

14 U. S. Missioners Freed; Reach Safe Haven In China

MARYKNOLL, N. Y., (NC)—Fourteen of a group of 18 Maryknoll Missioners, who were trapped in Hong Kong, when the war broke out, underwent the siege of the island and were interned with other Americans in Stanley Prison, have reached the freedom and safety of the Maryknoll Mission at Kweilin in Free China, according to cable advices received at the headquarters here.

The other two members of the group, the Rev. Bernard Meyer and the Rev. Donald Hessler, declined offers of safety in Free China and volunteered to remain as chaplains for the prisoners held in the Japanese camp. The group, at first released only to the confines of the starving city

of Hong Kong, later was allowed to proceed to Free China when their status as non-combatants was made clear.

The 14 have joined a community of 130 other Maryknollers, still working in the midst of war in the mission fields of Free China. A number of them were newly-ordained priests who arrived in Hong Kong on December 4, 1941—just the day before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor—and were trapped on the island by the war's outbreak.

Social Security Extended To Religious Groups' Lay Employees In Pending Bill

WASHINGTON (NC)—The Federal old-age and survivors insurance benefits of the Social Security Act will be extended to all lay employees of charitable, religious and educational institutions heretofore exempted. The bill, introduced by Senator David L. Walsh of Massachusetts, would continue to exclude from these benefits all clergy, Sisters and religious Brothers. It is estimated that more than a million persons would be added to those already embraced by the law.

Senator Walsh said that the measure "would safeguard that tax-exempt status of these institutions" for "all revenues collected from such agencies shall be paid directly into the Federal Old Age and Insurance trust fund." In this way he pointed out, it would be a "true contribution to a trust fund available only for the payment of old-age benefits and not subject to appropriation by Congress for any other purpose.

The agencies that "have agreed to this proposal, approve of the legislation and request favorable action" include the national Council, Protestant Episcopal Church, the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, the American Hospital Association, the American Association of Social Workers, the Community Chests and Councils, Inc., and the National Recreation Association.

GIVEN FLYING CROSS

Bridgeport.—Radio Man Anthony W. Brunetti, who received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his part as rear gunner in a plane during the battle of the Coral Sea, is a member of the Sacred Heart Parish here. The medal was awarded at Pearl Harbor by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet.

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Fathers Matuszewski, Newcomb Enlisted In Army As Chaplains

Rochester Diocese has two more of its priests in the uniform of U. S. Army Chaplains. Announced at the Chancery as having won Chaplaincy commissions with the rank of First Lieutenants are: the Rev. Leo J. Matuszewski of St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester and the Rev. Bernard Newcomb of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Auburn.

Both young priests after conferring with His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Keane, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, last week left to report. Father Newcomb went to Harvard Chaplain Training School and Father Matuszewski to Camp Chatham, La.

Fr. Matuszewski is joining two of his classmates of the 1937 St. Bernard's class in the service, Chaplain Donald J. Murphy, U. S. Army, and Chaplain Francis J. Paganan, U. S. Navy.

Born in Morris Run, Pa., Father Matuszewski attended the high school there; St. Mary's Seminary, Orchard Lake, Mich., for two years; St. Bernard's Seminary and Cardinals Seminary at Posen, Poland. He was ordained in Poland in 1937.

After assignments at St. Peter and Paul's Church and St. Ann's Home for the Aged, he was sent to St. Stanislaus Church, where he has served for five years.

He has two brothers, Valerian and Bernard, in the Army service, and another brother, the Rev. Stanley Matuszewski of the LaSalette Missionary Fathers.

Born in Auburn, Father Newcomb is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Newcomb of 161 North St., Auburn.

He attended Auburn schools, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries and was ordained in 1934. His first assignment was as Assistant Pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Corning, where he served six years and was transferred to St. Francis of Assisi, Auburn, where he assisted the Rev. Adolph Gabbani, pastor, for the past two and a half years.

He is the brother of the Rev. John C. Newcomb, Assistant Pastor, St. Mary's Church, Corning. Other brothers in the armed services are: Lieut. Fidelis Newcomb, West Point graduate, now at Ft. Bragg, N. C.; Frank Newcomb, former organist and choir director of St. Aloysius Church, Auburn, at Camp Crowder, and Ernest P. Newcomb, registered nurse, enlisted in the Army Air Corps Reserve.

NEW CATHOLIC HOSPITAL FOR COAST DEFENSE AREA

LOS ANGELES.—Plans for the erection of a new \$270,000 hospital in Burbank, to be conducted by the Sisters of Charity of Providence, were announced by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas O'Dwyer, Director of Catholic Hospitals for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

A Federal Works Agency appropriation of \$200,000 has been made towards the construction of the institution, which is in the heart of a defense area now badly in need of hospital facilities. An eleven-acre site for the establishment was donated by the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation.

Never hear more than one trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds: all they ever had, all they have now, and all they expect to have.

Social Risk To Degrade Youth Moral Training

NEW YORK.—Recognition of the "serious moral hazard" that is involved in "allowing youth to grow up without moral instruction" is given in an article by Clifford Barrett in the book review section of the New York Times.

Reviewing the position taken in "The Moral Ideals of Our Civilization" by Radoslav A. Tsanoff, Mr. Barrett quotes the writer as stating:

"All periods of active thought are periods of transition. What characterizes our age is the far-reaching extent of the unsettlement and the expressed readiness for radical changes of direction. Not merely the lure of bypaths engages today the traveler on traditional highways; thought is really at the crossroads."

Mr. Barrett then comments on Prof. Tsanoff's views as follows: "Men have been troubled always with the problem of how to secure goodness in the relations of human life. We are additionally troubled by the more elementary issue of what goodness really is, of why it is so, the problem of what goodness actually means. Is it merely a product of human ways of feeling—no more than a name for what men generally like? Or is goodness an objective thing that belongs to the nature of men's relation to objects and events? Are all goods relative—and if so, to what are they relative? Upon what grounds, precisely, does anyone possess obligations that are prior to his own happiness? Clearly a social hazard is involved in allowing youth to grow up without moral instruction; but in these matters, just what are we prepared to accept as the truth in which they are to be instructed?"

The Vatican is probably the world's largest palace; the portion of it occupied by the Pope is probably the smallest residence of any public figure.

Boy, Out In Ohio, Shows Army Sergeant In Nation's Capital, The Way Back

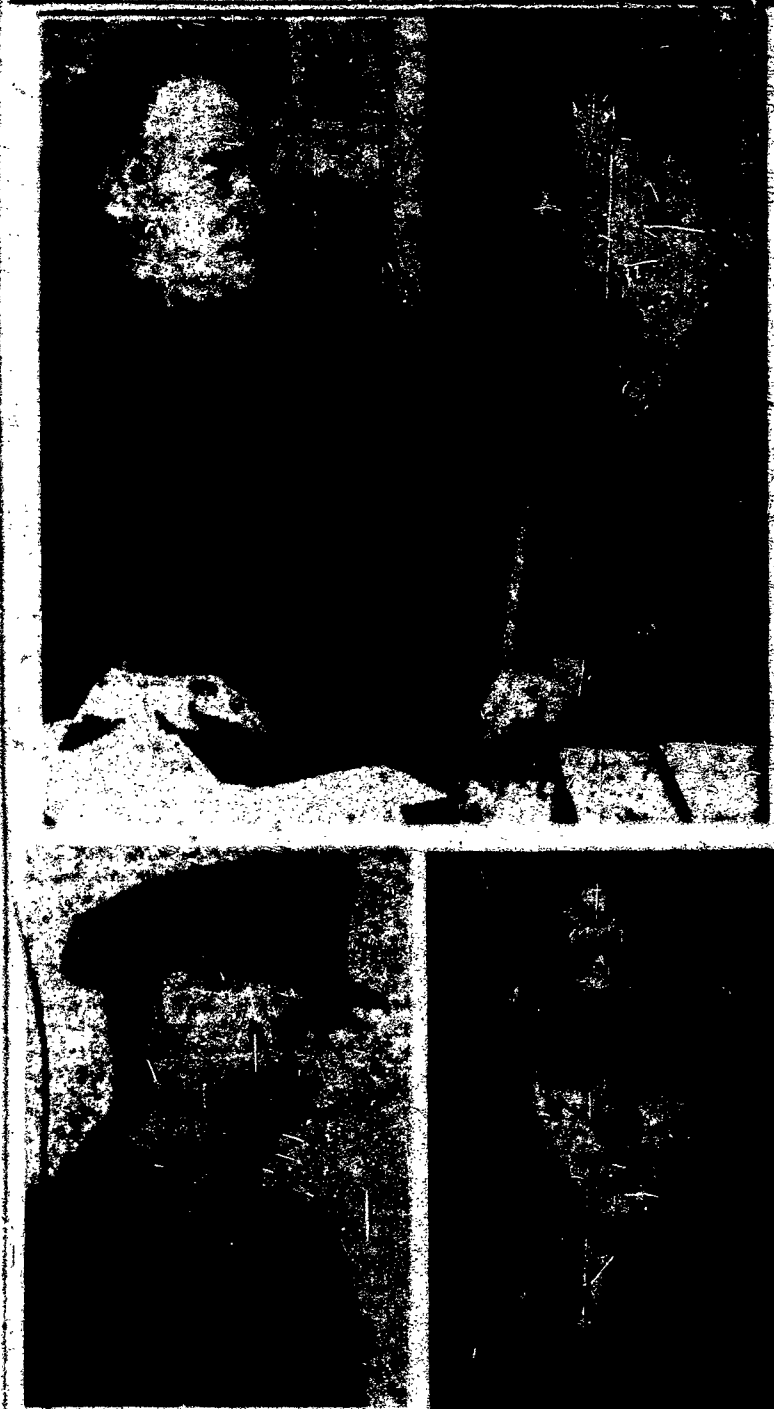
WASHINGTON.—For obvious reasons, he shall be nameless. Suffice it to say he's one of those typical "hard-boiled" Army sergeants, a veteran of 16 years service. He hadn't been to the Sacraments nor attended Mass since shortly after his enlistment. Then a youngster in a parochial school out in Youngstown, O., "adopted" him for the duration, to offer Communion, Masses and prayers for his safety.

The Rev. John P. Gallagher, S.J., Director of Retreats for Workingmen, the headquarters of which is at Holy Trinity Church rectory here, was giving the Forty Hours Devotion at St. Stephen's Church here. Father Gallagher had finished saying the 4 a. m.

Mass and was waiting to say the 7, when he met the sergeant—rather when the Sergeant barged in on him.

The Sergeant showed Father Gallagher a Rosary and a Prayer Book which the youngster had sent him. He told of letters he had received from the boy, telling of Communion, Masses and prayers the boy was offering for his safety. Then the Sergeant blurted out: "I don't know how he picked me out but I can't let that kid down, Father."

But Father Gallagher demurred. He inquired and learned the sergeant had drifted from his Faith 16 years ago shortly after he joined the Army. He told the Ser-



ARMY CHAPLAINS ON WAY.—The Reverend Leo J. Matuszewski (right) of St. Stanislaus Church, in Chancery prior to departure (top photo). Lower photos, the Rev. Bernard Newcomb of St. Francis of Assisi, Auburn, (left) and the Rev. William E. O'Toole, Basilian Father. (Photo by Mott)

Fr. William O'Toole Of Basilians Leaves For Chaplain Duties

A member of the Aquinas Institute faculty in the fall of 1942, the Rev. William E. O'Toole, C.S.B., has been commissioned a Chaplain in the U. S. Army with the rank of First Lieutenant. He will leave for Fort Knox, Ky., on Feb. 4.

Granted his commission in the United States Army on Jan. 23, Chaplain O'Toole was sworn in on Jan. 26.

Father O'Toole who was born in Palmyra, Ohio, is the son of the late John J. O'Toole of Pre-emption Road, Geneva, and of Mrs. Gertrude O'Toole, now residing at 32 Hasbick Road, Roches-

ter. His sister, Mrs. John P. O'Sullivan, also lives at the Hasbick Road address and he has a brother, Elmer E. O'Toole, in Birmingham.

Graduated from St. Stephen's School, Geneva, in 1917, and from Geneva High School in 1918, he entered St. Michael's College in 1918 and entered the Novitiate of the Basilian Fathers in 1919.

His first community appointment was to St. Thomas College, Houston, Texas, where he taught from 1919 to 1921. He received a B. A. degree in Honor Classics in the University of Toronto in 1924 and was ordained Dec. 20, 1924. He attended Ontario College of Education from 1924 to 1925 receiving a Specialist Teacher's Certificate in Classics.

Father O'Toole's teaching assignments took him to Assumption College, St. Michael's College and Catholic Central where he served as professor of classics. He attended University of Chicago school of graduate studies in summer session in 1926 and 1927.

At St. Thomas College he organized the first basketball team in the history of the school. He also coached football, baseball, basketball and hockey at St. Michael's College and basketball at Catholic Central and Assumption College.

He is a past secretary of the Department of Classics of the University of Toronto and was prefect of Fisher House as well as a member of the Board of Admissions at the College.

Fire Ruins Convent

HUNTINGDON, Que.—Damage estimated at between \$50,000 and \$60,000 was caused by fire which swept the convent of the Congregation de Notre Dame here. There were 85 boarders and teachers in the convent but they were able to leave in good order and without any injury. The fire broke out just after 80 day pupils had left for their homes.