

Imprisoned Bishop's Last Word Read Like Frank Girl's Diary

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Vatican City—UPI—They have isolated me as if I were a contagious leper.

"They are trying to tear the faith out of the hearts of priests and faithful."

Thus did Roman Catholic Bishop Simon Tsu describe his last, hard years in Communist China—years that brought increasing persecution, house arrest and finally death at the age of 91.

The two telling sentences were contained in letters smuggled from the churchman's closely guarded residence near Nanking. The Vatican released the entire correspondence Tuesday, more than a year after the last letter was received, saying it came from the pen of a "martyr."

Tsu, ordained by Pope Pius XI in 1926 as one of the first Chinese bishops, refused until the last to knuckle under to his country's new Communist masters.

He rejected attempts to persuade him to join the "patriots"—a pseudo-religious organization designed to replace loyal Roman Catholic churchmen with those faithful to the Communist Party. Even when the Communists "retired" him in 1958, he refused to surrender the cross and ring which were symbols of his office under the Pope.

Read Like Frank Diary

In many ways Bishop Tsu's letters read like the diary of Anne Frank, the Jewish girl who was forced to live with her family in an attic to escape Nazi persecution and who finally died in a concentration camp in the last days of World War II.

Some excerpts:

March 23, 1956: "Since Sept. 8, 1955 I have been denied all liberty. Guarded and confined to my room. Repeat-

ed pressure is being put on me to join the patriots. . . I have obstinately refused. For a month and a half . . . under the strict surveillance of an armed guard in my house. I had to undergo interrogations each day. They reviled me. . ."

Dec. 5, 1957: "I still have eight priests in prison. . . one died. . . All the sisters are very courageous. . . pray for us and have many others pray. . ."

March 3, 1958: "Certain of my associates have been hypnotized by our friends. . ."

June 3, 1958: "I am still alive despite the continuous attacks and vexations. . . It is due to my age that I am not in prison. But I am equivalently guarded and spied upon."

Condemned as Reactionary

Sept. 3, 1958: "I am condemned as a political reactionary because I have disapproved of the attacks against the Pope. . . My priests are stopped from seeing and consulting me. . . I am kept in solitary confinement. I beg you to help me by your prayers. . . That the hour of deliverance may be hastened."

Jan. 15, 1959: "Pray and have others pray much for the Catholic religion in China. The future is very disturbing. They are trying to tear the faith out of the hearts of priests. . . I am still in quarantine in Haimen and the isolation is almost total."

That was the final letter from Bishop Tsu. Recently word arrived that his "hour of deliverance" had come.

HOW TO DO IT

Houston, Tex.—UPI—Nearly everybody wants to know how you've lived so long when you reach the age of 110. John Henry Brett of Houston explains his longevity by saying, "I try to do by everybody like I want them to do by me."

Chicago—UPI—Commercial airline pilots over 60 years old became victims of the jet age Tuesday when the Federal Aviation Agency ordered them grounded.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo

IN SUMMER, THE PAINECKERS IRRITATE THE NEIGHBORS PASSING BY WITH THIS GIMMICK . . .



WELL, NOW THE SPRINKLER'S OUT OF SEASON—SO THEY COME UP WITH A NEW SIDEWALK HURDLE . . .



Length of Umbilical Cord Gives Insight Into Human History

By DELOS SMITH
UPI Science Editor

New York—UPI—Two scientists were seeking new facts about a basic circumstance of early human life when they set out to determine by statistic a long means, how long an umbilical cord must be to assure the safe and normal delivery of a mother and her child.

They found it could be as short as seven inches or as long as 48 but the usual length is around 21 inches. To the scientists this gave an insight into the unknown primitive history of the race when human beings were born without the help of doctors or midwives, and most likely into a danger-filled environment.

Well Adapted

"In most mammals the umbilical cord is reasonably well adapted to the immediate post-natal requirements of mother and child," the scientists reported. "We suggest that while the length of the cord is, within wide limits, unimportant for gestation and parturition (birth), there may be an advantage immediately after the birth of a child in having a long cord."

Changing Viewpoint

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tion of suckling may promote an easy third stage."

The placenta is the medical organ to which the temporary end of the umbilical cord is attached and which is the intermediary between a mother and her unborn child. Its discard is the third and final stage of labor.

The scientists are C. W. Walker and B. Gillian Pye of Cambridge University, England. Their statistics came from measurements of the umbilical cords of infants born in spontaneous normal deliveries in a maternity hospital over a period of five months.

Most text books say a cord of less than 14 inches is not compatible with normal delivery. In their series, this was not the case. The authorities also assert that where the cord is relatively long, it will be looped around the baby, usually its neck, in about one third of the cases.

The scientists found it was looped around the neck in about 17 per cent of theirs, and in most instances did not endanger the infant as it was being born.

This finding was a major point in the construction of their theory because the race might not have survived its primitive beginning if relatively long cords were wrapped around the necks of most of the newborn at the instant of birth.

They also found that the length of the cord was not related to the height or weight of the mother; to whether she was having her first child or her ninth; to her age or her blood composition; nor to the length of her pregnancy.

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COTTON QUILTED ARMOR

New York—UPI—Cotton quilted armor was the rage back in the days of old when knights were bold, according to the National Cotton Council. Many a sturdy crusader felt better protected from the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune—as well as saddle sores—by using cotton quilting rather than chain mail or metal plate, the Council says.

Kansas has about 9,439 miles of railway trackage.

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Trees . . .

By JOHN GRIBBLE
(Editor's note: The following comments on trees, particularly those adaptable to street use in Medford, have been prepared by John Gribble, well-known retired forester, and will be run in a series during the 'tree planting season' here, now under way.)

Paul's Scarlet Hawthorne, *Crataegus oxyacantha* Pauli. This is the "May" of English literature. This haw, only 15 ft. tall, grows wild in Europe and North Africa. It has stout spines one inch long. The broad triangular leaves, 3/4 to 1 1/2 inches long, are wedge-shaped at base, with 3 to 5 broad lobes. The fruit is scarlet and has two stones.

There are three or four varieties of this hawthorne which have dark red, light red, and bright scarlet double flowers.

The *Crataegus oxyacantha* Pauli, is for Mt. Pitt ave. and Murray ave., 40 to 50 feet apart, on Narcissus, 50 to 60 feet apart, and on Winchester, 40 to 50 feet apart.

4-H NEWS

Daffy Dills

The monthly meeting of the Daffy Dills 4-H club was held at Mrs. C. W. Anhorn's home Saturday, March 5. Cheryl Swanson read a poem. The yearbooks were passed out; they were made by Cheryl Swanson, Patti McCue and Carolyn Sidener.

We went to the Crater Greenhouse, which Ken Meadows showed to us. He showed us how to seed and water a flat.

Refreshments were served by Linda, Barbara and Susie Vincent. Then we fixed up a display for 4-H week in the Variety Show window.

James Anhorn, Reporter

Old Wall Street Adage Getting Workout on Revision Forecasts

By ELMER C. WALZER
UPI Financial Editor

New York—UPI—The old Wall Street adage that when any group is

unanimous in anything it usually is wrong is getting quite a workout these days.

Recall back not long ago—late 1959—when there was monotonous unanimity that 1960 would be a boisterous year of business gain, embellished by a new spurt in the bull market.

Those predictions, in line with the admonition of the old adage, were wrong. Things just didn't shape up as predicted.

Then came a new set which, in their unanimity, boiled down to this: The year 1960 will be a good year but not a sensational one. We'll have new production records without the zip predicted earlier.

Steady Decline

Here is what happened: The stock market fell steadily to

new lows for more than a year, and business wavered on several fronts, notably steel and automobiles. Rails lacked vitality.

Then came a revision of the revision of the predictions. The latest revision forecast a big push.

"Everyone is waiting for a brisk spring recovery in business," says Humphrey B. Neill, "so probably everybody will be disappointed."

Neill is an advocate of contrary opinion. In fact as the old Vermont ruminator he invented this expression. He publishes his material under the title "Neill Letters of Contrary Opinion."

Just now he sees the leading indicators suggesting "that business activity is likely to turn down, rather than up, this spring."

He doesn't follow the Dow theory which recently signaled the beginning of a bear market, but he deems the timing of that signal important and he would hesitate to ignore it.

"It also dispels the illusion that the 1960's will witness another plateau of permanent prosperity which we heard so much about 31 years ago."

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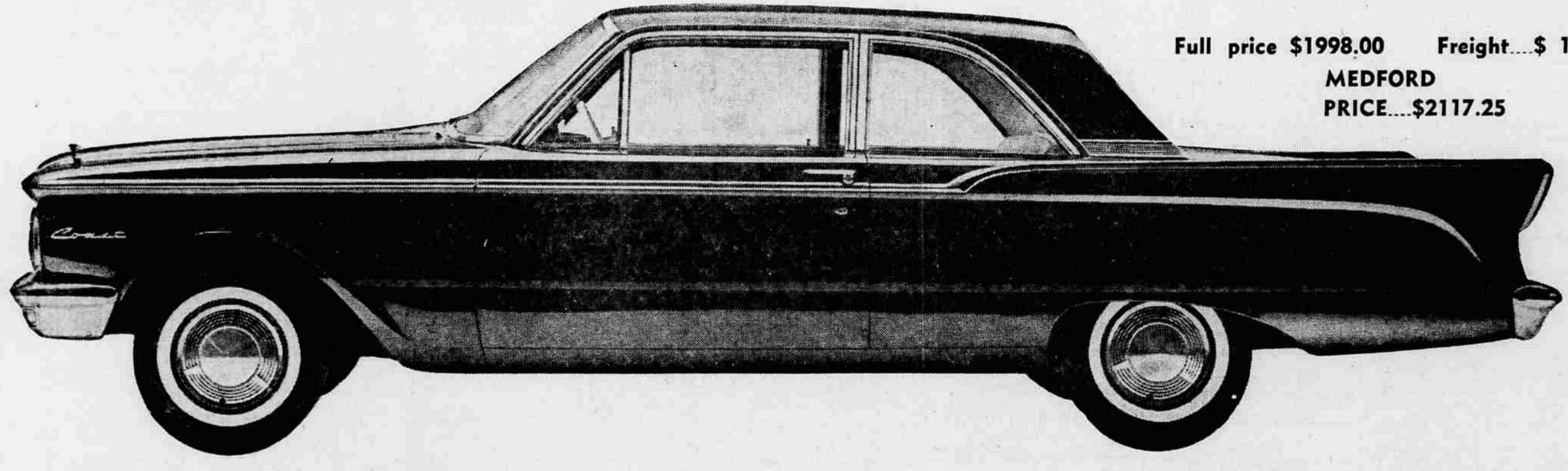
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