As I Saw Red China

[illegible]

First Friday First Saturday

[illegible]

would consider it a great favor to have a priest of my acquaintance at my death or which death was imminent

I asked him that he should [illegible] the goods would be passed on [illegible] all kinds. His eyes got red with [illegible] and then after hesitating for a couple of minutes he told me: "You just tell his friend all [illegible] and it will be not [illegible] short time."

[illegible] Crucifixion to their friends [illegible] When I refused to give them [illegible] for intercession on her behalf they threatened death [illegible]

[illegible] I asked him a month [illegible] that people I seen danced of the idea that methods like [illegible] of [illegible] Communist [illegible] against child and [illegible] against wife.

[illegible] I would not tell my [illegible] [illegible] that was not [illegible] I would give [illegible] for I would have [illegible] how much [illegible] [illegible] And [illegible]

[illegible] the word that [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] my confinement [illegible] to myself [illegible] been arrested. Was I to be [illegible] minute? What had I done? Was I the only American priest arrested or were they all picked up? These questions and [illegible] fire short for years of Communist domination of China were going through my mind.

How had it happened? What did we do wrong? Were we too complacent??

Only five years earlier I had a busy, steadily growing seminary, the Church in China was progressing, the future was promising. Now in five short years, it was all over. Catholic churches and mission property taken over by the government; native seminaries and convents closed; priests and [illegible]

[illegible] asked him for another favor.

I explained to him that as a Catholic I firmly believed in God and future reward and punishment and that since I was an old man, death might come to me at anytime and I [illegible]

[illegible] pulled up [illegible]

[illegible] I have always [illegible] I always call [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]