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TREATMENT OF RELIGIOUS REFORM MOVEMENT  
 BY CHINESE COMMUNIST PRESS DURING 1951

For this survey of the religious reform movement, as presented in the Chinese Communist press, three Chinese Communist newspapers -- the Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao, the Shanghai Chieh-fang Jih-pao, and the Canton Han-fang Jih-pao -- were selected for examination because they are the principal Chinese Communist Party organs of north, central, and south China, respectively. All available issues, numbering 988, of these newspapers from January to December 1951 were examined. The Peiping and Shanghai newspapers closely paralleled each other in subject matter, quantity, and time of appearance. The Canton press coverage was approximately half that of the other two papers.

The survey revealed that the Chinese Communists did not attack religion per se, but concentrated on the elimination of so-called imperialistic influence in churches and other such institutions by means of take-over, disbandment of reactionary organizations, and deportation of nonconforming religious personnel. This was done in conjunction with the Resist America, Aid Korea Movement; the Patriotic Movement; the Regulations Governing Registration of Cultural, Educational, Relief, and Religious Institutions Receiving Foreign Subsidies or Which Are Foreign Controlled Financially; the Three-Self Reform Movement (self-rule, self-support, and self-preaching); and the Law on Punishment of Counterrevolutionaries.

Much of this religious reform movement was directed against the Catholic Church. The statistical table below shows that a total of 417 items were concerned with the Catholic Church, 68 were concerned with the Protestant, and 11 were concerned with the Buddhist and Moslem churches. Of the 417 items on the Catholic Church, 128 items were about the religious reform movement, 38 were concerned with the patriotic movement, 51 attacked Catholic-operated orphanages and nurseries, 107 were directed against Catholic dignitaries such as Antonio Riberi and Jean de Vienne, and 87 attacked Catholic organizations, such as the Legion of Mary.

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The press articles were of three types and have been divided into the following categories:

- A. Items reporting official action taken with regard to religious organizations and personnel.
  - B. Items reporting spontaneous moves by religious organizations and personnel to advance the self-reform movement and eliminate imperialistic influence in churches.
  - C. Reports and editorials other than Categories A and B.
- The greater part of the material, by far, fell into Category B. Limited samples of this type of item are presented in Section IV.

With regard to Category A, the majority evidence is that official activity against religion is being taken by the various military control commissions. Summaries of all items of this category appear in Section III.

There were relatively few items of the type falling into Category C. Three articles of this type appear as Section V.

Section I is a table showing the number of items dealing with religion that appeared in the Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao, the Shanghai Chieh-fang Jih-pao, and the Canton Han-fang Jih-pao during 1951.

Section II gives the titles of items on the Legion of Mary that appeared in the Shanghai Chieh-fang Jih-pao July - October 1951. This shows the type of propaganda build-up leading to a desired objective -- in this case, the disbandment of the organization.

I. TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF ITEMS ON RELIGION IN PEIPING  
JEN-MIN JIH-PAO, SHANGHAI CHIEH-FANG JIH-PAO,  
AND CANTON HAN-FANG JIH-PAO, DURING 1951

A. Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao (1 - 3 May, 25 - 31 Jun, 3 Aug, 1, 14, 21 - 31 Dec issues unavailable)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Take-over of foreign subsidized or operated religious institutions	7	2	5	3	3	2	2	0	0	0	2	2
US cultural aggression of China through churches, etc.	3	1	4	4	0	1	1	1	2	2	1	1
Protestants Reform movement	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	1	0
Patriotic movement	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Buddhist, Moslem patriotic movement	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Catholic Reform movement	13	1	3	8	1	2	0	1	3	0	2	0	
Patriotic movement	10	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Orphanages	0	0	3	2	0	4	2	0	0	0	2	1	
Dignitaries	0	0	0	0	7	25	4	1	7	1	0	0	Mostly on Riberi
Organizations	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	Mostly on Legion of Mary

B. Shanghai Chieh-fang Jih-pao (2 Jan, 6 - 12 Jul, all of Nov and Dec issues unavailable)

Take-over of institutions	9	15	7	1	0	1	2	6	0	0			
US cultural aggression	1	1	0	3	0	9	0	2	3	2			
Protestant Reform movement	3	0	4	5	3	8	3	4	0	0			
Patriotic movement	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Buddhist, Moslem Patriotic movement	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Catholic Reform movement	7	0	13	8	4	7	0	3	9	25			
Patriotic movement	3	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	7	0			
Orphanages	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	3	0	6			
Dignitaries	0	0	0	0	8	11	0	2	14	0			Mostly on Riberi
Organizations	0	0	0	0	0	8	6	8	3	46			Mostly on Legion of Mary

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C. Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao (1, 3 May, 6 - 12 Jul, 20 - 25 Dec issues unavailable)

	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Take-over of institutions	2	1	0	6	3	0	1	2	1	2	0	2	
US cultural aggression	5	0	5	6	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	
Protestant Reform movement	1	1	1	7	2	8	1	0	0	0	1	0	
Patriotic movement	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Buddhist, Moslem Patriotic movement	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Catholic Reform movement	0	1	0	8	0	5	0	0	2	1	0	1	
Patriotic movement	4	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Orphanages	0	3	5	1	0	3	0	1	2	0	0	14	
Dignitaries	0	0	0	0	3	13	1	0	8	1	0	1	Mostly on Hiberi
Organizations	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	2	0	1	0	0	

II. TITLES OF ITEMS ON LEGION OF MARY IN SHANGHAI  
CHIEH-FANG JIH-PAO, JULY - OCTOBER 1951

<u>Title or Subject of Article</u>	<u>Page on Which Item Appeared</u>	<u>Date</u>
Tientsin Military Control Commission Orders Disbandment of Tientsin Legion of Mary	1	16 Jul
Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao editorial: To Protect Just Religious Freedom, Disband the Legion of Mary	1	16 Jul
Criminal Activities of Tientsin Legion of Mary	3	16 Jul
Tientsin Patriotic Catholics Support Government Disbandment of Tientsin Legion of Mary	3	Jul
Reprint of Tientsin Chin-pu Jih-pao article: Criminal Activities of Legion of Mary at Hsi-k'ai Middle School	3	17 Jul

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<u>Title or Subject of Article</u>	<u>Page on Which Iter Appeared</u>	<u>Date</u>
(Article attacking Legion of Mary)	3	8 Aug
Tsinan Legion of Mary Members Withdraw Membership	3	8 Aug
Tsingtao Military Control Commission Orders Disbandment of Tsingtao Legion of Mary. Move Supported by Democratic Parties and Religious Circles	6	10 Aug
(Article against Legion of Mary by a Shanghai student)	3	11 Aug
Tsingtao Legion of Mary Disbanded. Officials Arrested as Counterrevolutionaries	3	22 Aug
(Text of Confession by Fang Sung-lin, official of the Tsingtao Legion of Mary. Admits organization is fascist and antipeople)	3	22 Aug
Yen-t'ai Legion of Mary Disbanded	3	10 Sep
Shanghai Patriotic Catholics Establish Resist America, Aid Korea Subcommittee, Demand Disbandment of Shanghai Legion of Mary	1	17 Sep
Study Materials Concerning Legion of Mary (Furnished by the Propaganda Department, Shanghai Branch, Resist America, Aid Korea Committee)	3	28 Sep
Catholics in Shanghai Demand Disbandment of Legion of Mary	{ 2 3	1 Oct 2 Oct
Plenary Session of Shanghai Municipal Consultative Council Suggests Disbandment of Shanghai Legion of Mary	1	4 Oct
Editorial: Support Consultative Council's Suggestion Concerning Disbandment of Shanghai Legion of Mary	1	4 Oct
Shanghai Public Security Bureau Arrests Legion of Mary Officials for Spy Activities (gives picture of arms confiscated)	1	4 Oct
Criminal Record of Hsu Ying-ch'iao, Shanghai Legion of Mary Leader	4	4 Oct
Shanghai Patriotic Catholics Support Consultative Council Suggestion Concerning Disbandment of Shanghai Legion of Mary	1	5 Oct
Fu-tan University Accusation Meeting Exposes Imperialistic Crimes Committed by Members of Shanghai Legion of Mary	1	5 Oct
Shanghai P'an-shih Primary School Sends Letter to Shanghai Municipal Control Commission Demanding Disbandment of Shanghai Legion of Mary	3	5 Oct
How Shanghai Legion of Mary Carried Out Reactionary Activities in Our School, by a Fu-tan University student	3	5 Oct

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<u>Title or Subject of Article</u>	<u>Page on Which Item Appeared</u>	<u>Date</u>
St Francis Middle School Accuses Shanghai Legion of Mary of Sabotaging Patriotic Movement in School	3	5 Oct
Shanghai Captures Two Imperialists, Suppo Michele and Cuono Makco; Used Shanghai Legion of Mary to Carry Out Sabotage Activities (includes pictures of transmitter-receiver set they used)	1	6 Oct
Shanghai Subbranch of Resist America, Aid Korea Committee Issues Statement Supporting Consultative Council Suggestion Concerning Disbandment of Shanghai Legion of Mary	1	6 Oct
Cartoon entitled: "Hurry Up and Get on Land," by Mi Ku (shows patriotic Catholics, under banner of People's Republic of China, pulling out a person from a "sea of death" named Legion of Mary)	1	6 Oct
Shanghai Student Union Appeals to Members and Nonmembers of Legion to Support Disbandment of Legion of Mary	3	6 Oct
Former Catholic School Teachers and Students Study to Wipe Out Legion of Mary Reactionary Ideology. Many Legion of Mary Members Pledge to Withdraw	3	6 Oct
I Am Determined to Withdraw My Membership From the Legion of Mary, by a Fu-tan University student	3	6 Oct
(Letters to the Editor column carries letters from Shanghai students expressing support of the Consultative Council's suggestion to Disband Legion of Mary)	3	6 Oct
Catholics Hold Meeting. Demand Swift Disbandment of Legion of Mary	1	7 Oct
Shanghai Federation of Labor Issues Statement Supporting Consultative Council Suggestion to Disband Shanghai Legion of Mary	1	7 Oct
Shanghai Hospital Staff Holds Accusation Meeting Against Legion of Mary, Urges Disbandment	3	7 Oct
Shanghai Military Control Commission Orders Disbandment of Shanghai Legion of Mary Because of Public Demand (issues regulations pertaining to registration for membership withdrawal)	1	8 Oct
Editorial: Disbandment of the Legion of Mary Will Protect Just Religious Beliefs and Freedom	1	8 Oct
Legion of Mary National Office Reactionary Officials, William McGrath, C. Predost, E. Gabriel Quint, Arrested by Shanghai Public Security Bureau, Accused of Counter-revolutionary Activities	1	8 Oct

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<u>Title or Subject of Article</u>	<u>Page on Which Item Appeared</u>	<u>Date</u>
(Series of 18 cartoons describing innumerable crimes committed by the Legion of Mary in China)	5	12 Oct
(Another series of 18 cartoons on same subject)	5	13 Oct

III. ARTICLES REPORTING OFFICIAL ACTION  
TAKEN WITH REGARD TO RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS  
AND PERSONNEL

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SHANGHAI MCC REGISTRATION OFFICE -- Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 15 Feb 51

The following announcement was made by the Shanghai Military Control Commission's registration office for cultural, educational, relief, and religious institutions receiving foreign subsidies or which are foreign controlled financially:

Since this office assumed the responsibility of registering all cultural, educational, relief, and religious organizations either receiving foreign subsidies or who are under foreign financial control, many of the organizations concerned have complied with the announcement of the Shanghai Military Control Commission dated 19 January 1951 and our announcement of the same day by obtaining the necessary registration forms from our various designated suboffices for the purpose of completing them.

For the purpose of starting investigations at an early date and completing registration within the allotted time, all organizations concerned should observe the deadline for the filing of their registration forms and note the following points:

1. Forms must be filled out truthfully and filed before 28 February 1951, with the designated suboffices; there will be no extension of the deadline.
2. Organizations which have not called for their forms should do so immediately and file them by 28 February 1951; there will be no extension of the deadline.
3. All organizations which received subsidies from abroad or who were foreign-controlled financially before liberation must obtain the necessary forms for completion and filing before 28 February 1951. There will be no extension of the deadline. These organizations must comply with Regulation 2 of the directive adopted by the East China Military and Administrative Committee at its 43d session on 9 January 1951 governing the aforementioned organizations.
4. During the registration period all responsible authorities of the organizations concerned should protect all the property and financial assets of their organizations and must not remove, conceal, transfer, or destroy them. They should cooperate with the Registration Office to prevent any illegal transfer, concealment, or destruction of such property.

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5. Those refusing to register, or who falsify their reports, transfer, conceal, or destroy their property and financial assets will be reported to the Military Control Commission for stern punishment if such acts are verified by this office.

Director, Hsia Yen  
Deputy directors: Huang Hua,  
Shen T'e Lan, and Ts'ao Man Chih

RESTRICT US AID TO CHINESE CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS -- Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 23 Apr 51

From 6 to 21 April 1951, the Religious Affairs Office of the Committee of Culture and Education, Government Administration Council, of the Central People's Government, convened a Conference for the Supervision of US-Subsidized Christian Institutions. The expressed purpose of the conference was to make all Christians [Protestants] close ranks with government circles in resolutely breaking all ties with US imperialism and to exorcise all US cultural influence. The conference discussed and then passed a Method of Procedure for Regulating Christian Institutions under US subsidy which is now pending approval by the Government Administration Council. Also passed was a joint statement of the All-China Representatives of Christian Churches and Institutions.

ACTIVITIES OF CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS COUNCIL RESTRICTED -- Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 16 June 51

On 6 June 1951, the Shanghai Military Control Commission, after receiving demands from the people to defend religious faith and freedom, ordered all activities of the Catholic Religious Affairs Council halted immediately, pending a government decision regarding their operations. The registration office for cultural, educational, relief, and religious institutions has appointed officers to investigate all activities, publications, and political tendencies of leaders of the Catholic Religious Affairs Council so that a decision may be handed down by the people's government.

TIENSIN MCC ANNOUNCES REPRESSION OF LEGION OF MARY -- Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 16 Jul 51

Tientsin, 14 July -- The Tientsin Military Control Commission announced, on 13 July 1951, the actual repression of the imperialist-dominated, reactionary, and secret organization, the Legion of Mary. The Legion of Mary, also known as "Holy Mother Defense Team" and "Holy Mother Benevolent Prayer Society," is an imperialist-dominated international counterrevolutionary organization for the purpose of carrying on destructive activities against People's Democracies.

SEVEN IMPERIALISTS EXPELLED FROM AN-CH'ING -- Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 20 Aug 51

The Fifth People's All-Circles Representatives Conference of An-ch'ing unanimously passed the decision to oust from their area seven foreign imperialist elements, including Mei-keng-kuang, An-hui-te, Ho-kuang-yang, Jung-hua, and Kan-Shu-ch'ing (female) [Chinese approximations of foreign names].

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DEPORT IMPERIALIST ANTONIO RIBERI -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 5 Sep 51

Antonio Riberi, an imperialist spy, acting under the cloak of religion has been expelled from China by the Nanking Military Control Commission. Riberi organized imperialist espionage activities, such as the Legion of Mary, an illegal secret organization. The request of Chinese Catholics that he be expelled has been carried out. During his 4 years in China, Riberi openly took part in a war against the Chinese people by joining the American imperialists and bandit Chiang Kai-shek. He secretly used base and shameless methods to make Catholic organizations the tools of imperialist aggression.

ASKS LEGION OF MARY BE BANNED -- Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 8 Oct 51

The Shanghai Military Control Commission has commanded that the reactionary terrorist organization, Legion of Mary, be disbanded. William McGrath and other imperialist elements have been placed under arrest while its members and officers are directed to register and renounce their membership at the request of the people and patriotic Catholics for the continued security of the nation.

SHANGHAI MCC DISBANDS LEGION OF MARY -- Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 8 Oct 51

On the recommendation of the sixth plenary session of the Shanghai Municipal Consultative Council and in compliance with the demand of the people of the entire city, the Shanghai Military Control Commission has issued a notice effective today disbanding the Legion of Mary, an international, anti-Communist secret reactionary organization cloaked in religion and controlled by imperialists. At the same time, regulations have been published governing the registration of all members of the Legion of Mary at designated public security bureau registration offices.

The Shanghai Military Control Commission notice states that the Legion of Mary is an anti-Communist reactionary organization and that before the liberation of Shanghai, imperialist elements, Antonio Riberi and William McGrath recruited reactionary elements to form the core for the Legion of Mary as a means to obstruct liberation. After the liberation of Shanghai, their reactionary activities became more intensive.

RULES FOR REGISTRATION AND RENUNCIATION OF MEMBERSHIP WITH LEGION OF MARY -- Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 8 Oct 51

The Shanghai Military Control Commission has published regulations effective 8 October 1951 pertaining to the personal registration of members of and renunciation of membership with the Legion of Mary. This included all foreign members. In addition, those who are or have been officers of presidium level or above, must submit two, 2½ x 2 inch, photos of themselves at the same time.

The regulation further states that Legion of Mary members must surrender to the registration office all documents or articles belonging to or pertaining to the Legion of Mary. All registrants who renounce their membership and cease to engage in further legion activities will not be further dealt with by the authorities. On the other hand, those who attempt to defy the regulations will be dealt with severely.

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TIENTSIN BUREAU ORDERS DEPORTATION OF JEAN DE VIENNE -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 29 Oct 51

On 28 May 1951, the Tientsin Public Security Bureau ordered the deportation of the imperialist, Jean de Vienne, who operated within the Catholic Church. He was deported for carrying out the reactionary orders of the Vatican during his residence under the Chinese flag and for the crimes against the Chinese people's revolutionary enterprises.

IV. ITEMS REPORTING SPONTANEOUS MOVES BY RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND PERSONNEL TO ADVANCE THE SELF-REFORM MOVEMENT AND ELIMINATE IMPERIALISTIC INFLUENCE IN CHURCHES

CATHOLIC MANIFESTO URGES INDEPENDENCE -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 8 Jan 51

A manifesto issued by a group of over 500 Catholics assembled on 30 November 1950 by Father Wang Liang-tso, a Catholic living in Kuang-yuan Hsien, North Szechwan, advocated severance of relations with the imperialists and institution of new churches based on independent administration, maintenance, and preaching. Catholics in Suiyuan, Chungking, Nan-ch'ang, Wuhan, Chia-chiang in West Szechwan, Yueh-ch'ih in North Szechwan, and other areas responded to this call. For example, early in January 1951, Shih Ming-liang, suffragan bishop of the Chungking diocese, and 695 parishioners, issued an "independent and new church movement" statement.

As evidence that this reform movement is winning widespread popular support, large bodies of Chinese Catholics have signed "new church movement" resolutions. All patriotic Catholics, moreover, who cut their international religious attachments, are guaranteed freedom of religious worship and activity. However, to enjoy this freedom, it was made clear that Chinese Catholics must disengage themselves from "conspiratorial activities directed by higher organs of the Catholic Church in Rome and the US."

DISCUSS CATHOLIC REFORM MOVEMENT -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 21 Jan 51

Ma Hsu-lun, vice-chairman of the Committee of Culture and Education, announced the establishment of a Religious Affairs Office on 17 January 1951. The announcement was made at the conclusion of a reception tea attended by 40 leading Catholic clergymen and laymen of North China at the invitation of the Committee of Culture and Education.

The Catholic leaders were convened to exchange views on the Catholic Reform Movement. Catholics attending included: Li Chun-wu, suffragan bishop; Wang Ju-chi, chief secretary of the cardinal's public affairs office, Ch'i Yueh-tien, vice-chairman of the cardinal's public affairs office, Chang Pi-te, bishop of Chiu Hsien diocese, Lei Chen-hsia, bishop of Fen-yang Hsien diocese, and Wu K'o-chai and Nieh Kuo-ping, members of the preparatory committee of the Tientsin Catholic Reform Movement Council, priests from Peiping Catholic churches, and principals from various Catholic schools.

Following a welcoming speech by Vice-Chairman Ma Hsu-lun, Vice-Chairman Lu Ting-i delivered an address. Lu told the group that since July 1950 when Protestant personalities initiated the self-rule, self-support, and self-preaching patriotic reform movement, more than 90,000 Protestants had signed the reform movement proclamation. The 14th Annual Conference of the National Council of the Church of Christ in China, meeting in Shanghai on October 1950,

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passed a resolution to support the Protestant reform proclamation and to rally all Protestants to achieve the objectives of self-rule, self-support, and self-preaching.

As for the Catholics, Lu said that Wang Liang-tso of North Szechwan, head of the Catholics, had issued a proclamation for an independent reform movement in November 1950. Subsequently, Catholics in the Yangtze area and in North China had issued similar proclamations. Pointing out that for the last 100 years imperialists have been using the Catholic church as a tool for their aggression, Lu called for a severance of relations between the Catholic church and the imperialists and for the establishment of the Catholic church as an independent Chinese enterprise.

Chairman Chou En-lai, speaking extemporaneously, said that the government supports and endorses the Three-Self Movement, a patriotic movement, among religious circles. He pointed out that people of all faiths, including Catholics, should be patriotic, saying that patriotism and the love of one's country are contrary to the principle of "Under heaven all members of one faith belong to one family." He emphasized that members of the faith cannot include rotten elements and that Judas-like imperialist elements and tools, such as Yu Pin, cannot be considered as members of the faith. Finally, Chou said, Catholics and Protestants cannot become strong by depending on others and not relying on their own efforts for self-transformation; those who are independent have a future.

Speaking for the Catholic group were Chang Pi-te; Le Chun-wu; T'ien Chih-k'ang, lecturer of Fu-jen University; and Chang Huai, professor at Fu-jen University. Li Chun-wu said that after a year's experience the government has proved its policy of religious freedom and "we must support and follow all the policies of the government." Chang Huai said, "We must firmly oppose imperialism and not allow religion to become a tool of the imperialists. We must carry out the movement for self-rule, self-support, and self-preaching. Catholics in Peiping cannot fall behind others in this movement."

PEIPING CATHOLIC LEADERS HOLD CONFERENCE -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 27 Mar 51

The preparatory committee of the Peiping Catholic Defend World Peace and Oppose American Aggression Committee held a conference, on 25 March 1951, which was attended by 160 principals and teachers from 21 primary and middle schools and universities.

Among those attending the conference were Chang Han-min, Chu Fu-hsiang, and Ch'en Jo-yu.

The conferees unanimously advocated: aid to the people's government in its determination to purge secret counterrevolutionaries in the Catholic Church, severance of all relations with imperialists, and the exposure of the US-Chiang bandits' poisonous distortion of the Catholic Independent Reform Movement.

Liu Fu-tung, chairman of the preparatory committee, stated that patriotic Catholics must voluntarily search out secret counterrevolutionary elements in the church. "If this is not done," he said, "we do not love our religion." He said that the failure to do so would be injurious to the church. Liu referred to recent press reports of special agents concealing themselves in the Catholic Church for the purpose of carrying on activities destructive to the people's government. This is a disgrace to the church. Catholics must search out the counterrevolutionary elements before the faith can be strengthened and the past disgrace washed away.

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PEIPING MOSLEMS DRAFT COVENANT -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 16 April 51

On 14 April 1951, the following patriotic public resolution was drawn up at the Resist America, Aid Korea Conference of Peiping Moslems:

1. Support Chairman Mao, the Communist Party of China, the people's government, and policies of the people's government. Comply with the laws of the people's government.
2. Support the proclamations and decisions of the World Peace Council and the joint Five-Power Peace Treaty. Defend world peace. Oppose the unilateral US-Japanese Peace Treaty and the US remilitarization of Japan.
3. Resist American aggression in Taiwan and in Korea. Continue to strengthen the Resist America, Aid Korea Movement to lend real assistance to the Chinese People's Volunteer Army and to the Korean People's Army. Moslem workers and peasants will produce with all their energy and Moslem industrialists and merchants will comply with the financial and economic policy of the government; they will oppose profiteering, defrauding of the revenues, and delay in forwarding taxes. They will work toward a smooth interchange of commodities between city and country. Moslem activists will do their jobs well and Moslem students will study hard and strive to propagate the Resist America, Aid Korea spirit.
4. Support the government's suppression of counterrevolutionaries and assist in wiping out special agents and land brigands, ferret out concealed special agents, stop rumors, protect public and private property, and put an end to sabotage by special agents.
5. Love, respect, show deference to, trust, and aid fellow racial minorities throughout China. Solve the nationalities problem peaceably and reasonably. Oppose disruptive groups who would wreck the spirit of brotherly love.

NANKING DIOCESE ISSUES SUPPORT STATEMENT -- Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 25 May 51

On 31 March 1951, Catholics of the Nanking diocese issued the following statement:

Fellow Chinese and Catholic brethren: The imperialists, in their inner nature usurpers, have, since the Opium War, stretched a demonic paw into China and, with every manner of unequal treaty, encroached upon our sovereign territory. They have placed our people in bondage; and have gone on to utilize Catholicism in their aggressive march. Since there are, in the church, men of Yu Pin's cast who are willing to be used by the imperialists, the spiritual chastity of our congregation has been defiled. That our patriotic coreligionists should so disgrace and pollute us with this imperialist liaison, is a fearful calamity.

After the establishment of the People's Republic of China, it appeared we would not be oppressed in the old manner, for the Chinese people of today have arisen. But the US imperialists, despising the Chinese people, increased their aggressive activities. They supported the undertakings of conspirators and saboteurs on the mainland, committed military aggression against Taiwan -- our sovereign territory -- and against our Korean neighbor, and, in a final breach of international trust, carried through a unilateral treaty with Japan and re-armed that country. These facts amply expose their evil conspiracy. In their minds, they intend not only to subjugate China, but also the entire world.

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In the name of the UN, they slander the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and our People's Republic of China. This tactic of making right out of wrong is deceiving and cheating the people of the world.

We Catholics of Nanking and other cities know that our coreligionists and all the people of China belong to one great whole. All that is required is the complete destruction of the imperialist plot before we start the peaceful reconstruction of our new China. We patriotic Catholics do not want to fall behind the others in the drives under the great patriotic banners of Resist America, Aid Korea and Defend Home, Protect Fatherland. We are determined to support this campaign and desire to put all our patriotic fervor into future drives. We will comply with governmental decrees, support the same basic principles, work harder, produce more, and decisively expurgate from our church all traces and influence of imperialism. To reach the goals outlined above, we must effectuate, in a positive manner, the Three-Self principles -- self-rule, self-support, and self-preaching -- and, with the exception of religious matters and articles of faith, we will oppose church interference in the government of China and will separate ourselves from political and economic entanglements. We will be sustained, ruled, and taught by our own countrymen and will tolerate no foreign aid or domination. Under the direction and guidance of Mao Tse-tung and all strata of leadership in the people's government, we will strive to create a peaceful, democratic, and independent new China.

The Catholics of China have the same orientation as the Chinese masses; they have a fervent patriotic duty to love mankind and peace, and they now must choose whether or not to display their patriotism for the benefit of the Fatherland and the people.

We must now respond as one man to the call to Resist America, Aid Korea; Defend Home, Protect Fatherland; and oppose US learning of Japan; strive for lasting world peace, and build a new China.

V. REPORTS AND EDITORIALS OTHER THAN OFFICIAL ACTION  
AND SPONTANEOUS ACTION OF RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION AND PERSONNEL

CANTON FOREIGN ORPHANAGE MISTREATS ORPHANS -- Canton, Nan-fang Jih-pao, 11 Mar 51

Canton, 12 March (Hsin-hua) -- Indescribably inhuman treatment of orphans by an orphanage run by the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception here has resulted in the deaths of 2,116 children in the past 18 months. This is a death list of no less than 94 percent of the total charges who passed through this incredible murder factory.

This so-called orphanage was set up by a Canadian Convent and in charge of five Canadian nuns, namely, Antoinette Coubrettee, Germain Gravel, Elisabeth Lemire, Germaine Tanguay, and Ismelda Lapierre.

PATRIOTIC CHRISTIANS IN TSINGTAO ACCUSE KU JEN-EN -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 27 Mar 51

Many Christians in Tsingtao have sent to the Tsingtao Jih-pao accusations against the Christian renegade, Ku Jen-en, for his crimes of spreading rumors, deceiving the masses, and slandering the government, and demanding that the people's government immediately arrest and take severe action against him.

Ku confessed to faith healing at the Chi-ming Chieh Baptist Church. He slandered the government by his public assertion that personnel sent to seize him at his faith-healing preaching mission in Shanghai by the Shanghai Military

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Control Commission quietly left the meeting after they had observed his healing of the sick. Details on how Ku practiced his faith healing were recited by two Christians, Wang Chung-sheng and Wang Feng.

Ch'en, director of the Tsingtao Public Health Bureau, wrote to the Tsingtao Jih-pao in response to questions raised by the above-mentioned patriotic Christians, and pointed out that Ku's claims of healing the blind, deaf and dumb, and persons afflicted with other disease contravened science and were a fraud.

Several Christians from Ch'i-lu University at Tsinan also expressed the feeling that they cannot tolerate the crimes of Ku Jen-en.

KU JEN-EN ARRESTED -- Shanghai, Ch'eh-fang Jih-pao, 28 Mar 51

The Tsingtao Public Security Bureau, conforming to public demand, has arrested Ku Jen-en for carrying on counterrevolutionary activities under the guise of his clerical activities.

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