

New Quemoy Bishop Relishes Tough Job

By **FATHER IVAR MCGRATH** (The News Service)
 The Rev. Philip Cote, S.J., who was born in Lawrence, Mass., has accepted an assignment from the Holy See to act as apostolic administrator of Quemoy and Matsu, the island complexes close to continental China. The frail-looking bishop was ordained in 1927, and made a bishop in 1935.

only about 2,500 yards from Communist territory — until now has been a part of the Chinese mainland. Amoy diocese. The Matsu group of islands, which have been a part of the Fuchow diocese, are about five miles from the mainland.

Quemoy and Matsu are now set up as a special ecclesiastical territory under the jurisdiction of the veteran missionary bishop.

"I can now pray within sight of the Chinese mainland," said Bishop Cote, who is the largest diocese in China. Those who know the bishop have no doubt that he will do much more than such an achievement was quite

When he was expelled from Red China in June 1953 after almost three years in communist prison, there were over 100,000 Catholics in the Suchow diocese. He was named bishop of Suchow in 1946.

Six months after his expulsion, he asked the Chinese archbishop of Taipei whether he might work here. He was given care of the Suao district on Taiwan's east coast. When he first arrived there were no Catholics in the area. Today there are 2,800 Catholics, cared for by the bishop and five priests.

Most people would say that such an achievement was quite

sufficient for the later years of a refugee bishop. But Bishop Cote is undertaking his new assignment with the faith and enthusiasm of a newly arrived missionary.

The Quemoy complex, of which Big Kimmien is the largest island, is less than 20 miles from the Red China port city of Amoy, some five miles from other mainland points, and less than a mile and a half from the Communist-held island of Chiayou. The total area of the group is about 67 square miles, and Big Kimmien is about 50 square miles in area. It is on this latter that Bishop Cote will make his permanent residence. The population of the complex is 55,000 persons, not including

the military, for whom no definite figure is available.

The Matsu complex of 19 small islands is about 135 miles north of Quemoy, with a total land area of only about 10 square miles. The civilian population numbers slightly over 16,000. There are no figures for the military.

Since 1954 there has been a sole missionary on the offshore islands, 60-year-old French-born Franciscan Father Bernard Druetto, also expelled after imprisonment by the Communist government from the Chinese mainland. The bearded, white-haired missionary has become something of a legend during the lonely years on the islands.

He is not only an indefatigable minister of the Gospel, but an experienced medical doctor, builder, mechanic, carpenter and general do-it-yourself man.

He has built two churches and a small hospital on Big Kimmien almost entirely with his own hands. For the past two years he has been assisted by a volunteer Irish nurse, Mary Howard, in his medical work.

Bishop Cote, who is to fly to Quemoy by Chinese air force plane, will be accompanied by Spanish Jesuit Father Jose Sanchez, who speaks the local dialect of the islands, Fukiense. It is probable that other priests and perhaps Sisters will follow.

Ontario Lenten Series Defined

Ontario — This community's first study-discussion series, which gets underway Sunday night, offers seven choices to adults and teenagers.

Study groups will meet in the high school from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on five Sundays, starting March 2.

Anyone interested in taking part is asked to register with his pastor and indicate his choice from the following courses:

"The Social Challenge of the Gospel," led by Capuchin Father Sebastian Falcone, a member of the St. Bernard's Seminary faculty who works also in the church's secular mission in Wayne and Ontario counties.

"The Church's Film Ministry," by the Rev. E. Lee Anglin, Baptist pastor.

"Sex and Selfhood," the Rev. Ronald J. Sloan, pastor of First Presbyterian, Ontario Center.

"Introduction to Philosophy," Father Gerald Mahon of St. Mary's of the Lake.

"Communications Gap?" Lyn-

wood Deitz, stated supply minister, Ontario Reformed Church.

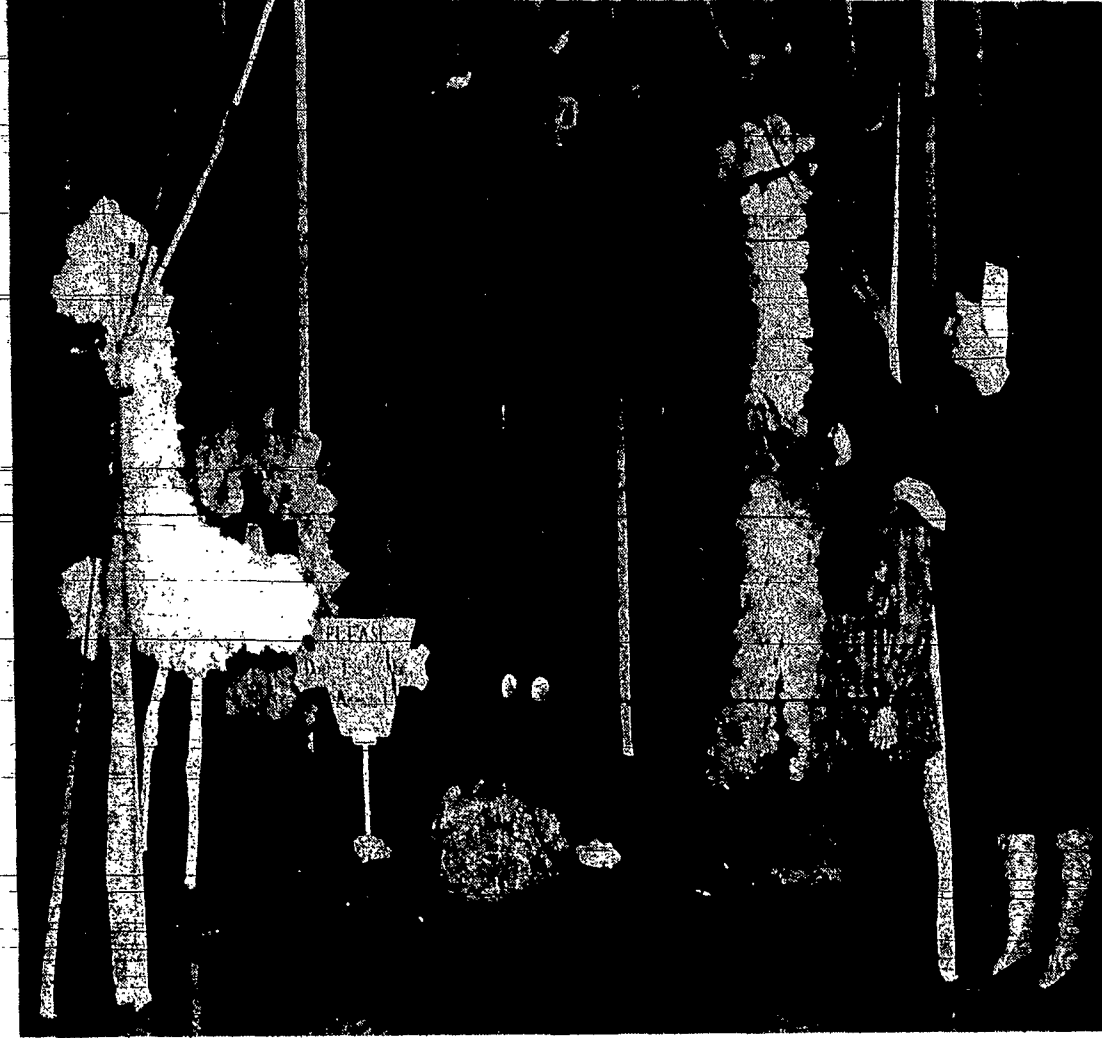
"Moses, Buddha and Christ," the Rev. James R. Mack, United Church pastor.

"Living Room Dialogue" Mrs. Frank Crawford, an elder of the First Presbyterian, Ontario Center.

CANADA'S LUTHERANS OPPOSE VATICAN TIES

Winnipeg, Man. — (RNS) — The Lutheran Council in Canada has passed a resolution "re-affirming its long-standing opposition" to diplomatic relations between Canada and the Vatican.

Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau visited Pope Paul VI recently and is exploring the possibility of exchanging envoys with the Holy See. There has been a general chorus of Protestant disapproval.



An "Art Carnival" decorated the recent open house at Sacred Heart School, Auburn. Sister Anna Gonzaga, principal, inspects an exhibit with one of the artists, seventh-grader Vicky Penna.

Episcopal Bishop Hits Book-Burning

Chicago — (RNS) — Episcopal Coadjutor Bishop James W. Montgomery, commenting on the burning of church textbooks by an unofficial Episcopalian group, said here that "we deplore book-burning as a form of protest, and we call upon those who have participated in such activity to work constructively toward the improvement of all materials."

The Chicago chapter of the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity (ESCRU) marked Ash Wednesday with a ceremonial book-burning of Sunday School literature it deplored as "illy white" and "racist."

Its demonstration was in the plaza outside the new headquarters of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, now under construction.

ESCRU holds that there is inherent racism in church educational materials in portraying Christianity as "only white, not multiracial."

The national office of ESCRU has objected particularly to the Episcopal Church's

Lenten distribution for children of a map of Africa illustrated with "thatched huts... grinning apes and graceful palm trees."

During the burning of the books, the Rev. Joseph Dickson, curate of St. Paul and the Redeemer Episcopal church, put a purple stole around his neck and led a litany for ESCRU members. Father Dickson then placed ashes from the burnt books on their foreheads in the traditional sign of repentance and mourning.

Bishop Montgomery, Coadjutor Bishop of Chicago, issued this statement:

"The Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity is an unofficial group of Episcopalians who are committed to

the cause of racial justice. As such, this group has every right to make protests on issues as they see them.

"No parish or mission in the Episcopal Church is required to use any particular series of educational materials.

"We do, however, deplore book burning as a form of protest and we call upon those who have participated in such activity to work constructively toward the improvement of any and all curricula."

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New Newark Vicars To Provide Liaison With Ethnic Groups

Newark, N. J. — (RNS) — Two episcopal vicars to act as liaison between the Catholic Archdiocese of Newark and black and Spanish-speaking Catholics have been appointed here.

Archbishop Thomas A. Boland's designation of the two priests drew criticism from two groups which have accused the prelate of pursuing "racist" policies.

The Inner City Priests for United Christian Action, a group of 20 Catholic clergy who last month criticized Archbishop Boland's race relations policies, issued a statement opposing the appointments.

"This process of selection" the priests statement said, "is one more example of the failure of those in authority to consult the community in forming an official policy and appointing personnel supposedly representative of this community."

The chairman of a lay organization known as United Black Catholics, Willie Wright, called the appointments "the same sort of paternalism that has been practiced in the Church over the centuries."

The new episcopal vicars are Father Joseph A. Stubb, 44, administrator of Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark, and Father Thomas Heck, 40,

assistant pastor of St. Columba's Church, Newark.

Father Stubb, who has worked with the black community, defended the archbishop's action in appointing him. However, he said that "some more organized form of coalition has to be created in order to give the black community more self-determination not only in ecclesiastical matters but in social questions as well."

The vicar for the Spanish-speaking, Father Heck, has spent his entire priesthood working with Catholics of that ethnic group and has served as "coordinator" of Spanish work in the archdiocese.

Although he endorsed consultation in principle, he added: "The archbishop certainly has the right to make up his own mind. Both approaches are proper."

A spokesman for the Chancery Office said Archbishop Boland had consulted with a number of priests before making the appointments. The opinion of laymen had not been actively solicited, he added.

The spokesman noted that it will be the responsibility of these vicars to implement a pastoral letter issued by Archbishop Boland last November. One of the points in the letter was the prelate's endorsement of community use of parish facilities.

Elmira Hospitals Invite Students

Elmira — Two hundred and fifty area high school sophomores and juniors will be the guests of local hospitals on Health Careers Day, Thursday, March 6.

This is the third successive year that St. Joseph's Hospital and Arnold-Ogden Hospital have played host to Chemung County students interested in exploring the vocational opportunities of the health field.

Other sponsoring agencies for Health Careers Day are the American Cancer Society, Southern Tier Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association and the Southern Tier Heart Association.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. at Emerson Auditorium, Elmira College.

Recollection Night Planned by Parish

Owego — The third annual evening of recollection for adults will be conducted in St. Patrick's Hall from 7 to 10 p.m. Sunday, March 2.

Father David W. Connor, of the Newman Apostolate at Cornell University, will be the principal speaker. The program is sponsored by Christian Family Movement groups of the parish.

Father Leo J. Matuszewski, pastor of St. Patrick's and its mission, Catholic Chapel in Nichols, announced that First Communion dates will be Saturday, May 3, in Owego, and Saturday, May 10, in Ithaca.

Two Merit Finalists At Notre Dame H.S.

By **KATHY KOZEMBA**
 Elmira — Two Notre Dame seniors, Carol Hee and Jean Marchinock, are among the nation's 15,000 finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Contest.

Both girls have held full scholarships to Notre Dame and have been active in many clubs and projects.

Miss Hee, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Hee of 790 Maple Avenue, has been an assistant to Sister Jane Frances in the biology department. She is a member of the National Honor Society, was class secretary in her sophomore year, is on the Senior Class Council and is editor-in-chief of Genesis, the literary magazine. She will play the leading role in this year's musical.

Miss Marchinock is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose J. Marchinock of 875 Grove Street. She is on the Maryleaf staff, currently as feature editor, and

is a member of the band and the National Honor Society. Miss Marchinock plans to study music at Fredonia State College.

Miss Hee and Miss Marchinock rank first and second in their class, respectively. Miss Hee is a member of St. Mary's parish; Miss Marchinock, of St. Casimir's.

HOW TO REDUCE SPIRITUAL FAT

Boston — (RNS) — Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, had this to say at the start of Lent.

"Let us do some spiritual pushups and holy jogging. Our modern way of life tends to make us soft. We have become in some measure fat Christians whose religion does not overmuch interfere with our comfort. Acts of self-denial and discipline can be thought of as a kind of holy jogging that tones us for the full Christian life."

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