

### Will You Spend 25¢

## Father Rigney Opens Crusade To Free Americans In China

Teohay, Ill. (NC) — Is the possibility of freedom for 13 Americans imprisoned by the Chinese communists worth a quarter to you?

Father Rigney, S.V.D., hopes it will be.

The Divine Word mission has launched a "Freedom Crusade" which he hopes will develop into a nationwide letter-writing campaign.

At the head of Red China's government, Mao Tse-tung is petitioning for the release of the 13 Americans who are either Catholic missionaries, Protestant missionaries and four American businessmen.

The 55-year-old priest, who was returned to the United States after four years in a communist China prison, contends letters sent directly to Chairman Mao Tse-tung, Red China's leader, will work wonders for the Americans imprisoned.

He attributed his own release to "prayer and publicity" and argues that the same technique will work for the others. A letter writing drive in his hometown, Chicago and its surrounding areas, was conducted in his honor.

Father Rigney maintains that the Red regime of China is extremely sensitive to publicity and



FATHER RIGNEY  
"Ab Mail"

A carpenter must work several hours to purchase an air mail stamp," he declares.

The letter should be courteous. Father Rigney emphasizes. Nothing will be accomplished by a threatening letter, he insists.

He recommends a rather brief letter giving your name, occupation, union, if any, and if you are married, the number of children in your family. If a youngster writes the letter, he should state his name and class in school.

"Courteously remind Mao Tse-tung that his government promised in September of 1955 to free the 13 Americans. Say you would like to see him carry out his promise. Conclude by saying that you hope to see Mao Tse-tung demonstrate the policy of leniency which he professes even toward violators of the law by applying leniency to free these 13 American prisoners," he advises.

Father Rigney said he hopes laborers, farmers and labor unions will respond to his appeal. "These people will have the most effect on a people's government," he said, adding that there is no need to give a return address.

In a circular on the "why and how" of the crusade, Father Rigney suggests that after a letter is written to Mao Tse-tung, it be reported to the Divine Word missionary headquarters, Teohay, Ill., so that a tally on the number sent can be kept.

## Reds Restore Abp. Groesz To Post

Vienna (NC) — Archbishop Joseph Groesz of Kalocsa has been told by Hungary's communist Premier Andras Hegedus that he is free to return to his post, according to reports reaching here.

The Hungarian official news agency, the reports stated, also announced that the Red Premier told Archbishop Groesz that he could become head of the Hungarian Bishops' committee.

THE ARCHBISHOP was imprisoned on trumped up charges by the Reds in 1951 for a term of 15 years. Last October the communist government announced that it had released him from prison.

In a recent letter to his brother in Austria, Archbishop Groesz said he was living in a factory at Tuzsag and could "move about freely."

In its release, the Hungarian news agency said Archbishop Groesz had been received by the Red Premier and quoted the prelate as promising to cooperate in "furthering and deepening the good relations between the Catholic Church and the state."

There has been no information from the office of the archbishop in Hungary since he was released from prison, according to reports from the Hungarian news agency.



## Nun-Doctor in Korea Clinic

Mokpo, Korea (NC) — This old Korean seems quite resigned as Columbian Sister Mary Edna, M. D., examines him for lung trouble at the new St. Columban's clinic here. He is one of thousands of needy Koreans treated by the Columbian Sisters since they opened this clinic in Mokpo, their first foundation in Korea. Five sisters with some Korean nurses take care of the clinic and also a new 100-bed hospital.

## Vatican Purchases Dead Sea Scrolls

Vatican City (NC) — The Vatican has purchased a large part of the much publicized Biblical manuscripts found in the caves of the Dead Sea.

The purchase was suggested by His Holiness Pope Pius XII after the Jordan government, which had bought half of the discovered manuscripts, authorized the sale of the remainder. The transaction was made by the Holy See, through the Vatican Library.

MANY OF these documents, particularly those found in the so-called fourth grotto, fell into the hands of Arab nomads and there was some fear that by private purchases they might be scattered throughout the world.

Last October the Holy Father notified Archbishop Silvio Oddi, Apostolic Delegate to Jerusalem and Palestine, to try to acquire the manuscripts held by the Arabs. The documents will be incorporated into the Vatican Library after they have been cleaned, catalogued and examined in Jerusalem.

A scholarly account of the acquisition of the manuscripts has been published in Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily. It was written by Jesuit Father Ernest Vogt, rector of the Pontifical Biblical Institute.

A THIRD OF the manuscripts discovered on the banks of the Dead Sea, the priest wrote, deal with Biblical texts and contain remnants of all books of the Hebrew Bible, with the exception of the Book of Esther. There is no reason to believe that this may also be found, he added.

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## Anglican Theologian Joins Roman Catholic Church

London (RNS) — The Rev. Peter Hacker, a prominent Anglican theologian, was received into the Roman Catholic Church at the Benedictine Abbey in Downside.

He was a member of the "Amunition Group" of Anglican Catholic clergymen who strongly uphold the "Catholic principles of the Church of England."

Last year the Rev. William Walton Thomson Hamrah, secretary of the Amunition Group, and several other members embraced Catholicism.

## Cloistered Nun Former U.S. Aide

West Haven, Conn. (NC) — A former employee of the U.S. State Department announced her temporary vows as a Dominican Sister of Perpetual Adoration at ceremonies here. Sister Mary Clare Patrick of Jesus, a former resident of Brooklyn, N. Y., entered the strictly cloistered order in 1954.

A graduate of St. John's University, Brooklyn, and a former student at the Fordham University law school, Sister Mary Clare Patrick of Jesus did secretarial work in the fields of publishing, international relations and law, including work for the U.S. State Department delegation to the United Nations.

## Pope Upholds Priest On Eyes Donation

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope Pius XII, in an address here, approved the action of a dying priest in willing the corneas of his eyes to two young orphans so that they might regain their sight.

The Pontiff spoke to an international group of oculists and to promoters of a newly-founded Italian Association of Eye Donors. "From a religious viewpoint," he said, "nothing forbids the removal of corneas from a cadaver" if the transplantation is for moral purposes. However, he emphasized that transplants cannot be free of any moral purpose and that man is made in the image of his Creator.

WHEN the cadaver loses his eyeballs, the Pontiff observed, he doesn't lose any of his rights. The cadaver is no longer, in the real sense of the word, a subject of ownership claims. Pope Pius declared, because he has lost his personality which alone has ownership claims.

The extirpation isn't the removal of something good because the eyes in a cadaver no longer have the character of something good," he said. "They no longer serve the corpse and they are no longer of any use at all."

Pope Pius warned, however, that "this does not mean in regard to cadavers that one is completely free to disregard the eventual moral obligations, the eventual prescriptions or prohibitions."

THE PONTIFF'S statement marked the first time he had publicly discussed cornea transplantation from a corpse to living individuals. He said that at some later time he would discuss transplantation between living persons.

In approving Father Gnochi's gesture, Pope Pius stressed that a human being is allowed to dispose of his own body for a purpose "which is salutary, morally irreproachable" and in this case, "even admirable."

"Transplantation is licit in itself," he declared, "it can be licit if it violates the rights of family members or friends of the dead donor."

The Pope reminded oculists that the human corpse is the abode of the spiritual and immortal soul, that the dead body is destined to resurrection and that man is made in the image of his Creator.

## Former FBI Agent Ordained Priest

New York (NC) — A former FBI agent was ordained to the priesthood in Holy Name of Jesus Church here. He is Father Thomas Lavelle, 41, native New Yorker.

Ordained by Bishop Paul Leonard Hagarty, O.S.B., Vicar Apostolic of the Bahamas Islands, the new priest will be assigned there. A graduate of Cathedral College, New York, he entered Dunwoody Seminary 16 years ago. He left the seminary in 1942 to join the FBI in 1944. He entered the U.S. Navy and served overseas for three years. In 1953 he entered the Sulclian Seminary in Washington, D. C.

## Argentina Aids Catholic Paper

Buenos Aires (RNS) — The Argentine government approved a three million peso (\$600,000) loan to El Pueblo, Catholic daily newspaper here which was forced to close down late in 1954 when the former Peron regime launched its anti-Church campaign.

## Nun's Anti-Leprosy Vaccine Receives Worldwide Study

Vatican City (NC) — An anti-leprosy vaccine discovered by Sister Marie Suzanne of the Society of Mary has received much attention in discussions at the recent International Congress for the Protection and Rehabilitation of Lepers here.

SISTER MARIE Suzanne was born on April 19, 1888, the day of the feast of St. Anne, the day of the feast of the Holy Family. She was a pioneer in the research laboratory at the fight against leprosy, died. She worked among lepers on Makogel Island, French Polynesia, for 25 years, the vaccine have already been sent to 80 countries. In the research work in 1954, recognition of her fight against leprosy, she was awarded the Frederic Ozanam Medal from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D. C.

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## India Tribesmen Join Procession

Sarguja, India (NC) — The once forbidden land of Sarguja, where missionaries were banned under the former rule of Hindu rajahs, has had its first Eucharistic procession.

More than 1,500 people, mostly of the Oran tribe, took part in the procession, reported the first public demonstration of faith by the Catholic tribesmen of Sarguja.

## Papal Audiences Attract Thousands

Vatican City (NC) — The multitudes at papal audiences here indicated that the season for pilgrims and tourists is in full swing.

At the audience granted by Pope Pius XII on Ascension Thursday, St. Peter's Basilica was filled to overflowing with more than 30,000 persons.

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## Priest To End

Chicago — George G. Higgins, trade unionist, has a special offer for those practices subject to legitimate general public.

The director of the Department of Public Welfare Confirms that they should be managed in an effort to reduce housing.

MSGR. HIGGINS, sermon at the Mass of the Child County Building, Victor's Church.

Magr. Higgins that the building should realize that of public relations of the entire labor cause he is, by only trade union average household direct and close.

"If the public blame the high cost on the unions," up to the pluri-trial, the carpe building tradesmen story is the people they come in contact.

THE PRIEST a present generation unionists in the "now that the property and material substantially eliminated position "to emphasize the importance of the raise men's sights level of living de basic teachings of said the time has well paid member Trades Unions to ership in this direction.

Your fathers were required 12 hours a day, six for a very part continued. "It was them-to-get-to-Sunday and absolute to get to Mass. They had neither the energy to enjoy reading or to develop the arts. You are in a position leadership in establishing new kind of culture based on the