

Shocked—After 5 Years

Mother Sees Son In Chinese Jail

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HONG KONG.

Mrs. Ruth Redmond said yesterday she was shocked at the change in her son — a prisoner of the Chinese Communists—in the five years since she last saw him.

"But he looks healthy and apparently he eats very well," the 65-year-old widow from Yonkers, told newsmen on her return from a 12-day visit to Red China.

"It came as a shock, seeing the changes in him after five years," she said. "I suppose if you see someone every day you don't notice the change."

She said she was "hopeful" for the eventual release of her son, Hugh Francis Redmond Jr., a former Shanghai tobacco importer. But she declined to discuss further the possibility of his freedom.

Mr. Redmond has served eleven years of a life sentence on Communist charges of espionage. His mother visited him four times in his prison during her stay in Shanghai. The Chinese Communists

refused to extend her visa an extra day to permit her to spend her son's 43d birthday with him Tuesday.

Mr. Redmond said she and her son were allowed to converse without interruption, but were not permitted to discuss the espionage charges against him.

She reported Communist officials treated her courteously and provided a female interpreter who accompanied her everywhere during her trip.

She saw no anti-American demonstrations over the Cuban crisis, Mrs. Redmond said.

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