

Town Hails Priest Returning to China

Fortune Harbor, Newfound China. For three of those years, the Rev. Michael Carey, S. F. M., was a war prisoner of the Japanese. So on the eve of his departure for China, the town turned out for a farewell reception. "Father Mike" recited "Ode to Fortune Harbor," a poem of his own composition, and then sang an aria from a Chinese opera in Chinese.

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Girls at St. Anthony's Orphanage in Circovallone, Italy, need help badly, their Mother Superior, Informa Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe, Inc.

There are 150 girls in the institution, dependent upon charity. The physician at the orphanage says "nearly percent of our girls need extra nutrition this winter."

The Mother Superior says "we cannot afford fueling for winter heating. The little girls will have to sleep in their clothes. We need 300 blankets so badly. We could buy them for 1,500,000 lire, but we do not have money enough for that."

It is for such institutions at St. Anthony's that Italian communities throughout the United States are now asked by American leader Tarchiani to conduct gift package drives this winter.

CARE gift packages, including food, warm fabric and blankets, are available on a non-profit basis, with delivery guaranteed in Italy. CARE headquarters are at 50 Broad Street, New York.

It was a tremendous occasion for these children from St. Ann's Infant Home, Washington, D. C., when they were received by Santa Claus at his temporary headquarters in a hotel department store. They will long treasure those memories of their visit. The daughters of Charles of St. Vincent do Paul and the many friends of St. Ann's will help Santa make it a very merry Christmas for their charges. Washington Daily News Photo. (NOW)

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When Hampton-born Choolokian, an Armenian-born New York shoemaker, sought to regain custody of his two boys just prior to sailing on a Soviet-chartered ship for Soviet Armenia, the Mission blocked their release in court and asked the State Department for documents relating to U. S. Soviet negotiations on the Armenian repatriation matter. Choolokian sailed without the boys and without a six-

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Orphanage Case Reveals U. S.-Red Pact on Armenians

cern for the spiritual welfare of year-old girl who is in New York Foundling Hospital, another Catholic institution. He is now in Soviet Armenia.

THE INTER-GOVERNMENT exchange, released here coincident with its release to the U. S. State Department, reveals that the Soviet Embassy, over the U. S. State Department, from that it would make no objections to the departure of persons of Armenian origin from the U. S. to the Soviet Union, but at the same time would ask the Soviet Union to facilitate the departure of persons in Russia who claim U. S. citizenship or who have married U. S. citizens. No answer was received to this request.

The Mount Loretto authorities originally refused to turn over the children since Choolokian did not have the necessary clearance from the New York City Welfare Department, which had committed children to the institution. It was Choolokian's intention to take his wife and their children with him to his Armenian homeland within the Soviet Union. He had obtained the release of his wife from a King's County mental institution, where she had been under treatment since the birth of their last child. His oldest child, an 18-year-old girl, had refused to go with him and had disappeared.

ON THE MORNING of Choolokian's scheduled sailing a hearing was held before New York Supreme Court Justice J. Edward Lumbard with regard to the disposition of the Mount Loretto children. Since the two, and also the child in the New York Foundling Hospital, had required care because the father was an adjudged destitute, the question arose whether Choolokian could take care of the children if they were released.

The Armenian repatriate-to-be replied in the negative, but assured the court that the Soviet Government would assume responsibility for the children's welfare. A Mr. Fedotov of the Soviet Consulate in New York confirmed this. When questioned as to whether the children's welfare included spiritual matters in addition to food, clothing and shelter, Mr. Fedotov answered heatedly that this was no concern of the court.

The attorney for the Catholic institutions then sought, and was granted, a postponement of the hearing pending receipt of full information from the U. S. State Department on an "agreement" which the Soviet representative referred to. In the matter of the general repatriation of Armenians in the United States, Choolokian boarded his ship with his wife and two of his children immediately after the hearing.

Massachusetts Birth Control Law Asked

Boston — (FNS) — Petitions bearing the certified signatures of 80,190 Massachusetts voters were filed with the secretary of state calling for an amendment to the state law which will allow doctors to give child-spacing information to married women "for the protection of life or health."

The application will be taken up at the next session of the legislature in January. Mrs. Walter E. Campbell, president of the Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, said that "Massachusetts citizens are very evidently aroused by the situation which makes this petition necessary."

Date Book Of Catholic Groups

(Deadlines for all Date Book items in Tuesday of each week at 4 p. m.)

Friday, Dec. 11—Youth dance, Immaculate Conception auditorium. Joe Nolas, orchestra, 9-12.

Friday, Dec. 12—Youth Dance, Sacred Heart auditorium.

Friday, Dec. 13—Youth Dance, Sacred Heart auditorium. Al Johnson orchestra, 9-12.

Friday, Dec. 13—Dinner-dance party, Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of Columbus, Columbus Civic Centre, 8 p. m.

Monday, Dec. 15—Day of Recollection, Mercy of the Holy Spirit, Mass, 8 a. m.

Saturday, Dec. 13—Christmas party, St. Helen's parish, St. Theodore's hall, 8 p. m. to midnight.

Monday, Dec. 15—Meeting, St. Peter's Men's Club, church hall.

Monday, Dec. 15—Meeting, Good Shepherd Guild, Hotel Seneca, 8 p. m.

Tuesday, Dec. 16—Christmas party, Pro-Cathedral Auxiliary, 186, Knights of St. John, school hall, 6:30 p. m.

Tuesday, Dec. 16—Christmas party for St. Joseph's Villa boys, St. Mary Junior League, recreation building, 7:30 p. m.

Tuesday, Dec. 16—Christmas party, St. Monica's parish, 184, Knights of St. John, St. Monica's hall, chicken pie supper, 6:30 p. m.

Wednesday, Dec. 17—Christmas party, St. Peter's Altar Society, home of Mrs. Norman Peters.

Wednesday, Dec. 17—Christmas party, St. George's parish, 294, Knights of St. John, dinner at 6:30 p. m.

Thursday, Dec. 18—Christmas party, Holy Name Society, Blessed Sacrament auditorium, 8:15 p. m.

Thursday, Dec. 18—Dinner Catholic War Veterans, St. Augustine's hall, 6:30 p. m.

Thursday, Dec. 18—Christmas party, Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of Columbus, Columbus Civic Centre, 8 p. m.

Thursday, Dec. 18—Christmas party, St. Monica's Auxiliary, 184, Knights of St. John, St. Monica's hall, chicken pie supper, 6:30 p. m.

Thursday, Dec. 18—Youth dance, Our Lady of Good Counsel auditorium.

Sunday, Dec. 21—Children's Christmas party, Knights of Columbus, Columbus Civic Centre, 2:30 p. m.

Courier Plans Europe Relief

By special arrangement, The Catholic Courier & Journal has been asked to announce that anyone wishing to send clothes, foods, (particularly baby and baby's) to Europe may arrange to do so by writing to the European Relief Department, Catholic Courier & Journal, 15-21 5th Street, Rochester 4, N. Y.

The name, address and time when these items are to be picked up should be supplied in your letter. List only the names of those friends with whom you make specific arrangements so that needless calls will not be made.

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Aquinas Club Hears Talk on Patron

Christmas—About 40 members of the Aquinas Club were present at the regular bi-weekly meeting of the organization to hear a discussion of St. Thomas Aquinas. Charles Golder of the Catholic Free Academy Society led the discussion. Golder presented papers were the Masses Mary and Mary Love Lawrence and Thomas Golder.

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