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## Lest We Forget

THE admission of Communist China to the United Nations comes up for debate today in the General Assembly—and this year all the arguments for denying Red China a seat are summed up in the forlorn and tragic figures of an American mother and her son.

Mrs. Ruth Redmond, of Yonkers, is in Red China to visit her son, Hugh, who is serving a sentence of life imprisonment in Shanghai for "espionage." She is carrying a few things for him—shoes, sweaters, vitamin pills—but mostly she is carrying a mother's indomitable hope that somehow, somewhere, she can bring about his release.

Mr. Redmond was an importer for a tobacco firm when he was seized and sentenced 11 long years ago. He is one of four Americans still held by the Communists. The others are Bishop James E. Walsh of the Roman Catholic Church; Richard Fecteau, of Lynn, Mass., and John Downey, of New Britain, Conn., civilian employes of the U. S. Army.

They are captives of a savage and ruthless government. Their voices cannot be heard here where we are safe and free, but they speak nonetheless with terrible clarity. It is to be hoped that our delegation to the UN—and the American people—will match one mother's indomitable hope with indomitable determination to keep Red China out of the society of nations.

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