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### Freedom Bids Flood Mail To Red China

Chicago — (RNS) — Air mail letters are pouring into Red China at the rate of a thousand a day demanding the immediate release of eleven American civilians still imprisoned there, the Rev. Harold W. Rigney, S.V.D. stated here.

The Catholic Missionary said the letters are being sent by Americans of all ages from coast to coast in answer to the Freedom Crusade which he launched on April 17 in Washington, D.C.

FATHER RIGNEY, himself a former prisoner of the Chinese Communists, said he thought the letters received by Chairman Mao Tse-tung, head of the Chinese government, must already be in the hundreds of thousands. He stated that over 50,000 persons have gone to the trouble of reporting back to him that they had mailed individual letters to Mao.



### Scooters Put Italy On Wheels

Pisa, Italy — (NC) — Archbishop Ugo Camozzo of Pisa (left) and Enrico Piaggio, inventor of the famed "Vespa" motor scooter, smile as they watch the millionth Vespa roll off the production line at the Piaggio Works near here. Piaggio is known as the man who put Italy on two wheels.

## Religious Vocations 'Bloom In Family,' Says Bishop Sheen

Notre Dame, Ind., (NC) — The Christian home is the best source of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life in a 20th century that "has suddenly discovered the value of souls," according to Bishop

Fulton J. Sheen of New York, national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He spoke at the Vocation Institute held here at the University of Notre Dame.

COMMUNISM, UNLIKE the imperialism of earlier centuries, the New York prelate asserted, "seeks lands only secondarily" and instead strives to conquer the minds and souls of men through "propaganda, brainwashing, bureaucracy and gendarmes."

Communism he continued, "is seeking vocations for the kingdom of anti-Christ. Since souls are the prize, Christianity finds itself face to face with an enemy which is equally interested in winning souls."

God always provides enough vocations for His Church, the Bishop emphasized. If the Church lacks sufficient priests or Religious in certain countries and in certain periods of history, it is because young people have failed to respond to the divine call, he said.

"THE NUMBER of vocations reflect the spirit of the Church in any nation," the prelate asserted. Stressing the importance of prayer in attracting youth to the religious life and helping them to persevere in it, he likened to "a spiritual insecticide which creates an environment in which a religious vocation may bear fruit."

"As a nation gets the kind of government it deserves, so a diocese, a nation, a religious society gets the kind of vocations for which they yearn, for which they aspire and for which they pray," Bishop Sheen stated.

Vocations to the priesthood and religious life bloom and flourish in the "profoundly Christian family," the prelate

noted. Those who attribute vocations to pamphlets, magazines, movies, missionary exhibits and the like "confuse the occasion with the cause" of a religious calling.

BISHOP SHEEN engaged those vocations to play down the superficial attractions of the religious life instead of appeal to the "deep love of sacrifice which is in youth." Communism and other totalitarian ideologies have appealed to the youth in some lands because they demand of candidates a "total dedication to an earthly cause," the prelate observed.

In seeking candidates for the priesthood and religious life, vocation workers should offer young people the Cross of Christ, he said.

### Duluth See Gets Auxiliary Bishop

Washington — (NC) — Pope Pius XII has named Mgr. Laurence A. Glenn, pastor of St. James church, Duluth, Minn., as Titular Bishop of Tuzos and Auxiliary to Bishop Thomas A. Welsh of Duluth.

Bishop-elect Glenn was born in Bellingham, Wash., August 25, 1900, the son of Thomas J. and Mary Roche Glenn, both of whom are deceased. He studied at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn., and at the St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. He was ordained in St. Paul, June 11, 1927.

He was made a Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor in 1951.

### Religion In Politics

## 'God As Political Pawn' Deplored By Magazine

Union City, N. J. — (Special) — Commenting on a report that the Democratic party is considering nominating a Catholic for the vice presidency, The Sign, national Catholic magazine published here, says in a leading editorial in its July issue that it "objects — and strenuously — to the idea that Catholicism is negotiable in political currency."

"A MAN'S religion," The Sign asserts "should not become something to be traded for a political deal anymore than it should be held against him as a liability. Any attempt to make God a political pawn can only rebound to the nation's shame."

"Prominently mentioned" for the Democratic vice presidential nomination, says the Catholic magazine, "are Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York, Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts, both Catholics in good standing, and Governor Frank Lausche of Ohio, who is involved in an invalid

civil marriage to a non-Catholic.

"ALL THREE men have political assets to recommend them for a frankly political job; Wagner is an administrator of demonstrated ability; Kennedy is one of the brightest young political stars on the Democrat horizon; and Lausche is a popular vote getter."

"And surely no one can object if they get the nomination on the basis of their political abilities. What we do object to — and strenuously — is the idea that Catholicism is negotiable in political currency."

### Bingo Bill Defeated In Louisiana

Baton Rouge, La. — (RNS) — A bill permitting parishes (counties) to decide on a local option basis whether to legalize bingo, raffles, and keno games conducted by churches and charitable groups was killed in the Senate by a 27-9 vote.

It earlier had been approved by the House.

### Parishioners Pray For Collection Thief

St. Louis — (NC) — The thief who stole the collection from a Sunday Mass at St. Rita's Church in Vinita Park got something more than he bargained for — the prayers of St. Rita's parishioners.

Father William H. Baudendistel, pastor, led 200 parishioners in prayers for the thief at a Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, two days after the theft.

The undetermined sum collected at a Sunday Mass was stolen during a three-minute interval when the pastor left the sacristy to distribute Holy Communion. He was unseen by the priests distributing Communion, who had their backs to the sacristy door.

Gravely Stricken  
Seattle, Wash. — (NC) — Bishop Joseph P. Dougherty of Yakima, Wash., 51, was reported in a serious condition at Providence hospital here. The prelate was stricken (July 8) with a heart attack.

### Senate Moves Against Obscene Book Traffic

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — A bill authorizing the Postmaster General to impound mail suspected of promoting obscenity was unanimously passed by the Senate here. It previously had been approved by the House.

Passage of the measure climaxed a five-year fight in Congress in which religious groups took an active part.

THE LEGISLATION permits the Postmaster to impound suspected mail for 20 days unless he gets a court order extending the ban.

If a federal judge agrees the confiscated publications violate the law, the impounding order can remain in effect until the case comes to trial.

Under existing legislation, the Postmaster must obtain a court order before impounding suspected mail. Delays in obtaining such orders allow defendants to continue using the mails until the court action.

REP. EDWARD H. REES (R-Kans.), co-sponsor of the bill in

the House, hailed it as "one of the most important measures passed by the present Congress."

Rep. John Dowdy (D-Tex.), chairman of the subcommittee drafting the measure, said it would "kill traffic in obscenity by taking profits out of the operation."

"It stops the mail coming into them with orders," he pointed out.

"Heretofore the profits have been so great that purveyors would willingly risk the penalty of a conviction just so long as they were given time to grab their gains. Some even had the gall to brag that their wares were so undesirable they were about to be banned from the mails."

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