

ILL-TREATED, SICK AND IN LOW SPIRITS

# Redmond Had No Hopes of Getting Out

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HONG KONG, Sept. 14—A Roman Catholic priest, prisoner of the Red Chinese until last April 22, said today that Hugh Redmond of New York received the worst treatment of all prisoners held by the communists.

Peiping Radio, voice of Red China, announced yesterday, that Mr. Redmond had been sentenced to life imprisonment on "espionage charges."

The Rev. Louis Curcuffe shared a cell with Mr. Redmond in Shanghai.

He said Mr. Redmond was "in low spirits and got the worst treatment of all because his bad temper caused trouble for his guards."

Mr. Redmond's teeth fell out and he probably had beri beri, disease caused by malnutrition, the priest said. The American's legs were swollen and he had dizzy spells. He had no hopes of getting out of prison, the priest said.

The communist radio claimed Mr. Redmond and others in the alleged

American spy ring had confessed. Two received the death sentence and five others got long jail terms. Informed sources in Hong Kong said it was possible that Mr. Redmond had died or was near death and the communists were trying to cover up his condition.

## Freed Americans Are Still Missing

HONG KONG, Sept. 14—The daily train from Canton arrived at the Red China border today but one of the three Americans reported released from prison by the communists got off.

U. S. Consulate authorities met the train but found no evidence that Richard Applegate, Don Dixon or merchant sea Capt. Ben Krasner were aboard.

The communists announced two days ago they had expelled the three.

It was considered possible the communists had taken the three men to the border but were holding them for propaganda reasons.



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