sounded by the Argentine hierarchy in a new joint pastoral calling for a reign of true social justice.

The Bishops' letter was drafted shortly before Provisional President Eduardo Lonardi was ousted by a military coup and succeeded in office by Maj. Gen. Pedro Eugenio Aramburu. It was read in the churches in all parts of the new regime took over.

ACCORDING TO the Bishops, the peace and security of the country are still threatened by peronist remnants, but particularly by what they called the de-Christianization of large masses of the people which was one of the fruits of the Peron regime.

They made a strong appeal to Catholics to unite in combating the widespread spiritual ignorance of many Catholics in all walks of life, "who think, act and live as though they were not Catholics at all."

AT THE SAME time, they said that Catholic leaders should do all they can to combat the "spiritual confusion and enervation" created by the Peron regime, and especially the accusations and maneuvers of anticlerical elements.

"We have just regained the free exercise of our legitimate rights after the terrible experience to which our country was subjected by a totalitarian regime, which while invoking God, actually deceived and led the masses astray, and persecuted the Church, pretending to take her place," the Bishops said.

**Catholic Women Hit
China Persecutions**
New Haven, Conn. — (RNS) — Persecution of Catholics in Communist China was protested by the Daughters of Isabella in a statement issued from their national headquarters here. The Catholic women's organization has more than 100,000 members in the United States.

The statement called upon the United Nations to "take up the cause of the Catholics in China which is the cause of all free men."

Citing the arrest of Bishop Ignatius Kung, 106 priests and seminarians, and 900 Chinese Catholic laymen in Shanghai during September, it charged that the arrests were in violation of Article XVIII of the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights which guarantees religious liberty.

**Rosary Broadcast
Throughout Cuba**
Havana, Cuba — (NC) — Three radio stations make daily broadcasts of the Rosary. People living in even the most remote areas of this island are able to hear at least one.



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Dominicans Elect New Provincial

New York — (NC) — Father William D. Marrin, O.P., has been elected Prior Provincial of the Dominican Fathers Province of St. Joseph, the parent Dominican province in the United States.

He succeeds Father Terence S. McDermott, who held the office for 25 years. A native of Minneapolis, Father Marrin has been prior and pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer convent and church here for the past 10 years. As Prior Provincial of St. Joseph's Province, he will govern 18 parishes, 17 smaller houses, Providence College in Rhode Island, and Aquinas College, High School in Columbus, O.

Senior Member — Archbishop Wilhelm Berning, Bishop of the Diocese of Osnabrueck and senior member of the German Episcopate, died at his residence here following a heart attack. He was 78.

Brazilian Cardinal Urges Regime To Act On Reds

Rio de Janeiro — (RNS) — His Eminence Jaime Cardinal de Barros Camara, Archbishop of Rio de Janeiro, warned the Brazilian government to take action against Communism "before it is too late." He issued the warning in a special radio broadcast.

"If we want unity and peace in this country," the Cardinal said, "we must all be allied against the foreign enemy who cleverly and stealthily pretends to support all situations whatsoever in order to confuse and dominate all."

"DISGUISED opportunists — as Satan who inspires them — they (the Communists) already have given sufficient signs that it is time the government took action against them before it is too late."

The Communist Party is outlawed in Brazil but there is a well-organized underground Communist movement and its leaders are announced they will support the new regime of Nereu Ramos and the Army group that put it into office.

The Army group seized control on Nov. 11, three days after Acting President Joao Cafe Filho stepped down from office because of a mild heart attack and his constitutional successor Carlos Luz, President of the Senate, was sworn in.

ARMY LEADERS said they acted to forestall a coup aimed at preventing the installation next Jan. 31 of a new government elected in October. The winning ticket in that election was headed by Juscelino Kubitschek, now president-elect, and his running mate Jao (Jango) Goulart.

Although neither Sr. Kubitschek nor Sr. Goulart is a Communist, the latter is widely distrusted by democratic elements for his extreme nationalist and pro-Communist sentiments. They ran on a combined Socialist Democrat Party and Brazil Labor Party ticket that won over two opposing slates by the slim margin of 300,000 votes. Opponents charged that the votes of some 500,000 Communists gave them that margin.

Pope To Receive Italian President

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Pius XII will receive President Giovanni Gronchi of Italy in "official audiences" on December 6, it has been announced here in Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily.

The visit of the Italian president to the spiritual head of the Church and the sovereign ruler of the State of Vatican City will be carried out according to a carefully prepared protocol. It will be President Gronchi's first visit to the Vatican since his election last April.

The president will be met at the border separating Vatican City from Italy by civil officials of Vatican City, the Swiss Guards and Papal Gendarmes.

Jesuit Astronomers — Castelgandolfo, Italy — (NC) — Pope Pius XII received in audience the Jesuit Fathers who staff the Vatican Astronomical Observatory.

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