

U. S. Priests Home From Red China

New York — (NC) — Two American Passionist priests, victims of almost four years in Red Chinese jails, have arrived in the United States. They are Fathers Justin Garvey, C.P., of Ridgewood, N. J., and Marcellus White, C.P., of Waltham, Mass. Released last November 19 from communist China, the two priests stopped in London and Rome on their way home. They arrived here on board the American Export liner Constitution.

FATHER WHITE, anxious for a reunion with his mother, wept unashamed as the giant liner SS Constitution came into its berth at the Hudson River, muttered over and over: "Good old Jersey." The Passionist Monastery is located at Union City, N. J. A committee led by Bishop Cuthbert O'Gara, C.P., exiled Bishop of Yuanling, China, and a former prisoner of the Chinese Reds, boarded the liner to welcome the two home.

Cardinal Washes Ex-Soldiers' Feet

London — (NC) — Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, washed the feet of 12 of London's Chelsea Pensioners, old disabled ex-soldiers, at the Mandatum ceremony of Maundy Thursday in Westminster cathedral. The Chelsea Pensioners, a well-known feature of London life with their special dark blue uniforms and peak caps, are retired professional servicemen at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

Catholics In Albany Seek Recognition Of Indian Girl

Albany — (NC) — A Crusade of Prayer for the beatification and ultimate canonization of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, Indian girl known as the "Lily of the Mo-

hawks," has been launched here in the Diocese of Albany. This year is the 300th anniversary of her birth near Auriesville, N. Y. WITH THE indorsement of Bishop William A. Scully of Albany, the movement to petition by prayers the advancement of the cause of Kateri has been inaugurated by the Most Rev. Edmund F. Gibbons, retired Bishop of Albany, who has done much and Marcellus White, C.P., of Waltham, Mass. Devotion to the "Sainted Lily of the Mohawks" has spread throughout the United States and Canada and other lands, reports Father Thomas J. Coffey, S.J., vice-postulator of her cause. She was born in 1656 near Auriesville, N. Y., in the heart of the present Albany Diocese.

The Bishops of the United States, meeting in the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1884, signed a postulation for the introduction of her cause. IN 1932, BISHOP Gibbons sent to Rome the findings of a committee of clergy appointed to examine testimony of Kateri's holiness. In 1939, Pope Plus XII sanctioned the formal introduction of her Cause and in 1942 approved the findings of a Congregation of Rites, authorizing the Decree naming her "venerable." Outside the city of Fonda, at the site of the Indian village where Tekakwitha lived for about 11 years, is a chapel and museum entrusted to the care of the Franciscan Fathers, with Father Thomas Grassman, hoped ultimately to build a O.P.M. Conv. director. It is shrines to the Indian maiden.



Baptists Ask Sunday Boycott

Minneapolis, Minn. — (RNS) — Baptists here and in neighboring St. Paul have been asked by their pastors to impose a seven-day-a-week boycott on any supermarkets which open for Sunday business. The request was contained in a resolution adopted by the Twin City Conference Baptist Ministerial Association.

Judge Drops Suit

Catholic Pupils In Alaska To Get Free Bus Rides Juneau, Alaska — (NC) — Judge Walter H. Hodge of the District Court for Alaska has dismissed a suit which alleged that a law providing bus rides for private school pupils is unconstitutional. The court declined to assume jurisdiction in the matter, and said it was unnecessary to pass upon the question of constitutionality. This action determines the case as far as the District Court is concerned.

THE LAW THAT was in question provides that public school buses may be used "to promote the public health, safety and welfare" by giving private school pupils rides when these children must travel about the same distance and along the same route as children attending public schools. The plaintiff, Woodrow W. Reynolds, contended this law violated the Organic Act of Alaska and the U. S. Constitution's provision that no law shall be made respecting the establishment of a religion.

The Judge's ruling indicated that the plaintiff in attempting to show how the law was in violation, did not present proper issues for the court to rule on.

Visits Canadian Troops Faderborn, Germany — (NC) — The Primate of Canada, Archbishop Maurice Roy of Quebec, visited Canadian troops stationed in Germany in his capacity as Military Vicar of Canada's armed forces.

Exiles Protest Russian Visit To Britain

Manchester, England — (NC) — Polish exiles carried banners in Manchester protesting against the imprisonment of priests in Poland.

They were among the 2,500 refugees, both Catholic and non-Catholic, who went to one of the city's biggest halls to take part in a protest meeting against the visit here this month of the Russian leaders Nikolai Bulganin and Nikita Khrushchev. The rally sent a resolution to Prime Minister Anthony Eden, protesting against the slave labor and religious persecution in communist lands.

THE PROTEST said: "However much the people of Britain may long for the friendship of the Russian people, there can be no mutual trust while the Soviet Union remains communist, maintains the slave labor camp, attacks religion and persecutes those who practice it, retains prisoners of war and continues to hold in thrall the nations of eastern Europe." Polish General Wladyslaw Anders, who received an enthusiastic reception, was among many exiles from eastern Europe present. The chairman was J. J. Walsh, a Catholic. Other Catholic speakers included Father Aidan McGrath, a Columban missionary who was imprisoned and tortured by Chinese Reds.



He Raced To Freedom

New York — (NC) — Jan Miecznikowski, 28-year-old long-distance runner from Poland, raced to freedom from his Communist homeland during an international track meet held in Switzerland. After asking for asylum, and with arrangements handled by Catholic Relief Services, NCWC, he is shown on arrival here in the U.S. He'll work now as a mechanic in Buffalo, N.Y., and plans to continue his running career, so he can represent the U.S. in Olympic games.

Making Marriage Click

Even though August is becoming a more popular month for marriages than June, it is still not too early to make some suggestions for the blissfully engaged.

Here's hoping that you have gotten over any severe case of "novitis" which generally affects the way you walk. Look, talk. This rule. I am sure, is excellent: Before marriage keep both eyes open, after marriage close one.



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Having seen its effects for years, I urge strongly a solemn engagement a few months before marriage. It should, of course, be used wisely, discriminately. It is somewhat for a married couple what a novitiate is for a religious. Love, purity, prudence, the sacraments are stressed. It could take place in the parish of the bridegroom, since the wedding will take place in the bride's parish.

Cardinal Glennon of St. Louis often recommended the solemn engagement ceremony to lovers who were soon to be separated by military service and subject to some violent changes. After a solemn engagement there is an obligation of honor to marry, and it has a certain binding force, but the couple is virtually free, with just cause, not to marry.

(Full information is available in Weller's Roman Ritual, Volume I or from Pio Decimo Press, St. Louis, Missouri, or Grailville, Ohio, or at N.C.W.C., 1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.)

Capsule Suggestions For The Engaged

By MSGR. IRVING A. DEBLANC (Director, Family Life Bureau, N. C. W. C.)

We are proud of a great text on pre-marriage put out by N.C.W.C. called "Toward Happiness and Holiness in Marriage." Some dioceses are ordering copies by the thousands. Marriage preparation is still to many the most important phase of marriage.

Hope Chest of Good Books Some brides-to-be are interested in "hope chests." That is good. May I suggest that they gather not only choice linens and laces, but outstanding Christian books. Women are the greatest cultural influence in the world — next to the Blessed Sacrament. They must continue reading and studying and thinking after marriage even more than before marriage. The culture of your husband and children often depends principally on you. Indispensable books will be suggested in a future article.

Red Census Shows Russians Believers

Hartford, Conn. — (NC) — Father Leopold Braun, A. A., said that while he was in Russia, a census taken by the government indicated that 70 per cent of the population declared themselves believers in God.

Father Braun said that "God, religion and faith in the supernatural are honored in Russia to a far greater and supremely encouraging extent than is generally believed." Father Braun said he is one of the very few who know "the actual official results of the national census." He was in Moscow for 12 years as a chaplain to Americans there, leaving in 1945. "I was there during two of those census," he said. "From the very heart of the central administration of the All-Union Census Bureau in Moscow, I was not surprised to learn (because of my own contacts and experience with thousands of Russians) that 70 per cent of the population of all faiths declared themselves believers in God." He said Soviet leaders were so startled the census was declared null and void.

The Reds—What Now? U. S. Reds Confess Error About Stalin

By LOUIS F. BUDENZ

As was to be expected, the American Communists finally got around in mid-March to dealing with Stalin. The same phenomena that mark every "change in the line" are to be observed now.

THE AMERICAN Communists again go through that strange practice of blaming themselves for not recognizing that there should have been some criticism of Stalin earlier. They do this knowing full well that they had no option but to follow faithfully what Moscow decreed should be done. Otherwise, these current American Communist leaders would have been subject to the same expulsion from the Red ranks that was the fate of those who had disagreed with the Stalin cult. And they engage in this peculiar "self-criticism" now in order to prepare the way for a complete acquiescence in Khrushchev's directives.

On March 13, Alan Max — managing editor of the Daily Worker — in a leading article in that Red organ opens up this Communist criticism of themselves for doing what they had to do if they were to remain Communists. Among other things he writes that "the American Marxists went overboard in defending things like the idea of Stalin as infallible, in opposing any suggestion that civil liberties were not being fully respected in the Soviet Union."

BY THESE WORDS the way is opened for the comrades in this country to obey Khrushchev, as he comes to power in a campaign against the "cult of personality," with the same abandon with which they followed Stalin when he established dominance under cover of that cult.

The American Communist leaders are now stating, in effect, that the constant hailing of Stalin as "leader, teacher, father, and guide" by the world Communist movement was injurious to it. This assertion would be laughable if it were not so grim, for these followers of Moscow did not let out even a whimper when "the genius of our day" was being treated in such a laudatory manner.

Millions of men and women were being sent to slave labor camps and thousands executed by Stalin's orders while these enormities were being showered upon him by the Reds of the world. William Z. Foster, leader of the American Communists, proudly proclaimed during his examination by the Department of Justice in 1949 that he associated himself with this servile salutation to the then-Master of the Kremlin.

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