

Reds Guided Tour, Says China Visitor

Hong Kong — (RNS) — Distinguishing between genuine and "progressive" Catholics is not an easy matter for visitors to Communist China, according to an Indonesian member of parliament who spent 25 days there.

Dominic S. Matakupan, one of eight Catholic members of Indonesia's parliament, and one of a 23-man delegation from his country that toured Red China, sounded the warning on his arrival here enroute home.

HE REPORTED that he had met privately with a group of lay Catholics who professed complete loyalty to the Pope. Someone took a picture of the group, and he requested a copy to be sent to him in Jakarta.

"However," he said, "the night before we left Peiping I found an envelope containing the picture waiting for me in my hotel room. It had been forwarded to me through the government."

Later, Mr. Matakupan declared, he compared notes with refugee Jesuit missionaries here who had spent a long time in China and found out that the lay group had been with members of the "Progressive Church" sponsored by the Communist government.

THE PRIEST, he said, told him: "Tell the people outside what Communism is really like. And tell the Catholics who are free to pray for the Church in China."

The Indonesian visitor said he and his fellow delegates were flown to China in a specially chartered plane, and when they traveled in trains the compartment they occupied was blocked off from the other carriages.

And even when they were shopping, he added, they were kept in tow by Communist interpreters to keep them from freely mixing and talking to the people.

Alaska Bishop Knows His Airplanes, Kodiak Bears

Chicago — (NC) — Giant Kodiak bears, sturdy Indians, ships, canoes and amphibious airplanes loom large in the life of Bishop Dermot O'Flanagan of Juneau, Alaska.

In Chicago for the annual meeting of the Catholic Church Extension Society, the Bishop said that Kodiak bears, the world's largest bears, was in my parish, and on occasions there I was as close as a quarter of a mile to the huge beasts. That was too close.

"Bishop O'Flanagan, 56, was elevated to the episcopacy in 1951 when the Diocese of Juneau was formed from the Vicariate of Alaska which previously embraced the entire territory.

THE BISHOP saw a tremendous influx of military personnel during World War II. He said: "When the Japs bombed Dutch Harbor in the Aleutian Islands, which is not very far away by air, we were sure they were coming our way. But there was nothing we could do except just wait."

Bishop O'Flanagan said that before being named a bishop by Pope Pius XII, he was pastor of Holy Family parish in Anchorage which he described as the longest in the world. He said it stretched 1,800 miles along the southern coast of Alaska, adding: "Kodiak Island, one of the world's largest bears, was in my parish, and on occasions there I was as close as a quarter of a mile to the huge beasts. That was too close."

"There are 13,000 Catholics in my diocese spread out over 78,000 square miles. The airplane is indispensable to my work. I've flown every year since 1933 and I have never been in a crash or forced landing."



New Teachers' Apostolate

Mobile, Ala. — (NC) — Miss Lucille Coffield, left, and Miss Helen Elsie Liscomb, talk with Mgr. John J. Raleigh, Director of the Catholic Lay Apostolate, a new organization of Catholic laywomen teachers being organized in the Diocese of Mobile-Birmingham, Alabama. Members of the New Lay Teachers Apostolate will live together in their own community but will take no religious vows.

Douglas Hyde

All Communists Seen 'Potential Converts'

Cincinnati, Ohio — (NC) — Communism is diabolical, but every communist is a potential convert, one who became a convert declared here.

Douglas Hyde, British communist leader for 20 years before joining the Church in 1948, emphasized that "when we deal with an evil, but when we deal with a communist we are dealing with someone who can be an asset to the Church."

Mr. Hyde, a former editor of the London Daily Worker and now with the London Catholic Herald, stated that "communists over and over again shame Christians with their sacrifices of time, energy and money for the communist cause."

The party owes its success to "a hard core of utterly dedicated persons willing to do anything," he said, and it makes headway despite the fact that as atheists the communists "work at a disadvantage, since they don't have God on their side."



DOUGLAS HYDE
"Why last ditch?"
Stressing the importance of knowing the communist "as a person," Mr. Hyde explained

Sheriff Trucks Away Obscene Magazines

Rock Island, Ill. — (NC) — A truck had to be used to haul away hundreds of magazines confiscated as obscene by law authorities and taken from a magazine distributor's plant here.

The raid at the Rock Island News Agency was one of several carried out in Rock Island County by Sheriff Joe Schneider who has already taken some 2,000 magazines from six establishments here and in Moline and East Moline.

Among the magazines were nudist publications, "artists' model magazines," photography studies and several of the "men's magazine" type that have appeared in large numbers recently.

The sheriff said he thought chances for prosecuting on the charges of obscenity were "very good." He added that "the line between obscenity and art is often thin but if anybody can classify this (the magazines) as art, I'm a Chinaman."

Olympic Athletes Attend Field Mass

Melbourne, Australia — (RNS) — More than 400 athletes from the United States and 29 countries of Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America occupied places of honor at a Pontifical Mass celebrated here in connection with the 1956 Olympic Games.

The Mass was offered in Como Park, about three miles from the main stadium before a congregation of 70,000 persons. It was presided over by Norman Cardinal Gilroy of Archbishop of Sydney. Accompanying him were ten other members of the Australian hierarchy and Archbishop Romolo Carboni, Apostolic Delegate to Australia and New Zealand, who read a message from Pope Pius XII.

THE POPE'S message, which had already been made public, urged Catholic athletes competing in the Games to "have at heart the service of God among your brethren" as they sought to bring honor to their homelands.



Elected

Washington, D. C. — (NC) — New vice chairman of the Episcopal Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference is Archbishop Earl J. Allen of Cincinnati, (above). He also serves as Episcopal chairman of the Department of Lay Organizations — N.C.W.C.

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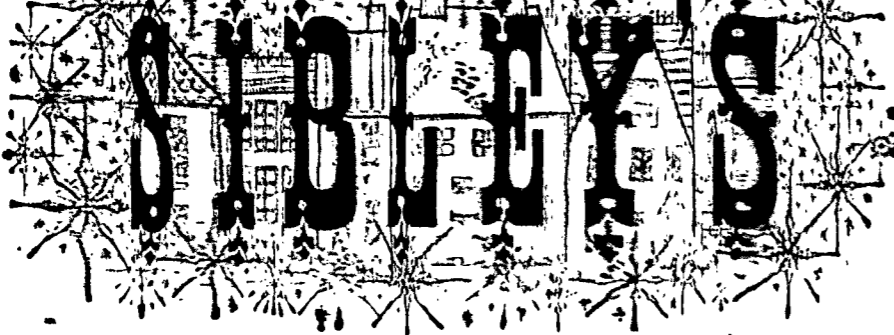
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Hungarians Attend First U.S. Mass

Camp Kilmer, N. J. — (NC) — About 260 Hungarian refugees attended their first Mass in America at a chapel on the base here. The Mass was offered by Father Alipius Forro of Holy Assumption church in Roseling, near Trenton. Father Forro came to the U. S. from Hungary in 1948.

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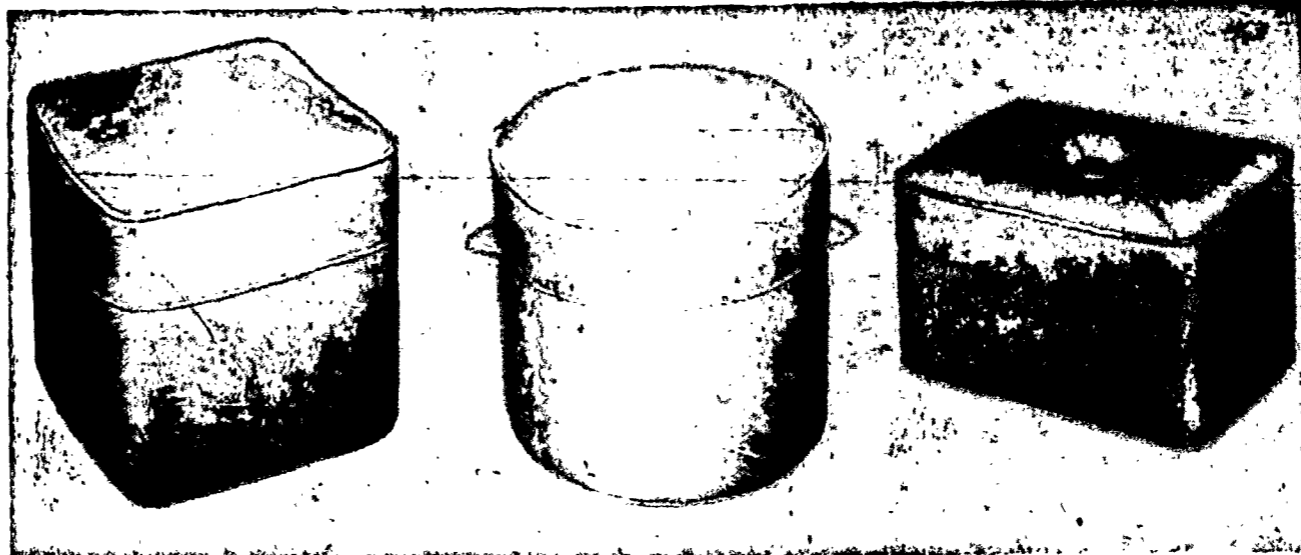
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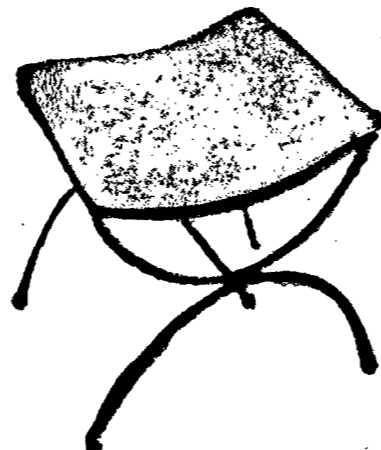
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