

Help For Typhoon Victims

TYPHOON 'Mary' passed over Hong Kong on Thursday, June 9, leaving in its wake many dead, and a wide trail of destruction and misery, particularly among boat-dwellers and hut-dwellers.

All relief services in the Colony at once went into action to succour the distressed.

Since the immediate need was for prompt aid on the spot, the parishes were the first Catholic organizations to take up the work of mercy. While the typhoon was still

raging the parish schools of several parishes including Aberdeen and Stanley were thrown open to those whose boats or huts could not give secure shelter. Reserves were scraped everywhere to provide food and dry clothes for those in need.

When travel became possible His Lordship sent Father F. Lerda, P.I.M.E., Vice Chairman of the Catholic Social Welfare Conference, to visit the Caritas branches. In a rapid tour he furnished much-needed aid to organizations

that had exhausted available reserves. By this means the work was kept going. Permanent rehabilitation will be under public direction.

A public subscription having been opened, His Lordship the Bishop subscribed \$5,000, His Excellency the Apostolic Internuncio, Mgr. Joseph Caprio subscribed \$1,000, and Mgr. Felix J. Shek, V.G., \$100.

It is hoped that the Catholics of the diocese will follow the example so given.

Accompanying His Lordships subscription was the following letter:

June 14, 1960.

The Secretary
Community Typhoon Relief Fund,
Hong Kong.

Dear Sir,

Typhoon Mary's ravages have been the occasion of a new and great manifestation of the innate generosity and growing civic conscience of the people of Hong Kong . . . And my warm praises and approval go to the magnificent initiative of the Four Newspapers Groups — sponsoring the Community Relief Fund.

While the Catholic Church in Hong Kong, through its organizations, is doing everything in its power for the relief of the needy, I feel I must also give my support to your public spirited campaign. Enclosed please find cheque for HK\$5,000.00.

With best respects and wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Lawrence Bianchi

Catholic Bishop of Hong Kong.

TYPHOON "MARY"



Temporary wayside waterfall



Parking problems



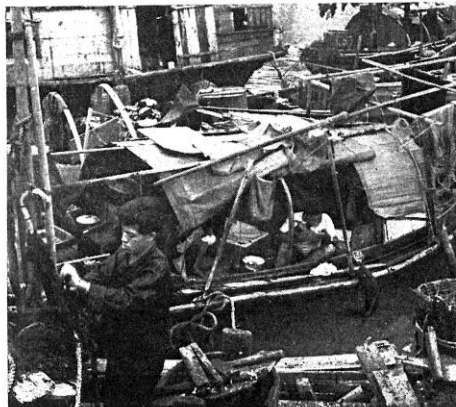
Junks that will sail no more



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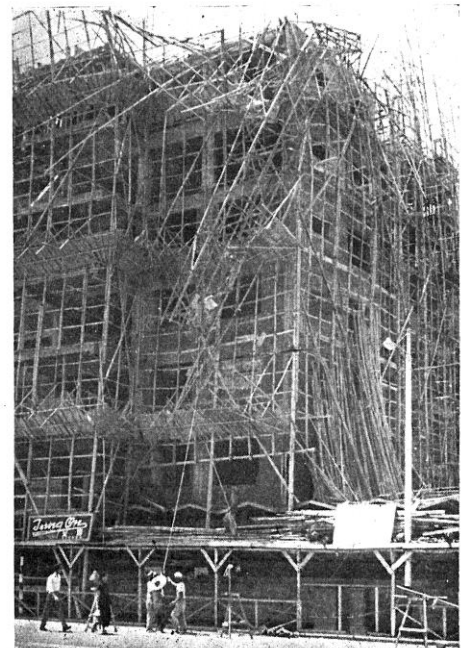
Patching the Catholic Centre godown



Lucky fishermen restart normal life



On top of his job



Scaffolding — How did so much survive?