

NEWS IN BRIEF

DEATH OF BISHOP ZHANG JIAZHU

Bishop Louis Zhang Jiazhu, 94, died on Feb. 25, 1987. Zhang, who was born in Shanghai in June 1893, joined the Jesuits in 1910. He studied in England and France. He was ordained in 1923 and returned to Shanghai in 1925. In 1960 he was elected bishop by the Shanghai Catholic Patriotic Association.

In 1980, he became the Chairman of the newly-established Bishops' Conference and Catholic Church Affairs Administrative Commission as well as the Vice-President of the National Catholic Patriotic Association. He was also a Committee Member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

BISHOP JIN LUXIN HEADS SHANGHAI DIOCESE

Bishop Jin Luxin was elected by the Shanghai Catholic Church Affairs Administrative Commission to head the Diocese of Shanghai on March 1, 1988.

Bishop Jin was born in 1916 of a Catholic family in Chuansha County in Shanghai. He joined the Society of Jesus while still in his teens and was ordained a Jesuit priest in 1945. Two years later, he was assigned to further his studies in France, Germany and Italy, where he received a doctorate in theology. Returning to Shanghai in 1951, he was appointed Rector of the Regional Seminary. He was arrested in 1955 for "opposition to government's religious policy," and imprisoned for more than 15 years. After his release, he worked as a translator in Hebei Province. In 1982, he returned to Shanghai to head the newly-opened Sheshan Seminary. In 1985, he was ordained bishop by Bishop Zong Huaide and became one of the two auxiliary bishops of Shanghai.

BISHOP GONG PERMITTED TO GO TO U.S.A.

Bishop Ignatius Gong was given a passport, valid for five years, by the Chinese government. He is expected to travel to the United States later for medical reasons accompanied by his nephew.

Recently Bishop Gong made an open proclamation at an interview given by foreign correspondents that he is still loyal to the Holy Father. He thinks that anyone who does not accept the Pope is not a true Catholic. Talking about his role as Ordinary, he said that he is still the Bishop of Shanghai. "On October 7, 1949, I was made Bishop of

Suzhou. After one year, Pope Pius XII appointed me as Bishop of Shanghai." The article was re-published in the China supported Hongkong newspaper "Ta Kung Po" on March 2, 1988.

DEATH OF BISHOP DONAGHY

Bishop Fredreick Donaghy, passed away in the United States on Feb. 5, 1988.

Bishop Donaghy, a member of the Maryknoll Society, came to China in 1929. Ten years later, he was appointed Bishop of Wuzhou, Guangxi Province. He was imprisoned for several months before he was expelled from Mainland China.

He then went to Taiwan and worked in Miaoli until his recent return to America for medical treatment. As requested in his will, Bishop Donaghy's body was brought back to Taiwan for burial in Miaoli.

JESUIT FATHERS RELEASED

Fathers Jin Wanliang, Qian Sanquan, Cai Shifang, all members of the Society of Jesus, were released early this year and have returned to Shanghai.

Father Cai, now 80, was ordained in 1940. Since his arrest during the 1950's he has worked in a labour camp in Jiangxi Province. Fathers Qian and Yan were ordained in 1948 and 1949 respectively. In the 1950's they were sent to Baihu Labour Farm, Anhui Province.

Tripod recently reported the release of another Jesuit priest, named Wang. This is now confirmed as Father Wang Chuhua, who had been in a labour camp in Qinghai since 1955. He was released in 1979 but was subsequently rearrested and sentenced to a further 6 years imprisonment. On November 19, 1987, he completed his term and returned to Shanghai where he now lives with relatives.

12 CATHOLICS ELECTED TO CPCC

55 people from the religious field have been invited to join the National Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. The 12 Catholic invited include: Father Wang Liangzuo, Bishop Wang Xueming, Mr. Liu Baining, Bishop Liu Jinghe, Father Liu Aijing, Mr. Tang Ludao, Mr. Lu Weidu, Bishop Jin Luxin, Bishop Zong Huaide, Bishop Qian Yurong, Bishop Dong Guangqing and Bishop Fu Tieshan.

Bishop Jin has also been elected as one of the Chairmen of the Conference. At the same time, Protestant Bishop Ding Guangzhung of Nanjing Seminary has been elected as one of the Chairmen of the Seventh National People's Congress.