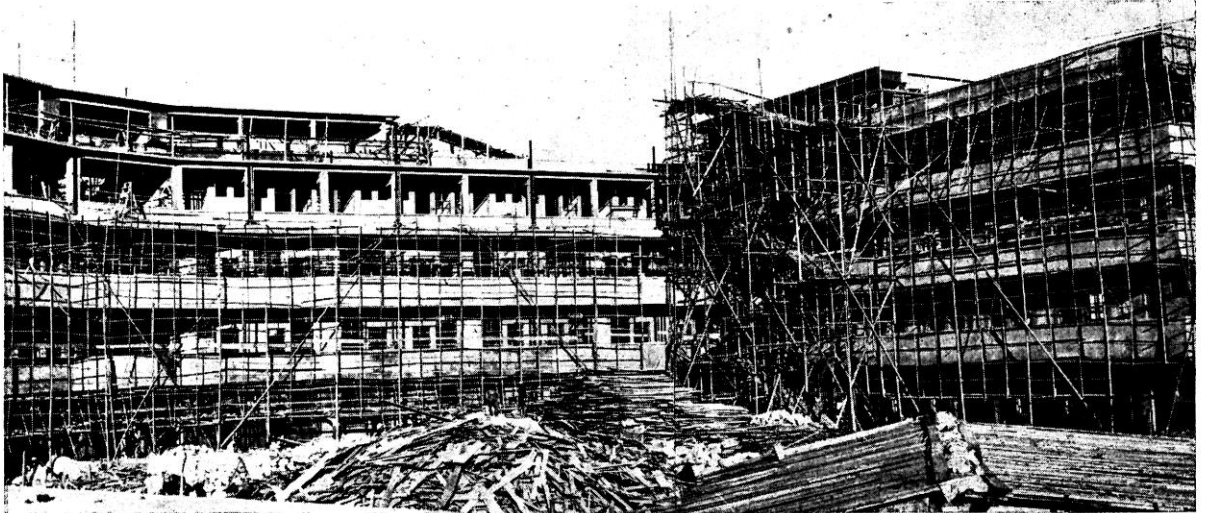


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER'S COLLEGE

Marist Brothers New School Nears Completion



IN 1949 when the Communists suppressed the work of Catholic education in China, the Marist Brothers who directed twenty-two establishments in China, notably two large colleges in Shanghai and Tientsin, had to leave the field of their many years labours in the education of youth as well as their fine college buildings. Eventually 14 of the 180 brothers who worked in China, came to Hong Kong. Here they opened St. Martin's College in Grampian Road, Kowloon. The college soon proved to be too small and last year the Brothers decided to build a new and more suitable college. With the assistance of the Education Department, land was obtained in Sycamore Street in Shamshuipo, Kowloon and work for the new St. Francis Xavier's College soon started.

St. Francis Xavier's now nears completion. The college has twenty-five class rooms and will accommodate about 1,000 pupils. The building is most practical and attractive and has been constructed with a view to facilitate education of young men of principle and character. The class rooms, laboratories etc., are bright and well-ventilated. Everything that an efficiently run school should have has been provided. There is also an amply spaced playground. Future plans provide for the erection of an auditorium and gymnasium. The building itself is most pleasing, compact and practical.

The Institute of the Marist Brothers of the Schools also have a Juniorate in Waterloo Road for the training of brothers and a Scholasticate in Stafford Road. Their residence is 33 Kadoorie Avenue. Although no Novitiate exists in Hong Kong yet, aspirants are accepted and should contact the Brother Provincial at the Brothers' Residence.