

Captain Heindl Tells of War Experiences

Asheville — Captain Elmer W. Heindl, a chaplain of the 37th division of the U. S. Army, former assistant at St. Alphonsus church, was a guest at the fourth annual supper meeting of the Mothers' Club on Wednesday evening. Father Heindl is now after 41 months in the Pacific area and is one of 17 chaplains to receive Distinguished Service Cross.

In his talk Father Heindl related some harrowing experiences while on New Georgia, Bougainville and Luzon. He said that narrow escapes from death made one realize the "will of Divine Providence and the power of prayer. He also stated that mothers mould the character of their children, and the reactions of soldiers in combat were indicative of their military training.

The guest speaker of the evening was the Rev. Walter A. Scher, also a former assistant of the parish and founder and spiritual director of the mothers' club.

After a few words by the Rev. Albert Hoobertin, spiritual director, the business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Florence Holtzner, the new president, who made the following appointments: Ways and Means Committee, Emily Inelch, Gertrude Wresman and Mary Lawler; Book fund, Margaret Laper; hosts, Gertrude Ehresman; publicity, Evelyn Matthews.

Plans were made for a party to be held this month. Mrs. Anne Martin and committee were thanked for the successful arrangements of the fourth annual party of the Mothers' Club.

IT IS WORN ONLY ONCE



The Red Hat, special insignia of the Cardinals, was first introduced 700 years ago by Pope Innocent IV. Priests and martyrs are symbolized in its bright red color. Worn only once, at its solemn imposition by the Pope, "Gloriam Rubrum" the Red Hat is then laid aside and is never worn by the Cardinal. At the time of his death it is placed upon his casket and is later suspended from the ceiling of his Cathedral to hang until it crumbles to dust. The Red Hat pictured above belonged to the late Cardinal Mundelein and now hangs high above the altar of Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago. (NC Photos)

Monastery Sheltered Jews

New York — (NC) — "In the very monastery founded by St. Francis of Assisi, Jews worshipped in their own synagogues, built in the basement."

This was disclosed by Ruben H. Resnik, Italian director of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, in describing to American newspapermen here the aid given by Italian Catholics to Jews during the Nazi occupation.

"While Catholics worshipped overhead," he said, "they knew that beneath them their fellow

human beings, victims of the oppression, were also praying. The Jews' own religious books had been kept safe in the monastery at Assisi."

From Cardinals and parish priests, the Italian clergy also benefited the persecuted Jews. The relief director stated, "The Jews owe their very life to this help. Jewish men, women and children were hidden in convents, asylums for the mentally ill, and homes for the poor and the aged. Mr. Resnik said that Italian Catholics gave Jews false identity and ration cards, and other papers to enable them to survive the occupation period.

New French Cardinal Defends Education

Paris — (RNS) — Speaking in public for the first time since his nomination as a Cardinal, Archbishop Clement Emmanuel Riquieu of Rennes touched briefly upon the question of church schools in France for which state subsidies were withdrawn last summer.

Stressing freedom of education, he said: "One cannot conceive that freedom of education can be threatened or even simply contested, for it is essential, and if one attacks it, the whole fabric of our liberties starts to fall apart. There can be no question of taking from families the right to give their children the education they judge best."

Dailies to Increase Religious News Use

New York — (RNS) — America's daily newspapers plan to expand their coverage of religious news and photos as news paper controls are relaxed and the magazine shortage becomes less critical, according to a survey just completed by Religious News Service.

Querying more than 100 dailies throughout the nation, RNS found that 85% hoped to give more emphasis to religious news. A number of the papers queried plan to continue the handling of all religious news in a church editor.

Twice Wounded, Returns to Waterloo

Waterloo — Corporal Richard Sage, twice-wounded veteran of the European campaign, has returned to his home in Waterloo after being honorably discharged at Fort Dix on Jan. 1. A graduate of St. Mary's Parochial School, Waterloo, Corporal Sage entered service in October, 1943, and fought with the 2nd Armored Division as tank destroyer gunner throughout the campaigns in France, Belgium and the Rhineland.

He was wounded first in the Battle of the Bulge and later at the Eifel River. With his Division he participated in the parade of welcome given President Truman in Berlin.

A brother, Gordon Sage of Buffalo, was discharged Nov. 1, 1945, after service with the Air Cadets and a third brother, Robert Sage, entering service Jan. 14. The three brothers attended St. Mary's School and served on the altar in St. Mary's Church. They are sons of Mrs. Louise Sage of Waterloo.

Inside on China Communist War Told by Maryknoller

(CHUNGKING LISTENING POST) by Rev. Mark Tennison, M.M., as reviewed by John Geisler.

"Outposts of the Cross" is the title of the first section of Father Tennison's engrossing two-hundred pages of an easy-to-read autobiography of a Catholic priest in China during the war years. He was a Maryknoll missionary but he writes racy of his own experiences and those of other black-clad Americans from New York, Vermont, Iowa, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts defying the Japanese invaders in the interests of the Chinese people and damned American stiff-neck.

General Joseph W. Stilwell certainly was right when he said of "Chungking Listening Post": "If you like people who have courage and live only for immediate service to others, you will enjoy reading Father Tennison's book." You will like Father Tennison who bluffed the Japanese military into permitting him to see occupied Hongkong merely because he was "an American of Irish extraction." You will smile at the priest who got funds into Japanese-occupied China by changing the American dollars donated at home by Mrs. Murphy first into Chinese national currency, then into Chinese pigs which he personally herded across the lines past Japanese sentries there to sell them for enemy dollars and thus keep the bishop and his native flock alive.

Upon Father Tennison fell the burden of maintaining scattered Maryknoll activities during the war. From Chungking he handled their funds, mastering the complexities of inflation. And, as he confesses, "many deeds were done in the dark of the moon—many schemes were devised to outwit the unsuspecting sons of the emperor," despite the \$10,000 which the Japanese army put up on his head.

Father Tennison was not content to sit in Chungking. He roamed from the borders of Tibet, where he gazed with a living Buddha, to Lanchow, where he was died by the Soviet General and toasted the United Nations instead of Joseph Stalin.

to the border of Indo-China and over the "Hump" past Mount Everest.

He tells of the bombing and deliberate burning of Catholic missions by the Japanese. And he includes at length the story related to him of the torture and persecution by Soviet agents and their Chinese puppets in Chinese Turkestan of a Scotch Protestant missionary and a German Catholic priest. This section he titles "Betrayal from the North."

In contrast with the spurge of books by Americans damning Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist government and praising China's Communists, Father Tennison writes in opposite vein. Other Americans have described the 10,000-mile trek of the Reds as a glorious episode, but Father Tennison says "the march of destruction and pillage ended in 1949 when Mao Tse-tung, the Communist party leader, and Red General Chu Teh set up a Chinese Soviet Republic in the northern part of Shensi province." He tells further how Chungking's Minister of War, General Ho Ying-chin, showed him "documented proof of how every promise made in 1947 (by the Chinese Reds) had been broken."

On the hotly debated issue of Chinese Nationalism versus the Reds, Father Tennison remarks: "There were those who called Chiang's government dictatorial and reactionary, but observers of long residence, familiar with the intricacies of Chinese resurgence, could see no substitute for the authoritarian Chungking regime."

Surely no one can deny Father Tennison his right to speak so candidly in light of his travels and long years in China devoted to the Christian cause.

London — (CIP) — A Delegation of American Catholics of Polish descent has passed through London en route to Poland where they intend to carry out preliminary work for relief activities to be organized by American Poles on a large scale. The Delegation includes the Most Rev. Stephen Wozniak, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, and

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