

# Red China Frees Area Missioner

An overseas telephone call Sunday from Palmyra to Shanghai linked two brothers who have been separated by Communist cruelty for five years.

Maryknoll Father Joseph McCormack, just released from a Red China jail, spoke via trans-oceanic phone to his Palmyra brother Edward McCormack.

"It was the most wonderful experience I ever had," Mr. McCormack said. "His first words to me were, 'I'm fine.'"

A Religious News Service story stated that two priests, Father McCormack and Father Cyril Wagner, C.F.M., of Pittsburgh, Pa., were the last remaining American missionaries under Chinese communist confinement.

THEIR RELEASE came five years after they were arrested and imprisoned on charges of espionage and sabotage for American imperialists.

The news service further stated that they were remaining at the Peace Hotel in Shanghai until a British ship picked them up for transportation to Hong Kong. From there, they will return to the United States.

THE TWO priests were visited last September by a party of young American tourists who had ignored a U.S. State Department ban on travel to communist China. One of the visitors described Father Wagner as apparently in "poor physical shape," while Father McCormack, he said, was "very thin."

A native of Roscommon, Ireland, Father McCormack, 64, came to the United States in 1918 and entered the Maryknoll (N.Y.) Seminary. He was ordained in 1924 and said his first Mass in St. Dominic's Church, Shortsville. The following year, he was sent to the missions in Fushun, Manchuria.

## Priest Offers Mass For Brother

Funeral Mass for David W. Sullivan, brother of the Rev. J. Becher Sullivan, pastor of St. Helen Church was offered in that church, Tuesday, June 17.

Mr. Sullivan, formerly of Bath, N.Y., died June 14, 1958.

Father Sullivan was assisted in the Solemn Requiem Mass by the Rev. Joseph M. McDonnell, deacon and Monsignor Gerald C. Lambert, subdeacon.

Absolution was imparted by His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey. Also in the sanctuary were Monsignors John M. Duffy, William J. Naughton, Patrick McFadden and James D. Coffey.

Persons who Leo Herman, George Zigler, Robert and Raymond Thompson, Arthur Lang and August DePrez.

Mr. Sullivan was a member of St. Helen's Holy Name Society.

Priests also attending were the Reverend Fathers Joseph D. Donovan, Joseph T. Gaynor, Leo V. Smith, John J. Steger, Albert J. Shannon, Austin B. Harris, Francis E. Hester, Peter T. Jankowski, William F. Nolan, Francis M. Feeney, Al J. Geiger, Louis J. Hohman, Raymond Moore and Robert J. Fox.

Arrangements were made by M. Alvah Halloran and Son Funeral Home.

Indonesian Soldiers Djakarta — (RNS) — A new monthly magazine for Catholics sent to the missions in Fushun, in the Indonesian armed forces began publication here.

### AMONG WOMEN

## More On Knitting

By Mary Lenson Snyder

From time to time I prepare a column which seems to strike a particularly responsive chord for my readers. Such was the one on knitted bandages. If possible, I shall, over the summer months, answer personally the various interesting letters I received on this subject.

In the meantime, a column will answer many of the questions. So many have asked for specific instructions. The only instructions I know I have caused to be printed here previously, but I shall repeat them today.

The point is that the bandages must be washable, soft and have a moderate elasticity or "give." Length and width have not been rigidly established, since precision is not needed in the use of the finished product.

KNITTING instructions are: Cast on 20 or 25 stitches of white Knitcrosheen on a pair of No. 1 or 2 needles. Knit back and forth until the entire ball is used up. The strip is between 2 and 3 yards long. Several letters have asked about using colored threads. The thread should be white.

Other letters have asked for a re-printing of the address. I recommend you send the material to: The Catholic Medical Mission Board, Inc., 10 West 17th Street, New York 11, N.Y. Father Edward Garesche, S.J., is director.

Many letters have raised the question about the need of this type of bandage. In answer to this Father Garesche has written, "by all means continue sending the bandages."

I believe that misunderstanding about the need has arisen from the fact that the booklet put out by the Catholic Medical Mission Board emphasizes the importance of making gauze or sheeting bandages which are desperately needed.

MANY GROUPS, particularly Catholic Daughters of America, have the medical mission project as part of their work; however these bandages must for the most part be done in groups on large tables and there are many for whom such an undertaking is not suitable. It is for those who, for the most part, work alone at home, that the knitting of bandages is most suited.

I sincerely hope that all those who wrote me letters of inquiry will forgive my slowness in responding to their generous offers of help.

### First Hand Report

# Catholic Relief Praised

By FRANK KELLY

Catholic Relief Services, a division of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, is doing an excellent job in Italy.

This is the first hand report of Virginia Vessa, a former employee of the service who just returned to the United States after two years in Italy.

Miss Vessa, a Nazareth College graduate, told of the condition of the refugee camps operated by the Italian government in cooperation with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in association with the Catholic Relief Services.

HER DEPARTMENT'S main job was to try to resettle refugees from Iron Curtain countries.

"After first being interrogated by the Italian Police and the UN High Commissioner to establish their eligibility as refugees, the Catholic refugees would be sent to us to be interviewed," Miss Vessa said.

"It was then up to us to try to resettle these unfortunate people—some of whom had been in the Siberia labor camps.

"In many of the cases we were able to send them to new coun-



VIRGINIA VESSA

tries to start new lives, but in so many others, we were not able to do anything. This was not the fault of the CRS, but because of the poor health or because the people involved fell into the unskilled category," she added.

"After repeated rejections by immigration boards, these cases became known as 'hard-core' cases." These were people who

became tubercular or developed other physical disabilities because of the forced labor or other persecutions they underwent under communist oppression.

"Under existing regulations in the United States and many other countries, they could not enter, because of their ill health," Miss Vessa said.

"The Catholic Relief Services has been trying to have this changed, but so far, they have not with little success," she related.

"One country that did help these post-tubercular people was Norway. That country took in several hundred of them, sent them to a hospital where they underwent extensive treatment, so that they are now useful people.

"If more countries, especially like the United States, would adopt such a program for the disabled, these people would not be wasting their lives rotting in the cold and damp of refugee camps."

"FOR AN EXAMPLE, there is this one girl, about 35-years-old, who is still in Italy. She can speak four languages fluently, but because she suffered under

## Delia Margrett Requiem Said By Priest-Son

A Solemn High Requiem Mass was celebrated by Father J. Norman Margrett for his mother, the late Delia Margrett, who died June 10, 1958, on Friday, June 18, at Blessed Sacrament Church.

Assisting Father Margrett, assistant pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, were Father Leo Mooney, deacon, and Father Conrad Sundholm, subdeacon.

Present in the sanctuary were His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey, Rt. Rev. Msgrs. Thomas F. Connors, Maynard Connell, John Duffy, George Predmore, Richard Burns, Wilfred Craugh, William Naughton and John Randall.

Also Very Rev. Msgrs. Emmett Murphy and John McCafferty.

Also the Reverend Fathers Leonard A. Kelly, Joseph L. Hogan, John E. Roach, G. Stuart Hogan, John A. Murphy, Joseph J. Grasso, Robert L. Kress, Robert H. Fennessy, George C. Vogt, Raymond G. Heisel, Victor J. Hurley, Edward J. Waters, Charles A. Bennett, John A. Lyons of Louisville, Ky., Francis E. Hester, Edward J. Foy, Leo V. Smith, Eugene Malley, C.S.B., Henry C. Manley, Albert L. Simonetti, W. Darcy Bolger, Ignatius St. George, Joseph T. Gaynor, Harry J. Maloney, S.S.J., Frank J. Pegnam, Charles Reynolds, John Meiklinger, William

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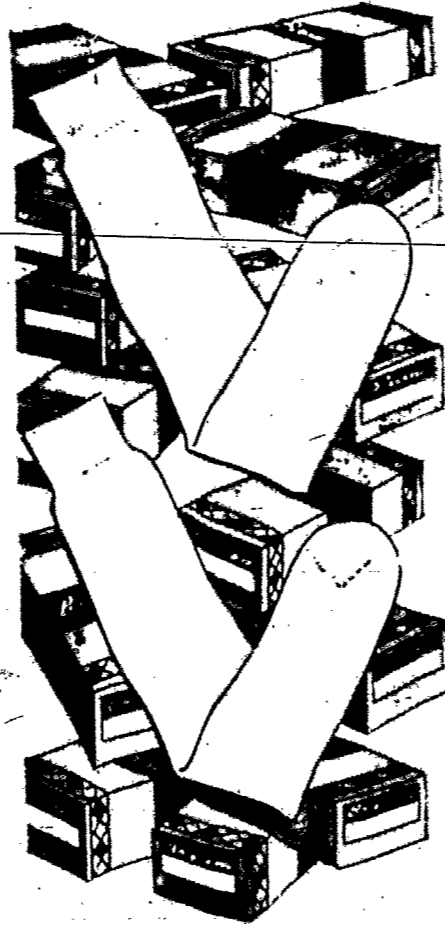
In addition to her priest-son, Mrs. Margrett is survived by another son, Raymond, three daughters, Sister Margaret Joseph, S.S.J., Mrs. Robert L. Nicholas and Mrs. Andrew R. Peer; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Rosary Society at Blessed Sacrament and St. Monica's Society.

Father Leo C. Mooney said the communal prayers at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. He was assisted by Fathers Margrett, Lyons, Devoreaux, Bolger, Michael Tydings, Lloyd Hogan, William J. and Leo Lynch and Monsignors Connell and Randall.

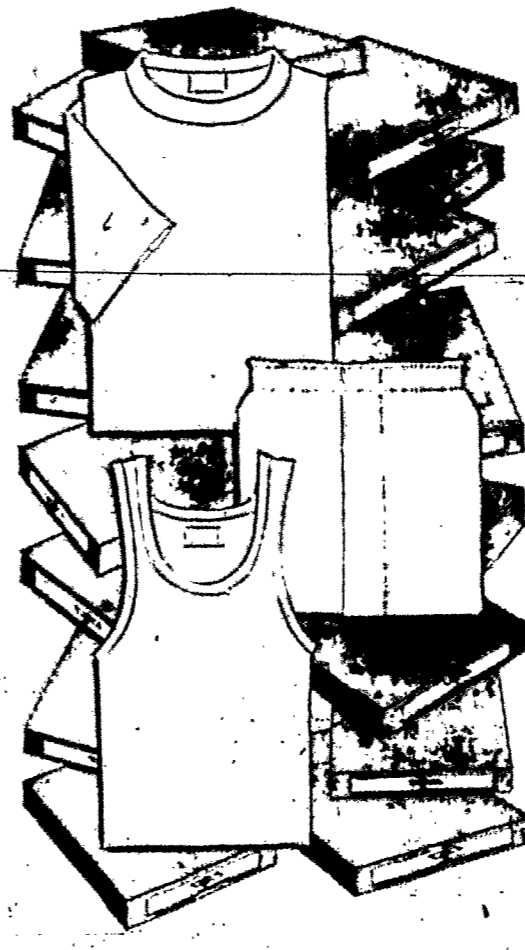
Bearers were Dr. William Madden, John Strowger, Jack Schröder and Lloyd Kuene. Arrangements were handled by D. Bernard O'Brien Funeral Home.

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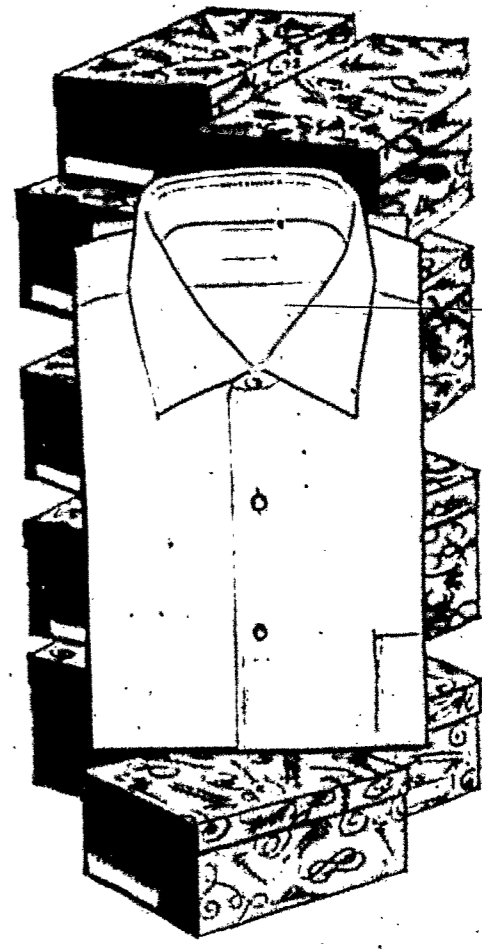
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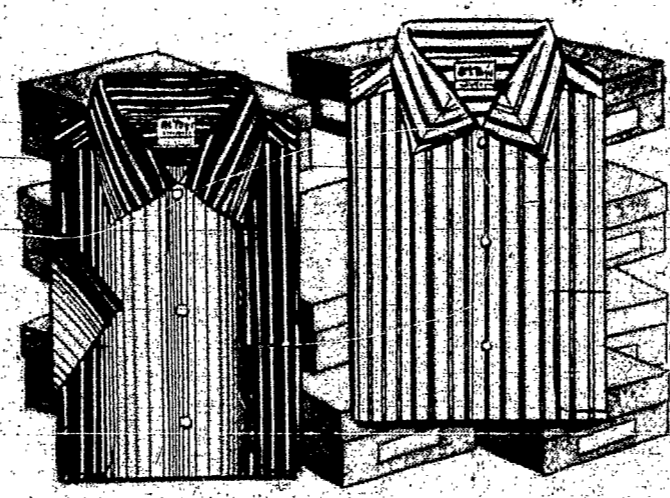
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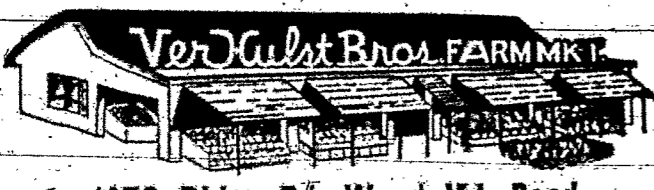
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