

Four Canadian Nuns Recount Brutal Treatment By Rebels

MONTREAL (CP)—Four Canadian nuns rescued from Congo rebels last week arrived here and told of the brutal treatment they received from their captors.

"We were all beaten with sticks," said Sister Suzanne de Yve, Dame Suzanne Beaudry, of Chelmsford, Ont.

"They took the priests out first and beat them, then they took us out and did the same thing," said the nun.

"One brother died in jail of a fractured skull. We could do nothing for him."

Sister Suzanne told reporters at the "sir" 16 member of her order were imprisoned for four days with 27 other nuns, priests and religious brothers.

ACCUSED BY REBELS

She said rebels accused them of having a radio transmitter in the convent after a plane flew over their village of Basoko, in Oriental Province, some 300 miles from Stanleyville.

At one time, they were kept without food and water for 24 hours.

Later they were taken to Stanleyville and held in a convent.

The sister looked well and showed no signs of injury on arrival here.

All members of the Daughters of Wisdom order (Les Filles de la Sagesse), they are, besides Sister Suzanne, Sister Marie Anne Ste. Marie (Bertha Verchelet), Ottawa, and Sister Stanislas du Sacre Coeur (Huguette Velette), Gatineau, Que.

DIDN'T SEE SLAYINGS

Sister Stanislas said the nuns did not witness the massacre of

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MONTREAL (CP)—Three major Montreal sugar refineries have reduced the wholesale price for a 100-pound bag of sugar by 10 cents to \$7.70.

The refineries, Canada and Dominion, Atlantic and St. Lawrence Sugar, reduced the price to \$7.80 from \$7.90 Tuesday.

The sugar price has changed 67 times this year, 52 decreases and 15 increases.

The retail price has been steady at 49 cents for a five-pound bag and 97 cents for a 10-pound bag despite recent changes in the wholesale price.

been suspended from duty following a "CCF" investigation into "certain activities" by the officer, Defence Minister Healy said here.

The officer was not identified. The minister said in a statement that the justice department in late October referred the case to the appropriate Crown attorney to consider whether a charge under the Criminal Code should be laid.

Defence department sources said the RCMP investigation had nothing to do with possible espionage.

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white hostages in Stanleyville but were told about it.

"Some Europeans were living in a hotel," she said. "The rebels said 'come outside and see your friends.' When they came outside and were sitting they (the rebels) started to shoot."

Sister Suzanne said some rebels carried weapons of Chinese make but Sister Stanislas said she was uncertain of this.

"We heard of it but we don't know if it was right or wrong," Sister Stanislas said. "We have no proof."

The nuns said three members of the order who worked in the remote mission of Isangi, 200 miles from Stanleyville, are still missing.

They identified the missing nuns as Sister Yvonne (Jeanette Verzin), Montreal, Sister Marie Gaston (Donia Bedard), Papeineauville, Que., and Sister Thelie (Marie Carrier), Edmundston, N.B.

The order's mother house is in Rome but there are provincial houses in Ottawa and Montreal.

Sister Suzanne said the order suffered hardships in the Congo but "if ever it is quiet I would like to go back."

She had worked in a Congo hospital for the last three years.

Sister Montreal was to continue to Edmundston after a brief stopover. The others were to go on to Ottawa.

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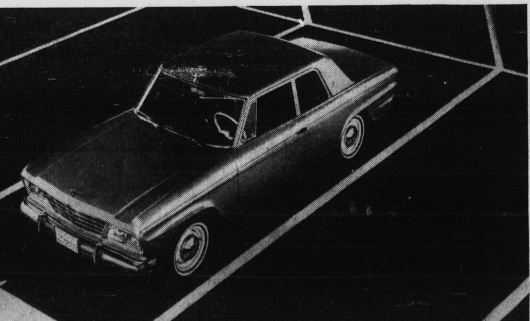
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