

# Red-Held Priest Awaits Freedom

## Area Maryknoller 5 Years In Communist Prison

Chinese Communists are expected to release Father Joseph P. McCormack, American Maryknoll missionary whose home address is Palmyra, N. Y., from a Shanghai prison this June, according to an N.C.W.C. news report from Hong Kong.

He was arrested in June of 1953 with seven other Catholic missionaries and sentenced to five years in jail for "espionage and sabotage for American imperialists."

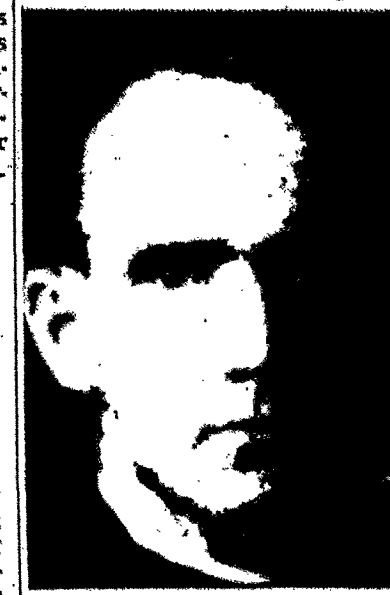
The five year term expires June 15, 1958.

Franciscan Father Cyril Wagner of Pittsburgh is also scheduled to be set free with Father McCormack.

THE TWO PRIESTS are the last American missionaries still held in Red China imprisonment. All other American missionaries have already been released.

Father McCormack, 64 year Irish born Maryknoller, is a brother of Edward McCormack, 416 East Main Street in Palmyra.

Mr. McCormack told the Courier Journal this week that he has received no word of his brother's impending release. His last communication with Father McCormack was a letter received shortly after Christmas. The letter



FATHER MCCORMACK Five years in Red prison

## President Asks Peace Prayers

Washington—(RNS)—President Eisenhower called on Americans to observe Friday May 30, as "a day of prayer for permanent peace."

In his annual Memorial Day proclamation, the President designated the hour beginning at eleven o'clock in the morning in each locality as "the period in which all of us may unite in prayer for strength to work unceasingly toward the goal of permanent peace on earth."

"Knowing the ever-present threat of war," said the President, "our hearts are filled with a yearning for peace."

"Acknowledging in truth that only through divine guidance can we secure the requisite groundwork of justice and understanding for the attainment of a peaceful world," he said, "we turn to Almighty God in supplication for His aid."

The President observed that "in manifestation of this need," Congress by joint resolution of May 11, 1950, set aside Memorial Day as a nationwide day of prayer for peace and he called upon Americans to observe the day with prayers.

## Coal Miner's Son Valedictorian

Emmitsburg—(NC)—The son of a former Pennsylvania coal miner will be valedictorian at graduation exercises of Mount St. Mary's College, here, during which President Eisenhower will receive an honorary degree.

He is Charles E. Hodges of Nanticoke, Pa., who will graduate summa cum laude (with highest honor) from the nation's second oldest Catholic college during its 150th commencement exercises on June 2. President Eisenhower will receive an honorary doctorate of laws, and will address the graduates.

Young Hodges is the first member of his family to attend college. His father, now a mason with a Philadelphia construction company, started work as a coal miner in 1929 at the age of 19. His mother is the daughter of an immigrant Polish family.

## Vatican Reports Seminary Census

Vatican City—(NC)—The Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities has disclosed that there are 400 major and 590 minor seminaries, with a total enrollment of 140,500 students, under its jurisdiction.

The figures do not include seminaries of mission territories; those behind the Iron Curtain, excepting those in Poland; or 160 pre-seminaries that have 13,500 pupils.

then assigned to mission work in Chile, South America.

HIS LAST VISIT to the Rochester and Palmyra area was in 1945 when he visited his brother before returning to the Manchuria missions. Advances of the Chinese Communist armies forced him to withdraw to south China and finally to Shanghai where he was arrested in 1953.

Father Wagner, 51 year old Franciscan priest, has a record of twenty three years in the China missions, serving there since 1935, the year following his ordination to the priesthood. He was also arrested by the Chinese Communists in 1953.

BOTH PRIESTS are reported to be in good health, although Father Wagner has been hospitalized several times during the past two years in Shanghai due to severe attacks of asthma.

Besides the Franciscan and the Maryknoller, a third American missionary, Bishop James E. Walsh, a Maryknoller from Cumberland, Md., executive director of the now-suppressed Catholic Central Bureau of China, is also in Shanghai. He is not in prison or under house arrest.

Besides the three Americans there are still 15 foreign missionaries in Red China.

There are four priests, a German, a Frenchman and two Koreans, and are reportedly either under house arrest or in prison.

Missionaries of Mary from Europe and Canada—have been allowed to remain in Peking to teach the children of various foreign embassies there.

Since the beginning of last year, five foreign priests have left China. Three are Americans released after long stays in jail: Father Fulgence Gross, O.F.M., of Omaha, Neb.; Charles McCarthy, S.J., of San Francisco; and John Egan, S.J., of Oakland, Calif. Two aged Polish priests are also understood to have left China. They are Fathers Gratian Kotodziechik and Alex Bulkwicz, who had long ministered to the Polish colony in Harbin, Manchuria.

## Memorial Day Dispensation

Bishop Kearney, by reason of facilities granted him from the Apostolic See, has dispensed Catholics of the Rochester Diocese from the laws of fast and abstinence for Friday, Memorial Day, May 30.



FATHER WEINMANN Rochester FATHER HYNES Elmira FATHER SCHWAB Elmira

## Forty Years In Priesthood

Three Rochester Diocesan priests—Rev. George J. Weinmann, Rev. Leo G. Schwab and Rev. Michael L. Hynes—will celebrate the 40th anniversary of their ordination on June 8. All three, classmates at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries, were ordained by Bishop John Grimes of Syracuse on June 8, 1918 in old St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester.

FATHER WEINMANN, pastor of St. Philip Neri Church, Rochester, will celebrate a solemn Mass at 11 a.m. June 8. He will be assisted by his fellow ordinands, Father Schwab and Father Hynes, as deacon and subdeacon.

Bishop Kearney will preside and preach at the Mass.

For Father Weinmann, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Weinmann, this year marks a double anniversary. In addition to being ordained 40 years on June 8, he is also marking his 20th anniversary as pastor of St. Philip Neri Church.

Father Weinmann was born Feb. 15, 1890 and was educated at Holy Family School, and West High School, prior to attending St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries.

Before his appointment to St. Philip's, Father Weinmann was an assistant pastor at St. Patrick's Church, Seneca Falls from Sept. 23, 1918 to July 11, 1919, when he was sent to St. Francis Xavier, Rochester. On Feb. 12, 1923, he was put in charge of the Church of the Annunciation, Rochester, where he supervised the construction of the present church edifice.

Father Weinmann was appointed pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church, Rochester on June 3, 1936 and became pastor of St. Philip's in 1938.

He is well known for his priestly work with Italian immigrants who settled in the Norton Street area of the city of Rochester.

Father Weinmann also directed the St. Peter Claver Society with headquarters at 13 Rome St., Rochester, a pioneer social center for Negro people.

FATHER LEO Schwab, founder and only pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Schwab. During his tenure at the Elmira church, the first new parish formed after Bishop Kearney was named fifth Bishop of Rochester, Father Schwab has supervised the construction of a gothic styled church, seating 600 people, and most recently, an 8-classroom, one-story school and convent.

Father Schwab was born June 9, 1894 and was educated at Blessed Sacrament School, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries.

After his ordination, he was assigned as an assistant at the Immaculate Conception Church from July 28, 1918 to Dec. 17, 1918. He served at St. Patrick's Church in Elmira from Dec. 17, 1918 to July 3, 1934, when he was appointed to St. Thomas Church by Rev. Thomas Chubb, C.S.C., Leicester. Father Schwab was at St. Thomas Church until July 1, 1940 when Bishop Kearney appointed him pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira.

He will mark his jubilee privately.

FATHER MICHAEL HYNES, chaplain of the Dominican Monastery in Elmira since Feb. 11, 1953, is the former pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Owego, where he served for 24 years, until he resigned that post due to ill health.

During his pastorate, Father

## Ordinations Set Saturday At Cathedral

Bishop Kearney will ordain seven young men to the priesthood to serve in the Rochester Diocese this Saturday, May 31, at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

This year's ordination class will bring well over the 200 mark the number of priests ordained by Bishop Kearney since he came to the Rochester Diocese twenty years ago.

He has also conferred Holy Orders in other diocesan rites to provide priests for religious orders or for other dioceses.

At this Saturday's ceremony, besides the seven Rochester Diocese priests, a Benedictine monk and a priest-for the Tucson, Arizona, diocese will receive their priestly anointing from Bishop Kearney.

All except the young Benedictine are graduates of St. Bernard's Seminary.

The newly ordained priests will celebrate their first solemn Masses in their parish churches on the following day, Sunday, June 1.

THE NEW PRIESTS, the time of their first solemn Masses and receptions are as follows:

Rev. Neil J. Goodman—Mass, June 1, Holy Rosary Church, Rochester, 9 a.m.; reception, Holy Rosary hall, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Rev. William J. Gerdtner—Mass, June 1, Holy Rosary Church, Rochester, 10:45 a.m.; reception, Holy Rosary hall, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Rev. Leo G. Ingalls—Mass, June 1, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Rochester, 9 a.m.; reception, Our Lady of Lourdes hall, 3 to 5:30 p.m.

Rev. Edward M. Kowalski—Mass, June 1, St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester, 12 noon; reception, St. Stanislaus hall, 5 to 8 p.m.

Rev. Damian Milliken, O.S.B.—Mass, June 1, St. Patrick Church, Elmira, 11 a.m.; reception, Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira, 3 to 5 p.m.

Rev. Lawrence V. Murphy—Mass, June 1, St. Michael Church, Newark, 11:15 a.m.; reception, St. Michael hall, 4 to 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Joseph M. Sasso—Mass, June 1, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Rochester, 12 noon; reception, St. Francis of Assisi hall, 4 to 7 p.m.

Rev. Thomas R. Statt—Mass, June 1, St. Augustine Church, Rochester, 11 a.m.; reception, St. Augustine hall, 4 to 7 p.m.

Rev. B. John Martin—Mass, June 1, Queen of Martyrs Church, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 12 noon; reception, Queen of Martyrs hall, 5 to 8 p.m. Father Martin will serve in the Tucson diocese.

## Negro Ordained In Syracuse Rite

Syracuse—(NC)—Father Jerome E. Nadine, the first Negro ordained in the Diocese of Syracuse, received Holy Orders from Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception here. Father Nadine is a priest of the Brooklyn diocese.

A native of Scranton, Pa., Father Nadine received his early education in Catholic schools at Hoban Heights, Pa., and Pittston, Pa.; studied at St. Peter's College, London, Ont., and at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington, N.Y.

Born in Nashville, Tenn., on Aug. 17, 1937, the seventh in a family of eight, Cardinal Stritch was the son of Garrett Stritch, a teacher, who emigrated from County Kerry, Ireland, in the 1870's and settled in Nashville.

The boy's father died when he was eight, and the responsibility of the family fell upon his mother, the former Catherine Malley, who was born of Irish descent in Louisville, Kentucky. Many times he paid tribute to her excellent spiritual tutorage throughout his early formative years.

The cardinal-to-be showed unusual mental brilliance during his childhood. He completed grammar school when he was



Rome—(NC)—Cardinal Stritch last Sunday offered his first and final Mass following amputation of his right arm. The following day he suffered a stroke which claimed the 70 year old prelate's life early Tuesday morning.

## Cardinal Stritch Funeral In Chicago

Solemn funeral rites for Cardinal Stritch will be held in Chicago's Holy Name Cathedral Tuesday morning, June 2, according to NCWC news service.

Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, apostolic delegate to the United States, will celebrate the Mass and Bishop William E. O'Connor of Peoria will preach.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence R. Casey will represent his Rochester Diocese at the Cardinal's funeral services.

Rome—(RNS)—Samuel Cardinal Stritch, who served for 18 years as Archbishop of Chicago, died here, Tuesday, May 27, at the age of 70 less than three months after he had been named by Pope Pius XII as Pre-Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

Death came to him in Rome's suburban Sanatrix clinic where he had suffered a stroke while recuperating from the amputation of his right arm made necessary by a circulatory blockage.

At his bedside were two nephews, Father Morris Stritch of Memphis, Tenn., and Robert E. Stritch, a layman.

Cardinal Stritch last visited Rochester in August, 1955, when he was a guest of Bishop Kearney and spoke at the Catholic Central Verein convention.

The only American-born prelate ever named to a post in the Roman Curia, or governing body of the Church, Cardinal Stritch was visited shortly before his death by 85-year-old Pietro Cardinal Fumagalli-Biondi, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation, whom he was to have relieved of the actual direction of the Church's far-flung mission territories.

Another visitor, who paused to join in prayer for the dying of a friend, was the Cardinal in an adjoining chamber, was Mgtr. Angelo Dell'Acqua, Substitute Vatican Secretary of State for Ordinary Affairs, who brought a special blessing from the Pope.

(The body of the Cardinal lay in state at the North American College in Rome until Wednesday night, NCWC reported. It was then taken to St. Ignatius Church in that city where Bishop Martin J. O'Connor, rector of the North American College, celebrated a Requiem Mass this morning, Thursday, and Rome's cardinals, led by Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, imparted final absolution.

Cardinal Stritch's body was

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