

# Home In Geneva, Fr. White Recalls Japan Internment

By Michael 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. Lands Gripsholm Staff

This and tired but very happy to be home again, Father White is enjoying a two month's 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:

## Geneva Men In Service

### Wins Commission

GENEVA.—Word has been received here that James E. Legott, son of Nicholas Legott, of 26 Avenue E, has been commissioned a Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. Lieutenant Legott was recently graduated from the Southeast Army Air Forces Training Center, a member of the class of 1942 at Turner Field, Georgia.

Lieutenant Legott is a graduate of De Sales High School and Fordham University.

### Given Promotion

GENEVA.—Private Charles W. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moore of 25 Grant Ave., has been appointed acting Company Clerk of Company C, 1st Battalion, in the Branch Immaterial Replacement Training Center at Fort McClellan, Alabama.

### Navy Promotion

GENEVA.—Word has been received of the promotion of Ensign W. E. McCormick, Jr., of Fulton, to the rank of Lieutenant (j. g.) in the United States Navy. He is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Lynch of 487 South Main St.

### Leaves For Duty

GENEVA.—Private S. Danny Chacchia, who is stationed at Camp Stony, S. C., has returned after spending a two-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Chacchia, of 52 Genesee St. He is connected with the Medical Corps of the United States Army.

## BISHOP CONFIRMS CLASS OF JAPANESE REFUGEES

FOYALLUP, Wash.—Addressing a congregation of more than 500 Japanese, many of them non-Catholics, at Camp Harmony, internment center here, the Most Rev. Gerald Shaughnessy, S.M., Bishop of Seattle, urged the necessity of bearing the crosses in life in the spirit of the Apostles.

Earlier in the afternoon the Bishop confirmed a class of 19 candidates, of whom two were baptized that morning. The Bishop assured the Japanese internees of daily remembrance in his prayers, thoughts and Masses.

In preparation for the visit of the Bishop, the Japanese Catholics in the camp were permitted to assist at a Mass at the center.

### Lourdes Rites Held

LONDON.—In the ruins of St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, here, still open to the skies, a Lourdes service was held today, when the Archbishop-Bishop, the Most Rev. Peter Amigo, carried the Blessed Sacrament and blessed a number of sick people who had been brought by friends.

"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 aboard. 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 kulk was sighted above the water about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. We reached the wreckage about 6 o'clock."

### Taken To Helje

On Dec. 8, Father White recalled, he with a group of seventeen other priests and civilians numbering about 15 in all were taken to Helje 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 Helje 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 3rd, 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 18, they went to Tokyo. Enroute 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 waved to them and they waved back at us," Father stated.

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 23. 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 28, an additional 300 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. Off 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 Osama. We were there until July 26 and arrived at Rio de Janeiro Aug. 10. 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 Helje 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 month's 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.

## Sounds Call For More Vocations

CALCUTTA.—In the course of a pastoral the Most Rev. F. Taylor, S.J., Archbishop of Calcutta, emphasizes 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 pastoral says:

"It is true that the priest's life is one of much renunciation, of un-

settling toil, of painful suffering perhaps 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 sublimation in suffering; and at the end of it all, there is the promised reward."

With reference to the special need of Bengal, the Archbishop

adds: "The need of laborers in the province of Calcutta is enormous. It is a vast area, and the population is growing rapidly. The Church needs more workers to minister to the spiritual and temporal needs of the people. It is our duty to encourage young men and women to enter the sacred ministry and to serve Christ faithfully in the most difficult and demanding work of the Gospel."

War is terrible. Why are we still fighting? We are fighting for an ideal, for a principle, for a cause that is just and noble. We are fighting for the freedom and independence of our country. We are fighting for the peace and stability of the world. We are fighting for the happiness and well-being of all mankind.

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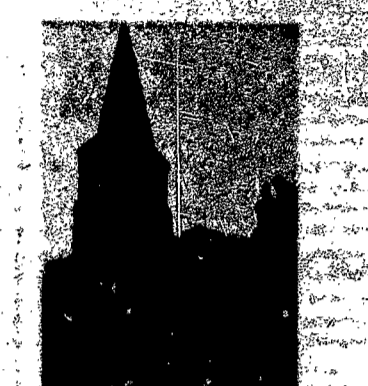
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