

American Priests Cross to Freedom After Red Captivity

HONG KONG (AP)—Two American Roman Catholic priests crossed the border to freedom Saturday and described their ordeals in tiny Red Chinese prison cells. One said his captors once told him to pick from five bullets one which would be used to kill him.

The priests, Fathers Justin Garvey, 40, of Union City, N. J., and Marcellus White, 47, of Waltham, Mass., appeared to be in good health despite their long confinement and threats of death and torture.

The Red Chinese announced Thursday they were releasing the two priests and Mrs. Homer B. Bradshaw, a Presbyterian medical missionary with headquarters in New York.

Husband Held
Mrs. Bradshaw did not arrive on the train from Canton Saturday, but is expected Sunday. Her husband, in bad health, is still held by the Chinese.

Father Garvey was imprisoned in December 1951, and Father White in February 1952. They told reporters they had been held in Changsha since July 1953, but never saw each other before last Thursday. Both are missionaries of the Passionist Order.

Father White said he was sentenced to five years on charges of spying and passing on economic information, but was released early for "good behavior."

Often Threatened
Breaking down in describing his trial and confinement. Father White said he often was threatened with pistols. Once a questioner showed him five bullets and told him to select one for his execution.

In the nearly 2½ years spent in prison, Father White said he ate meat only twice. His 6 by 12-foot cell was not heated.

Father Garvey said he was tried on charges of cooperating with Nationalist Chinese "bandits" and spying for the U. S. FBI. He was sentenced to four years' imprisonment last Oct. 29, but he too, was released early for "good behavior."

Warning Made
The Reds told him the crimes of which he was accused were so serious he could be executed. He was warned that unless he confessed he would be taken to Peiping "where instruments will be applied to you." Father Garvey said that although he never confessed, the threat never was carried out.

When he refused to confess, the priest said he was thrown into a punishment cell, 15 by 15 feet, which also was occupied by 20 other persons. Father Garvey said he saw four men die in the cell, in which there was not room enough to stand. It was necessary to get his jailors' permission to kill a flea, he said.

Former Spy



Arch F. Coleman, espionage expert for the United States during World War II, who will address the Salem Knife and Fork Club at a December 1 meeting at the Marion Hotel.

Dinner Club Slates Expert On Espionage

A man who engaged in extensive espionage work for the United States during World War II will speak to members of the Salem Knife and Fork Club at a meeting scheduled Dec. 1 at the Marion Hotel.

The speaker, Arch F. Coleman, will relate his experiences as a member of the Office of Strategic Service, according to Judge Joseph Felton, club president.

Coleman's intriguing and colorful career included establishment and organization of espionage groups working out of Istanbul, Turkey, during World War II. He also was assigned to Mexico to spy out the extent of the Gestapo and Japanese intelligence services.

Purchase of Dynamite New Air Blast Clue

DENVER (AP)—The Denver Post said Saturday night a Kremmling, Colo., storekeeper says he is "pretty sure" John Gilbert Graham is the man to whom he sold 20 sticks of dynamite Oct. 29, three days before the explosion and crash of an airplane that killed Graham's mother and 43 other passengers.

The Post, in a copyrighted article by George McWilliams, said the storekeeper, Lyman Brown, knew Graham from his school days in Kremmling and was "pretty sure" he was the man who bought the dynamite and two electric caps three weeks ago.

Kremmling is a small mountain town 105 miles west of Denver. Graham, arrested last Sunday, has been charged with murder in the dynamiting of the plane.

Brown, the Post said, will be brought to Denver County jail by FBI agents to confront Graham and aid in a positive identification. The newspaper said Brown recalled Graham from seeing his pictures in newspapers.

The Post quoted Brown as saying a man dressed as a hunter in a brown coat, brown pants and cap came into the store Oct. 29 and asked for 20 sticks of "40 per cent dynamite" and two electric caps.

The Post said that Brown—in a telephone talk with Webb W. Burke, special agent in charge of the Denver FBI office—told Burke he was "almost certain" the man who purchased the dynamite was Graham.

Brown said he would know the man again and thought he could make positive identification when he confronts Graham.

At Theaters Today

ELSINORE — "I AM A CAMERA" with Laurence Harvey and Shelley Winters. "DIAL RED O" with Bill Elliott and Keith Larsen.

CAPITOL — "THE DESPERATE HOURS" with Humphrey Bogart and Fredric March. "THE SCARLET COAT" with Cornel Wilde and Michael Wilding.

GRAND — "HOBSON'S CHOICE" with Charles Laughton. "ADVENTURES OF SADIE" with Joan Collins and George Cole.

HOLLYWOOD — "LAST COMMAND" with Sterling Hayden and Anna Maria Alberghetti. "BRING YOUR SMILE ALONG" with Frankie Laine and Keefe Brasselle.

Auto Wreck Victim Still Semi-Conscious

STAYTON—William J. Long, Turner, injured Nov. 10 in an auto collision near Stayton, is still semi-conscious at Santiam Memorial Hospital, attendants said. His condition has been listed as "unchanged" for several days.

George R. Reed Dies at Stayton

TURNER — George R. Reed, about 80, father of Mrs. M. F. Webb, died Saturday night in a Stayton hospital. Arrangements are pending at the Virgil T. Golden mortuary in Salem.

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Dionne Quint Ill, Forced to Quit Convent

MONTREAL (AP)—Marie Dionne, 21-year-old quintuplet who was studying at a Quebec convent, has become ill again and is in a hospital here for observation.

In North Bay, Ont., Olivia Dionne, father of the quintuplets, said Saturday he had been informed Marie's health is "run down" and that she is suffering from loss of appetite and loneliness.

It was the second time in 16 months Marie had left the Roman Catholic convent for the same reasons.

While it was reported that she will be kept under observation for a month at Notre Dame l'Esperance Hospital, where Marie's sisters, Cecile and Yvonne, are training as nurses, the hospital would not confirm she had been admitted.

Her father was told about Marie's health in a telephone conversation with Cecile. He said he did not think Marie would return to the convent this time. Marie's quintuplet sister Emilie died in a Quebec convent in August 1954.

Death Claims Noted Author

RYE, N. Y. (AP)—Marquis James 64, one of the nation's topmost biographers and historians, died Saturday.

James' death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage. He died at his home where he had been convalescing since an earlier attack in August.

The noted author had won two Pulitzer prizes, one in 1930 for "The Raven," a biography of Sam Houston, and the other in 1938 for a two-volume biography of Andrew Jackson.

He also published a number of other highly successful works, and produced much material for magazines and radio. He had just completed research for a biography of the famous negro educator, Booker T. Washington.

James was the third Pulitzer prize author taken by death this week.

Heart attacks claimed Bernard De Voto, 58-year-old historian, last Sunday night, and Robert Sherwood, 59-year-old playwright and biographer, on Monday morning.

Aside from his Pulitzer prize volumes, James' better known works included "Andrew Jackson," "The Border Captain" in 1933, "They Had Their Hour" in 1934, "Mr. Garner of Texas" in 1939, "Alfred I. Dupont: 'The Family Rebel'" in 1941 and "The Cherokee Strip" in 1945.

Fire Report At Air Crash 'Unfounded'

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—Hopes that there may be survivors among 14 men who crashed in a plane atop Mt. Charleston were dimmed by a pilot who flew over the scene Saturday night to check a report that a bonfire had been spotted near the wreckage.

Capt. Miles D. Baker of Nellis Air Force Base near here radioed that he had flown over the 11,910-foot mountain peak for 15 minutes in a T33 jet trainer and had spotted no campfires by the wreck. Nor had he seen any sign of life.

Just before dusk Maj. R. A. Windoffer of Nellis radioed that while flying an F109 jet fighter over the wreckage he saw what he thought was a bonfire with two men standing beside it.

It was known that none of the rescue teams fighting freezing temperatures and waist deep snow to reach the crash scene was within miles of the site.

Capt. Byrd Ryland of the 42nd Air Rescue Squadron from March AFB, Calif., also flew over the blustery peak Saturday and said he saw no fire.

Airmen believed that Maj. Windoffer may have seen the setting sun reflected on a scrap of metal in the wreckage.

Ground rescue parties were not expected to reach the wreckage until early Sunday afternoon.

The four-engine C54, en route from Norton Air Force Base, Calif., to the Nevada atomic bombing range, crashed Thursday morning only 600 feet from the top of the 11,910-foot mountain.

All 14 occupants, including five Air Force men, five Air Force civilian workers, two aviation engineers and two Air Force consultants, had been presumed dead.

Man Rescued From Island

A Salem man spent several hours Saturday night marooned by rising waters on an island in the Willamette River southwest of Salem.

Frank Slack, 36, of 1532 Center St., was found about midnight by sheriff's deputies and friends who went to Hayden Island, 3½ miles upstream from Salem, in a logging towboat operated by Bill Carter.

He said his car became mired in the mud and rising waters when he tried to leave about 5 p.m. after tending land he owns on the island, which normally can be reached by auto. Officers were alerted by his family and friends who became alarmed when he did not return after dark.

Former Soviet Woman Officer Loses TV Prize

NEW YORK (AP)—Blonde Mrs. Kyra Petrovskaya Shirk, who was a World War II lieutenant in the Soviet infantry, Saturday night failed to win the \$100,000 jackpot of the "Big Surprise" television quiz show.

She was allowed to keep \$25,000 as a consolation prize.

Mrs. Shirk, who married an American in Russia and now lives on a farm near York, Pa., was asked a complicated six-part question dealing with the Battle of the Bulge and the Battle of the Coral Sea in World War II. She answered only four parts correctly.

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