

WEDDING BELLS IN NAVY HOSPITAL



Home from submarine warfare, which finally landed them in a Jap prison camp, two Navy veterans are shown with their brides after a marriage ceremony performed in the Brooklyn Navy Hospital by Lieut. Comm. John L. Maxwell, a priest of the Rochester Diocese pictured at the left in the photo from left to right are MM 1/c Joseph T. Rice, his bride, Dorothy Immaculate Cunningham; MM 2/c Michael Cunningham and his bride, Dorothy Rita Price, a sister of MM 2/c Price.

Chaplain Weds Naval Vets To Each Other's Sister

Two Navy buddies who shipped together, fought together and were prisoners of war together, were married recently in Brooklyn Naval Hospital chapel by Lieut. Comm. John L. Maxwell, priest of the Rochester Diocese.

Jap N.G.W.C. Rises from War's Ruins

BY REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR

Looking at the past," says one of the priests, smiling. "We are looking at the future." And the cold, darkening room seems brighter and warmer.

There is little heat in Tokyo buildings this winter, and the three priests wear their thin topcoats indoors. The wood-burning stove in the center of the room barely takes the chill from the air. A few simple desks and chairs make up the furniture of this temporary office, where the needs of Catholic growth in Japan are being studied by our apostles.

This underground room in the Catholic University of Tokyo is the first headquarters of Japan's National Catholic Welfare Conference. That is not the official name, but it best describes the project.

Meeting fifteen weeks after the surrender, the bishops and ecclesiastical superiors of Japan under the presidency of Archbishop Fusa Doi of Tokyo, resolved to form an organization in which all the dioceses, vicariates and prefectures would join in common effort. Under the old Religious Society Law, abolished by decree of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the individual dioceses were to be separate legal entities. The incorporation had to be approved by the State Church Administration Commission. The bishops will have a newly formed central union.

Arrangements have been made to give the Japanese Catholics a more active role in the life of the Church. The bishops are to be elected by the faithful. The bishops are to be elected by the faithful. The bishops are to be elected by the faithful.

Both patients in the hospital, 21/c Michael Cunningham, 21, and MM 2/c Joseph Thomas Price, 22, became brothers-in-law when each married the other's sister.

Seaman Cunningham's bride is the former Dorothy Rita Price.

The friendship of the two bridegrooms goes back to January, 1943, when they met in Australia. It wasn't long before each knew all about his new friend's family, including his sister, via photographs.

Aboard the submarine Greenadier some time later, the pair pitched in and helped win a Presidential citation for sinking eight Japanese ships. Both were wounded and picked up by a Jap minesweeper after the Greenadier was scuttled.

The friends who were interned together in a prison camp in Yawata, Kiushu, Japan, were liberated and returned to this country only to find themselves side by side in the Brooklyn hospital. It was there each met his future bride.

Both, according to Chaplain Maxwell, are still in the status of patients, but will soon be discharged from the hospital and released from service.

Only Catholic chaplains in the hospital accepted the Rochester priest as signed up for three months, extended only although he was eligible for discharge on Feb. 3. He expects to be home sometime in May.

Bill Would Make Church Vandalism Punishable

Albany — (INS) — A bill making it a misdemeanor to injure another person, to commit malicious injury to buildings and places of religious worship and cemeteries has been introduced in the State Legislature here by Assemblyman Philip Schupler, Brooklyn Democrat. It is aimed at adults who induce minors to commit acts of vandalism in churches, synagogues, church school buildings and cemeteries.

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London — (INS) — British Press in the United States drive home the reality of the present steady bloodshed and Catholicism of America.

Soviets Bar Missionaries In Korea Zone

Tokyo — (NC) — Not only American newspapermen but priests too are prevented by the Russians from crossing into the Soviet-occupied zone of northern Korea. Part of the Prefecture Apostolic of Shumen is located north of the 38th parallel, which forms the boundary between the American and the Russian zones, and none of the St. Columban missionaries aborning in that district has been able to visit the northern parishes of the Prefecture.

Magr. Thomas Quinlan, Superior of the St. Columban Mission, declared that priests are urgently needed in the north. It is hoped that the present American-Soviet negotiations in Korea may result in a removal of the artificial barriers and make it possible for the missionaries to return to their Korean flocks from whom they have been separated since 1941.

The recently published official survey by Gen. Douglas MacArthur confirms the opinion that the barrier of the 38th parallel has injured the Korean people in every respect. "Since the two sectors of Korea are mutually dependent," the official report said, "all phases of life in the country suffer from the arbitrary divisions at the 38th parallel."

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The Catholic Press Were Put Out Of Business for a Few Months

BY REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR, S.S.C. President, Catholic Press Association

Tokyo — (NC) — It might be a good thing if the entire Catholic Press were put out of business for a few months. That would bring home to us all, better than a thousand Catholic Press Month messages, the value of our Catholic newspapers and magazines.

This is written in Japan amid twisted and ranting wreckage of bomb-battered Tokyo, where churches and schools crashed in general conflagration. Bishops, priests and the laity now are striving to restore normal Catholic life. One of their first objectives is to restore the Catholic Press.

Power Politics Condemned by Card. Griffin

London — (NC) — Cardinal-designate Bernard Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, spoke out forcibly against power politics, international distrust and phrases of hidden meaning at a Mass in Westminster Cathedral for delegates to the United Nations General Assembly here.

Some nations, the Archbishop said, are threatening world peace by insisting too much on their own security and not enough on the security of the rest of the world.

Though not a formal function of the United Nations Assembly, the Mass was attended not only by the Catholic delegates from all corners of the globe but by many of their friends and fellow-delegates.

"Your work is of vital importance," Archbishop Griffin emphasized. "It is to prepare the way for peace. Peace means tranquility that is lived in order. Order means the directing of our lives, of our nations and of the world, in accordance with the principles of the moral and Christian code. A Christian tranquility means a constant activity against inactivity and desolation in the great spiritual combat where the stakes are the construction of the society of tomorrow.

Good Will Necessary. No agreements or charters will effect peace unless they are founded on good will, the Cardinal-designate said. One of the greatest obstacles to good will, he pointed out, is the use of the same terms with an entirely different meaning.

"When we speak of democracy," he said, "we should have a common understanding of the term we are using. When we speak of security we must be equally concerned about the security of other nations, especially of small nations. When we speak of freedom we must mean not only that others may have confidence in us, but that we should have confidence in them.

"The spirit of good will can never exist if nations assembled at a conference are only interested in the aggrandizement of their own nation, or pursue a policy of selfishness, or are only concerned with fighting for their own ends. The spirit of good will cannot exist unless nations are determined to consult the general welfare of all nations."

Book Dividend. Milwaukee — (NC) — "Now With the Morning Star," by Thomas Kernan, has been chosen as the March-April book dividend of the Catholic Literary Foundation, according to an announcement here.

Lone Jesuit Cardinal Dies; Saved Genoa



CARDINAL BOETTO

Vatican City — (NC) — His Eminence Pietro Cardinal Boetto, Archbishop of Genoa, the only Jesuit Cardinal and a religious for more than 50 years, died this week in his See city. He was 75 years old.

Cardinal Boetto's death, besides leaving vacant one of the leading sees of Italy, further reduces the number of members of the Sacred College of Cardinals, bringing it to 37.

Outstanding among Cardinal Boetto's accomplishments during the war was his success in keeping the war suffering of his Archdiocese and of the city of Genoa to a minimum, particularly in the last days of the German occupation. It was largely through his efforts that the city of Genoa was spared demolition.

His war efforts won him, after the liberation, high public tributes from civil authorities for his humanitarian, patriotic and charitable record.

Cardinal Boetto was created and proclaimed a Cardinal deacon in the Consistory of December 16, 1935, with the title of St. Angelo in Pescheria. When he was named Archbishop of Genoa he was made a Cardinal priest, in the Consistory of March 17, 1938.

It was pointed out here that if the Holy Father so desired he could at the coming Consistories fill the place in the Sacred College of Cardinals which is vacated by Cardinal Boetto's death.

Sanctuary Robbed. Palermo, Sicily — (INS) — Thieves broke into the famed Monte Pellegrino Sanctuary here and stole a diamond and ruby-studded diadem of the famed "Santuzza," patron Saint of Palermo. The diadem has been valued at 50 million lire.

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Our magazines and reviews, each contributing its distinctive note to the Catholic ensemble, help mightily to keep the Christian tempo in our daily lives.

Talk as one can today in Japan to Catholics, who know what it is to have their magazines and newspapers crippled by militarists and thought controlled by police; Catholics whose Press had to suspend publication during the last months of war; Catholics who find themselves virtually without a Press as they face the greatest religious opportunity in the modern history of their people — talk to them and you will thank God for the existence and freedom and vigor of your