

N. D. Grad Pilots Gen. Stillwell's Plane in Orient

CHUNGKING, China. — (NC) — One of the best known planes in the China-Burma-India theater is Uncle Joe's Chariot, personal command plane of four-star General Joseph Stillwell, piloted by twenty-year-old Capt. Emmett J. Theisen of Detroit, a Catholic and Notre Dame graduate, reports the Rev. James Smith, assistant Maryknoll director here.

Piloting a general around might be considered a gold-bricking job but not in this theater of operations. General Stillwell must be everywhere and he uses the plane like a taxi. Every trip is an adventure into the unknown. Besides sudden Japanese attacks, Captain Theisen must be ready to cope with some of the worst flying weather in the world.

Captain Theisen told Father Smith that his worst experience came when he was flying the General on an important mission over the Hump. The plane had to fly beneath the clouds making its way through Himalaya mountain passes, in order to keep from being up. Going through one narrow defile, Theisen suddenly saw a sheer wall rising up. He had to turn the plane "on a dime" and go into the low hanging clouds. He then had to proceed blind on instruments, never knowing at what moment they would strike a mountain peak.

"When he finally landed the plane on the ground Stillwell said, 'Only the Hand of God got us through that one.'"

Advocates Chaplains in Portugal Services

LISBON. — (CIP) — The appointment of Army and Navy Chaplains to the Portuguese armed forces is advocated by "Aia," the Journal of the Catholic University Students of Portugal.

Mentioning the example of the United States, the Journal points out that in America and in other countries the work of the chaplains is universally appreciated. At present there are no military chaplains in the armed forces of Portugal.

Report Noted Center Party Leader Purged by Nazis

STOCKHOLM, Sweden. — (NC) — Among prominent persons reported to have been executed by the Nazis in Germany during a recent purge is the former Catholic member of the Reichstag and well known economist, Paul Jung. Mr. Jung was one of the leaders of the Center Party prior to Nazi seizure of the government.

Catholic life in Germany, according to advices received here, is being carried on with fervor. Among thousands who attended Mass in the great square in front of the destroyed Cathedral in the city of Essen, the great majority were men. Masses in the churches at Bad Willungens are well attended by invalid and convalescent soldiers, many of whom receive Holy Communion.

In a rural parish of Middle Germany a Mass was celebrated for Polish men and women workers, who are reported to be in a better position in Germany than are the Jews. Since there was no priest available who could speak Polish, a general absolution was given and all present are reported to have received Holy Communion.

Jewish Group Honor Justice Frank Murphy

NEW YORK. — (NC) — The League of Fraternal and Benevolent Organizations of the Jewish Educational Committee of New York has selected Associate Justice Frank Murphy of the United States Supreme Court, a prominent Catholic, as the American who has made the most significant contribution to human brotherhood during the last war.

Justice Murphy will be formally presented with the award at a dinner on Jan. 28. The first award, made two years ago, went to President Roosevelt.

Holy Father Receives Cardinal Villeneuve

VATICAN CITY. — His Eminence, Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec, who has come to Rome on his annual visit after stopping several days in London en route, was received in audience on Friday by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

WASHINGTON — Diplomat's Diplomat Business in Paris Economic Cushion

By TOM ROGERS

WASHINGTON. — Top inside shouter at the Department of State is Jefferson Caffrey, graduate of Catholic University and a convert. "Jeff" Caffrey is our smart and most accomplished abroad diplomat. He is the shrewdest of the so-called "cockle-punchers" and a man who has won the love of all the people from the Rio Grande to the Straits of Malacca. "Jeff" besides knowing his business better than anyone in the business, has as his hobby Canon Law and Church History, and whatever most men in their twenties (that's in his early thirties) receive Communion during the week, and his personal appearance would make Anthony Eden look like a refugee from the Brewery. Mr. Caffrey is a diplomat's diplomat.

Keep your eye on him. He has been called home from Rio and will soon leave for Paris, the big, big and toughest job in the service — and in his career. Personal note: he'll come through!

The British might have blown a valve over the report that some Americans in khaki in France were men who had been there before as business representatives and were doing business at the old stand in their spare time today. We can think of no one who would not hesitate to place a post-war contract here or there in the Paris he knew so well. But: Neither have the British failed to accompany our troops when they fought and died and died for British islands in the Pacific.

The Government men expect the automobile industry to be the nation's economic cushion in the post-war transition period in industry. As Charlie Wininger of "SHOW DAT" used to shout, "That's why the beginning folks — on ice — beginning." It is also estimated that we will need a half million vacuum cleaners, seven and one-half million clocks, twenty-three million radios, twenty-five million can six million fridges, over three million washing machines. . . . Is anything of civilian clothing and over a million new houses a year. . . . all this and more is not taxed out of existence.

Leon Herndon wants all corporation taxes removed after the war to let big business and small business reemerge under way and maintain the war income in production.

NOTES IN GENERAL: Spain lost out in the war in this sense: we and England used to buy materials such as mercury from her just so as to keep them from German hands. Now, with France again free, we no longer have to cope with German neighbors on Spanish borders. Attacks from the air on Germany are now up 300%. . . . The British are a hornet's nest and the Americans who

Conditions Better For Cardinal Hlond, Still Held by Nazis

STOCKHOLM, Sweden. — (NC) — His Eminence August Cardinal Hlond, Archbishop of Poznan and Primate of Poland, is still under arrest in Germany, but is being detained under better conditions, according to advices received here. The intervention of the Excellency the Most Rev. Carlo Orsenigo, Papal Nuncio to Germany, on behalf of Cardinal Hlond, is confirmed here by reliable sources.

Protestant Propaganda Seen 'Grave Peril'

BUENOS AIRES. — (NC) — Critique, the widely read Argentine review, comments that recent issues of practically all Catholic periodicals of Latin-America have directed attention to the "grave peril" of Protestant propaganda in their respective countries, and adds that non-Catholic publications also have expressed disapproval of the proselyting methods pursued.

headed in Albania will make little progress. . . . British and American officers were routed from one of Russia's new conquests last week. . . . Revolutionary trend is expected in France. . . . Or what the Italians fear and call in their fear "Communism of the stomach." Recent recommendations that social reforms be extended throughout the Dutch Empire made most people smile. . . . The Dutch paid extremely low wages and in the

post-war world will have to get their rubber against one synthetic plants. . . . Robert Murphy is another trouble shooter for the War Department — and he's already received his maps of Berlin. . . . The warlock selected him personally. . . . Add Caffrey in Paris and Mr. Darnett and Shaw in Washington — and Caffrey is here distinguished themselves in the highest department of the government. Left wing smart artists please note!

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