



LETTER FROM FORNOSA tells the Rev. Patrick Veil, German-born Bethlehem missionary, what to expect when he reaches his new island mission. A veteran of the Chinese missions, Father Veil spent twenty years in Manchuria until he was arrested, tortured and exiled in 1949. Presently visiting his brother in Rochester, Michael Veil of Vayo St., the missionary plans to leave for Formosa the latter part of March.

Missioner Cites Tortures, Beatings in Red Manchuria

By ROBERT SMETT

"We are in God's hands wherever we go." That's the simple philosophy of life of one missionary returning to the Orient with memories of torture, murder, betrayal, and exile.

The Rev. Patrick Veil, S.M.M., a Bethlehem Father, will sail from San Francisco for Formosa on March 31. Presently visiting his brother in Rochester, Michael Veil of Vayo St., the handsome, silver-haired missionary looks forward with childlike anticipation to his new assignment.

The frightening aspect of returning to the East, to a country whose name is continually linked with communistic intrigue and political upheaval, holds no fears for Father Veil. He shrugs fear off with the easy nonchalance of one who no longer is capable of fear.

AT HIS MISSION in a little town called Changfatin, Manchuria, Father Veil remembers being tied to a tree in 20 degrees below zero weather. He remembers being lashed and beaten, his back becoming lump with old scars and bloody with new wounds. His frozen feet were covered with suppurating sores. He remembers with feet that have never healed and a back that is a crazy quilt of ugly scars, I saw them.

Father Veil remembers a Chinese girl, a catechist, who had taught the children of his faith in the parish years, stripped naked of her clothes, her arms tied to the parish yard, dragged into the parish yard, stripped naked of her clothes, her arms tied to a stake. He saw her frozen to death.

He remembers two Chinese boys who attended to the needs of his little parish. He saw them led into the same courtyard. They knelt down and had the backs of their heads blown away by an execution squad.

The bodies of the three women were thrown into a common grave—the place now forgotten, except by Father Veil. "This quiet little priest remembers the Judas-kiss. A faithful parishioner, a friend, testifying against the missionary, swearing that the priest was at the mission for four years and "had done no work," Father Veil was a landowner, an imperialist. It was charged.

More memories — his study that was used to the quiet murmur of spiritual and temporal guidance and the soundless recitation of his daily Office, turned into a torture chamber. Day and

night he heard screams of victims, and the silence when they fell unconscious, and then the screams again.

HE REMEMBERS a long pole laid across his shoulders, his clothes being stripped from him, ankles deep in snow, and then the lash.

Then inside the house, hanged from the rafters by a rope, he saw the faces of his parishioners. He remembers the faces of his parishioners, the faces of his parishioners, the faces of his parishioners.

"THE MOST impressive moment of my life, save the day I received the sacrament of the priesthood," says Father Veil, "was when the Red tribunal ordered me to give up my faith or be sentenced to death."

Father Veil's mission church became a storehouse, the altar was broken up and used as firewood. The Reds celebrated the feast of the Resurrection, and Easter they knocked the cross from the church and pulled up all the crosses in the cemetery.

The "people's rule" had come to Changfatin. And Father Veil remembers.

Finally after weeks of painful anticipation of death, Father Veil's sentence was altered to banishment in the Spring of 1949. After twenty years of missionary labor and three of horror, he was exiled like a criminal.

Now Father Veil is going back. For the past three years he has been stationed at a parish in Cheyenne Wells, Colorado. There he regained his robust health that was almost destroyed by Communist torture. He enjoyed his parish work but his heart was in the mission. At his first opportunity, he volunteered to into a torture chamber. Day and

St. Agnes Convent To Be Razed

Plans to raze the St. Agnes Convent School building at 876 Main Street East to provide parking space for Corpus Christi parish, announced this week, will mark the end of an era for the 68-year-old red brick edifice.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, parish administrator, said the parish will purchase the four-story structure from the Sisters of St. Joseph as part of a recently announced overall renovation of parish properties. The building has served as a convent, a Home of Industry for girls, a high school and a grammar school.

A parishwide campaign for \$175,000 in three-year pledges will be conducted Mar. 25 for the renovation project which will include repairs to the church, school, rectory and parish convent.

DEMOLITION OF THE St. Agnes building, situated between the church and school, is slated for late next summer. Priests of the parish will reside there during the summer while the Prince Street rectory is being repaired.

Currently St. Agnes Convent School numbers 55 elementary and 40 music pupils. While the regular curriculum is followed, emphasis is placed on the fine arts, music, drama and dance. A total of 94 girls have been graduated since inception of the convent school, to which will be added the 18 slated for the final graduation class in June.

Besides the five Sisters on the staff, two Sister music instructors are in residence. Sister Francis David is superior and principal.

CONSTRUCTED IN 1888, the building originally housed the Home of Industry, transferred there from South Street by Mother Hieronyma as an asylum for girls who were "too odd" for the orphanage but too young to be put on their own. Many types of home-making were taught, including the art of law.

St. Agnes Institute of Art and Music was established in the building in 1906, and it also became a residence for out-of-town students and working girls.

The grammar school was begun in 1929 and St. Agnes High School was inaugurated there in 1939. The high school continued there until dedication of the present St. Agnes High School building in 1954 on East River Road. During its 15 years in the Main Street building the high school graduated 176 girls.

Besides the rooms for the resident Sisters, the building contains four large classrooms, nine music rooms, a chapel, library and assembly room. The Sisters have at their disposal a large community room and two enclosed porches overlooking the spacious lawn at the rear of the structure.

The building has been declared beyond repair and no longer suitable for school purposes. The school will be discontinued.

The proposed parish parking lot will extend from Main Street back to Champney Terrace extension, providing for approximately 250 cars.

Bishop Asks Devotions On Pope's Birthday

My Dear People:

Our Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, will celebrate his eightieth birthday on March 2, 1956. Since this day is the First Friday of the month, I think it will be a most acceptable gift for His Holiness, if our Communion and prayers on that day be offered to the Sacred Heart for the intentions of the Holy Father.

The increase in devotion to the Sacred Heart as a result of His Holiness's concession of the evening Mass will serve to enrich his birthday spiritually, and your prayers will be at once a birthday gift and an expression of gratitude to a Pope whose fatherly concern for his flock has never been excelled in the history of the Papacy.

Let us then make the First Friday of March a day of prayer for Pope Pius XII, a spiritual expression of the wish in the hearts of all of us "A Happy Birthday to His Holiness, Pius XII".

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,
+ James E. Kearney
Bishop of Rochester

80 Year Old Pontiff 17 Years In St. Peter's Chair

Pius XII, Father Of Souls, Shepherd Of Christ's Flock

By REV. BENNY ATWELL

The private world of Pope Pius XII is very small. He belongs to the three hundred fifty million Catholics who call him Holy Father.

To find time for himself he must either get up very early or stay up very late. In fact he does both, spending the time before Mass and the hours after an arduous day in private prayer and study.

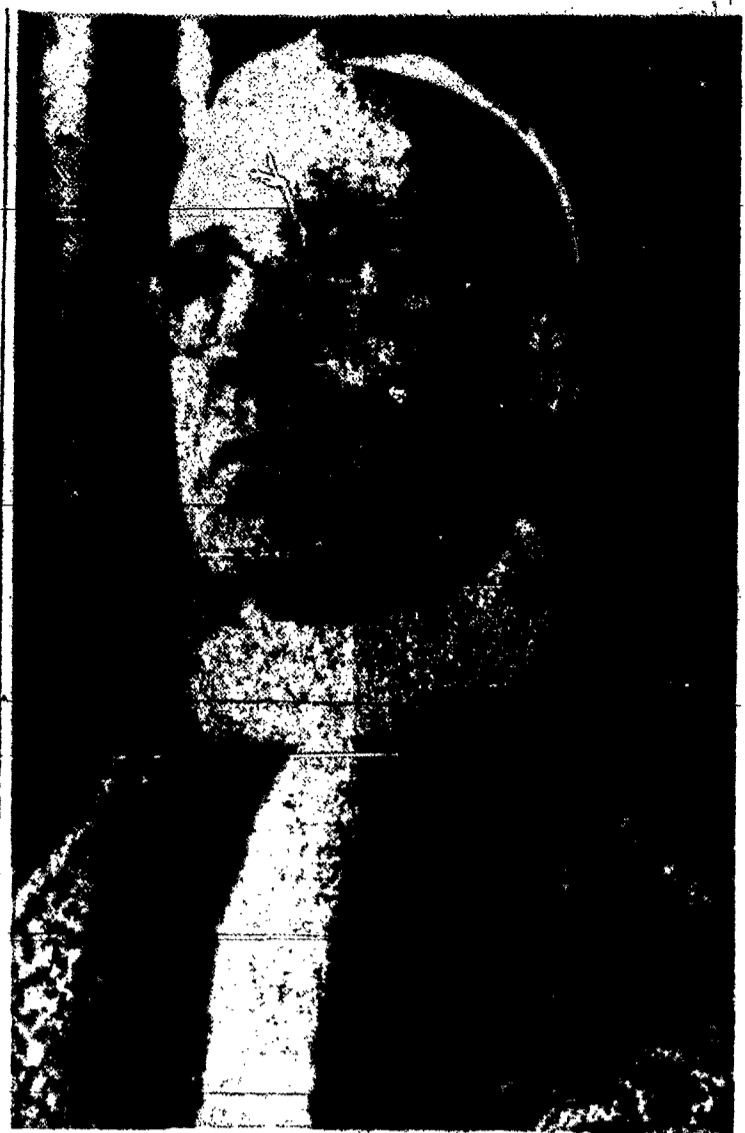
No longer can he travel in the days when he was Eugenio Pacelli, prelate and papal legate. Then he toured the world, United States, South America, Europe. He visited presidents and kings, and even once faced the gun of thirteen who invaded his home.

All that world of adventure was changed on March 2, 1939 when a puff of white smoke from the Sistine Chapel announced that the ballot of the Cardinals had elected a new Pope.

HIS HOLINESS, Pope Pius XII, born in Rome, in 1876, was now destined to remain in Rome for the rest of his life.

On the night of his election, the new Pope visited his aged and ill friend Cardinal Marchetti Selvaggiani. Glancing out over the twinkling lights of Rome, the Pope, who had been elected Pontiff, mused, "I will never be able to travel again."

So from that moment, the Pope's teeming multitudes have traveled on foot, by car and



HIS HOLINESS POPE PIUS XII

State Interference In Business Field Wrong, Says Pope

Vatican City—(NC)—Undue government interference with private enterprise, excessive taxation of business profits and unfair business competition were scored by Pope Pius XII in a speech to the Italian Confederation of Commerce here.

Members of the Confederation and Italian wholesalers and retailers were received in audience on the 10th anniversary of their organization's founding.

The Holy Father praised businessmen and said they were of great importance to society. They must have a broad professional training, be alert to economic developments, foresee consumer trends and have an insight into consumer psychology, he added.

STRONG MORAL qualities are necessary for the businessman's success, the Pope said. He must have courage in times of crisis, perseverance in adversity, and a firm sense of justice to try new methods of operation. All of these qualities, when part of the service of the national community, deserve every one's esteem, he declared.

To operate well, the Holy Father added, businessmen must not be impeded by complicated regulations and restrictions.

They must also have honorable competitors who do not seek unjust privileges, the Pope continued.

The businessman, the Pope stated, has a right to hope that "taxes which are too numerous and too heavy" will not be imposed and "take away an excessive amount of the gains which he deserves."

No one, he said, is necessarily of watchfulness on the part of public authorities, which should be to the advantage of both the businessman and the public.

But, he went on, "We wish the state would find it possible to remain within the limits of its function of compelling private enterprise, overseeing it and, if necessary, punishing it. It should never, however, should not substitute itself for private enterprise when the latter acts successfully and usefully," he declared.

Businessmen, the Pope said, undoubtedly want to give all social classes the guarantees that will preserve them from economic hardships. They want to protect jobs and salaries and other things for illness and other emergencies.

IN MANY CASES, however, the social security system has not succeeded in ending all painful economic conditions and in healing all wounds, the Pope stated. It is important, he went on, that attempts to achieve security do not result in impeding fluid business operations, run the risk of killing initiative or place such heavy restrictions on the employer that all his efforts are discouraged.

"Unfortunately it is a very human tendency," the Holy Father declared, "for one to follow the line of least resistance, to avoid burdens and to exempt oneself from them by having recourse to the support of society and to live at its expense. These are easy solutions in which the responsibility of the individual is trenches itself behind the anonymity of collective society.

"If the businessman has his own interests at heart, wants to defend them and prosper, if he

4 YEARS IN A RED HELL

Fr. Rigney Sentenced To Death

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BEYOND REPAIR: his building adjacent to Corpus Christi Church on Main St. East, housing St. Agnes Convent School, and formerly St. Agnes Institute will be razed for a church parking lot. (Tom Casey Photo)