

Christ in the Communist Prisons

Religion Pressured; Priests Fill Jails

This is the second in a series of excerpts from the book "Christ in Communist Prisons" by Rev. Richard Wurmbrand.

On the day of my conversion twelve years before I had prayed, "God, I was an atheist. Now let me go to Russia to work as a missionary among atheists, and I shall not complain if I have to spend the rest of my life in prison." But God did not send me on the long journey to Russia. Instead, the Russians had come to me.

Now they were taken over and forcibly "merged" with the obedient Orthodox Church. Most of the priests, and all the bishops, who objected to this shotgun wedding were arrested, their dioceses abolished and their property seized. The Roman Catholics, ordered to break with the Vatican, refused; they, too, paid dearly for their resistance. With priests filling the jails and lurid tales of their treatment

spreading throughout the country, the minority religions waited resignedly to hear their fate.

My life as a pastor, until this time, had been full of satisfaction. I had the trust and love of my parishioners and all that I needed for my family. But I was not at peace. Why was I allowed to live as usual while a cruel dictatorship was destroying

everything dear to me and while others were suffering for their faith? On many nights, Sabina and I prayed together, asking God to let us bear a cross.

Hicks
Home Heating Inc.
271-9077 271-4650

During the war, in spite of persecution, our Mission's following had greatly increased, and many of those who had harried Jews and Protestants were converts who now worshipped side by side with their former victims. After the war, my work for the Western church missions continued, and I also began to work for the World Council of Churches. I had an office, equipment, secretaries — a "front" for my new campaign.

The campaign to undermine religion developed rapidly. All church funds and estates were nationalized. A Communist Ministry of Cults controlled the priesthood completely, paying salaries and confirming appointments. The aging Patriarch Nicodim, a virtual recluse, was accepted as Orthodox figurehead, but the party needed a more supple instrument. Dej decided that he knew the very man: the priest who had protected him, from the Fascists the year before. So Father Justinian Marina, an obscure seminary teacher from Rimnicu-Vilcea, was made a bishop, and soon all Rumania's 14 million Orthodox churchgoers knew that he was their Patriarch in everything but name.

The next task was to drive a wedge between the Roman and Greek Catholics, of whom there were two and a half million. The Greek Catholics, usually called Uniates, while keeping many traditions of their own (including the right of priests to marry) accepted Papal supremacy.

An Invitation To Join Father Orlando's Tour to the Shrines of Europe



Spiritual Director Rev. Richard J. Orlando St. Helen's Church Rochester, N. Y.

SUMMER SHRINES OF EUROPE
Departs August 26
Returns Sept. 16
Visiting Italy, France, Spain and Portugal
all inclusive price 22 days
\$829.00

All inclusive rate as detailed in the itinerary. Interesting and inspiring tour arrangements equalled by first class hotels, three meals daily, private bath, and twin bedded rooms are all included in the price. If you have been waiting for that special tour, then the one you want is here now.

VIA **ALITALIA** AIRLINES

Early reservations are suggested. SEND TODAY for free colorful fact-packed brochure

Mail coupon to
Rev. Richard J. Orlando
St. Helen's Church
310 Hinschey Road
Rochester, N.Y. 14624

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____

WIG CASTLE
802 BROWN ST. AT BULLS HEAD
WIGS SET & STYLED **\$5.00**
1 DAY SERVICE
PROFESSIONAL HAIRDRESSERS ON DUTY

R. J. FINNEGAN CO. INC.
"Roof Raising" SPECIALISTS and GENERAL REMODELING
• ADDITIONS • PLUMBING—HEATING
• KITCHENS • ELECTRIC—AIR CONDITIONING
• BATHROOMS • PAINTING—ROOFING—SIDING
"We've been BUILDING a fine REPUTATION since 1948"
2485 DEWEY AVE.
Call 865-3150, 865-9594

FLASH BULBS
WHITE or BLUE
• AG-1 Regular \$1.80 Value... **99c** dozen
• M-2 Regular \$2.09 Value... **1.09** dozen
• M-3 Regular \$2.16 Value... **1.23** dozen
• #25 Regular \$2.40 Value... **1.23** dozen

FLASH CUBES
—12 Flashes—
Reg. \$2.25 3 for **1.27**

EVERLASTING Candles
THEY USE ORDINARY LIGHTER FLUID NO BURNING DOWN HOURS OF ENCHANTING CANDLELIGHT
Reg. \$1.99 **1.67** a pair

AUTO SEAT ADJUSTABLE HEAD REST
HELPS PREVENT PAINFUL WHIP-LASH NECK INJURIES
Tough Vinyl... With Foam Core
Reg. \$2.99 **1.99** With Heavy Duty Bracket

SEA & SKI DERM TANNING OIL
Selected For Use By The U.S. Olympic Team
Reg. \$1.60 **1.17** 4-oz. Size

—Buy 1-Five Pack —Get 1-Pack FREE
Robt. Burns CIGARILLOS
THE CHANGE OF FACE SMOKE
Reg. 25¢ for Packs **2.25**

DAW'S PRESCRIPTION DRUG STORES

Special Intimate SPRAY MIST
One of the Seven Great Fragrances
2.50

White Quantities Last

Candy Cupboard... Other Popular Brands
CHOCOLATES
1-lb. **1.75** 2-lb. **3.25** Box

• Schaffli's Gold Chest...lb. 2.25
• Schaffli's Miniatures...lb. 2.00
• Schaffli's Fruit & Nut...lb. 2.15
• Whittman's Samplers...lb. 2.15

PARISIAN HOLIDAY
by BOURJOIS
SPRAY, COLOGNE OR BATH POWDER
In Four Continental-Inspired Fragrances

• MONTMARTRE • L'AVENUE • FOLIES BERGERE • MOULIN ROUGE

Reg. \$1.25 **98c** each

TIMEX WATCHES
All The Latest Models...including Ladies' Fashion Watches, Electric and Self-Winding Models
All With Gift Boxes...Time Watches Are Priced From **6.95** to 50.00

Richard Hudnut Fashion Quick
SALON-TESTED PERMANENT
No Shampooing! No Mixing!
Reg. Gentle or Super **32.00** Value **88c**

Vitalis
SALON-TESTED PERMANENT
No Shampooing! No Mixing!
Reg. Gentle or Super **32.00** Value **88c**

Go Go Light
THE SHAMPOO IN BLONDING KIT
LIGHTENS, CLEANS AND CONDITIONS
FROM BRECK **2.00** Value **99c**

SWINGER POLOROID CAMERA
Meet The SWINGER POLOROID CAMERA
Reg. \$19.95 **14.88**

White Quantities Last

ELECTRIC CAN OPENER
WITH BOTTLE OPENER
Graceful Styling | With White Enamel Finish
Reg. \$15.88 **15.88**

MENNEN DEODORANT
Twin-Pack
Reg. \$1.00 **21.07** for 4-oz. Cans

Tri-Vi-Sol VITAMIN DROPS
MEAD JOHNSON
50 cc Reg. \$3.59 **2.47** Value

RAID Moth Proofer
STANNOUS FLUORIDE
Reg. \$1.49 **1.19** Large 11.3-oz. Aerosol

CHARCOAL LIGHTER FLUID
For Quick Fire Starting
Quart **33c**

Mow Faster!
More Conveniently ELECTRICALLY
At A Sensational Low Price **59.88**

100-ft. HERCULES Heavy Duty Cord 9.44
Swingover Handle for 2-Way Mowing
Powerful Sunbeam Motor RE2500
It Trims Close To Walls and Bushes

FLOWER CITY GRASS SEED
SPECIAL FORMULA MIXTURE
DAW'S Exclusive High Germination Formula Includes Penolawn Red Fescue
1-lb. Sack **69c** 5-lb. **2.98** Sack
Covers 1,000 Square Ft.

• Crosman WHITE CLOVE R... 3-oz. 79c
• Crosman KENTUCKY BLUE... 1-lb. 1.19

Tough... PLASTIC LAWN HOSE 50-ft. **99c**

• All Steel Hoses... 43c
• Solid Brass Hose Nozzle... 49c

eventflo
DISPOSABLE NURSERY SET
Leak Proof
6 Complete Nurses: 6 Pre-Sterilized Bottles, 6 Sure-Seal, Twin Air Valve Nipples
Reg. \$4.77 **4.77**

Pampers
Stop Washing Diapers! Use Pampers DIAPERS AND PANTS IN ONE
Newborn (30's) Reg. \$1.49 **1.27**
Daytime (30's) Reg. \$1.65 **1.47**

DAW'S SUPER-VALUE COUPON
100% PURE PARADICHLOROBENZENE
MOTH CRYSTALS
Kills Moths, Prevents Mildew
1-lb. Can Reg. 69c **39c** Value

DAW'S SUPER-VALUE COUPON
Large... 14-oz. Size
LYSOL SPRAY
DISINFECTANT
ELIMINATES ODORS
Reg. \$1.79 **99c** Value

★ BRING YOUR NEXT PRESCRIPTION TO DAW'S ★

Pea

By FATHER P. J. O'... Society of St. Col...

Saigon (NC)—Panmu early 1960s, Paris in the peace, when?

Nobody who remembers years of parleys in Korea expects instant or even from the meeting in P the United States and N delegations.

(Father O'Connor re Korean Peace talks in the National Catholic vlc.)

All the evidence available there is much of it in the Communist leaders' ing discussions with a s for peace and an end to ings of the Vietnamese r.

They are only beginn phase in their struggle

Dioc
No S

By JOHN DELM
There will be no cutback in the Catho of the Rochester Dio immediate future.

This was the consens toral hearing on the sch held under the ausp Priests' Council at Not treat house on Cananda Friday.

Bishop Sheen summer suits of the day long me ed by 85 pastors in this "For the time being, our position":

—To keep our schools —Not to phase out and eight.

—To plan a total "Christian formation" in chial schools, Contratern tian Doctrine (CCD) pr man Apostolate and ad implemented in a unifc

The meeting, chaired Bishop John E. McCal dent of the diocesan P cil, was a pastoral he at gathering a consen acuteness of the financi ing diocesan Catholic sc elementary and secondar

A survey gathered fro who have schools in the dicated these trends:

50 per cent of the sponding felt that they fine their schools "inde other 25% replied th stood now, they could operate from between years. The remaining p offer no definite estin question.

Asked if their parish er cropping the seven grades to concentrate on financially feasible e grades 1-8, 52 per cent said yes. The answer or weren't sure.

On this proposal, Ba Leon Hart, Aquinas p represented the dioces schools at the meeting i

"If seventh and eight closed on any large sci schools could not contin

ON THE IN

Around the Country ...
Around the World ...
Commentary ...
Diocesan ...
Editorial ...
Entertainment ...
Pat Answers ...
Women ...

IF YOU MOVE . . . let us know about it

keep your Courier you on time. Phone notice of your chan dress. Include your o and new address and of your parish.

Courier-Journal, 35 Rochester, N.Y. 146 716-454-7050.