

Bishop Walsh Walks Streets In Shanghai

Hong Kong — (RNS) — Bishop James E. Walsh, M.M., of Cumberland, Md., former Superior General of the Maryknoll Fathers, is now the only American in Shanghai permitted by the Chinese Communist authorities to move about the city, although under certain restrictions.

Charles Sydney Miner, a New York business man, said he had seen the bishop before leaving Shanghai where he had formerly represented several American companies.

Mr. Miner said he himself had a limited freedom of movement in Shanghai. He described Bishop Walsh as living under "a sort of house arrest" but with liberty to move around.

THE NEW YORKER said the bishop, formerly executive secretary of the Catholic Central Bureau in Shanghai which the Communists closed down in 1951, is permitted to leave his residence after eight in the morning but must be back by eight p.m.

Mr. Miner said the prelate had told him he will remain in Shanghai until the Communists force him to leave.

"He is in good health and seemed cheerful when I said goodbye to him," the business man reported.



Pius XII Receives Mr. Truman

Form President of the United States Harry S. Truman is shown with His Holiness Pope Pius XII who received him in his private library during his first visit to the Vatican, May 20. The Holy Father presented Mr. Truman with a gold medal struck to commemorate the 18th year of his pontificate.

Russian Rite Ordination Set For American Jesuit

New York — (RNS) — John F. Long of Brooklyn, N. Y., will become the first American Jesuit seminarian ordained in this country for the Russian Rite of the Roman Catholic Church when he receives the Sacrament of Holy Orders here on June 2.

He will be ordained by Greek Rite Bishop Nicholas T. Elko of Pittsburgh at the University Church on the campus of Fordham University.

ON JUNE 18, he will concelebrate a public Liturgy (Mass) in the Jesuit Church of St. Ignace Loyola with the Very Rev. Andrew Rogosh of St. Michael's Russian Catholic church, and the Rev. Frederick Wilcock, S.J., of the Fordham Russian Center.

Truman Visits Pope, Still Favors U. S. Envoy To Vatican

Vatican City — (NC) — Two of the great figures of the present era met for the first time when former President Harry S. Truman was received in private audience by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

The Pope received Mr. Truman in his private library, where the two had a private conversation for nearly 20 minutes. Then Mrs. Truman and the Trumans' traveling companions—former U. S. Ambassador to Canada Stanley Woodward and Mrs. Woodward and Eugene Bailey, Mr. Truman's secretary—were called in.

THE FORMER President and his party were accompanied to the audience by Bishop Martin J. O'Connor, rector of the North American College, and by Msgr. Joseph McGeough of the Vatican Secretariate of State, both of whom joined the Truman party afterwards for a tour of the Sixtine Chapel and the nearby Raphael rooms.

Mr. Truman declined to tell newsmen what he and the Holy Father discussed, recalling that when he was President he did not expect White House callers to comment publicly afterwards. He did say, however, that he was "very pleased and satisfied" with the audience.

At the conclusion of the former President's visit, the Pope presented Mr. Truman a gold medal struck to commemorate the 18th year of his pontificate. Mrs. Truman received a book of reproductions of the Vatican's paintings by Raphael.

After their hour and a half visit to Vatican City, the Trumans attended Pentecost services at the American Episcopalian church of St. Paul.

Relations between the Vatican and the United States began in 1897, when John Sartori was named U. S. Consul at Rome. In 1948 President James Polk was appointed a Minister-Resident to the Papal States. This post was maintained until 1963.

In 1970 the Pope was deprived of his temporal realm when Italian troops occupied Rome. This situation remained until the Lateran Treaty of 1929, when Italy recognized the political sovereignty of the State of Vatican City. Between 1870 and 1929 the Pope's right of diplomatic representation was generally recognized.

THEY WERE to return to Rome later in the week following a trip to the south of Italy. They were expected to visit the North American College in Rome and to return to the Vatican for a private tour of St. Peter's Basilica.

When he first arrived in Rome, Mr. Truman said at a news conference that he strongly favors the appointment of an American Ambassador to the Vatican. The establishment of such diplomatic relations, he said, "would help the peace of the world."

The United States has never had an envoy at the Vatican with full ambassadorial status, although in 1939 President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed Myron C. Taylor, an Episcopalian, as his personal representative to the Holy See.

Mr. Taylor served in that capacity under Presidents Roosevelt and Truman until August, 1950, when he resigned. He was not replaced. In October, 1951, President Truman nominated Gen. Mark W. Clark, also an Episcopalian, as ambassador to the State of Vatican City.

The nomination aroused a storm of protest in American Protestant circles. It was sent to the Senate on the day that Congress adjourned, and no action was taken. President Truman then said that he would resubmit the nomination to Congress, but General Clark asked that his name be withdrawn. The President stated at the time that he would submit another nomination later, but he did not do so during the remainder of his term.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER has never acted to establish diplomatic relations with the Vatican. In June, 1952, when he was a candidate for the presidency, he told a press conference that he believed fundamentally that "the United States should never close itself off from an advantageous connection anywhere." He added that the question of naming an ambassador to the Vatican must be decided by Congress.

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Ousted Prelates Worry Reds, Says Report

Vienna — (NC) — The reinstatement of Archbishop Joseph Groesz of Kalocsa in his post by the Hungarian Communist government is reported here to have caused Red officials of Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia to discuss the fate of two other prelates behind the Iron Curtain.

THE TWO PRELATES are His Eminence Aloysius Cardinal Stejnar, Archbishop of Zagreb, and Archbishop Joseph Beran of Prague. The Cardinal is interned by the Red regime in his native village of Krasic. The Archbishop has been confined by the Communists since March, 1951.

Reports received here from Zagreb stated that the future of the two prelates was discussed in a meeting between Zdenek Fierlinger, head of the Czechoslovak office for Church affairs, and Edward Karidel, a vice president of Yugoslavia.

MR. KARDEL is reported to have asked Mr. Fierlinger about rumors that the Prague government is planning to restore Archbishop Beran to his See.

Marital Sterility Involves Spiritual Issue, Says Pontiff

Vatican City — (NC) — Marital sterility and the means of overcoming it, in addition to its scientific aspect, involves high spiritual and ethical values, Pope Pius XII told 2,000 delegates attending the Second World Congress on Fertility and Sterility.

The Pope, in a discourse regarded as one of the highest importance, outlined the views of the Church concerning the various means of birth control and artificial insemination.

THE PROBLEM of sterility involves spiritual and ethical values, the Pope said, because "if it is deeply human that a married couple should see in their child the true and full expression of their reciprocal love, it is natural that they should feel it a painful sacrifice to be forced involuntarily to renounce fatherhood and motherhood."

The fundamental tenet that the "principal object of matrimony, the procreation and education of children, has precedence over every other aim and that all must be subordinated to it" has been a constant teaching of the Church, the Pontiff stated. The Church, he said, has always condemned any theory that might induce a married couple to seek physical self-satisfaction in their own exclusive interest.

THE CHURCH is equally opposed, the Holy Father continued, to those who advocate artificial insemination.

"The child is the fruit of conjugal union," the Pope said, "involving not only organic functions and tender feelings, but also the spiritual and disinterested love that animates them."

"The relationship that unites father and mother to the child takes its roots from the organic fact and... the wish of mutual giving finds its true fulfillment in the human being that they bring into the world."

"Only this consecration of oneself, generous in its beginning... since it entails the conscious acceptance of the responsibility involved, can guarantee that the task of educating the children will be carried out with all the care, courage and patience that it requires. It can therefore be said that human fecundity, apart from the physical aspects, assumes essential moral aspects that must be borne in mind even when considered in the light of medical opinion."

IN SPEAKING about artificial insemination among humans, the Pope rejected as absolutely immoral attempts at artificial insemination "in vitro" (test tube insemination).

This does not mean, he added, that one must necessarily condemn the use of certain artificial means, with the view of either facilitating the conjugal act or attaining the objective of the normal act.

Artificial insemination is not within the rights acquired by a couple by virtue of the marriage contract, the Pope continued, nor is the right to its use derived from the right to offspring as a primary objective of matrimony.

"The marriage contract does not confer this right," the Holy Father said, "because its aim is not 'progeny' but 'natural acts' capable of generating a new life. Therefore artificial insemination violates the natural law and is contrary to what is right and moral."

THE VOLUNTARY direct taking of human seed outside the circumstances of legitimate union, the Pope continued, is to be condemned, even in the light of simple, rational ethics. There is no motive whatever to justify it, he added, even that of scientific research.

The right and power to exercise procreative faculties, the Holy Father declared, are not acquired by the mere fact of their existence. Since it is a question of men and not brute animals, the right and power are limited to valid marriage.

In conclusion the Pope stressed that the moral aspects of a social and religious nature should not be too remote from matters of discussion in the Congress on Fertility and Sterility. On the contrary, he said, they should be considered as the only ones capable of clarifying the position of the delegates' work and of giving meaning to its value.

Rally Demands Religion In Schools
Buenos Aires — (RNS) — More than 30,000 Catholics jammed the Luna Park Stadium here to demand the reinstatement of religious instruction in Argentina's public primary and secondary schools.

French 'Why'

Paris — (NC) — visit here that all French that under his regime most sacred rights of person are the least respected. A group of high French leaders gave the dictator a memorandum the Tito regime's "violations of human rights" and the jailing of Aloysius Cardinal, Archbishop of Zagreb.

THE MEMORANDUM signed by many senior members of one of the Deputies, among them: former cabinet minister mostly members of the oriented Popular R Party (MRP). They included former Premier Pierre Pflimlin and party General Simonnet.

The memorandum greeting Marshal Tito "leader of a great people-time-honored friendship too distant glorious formed a strong bond French people."

"However, acting as natives of our country, continued, 'we consider to echo the uneasiness people resulting from the memory of the trial imprisonment of Cardinal and of so many other

New House For Middle

Washington — (NC) — chided for not taking class housing by MSA Charities.

The Monsignor was statement before the House Committee on Banking and Currency. It was hearing testimony H.R. 10157 which would for additional federal public housing.

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