

# Back-To-Land Talk By Peter Maurin Set

Peter Maurin, New York City, author, lecturer and co-founder with Dorothy Day of the Catholic Worker movement, will stress his "back-to-the-land" theme in a talk at 8 P. M. Friday, Sept. 4, at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, 402 South Ave.

Long an advocate of the land movement, Maurin, a former French peasant whose travels have taken him into many parts of the world, will emphasize the need for establishment of farming communities to facilitate post-war adjustment and ease the probable great unemployment situation.

Maurin, who has been the guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wedder, Westfall Road, is the author of "Easy Essays" contained periodically in the Catholic Worker newspaper. With Miss Day he fostered establishment of more than 20 houses of hospitality similar to the St. Joseph's House here, where homeless and transient men are fed free meals daily.

The Rev. George Vogt, chaplain of St. Joseph's House, will introduce the speaker. Thomas F. Schill, house director, this week appealed for old clothing for men which will be distributed to them during the fall and winter. Members of the Catholic Worker group

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Peter Maurin  
Co-Founder of the Catholic Worker Movement

here are beginning work on erection of a chapel in the South Avenue building.

## Sounds Call For More Vocations

CALCUTTA.—In the course of a pastoral visit to the Most Rev. F. P. P. J. Archbishop of Calcutta, emphasized the need of more young men and young women coming forward to serve Christ in the sacred ministry. Of the life of a priest, the prelate said: "It is true that the priest's life is one of much renunciation, of un-

counting toil, of painful self-denial. It leads him along the Way of the Cross in the footsteps of Jesus. But it is never a sad life, nor dreary, nor desolate; there is joy in sacrifice and exhilaration in suffering; and at the end of it all there is the promised reward." With reference to the special need of Bengal, the Archbishop

said: "The need of laborers in the harvest of Christ's Kingdom is very great; we live surrounded by a sea of non-Christians, most of whom with an innermost yearning wait for the Word of Christ, destined to enjoy His everlasting life. And they know not their only Saviour."

War is terrible. Why are we unable to do without a dinner or so things we never had back in 1918.

# Home In Geneva, Fr. White Recalls Japan Internment

By Mildred Jennings

GENEVA—After months of internment in Japan, Rev. R. Felix White, Maryknoll missionary to Korea, is back in his home city again. He arrived in Geneva on Thursday evening, Aug. 27, having disembarked from the exchange liner Gripsholm earlier in the week.

Met in Syracuse by his mother, Mrs. Joseph W. White, and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. White, Father White came directly to Geneva. After leaving New York, he paid a brief visit to the Maryknoll headquarters at Ossining and then continued to Syracuse where his family met him on Thursday night. **Leaves Gripsholm Staff**

Thin and tired but very happy to be home again, Father White is enjoying a two months' vacation in Geneva. He had only the highest praise for the Swedish-American line and for the officers and staff of the Gripsholm which brought the Americans home.

"We are all highly indebted to them. They were most kind and thoughtful. The food was exceptionally good. You see we hadn't had much food since last December," he said.

"Everyone was relieved to be aboard the ship and enroute home," he continued.

Questioned about the homeward journey, the missionary said: "We were about three days out of New York when we came across a ship which had been torpedoed. Our boat went out of her course to circle around the wreckage in order to find out whether there were any survivors afloat. But we saw no sign of life. The ship had been cut in two by the torpedo blast and the super-structure was burned away. Attention of the ship's officers was first called to the wreckage when a large hulk was sighted above the water about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. We reached the wreckage about 6 o'clock."

### Taken To Heijo

On Dec. 9, Father White recalled, he with a group of seventeen other priests and civilians numbering about 19 in all were taken to Heijo which is the nearest large city in Korea. He had no idea of what was to become of him, nor did any of the others, until they were moved to Yokohama, the port of embarkation.

They left Heijo on June 1, and arrived in Fusan at the end of Korea on June 2. They were then taken by boat across the Strait of Japan, a trip of a whole day, and arrived in Kobe, on June 3. When they arrived in Kobe, there was a delay in the boat sailing. It was scheduled to sail on the 4th, but did not get underway until June 17. They were interned at a Seaman's Institute there for about thirteen days.

Leaving Kobe on the morning of June 16, they went to Tokyo. En route from Kobe to the station, the group was marched by a place of internment where American prisoners taken by the Japs at Guam were imprisoned. "We wanted to them and they

A cordon of police surrounded the group of Americans and other nationals at the station entrance. They were marched in line.

### Waving Forbidden

"Some of the Japanese civilians who recognized some of the members of our group tried to wave to us, but the police stopped them," Father White said.

"On the afternoon of June 17, we were put aboard the boat and it pulled out into the harbor. It stayed there for a period of eight days and did not sail until June 21. This was a tense time for all of us, because we did not know whether we were going to stay there or sail. We learned the delay was due to some mix-up in papers or something like that."

"Arriving in Hongkong on June 29, an additional 200 Americans and other nationals were added to our number. We left Hongkong on June 30 and arrived at Saigon on July 3. Here all of the group from Thailand had been brought by boat. They joined us and we left there on the following day, July 4. **On Singapore July 6**

"We arrived off Singapore on July 6. I think we must have been about seventy miles off Singapore, when the Japs put on a show including pursuit planes and dive bombers which flew over the ship. We sailed from Singapore on July 9, and arrived at Laurence Marques, Portuguese Africa, on July 27, when the steamer exchanged its Jap passengers for Americans.

"Empty freight cars served as a fence and the boats were stern to stern. The Japanese went from the Gripsholm to the Usama. We were there until July 28 and arrived at Rio de Janeiro Aug. 18. Settling sail the following day, we docked in New York on Tuesday." **Tells of His Mission**

Questioned about his mission work in Korea, Father White said that there are about 200 children in the school and about fifty children in the kindergarten. Chuwa is in the Heijo province, which includes territory about the distance from New York to Geneva. It is conducted by the presiding bishop, just as the Rochester Diocese. There are about thirty Maryknoll missionary priests in the area.

Father White had nothing to say about the treatment of prisoners by the Japanese after the outbreak of the war. He expressed again his great happiness at being back home once more.

After a two months' vacation with his mother, Father White's plans are indefinite. He intends to rest and gain back some of the weight he lost during his months of internment.

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