

Bishop Yu Pin Returns To U. S. For Visit; Lauds Missionaries

WASHINGTON (NC)—This war has united the American and Chinese peoples; the Catholics of China and America have never been united.

The words are those of the Most Rev. Paul Yu Pin, Vicar Apostolic of Nankai, China. They were spoken as he arrived in wartime Washington after a 1900-mile journey from war-torn Chungking.

Debarred from his own ecclesiastical jurisdiction by the invading Japanese, Bishop Yu Pin has made his headquarters in Chungking since that city became the war capital of his native land. There, devoted to work with the Chinese and Chinese Catholics, he has not only carried on, as far as possible, his episcopal labors, but has given generously and patriotically of his time and effort to ease the sufferings of his stricken people, to keep up their spirits, to work in all ways for the victory he is sure must come for the United Nations.

Talks of Americans
Bishop Yu Pin talked of his China, but first he insisted upon talking of America and Americans. He was impressed, he said, with the manner in which the people of the United States, even in the things of war, have given themselves to the task of defeating the designs of the foe of Christian civilization.

Particularly, His Excellency said, he would like of American Catholics of their generosity and their truly Christian desire to assist all victims of the war of whatever nationality. For what they have done for his own subjects of China, His Excellency said, he wishes to express deep gratitude through the Bishop's War Emergency and Relief Committee. The Bishop spoke with admiration of the work of American missionaries—priests, brothers and sisters—who have continued at their appointed posts in Free China. He has visited many of them and has been witness to their heroism.

Of the spiritual care of Catholic youths among the American armed forces in China, Bishop Yu Pin brought reassurance. In addition to their Catholic chaplains, he said, those in or near Chungking are ministered to by five English-speaking priests regularly stationed there. And throughout Free China, he added, Catholic missionaries have come to the aid of the military chaplains, giving advice and encouragement and hearing confessions along the road—in the military zone and close to the actual fighting lines.

More Missionaries
In addition, His Excellency said, there are about 800 Italian and German Catholic missionaries in Free China. Contrary to Axis methods, he said, they are not in

concentration camps. Their movements are restricted only in that they are not allowed to go within 100 miles of the military zone. Otherwise, they practice their missionary activities.

That, he said, in the case of Catholic missionaries, the lack of the Department's military control for information, giving to the Chinese leader instead that information was greatly hampered by Nationalistic prejudice, by which, he said, made certain missionaries available. To Bishop Yu Pin he declared that, whatever the military problems to be faced, the work of the missionaries among the destitute and suffering must not be allowed to cease.

It is not alone as a churchman that Bishop Yu Pin is known throughout his China. He is a member of the Standing Committee of the Chinese People's Political Council, a body which corresponds to the Congress of the United States. He is the only Catholic member of the committee. He is the Editor of Xi Hsia Pao (Social Welfare Daily), Chungking newspaper of Chungking. And he is President of the Program of Social Welfare, an organization in China similar to the USO.

It is partly in this respect that he has come to the United States—to make a study of the work for those in the armed service and for war workers that is done by the National Catholic Community Service and the other member agencies of the USO.

Three Hour Silence

In keeping with the solemnity of the Three Hours of Christ's suffering, agony and death upon the Cross, a growing number of persons are observing that period on Good Friday with silence.

All who can do so will attend the services in their churches—others will try to maintain silence during that period. It will be an especial offering, this year, that a fast and fasting prayer will come to the war-wracked world.

Likens Persecution To Three Hours of Agony

FRENO (NC)—Three years of brutal persecutions undergone by the Christian nations of Europe were likened to the three hours of agony suffered by Christ in the Easter Passion of the Most Rev. Philip G. Scher, Bishop of Monterey-Fresno.

Bishop Scher intimated that "as the Church is the Mystical Body of Christ, so it has must have its Calvary if it is to witness the joy of Easter and the glory of the Resurrection."

"It is not enough," Bishop Scher said, "to suffer the hardships and privations of prolonged warfare, but in the midst of these to be literally crucified for one's faith is Calvary indeed. The whole Church in all its members is being smitten, from the red-robed priest and purple prelate to the lowly peasant; you, even to the unborn child. As never before these horror-stricken words have come to learn through the tears and blood of countless victims that the fatal ideology which makes the State and brute forces supreme imperiously leads from glory to agony and vice with the very demons is hell to reach the bottom of human vice and degradation."

Honor Copernicus

Chicago—Chicago people of Polish extraction are cooperating in sponsoring the exhibit at the Balmain Museum, Chicago, marking the 400th anniversary of the death of Nicholas Copernicus, famous Polish astronomer. The exhibit includes a bust of Copernicus by Kankanski, a copy of the famous "Jagellonian Table," which showing the continent of America, and books and prints pertaining to Copernicus.

Redemptorist Dies

Kirwood, Mo.—The Rev. Thomas Edward GREGG, who was born in New Orleans 52 years ago and died here. He has been a Redemptorist more than 20 years and served 10 years in St. Michael's Parish in Chicago.

Survivors include his sister, Mrs. A. J. Keenan, New Orleans, and a niece, Sister M. Basilica, Mount MICHAEL.



LEAVING WAR'S HEARTACHE — Archbishop Archie Sheen, Chicago, Assistant Delegate to the U. S. Delegation, is shown above with a group of companions from Holy Cross College, Chicago, on the way to Annapolis, as he personally supervises the forwarding of messages and dispatches to prisoners of war. The group is a small part of the world-wide work of Bishop Yu Pin which he established the Vatican in Chungking.

Delegation Handles 80,000 War Prisoner Messages In 2 Months

Eighty thousand messages to and from all parts of the world, putting at rest as many war-torn family anxieties have been received and despatched in the last two months by the Apostolic Delegation of the Holy See in Washington.

Thousands of these messages are being received at the Delegation every day. They are from parents or wives of war prisoners everywhere; from the servicemen themselves; from or to civilians separated from their families by the war.

This is a part of the vast worldwide work of mercy put in motion by Pope Pius XII on behalf of war victims. Promptly on the outbreak of hostilities, the Holy Father set up an office for war prisoner information and the interchange of messages by families separated by the war. Messages are received at the Vatican and sent to every country, except those very few where the governments forbid it.

There is no charge whatever. The service is based entirely on the charity and generosity of the Holy Father. Nor is any attempt made to confuse it to Catholics. At the Delegation, it was said that messages to and from soldiers and sailors who are Protestants and Jews, or of no religion, far exceed the messages to and from Catholics. Messages had been received from or to persons in Germany, France, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Romania, Egypt, and Turkey. The great task in this country is being conducted under the efficient and zealous guidance of the Most Rev. Apostolic Delegate to the U. S., who directs a small regular staff and certain volunteer extra helpers.

Reply to letters received from families overseas in relatives in this country are handled by the Rev. Dr. James McAuliffe of the Chancery Office in Rochester. The form upon which the letter is written should be brought to Father McAuliffe and the reply written in his presence. The message limited to 25 words, must be purely personal and have to do with only family matters. There can be no mention of wealth, income, industry, employment or anything that relates to the war effort.

The Red Cross Chapter in Rochester is cooperating with Father McAuliffe in facilitating these messages.

Anyone outside of the city is instructed to contact a local Catholic priest who in turn will communicate with the Chancery in Rochester.

There are no provisions for sending packages through the Delegation.

On the day the Delegation told of the plan, two consignments of names and addresses of prisoners

of war had been received. One contained sixty-one names and the other one hundred and one. These messages were despatched at once to the anxious families.

This work is carried on by the regular Delegation staff, with the assistance of a group of volunteers from one of the seminaries at the Catholic University. These young

men generally receive the letters and regularly report of the results from where the messages are received at the Delegation and where consignees are not mailing facilities are maintained through other means.

Baptist Minister Lauds Msgr. Arnold Work As Chief of Chaplains

PHILADELPHIA (NC)—The U. S. Army Chief of Chaplains and his deputy, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Arnold, Brigadier General,

Would Deny Catholic Schools Federal Aid

WASHINGTON (NC)—An appeal to amend pending legislation for the extension of Federal aid to education, so that "not one cent of funds appropriated for instruction or construction of schools, shall go to Catholic schools or any other private schools, or for assistance in such schools," was made by Benjamin C. Marsh, appearing before the Senate Committee on Education and Labor.

Mr. Marsh said he was Executive Secretary of the League for the People's Liberty in Michigan. He said that the President of the League, Mr. Myron C. Taylor to the Vatican, spoke of Archbishop Francis J. Spellman's present tour of army establishments as a "prolonged political journey" in the Vatican, France and to international points, and warned that the Ku Klux Klan might rise again. He said "if there are parents of children not entitled to have their children join Americans they should pay for their tuition of more cost."

Four More Chaplains

Cleveland—Four more priests from the Diocese of Cleveland have been commissioned in the chaplain corps. All are from Holy Cross in the Army. They are the Rev. John J. Fleming, former assistant to St. Joseph's parish; the Rev. Martin E. Gallagher, former assistant in St. Patrick's parish; the Rev. James J. Moran, former assistant in St. Gregory's parish; and the Rev. William J. O'Donnell, former assistant in St. Timothy's parish.

Pastor In Army

San Diego, Calif.—The Rev. John F. Gallagher, former pastor of St. Rita's Church here, 50) has been commissioned in the Army Chaplain corps and has departed for the training school at Fort Ord, Calif. Within the course of a year after his assignment to the church, Father Gallagher supervised the building of a permanent parish hall of church rectory and auditorium.

Birthday Honors

Ottawa—Members of the Canadian Senate, irrespective of party affiliation, joined in honoring St. Thomas Church on the occasion of its 100th birthday.

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