

## Two American Catholic Priests Released by Chinese Communists

Hong Kong — (U.P.) — Two American Catholic priests returned to freedom from Red China Saturday and told of three years of mental and physical torture at the hands of their Communist captors.

The Rev. John W. Clifford and the Rev. Thomas L. Phillips, both Jesuits of San Francisco, arrived from Shanghai aboard the German ship Hamburg.

They were released from a Communist prison on June 15—just three years to the day they were arrested.

Their release left 11 other American civilians and priests still behind bars in Red China.

Clifford and Phillips appeared in good health but a little nervous as they talked to newsmen who met them at the dock. They told of "sweet and sour treatment" by the Chinese that ranged from torture to a free-wheeling sightseeing tour of the countryside.

Arrested in 1953

Father Clifford, 38, wearing a white T-shirt and slacks, said he was arrested June 15, 1953, only six days after he was transferred to Christ the King Church in Shanghai, along with Father Phillips and the Rev. John Houle of Glendale, Calif., who is still in prison.

He said Communist police entered his quarters at 11:15 p.m. while he was sleeping and hustled him off the Lochaiwai Prison without specific charges. The Communists put him in a cell with five Chinese prisoners and ordered him to remain absolutely quiet, not even allowing him to move his hands, eyes or lips.

"I was saying the Rosary and a guard told me my lips were moving and that was forbidden," Clifford said. "But I told him I was saying the Rosary and there was no law against that. Then an officer came and said there was no such thing as freedom of religion and no rights at all in prison."

He said he was given only a blanket and had to sleep on the floor.

Charges of Imperialism

"A few days later they asked me to tell what crimes I committed."

"I told them I absolutely had committed no crimes and that 'you are actually the criminals.' They got excited. I was questioned five or six times."

Father Phillips, a former rector of Shanghai College who was interned by the Japanese for 2½ years during World War II, said that "as far as I could make out the charges were imperialism and being and imperialist."

He said he was interrogated approximately 150 times.

"The interrogations were merely to obtain some excuse to accuse me because they knew they had no grounds for arresting me," Clifford said. "They only want to keep you talking."

The Remaining Prisoners

Diplomatic sources said earlier this year that one or two imprisoned Americans might be released "for propaganda purposes," but they saw little or no chance of release for all.

Five of the remaining 11 are the Rev. Paul McKinson Jr., a Lutheran missionary of Balti-

more, Md., Robert McCann, a businessman from Altadena, Pa., John T. Downey, New Britain, Conn., and Richard Fecteau, Lynn, Mass., both U.S. Army civilian employees, and Hugh F. Redmond, an importer from Yonkers, N. Y.

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## News About Books From the Library

A total of 7,572 volumes were added to the Medford Public Library during the fiscal year just ended, of which 1,968 were donated and 5,604 purchased. A third of the purchased books were placed in the junior department, and two-thirds were offered to adult readers.

Among the latter were 3,416 new titles, 1,162 in fiction, 2,254 in non-fiction. The junior department received 595 new fiction titles and 494 new titles of non-fiction. More than 500 duplicate copies of popular books were purchased for children's reading.

During the month of June, 92 gifts were received from library friends, including W. H. McKernie, M. E. Sprague, E. R. Peterson, Mrs. Clara Orr, the American Legion, and a donor who wished to remain anonymous.

New titles added to the adult book collection this month are:

**Adventure stories:** The Timber Beast, Binns; When God Slept, Bourne; The Ninth Wave, Burdick; The Return of Lono, Bushnell; Great Circle, Carse; Red Over Green, Henriques; A Single Pebble, Hersey; Position Unknown, Mackersy; Treasure Cruise, and Other Crunch and Des Stories, Wylie.

**Western stories:** Wild Horse Lightning, Field; Lazy H Feud, La Vanway; Destination, Danger, MacDonald; The Lonely Grass, Nye.

**Mysteries:** Don't Look Back, Borgenicht; Widow's Web, Curtiss; The Case of the Sun Bather's Diary, Gardner; Death Walks on Cat Feet, Hitchens; The Scarlet Thread, Hood; Murder Makes an Entrance, Kelland; The Faceless Adversary, Lockridge; Hunt the Man Down, Pearson; Historical Whodunits, Ross Williams; Three Witnesses, Stout; The End of the Track, Winter-ton.

**Other fiction:** A Wreath for Udumo, Abrahams; The American Legion Reader, American Legion Magazine; Pale Moon, Burnett; The Horse's Mouth, Cary; The Pathfinder, Cooper; The Adventures of Shlomele, Davis; Comfort Me With Apples, De Vries; The Mystery of Edwin Drood, Dickens; Charmed Circle, Ertz; Collected Stories, Faulkner; Fiddler's Green, Gann; The Rosemary Tree, Goudge; The Wall, Hersey; Generations of Men, Hunt; The Hope of Refuge, Johnson; Tubie's Monument, Keveson; Charlotte and Dr. James, McCrone; The Passion by the Brook, Nelson; The Valley of God, Patai; Johnny Painter, Pettibone; The Stranger, Ross; The Parasite, Seform; Almost April, Sherburne; A Sword From Galway, Simons; Lost City of the Sun, Sinclair; The Unquiet Spirit, Steen; Some Inner Fury, Taylor; In Sicily, Vittorini; The Merry Month of May, and two other short novels, White; The Phasian Bird, Williamson.

**For Young Adults:** The Appaloosa Curse, Bowen; Your Place in TV, Broderick; The Dagger, The Fish and Casey, McKee, Clark; Johnny - on - the - Spot, Cooke; The Captive Rider, Downes; Towser, Sheep Dog, Lamond; Daughter of the Khans, Liang; Danger in the Midst, MacKellar; How to Plan for College and What to Do When You Get There, McReynolds; The Leo Durocher Story, Schoof; The Day and the Way We Met, Stolz; A Long Time Coming, Whitney; The Black Tiger, Wibberley.

**Humor:** A Short Trot With a Cultured Mind, Campbell; Guestward Ho! Hooton; People Are Funny, Linkletter.

**Travel and adventure:** I Married the Klondike, Berton; My Ship Is So Small, Davison; Elephants and Ivory, Jordan; American in Italy, Kubly; Men Against Everest, Sipton.

**Biography:** Albert Schweitzer; Man of Mercy, Berrill; Reach for the Sky, Brickhill; Never a Dull Moment, Cassini; Laurette, Courtney; The Last Stitch, Crostwait; Have Tux, Will Travel, Hope; This Is Nixon, Keogh; Song of America, Mardikian; Dear Mad'm, Patterson; A Cornish Waif's Story, Smith; Souvenir, Margaret Truman's Own Story, Truman; MacArthur, His

Rendezvous With History, Whitney.

**The West:** The Coming of the White Women, 1836, Elliott; Desperate Women, Horan; Myths and Legends of the Pacific Northwest, Judson; The Life and Times of Wyatt Earp, Lake; One Man's West, Lavender; Heroes, Outlaws and Funny Fellows, Miller; A Century of Coos and Curry, Peterson.

**Sports and games:** Best Sports Stories, Marsh; The Handbook of Wilderness Travel, Wells; Trout Flies, Wetzel; Handbook for Skin Divers, Bronsen-Howard; Outboard Boating Handbook, Bowman; Winning Golf, Nelson; Winning Baseball, Allen; Better Riding, Lewis; The Macmillan Handbook of Chess; Horowitz; The New Complete Hoyle, Morehead; The Cokesbury Stunt Book, Dewey; Penny's Party Book, Haenigsen; Abingdon Party and Banquet Book, Maguire.

**Arts and crafts:** Art of the Northwest Coast Indians, Inverarity; The Rainbow Book of Art, Craven; Enjoying Modern Art, Newmeyer; Art Through the Ages, Gardner; Idols Behind Altars, Brenner; Early American Crafts and Hobbies, Yates; Woodland Portraits, Klute; Our American Music, Howard; American Mountain Songs, Richardson; A Dictionary of Musical Themes, Barlow; A Dictionary of Vocal Themes, Barlow.

**House and garden:** Buffet Cook Book, Robertson; How to Build 20 Cabins, Arco Publishing Co.; An Easy Guide to Color for Flower Arrangers, Dodson; Shady Gardens, Parcher; The Complete Book of Lawns, Rockwell.

**Family life:** The Parents Handbook, Fromme; Behavior and Misbehavior, Hymes; A Child Development Point of View, Hymes; The Cultivation of Community Leaders, Biddle.

**Religion:** The Dead Sea Scrolls, Burrows; Hardness of Heart, Cheronnier; Altars of the East, Ayres; You Are Never Alone, Ditzen.

**Other non-fiction:** The Spoor of Spooks, and Other Nonsense, Evans; Getting and Spending, Crane; Cavalcade of American Horses, Crowell; Principles and Types of Speech, Monroe; Anthropology, Kroeber; Effective Advertising Copy, De Voe; Speak to the Earth, Miller; Cell 2455 Death Row, Chessman; Trial by Ordeal, Chessman; The Agricultural Regions of the United States, Haystead; Essentials of Compilation for College Students, Babcock; General Civil Service Home Study Book for Federal, State, Municipal Positions, Civil Service Aid Publishers.

**Confidence Men Get \$130 in Salem Area**

Salem — (U.P.) — Four Williamette valley residents — two from Salem and two from Dallas — lost \$130 to confidence men this week but the Marion county district attorney's office said Saturday it had not yet discovered any violation of criminal law on which to base charges.

Salem police said the confidence game involved nearly worthless watches which were offered to service station attendants as security for loans. The "con" men claimed they needed the loans to settle car damage cases out of court.

The district attorney's office said that so far as can be determined the loans were legally a private transaction between two citizens.

However, investigation of the four cases and four other unsuccessful attempts was continuing, officials said.

**WYOMING HUNTING**

Cheyenne, Wyo. — (U.P.) — The State Game and Fish Department says hunters from all 48 states, Alaska, Canada, Hawaii, Mexico, Puerto Rico and South America hunted in Wyoming in 1955. Minnesota provided more hunters than any other state, followed by California, Texas, Nebraska and Wisconsin.

## Ophiuchus Is Visible Near Antares in Southern Sky

BY FAY VAN SCHOIACK

Can you imagine any man brave enough to stand on a scorpion while holding a great serpent or snake in his hands? Spreading across the southern sky is a large group of stars forming two constellations, Ophiuchus and Serpens.

Aesculapius, who is called Ophiuchus in the heavens, was the son of Apollo, Chiron, the Noble Centaur, represented in Sagittarius, the Archer, taught Aesculapius to become a great physician or doctor. So successful was this doctor in prolonging the lives of mortals that Pluto began to complain bitterly.

**Flow Dwindling**

"The flow of souls to the Underworld is dwindling," he said.

To keep peace with Pluto, Jupiter finally had to slay the great physician. But after his death he was given a place in the heavens.

To locate Ophiuchus find the red, twinkling star, Antares, just above the southern horizon. This star is the heart of the Scorpion upon which Ophiuchus is supposed to be standing although the two constellations do not touch each other.

Above Antares is a large rectangle of rather dim stars with a triangle on top of it. The rectangle seems to be standing on end and is about twice as high as it is wide. This is Ophiuchus. The star at the top of the triangle represents the doctor's head.

A long broken line of stars beginning fairly high in the south east and ending high in the southwest in an "X" is the serpent. The "X" is the serpent's head, which is located just south of Corona Borealis or the Northern Crown.

**From Rectangle**

The two stars forming the bottom of the rectangle that represents Ophiuchus are also part of the line of stars that represent the serpent. They are really the hands of Ophiuchus as he holds the snake.

To Aesculapius the serpent was not a repulsive reptile, but a sacred emblem of health, because it seemed to renew its life by periodically shedding its skin. In classic art, Aesculapius is pictured as holding a staff

with a serpent wrapped about it. Even today, it is the emblem of medicine.

Sometimes the emblem of medicine is confused with the caduceus of Mercury, which is a thin wand topped with a pair of wings and draped gracefully with two thin snakes. But this latter emblem is the symbol of messengers and has nothing to do with medicine.

In the celestial realm, Aesculapius is Ophiuchus who holds in his hands a great serpent as an emblem of health.

**A CLOSE INVESTIGATION**

Petoskey, Mich. — (U.P.) — Corner J. B. Conti was forced Friday, in line of duty, to find and examine the body of someone rumored dead. He didn't have to look far. It turned out someone started the rumor that it was Conti who died.

**NEW KOREA ENVOY**

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Gen. L. L. Lemnitzer, Far East commander of United Nations and U.S. forces, flew to Seoul Saturday with new U.S. ambassador to Korea Walter C. Dowling. Dowling arrived in Tokyo en route to his new post.

Use Tribune Want Ads

## Commission to Consider Dog Racing Tuesday

Portland — (U.P.) — The Oregon State Racing commission will meet here next Tuesday to consider dates for Multnomah Kennel Club greyhound racing.

The dog races were scheduled to start July 9, but work on the Kennel Club's new track in northeast Portland was halted last month because of rising costs.

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## Around Hollywood

Hollywood — (U.P.) — On Aug. 23 Rudolph Valentino, the greatest screen lover of them all, will have been dead 30 years, but his spirit lives again in a modest walkup apartment on Hollywood Blvd.

Nearly hidden among the shops is a flight of stairs leading to one of the movie colony's strangest sights—a shrine to Valentino.

Its keeper is a stunt man who worked with the late star, and so admired Valentino that he changed his own name to Rudolph Florentino. After Valentino died, Florentino devoted his life to collecting the star's photographs and mementos and nearly 10 years ago organized them into his shrine.

"I want to keep his memory alive," explained Florentino as he showed me through the three rooms bedecked with Valentino possessions.

**Effects Displayed**

In one room are Valentino's fencing foils and the hat he wore in "The Four Horsemen." I even tried on Rudy's navy blue yachting jacket, or, at least, the New York tailor's label inside the jacket said it was his. Valentino was a slender, rather small man.

"I have all his publicity photographs," said Florentino, bringing out stacks of negatives.

The second room holds a library of books about Valentino, plus the actor's own press scrapbooks. There also sat a very bosomy brunette—alive—wearing a tight white sweater.

"That is my new discovery—Theda Zara," announced Florentino.

Before I could find out who Theda was he hurried me into the third room. It is decorated like a sheik's tent—sands, oriental rugs and lamps and low couches and tables.

On the bed where Florentino himself sleeps are Valentino's cane and sword. Two candles burn beside a picture of Valentino. His scarves, hat and spats hang above the bed.

Florentino proudly wears a silver wrist chain inscribed "To Rudy from Rudolph, 1925."

In recent years Florentino has worked as a waiter, an aircraft factory mechanic and a dancing teacher. Theda and Rudolph have bigger plans, however. They have enlisted the backing of a group called the Sons of Italy to promote a Valentino night at Hollywood Bowl. They want to open a Valentino museum and also to film the actor's life.

**Well Drilling Permit Suspended by State**

Salem — (U.P.) — State Engineer Lewis Stanley Saturday suspended the well drilling license of Barrow and Stayer, Beaverton, for 30 days after the firm failed to file reports on wells it had drilled since last August when the ground water code went into effect.

Lance Stayer, an owner of the firm, told a hearing here Thursday that he was not aware that the law required the filing of logs to provide information on the location of ground water.

Stayer promised to furnish the information immediately.

**WEATHER**

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