

Rochester Navy Chaplain Assists British Victims Of Red Yangtze Attack

Fr. Cloonan On US Ship At Shanghai



FATHER CLOONAN

The Rev. Joseph Cloonan, former assistant at Holy Family Church, Rochester, and present chaplain of the USS Chilton, served as subdeacon at a funeral Mass in Shanghai for sailors killed last week in the Communist shelling of four British warships.

He also joined other priests in rendering spiritual assistance to the 100 seamen wounded in the pounding of British ships by Red guns along the Yangtze River above Shanghai, according to a radio dispatch from the Rev. Patrick O'Connor, China correspondent for the National Catholic Welfare Conference News Service.

(Newspaper dispatches stated Tuesday that the U. S. heavy fleet units — including the USS Chilton, which carries a Marine battalion — had moved out of the Shanghai waters toward a safer anchorage in the Yangtze estuary, to avoid American involvement in China's civil war.)

OTHER PRIESTS who aided British victims landed in Shanghai, according to Father O'Connor, were the Rev. John F. Maher, S.J., of San Francisco; the Rev. Joseph P. Manning of Pittsburgh, chaplain of the USS Flagship Eldorado; the Rev. James Hughes, missionary of the Society of St. Columban and the Rev. John McGoey, of the Scarborough Foreign Missions.

Father Cloonan was appointed a U. S. Navy chaplain last August. Son of Mrs. Catherine Cloonan, 815 Seward St., Rochester, he attended Immaculate Conception School before entering St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminary.

Ordained June 3, 1944, he was assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Spencerport, and St. Leo's Church, Hilton, until 1946, when he was transferred to the assistant pastorate at Holy Family Church.

ON GUARD

Federal Aid Catholic Schools The Opposition

By REV. P. J. FLYNN

The Catholic bid for recognition of their schools in federal aid to education legislation currently pending in Congress is aggressively opposed by a coalition of Protestant and professional groups.

INCLUDED IN this determined opposition bloc are such organizations as the National Education Association, the Parent Teachers Association, and most of the Protestant groups.

Only last week the Associated Church Press, comprising editors of Protestant church papers in the United States and Canada, but themselves unopposed, the editors could not find a single article in principle but opposed the appropriation of public funds for non-public schools on state and local as well as federal levels.

Specifically, the Protestant editors urged Congress to amend the pending Thomas anti-education bill "so as to make impossible under any circumstances the grant of federal funds for sectarian and parochial schools."

A similar statement issued in a bitter attack on the

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Poland's Hierarchy Protests Red Press Attack On Church

Jesuit Paper Backs Prelate In Dispute

New York—(RNS)—When Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston formally rebuked the four Roman Catholic laymen dismissed by Boston College for teaching "ideas leading to bigotry," the prelate had "no alternative but to condemn such effort."

This is the stand taken on the Boston "heresy" controversy in an editorial to appear in the April 30 issue of AMERICA, national Catholic weekly published by Jesuits here.

The teachers involved, Dr. Fakhr Maluf, Charles Ewasko, James R. Walsh and David D. Supple, charged the Jesuit operated college with heresy, basing their allegation on the assertion that the institution taught salvation is possible outside the Roman Catholic Church.

WHILE REBUKING the teachers, Archbishop Cushing also "silenced" the Rev. Leonard Feeney, S.J., director of St. Benedict's Center, Cambridge, Mass., who defended the teachers. Father Feeney was formerly literary editor of America.

The Archbishop said he had deprived the priest of his prerogatives because of "grave offenses against the general rules of the Catholic Church" and warned that any Catholic attending St. Benedict's Center faced the penalty of forfeiting "the right to receive the sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist."

AMERICA SAID these drastic actions of the Archbishop followed "recalcitrance" dating back ten years on the part of the St. Benedict's group.

"This group," the magazine said, "consisting of Catholic students at Harvard and several teachers and graduate students at Boston College, without ecclesiastical approval published a quarterly called From the House of the Living." It contended that persons dying outside the Church could not be saved.

America then outlined the "common teaching" of the Catholic Church on the question.

"SINCE THE Reformation the Church has been confronted with the circumstance that many souls who do not explicitly profess the Catholic

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Aid To Church Worker Backed

Washington—(NC)—The two-fold concern of the National Catholic Welfare Conference with regard to proposals to extend old age and survivors insurance benefits of the Social Security Act to employees of religious, charitable and educational organizations was set forth in a statement presented to the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives.

FROM THE VERY inception of the Social Security System, the House Committee was told, the National Catholic Welfare Conference has been concerned over the status of employees of religious organizations in relation to old age and survivors insurance and on many occasions has expressed its sincere desire to have the lay employees of these organizations covered under this program.

"It is a matter of simple justice," the statement continued, "that the employees of religious, charitable and educational institutions be placed on the same footing as other workers of similar age and survivors insurance. From the standpoint of employees it is imperative that the same benefits be provided. It is not good for the continued efficient operation of any such institution that its employees are strongly attracted to other employment. The Social Security Act provides a valuable and essential benefit to employees of religious and educational institutions.

Princess Visit To Pope Opposed



PRINCESS MARGARET ROSE

London—(NC)—Both the British Protestant Truth Society and the National Union of Protestants have sent protests to King George against the proposed visit of Princess Margaret Rose to His Holiness Pope Pius XII during her forthcoming four week tour of Italy.

The head of the Truth Society wrote to the King: "Naturally all of your subjects wish her every happiness on her journey, but we should like, and we know that we express the views of a very large section of the public, to do so only if your Majesty will give your permission for the visit to the Pope and inform the government and your Majesty's Ambassador in Rome that any arrangement for such a visit would not have your approval."

"Whilst an official visit might justify such a course of action, a private visit is in a different relationship. In view of the terms of our Protestant constitution, gained after a long, historic struggle against papal influence on the reigning house, many persons are anxious that the proposed visit should not materialize."

The message of the National Union of Protestants from Belfast has not been made available.

Princess Margaret left London by plane April 27. Chancellor Sir Stafford Cripps and Lady Cripps are also to see His Holiness during their forthcoming visit to Italy at the invitation of the Italian government.

Rome—(RNS)—Objections by British Protestant groups will not deter Princess Margaret from her anticipated meeting with Pope Pius XII when she tours Italy, the British Legation to the Holy See announced here.

Legation officials recalled that British royal personages have been received at the Vatican in the past, including the late King Edward VIII, who visited Pope Leo XIII, and the late King George V, who was accompanied by Queen Mary, on a visit to Pope Pius XI.

School Music Festival Set At Eastman On May 25th

A mammoth "Catholic School Music Festival," in which approximately 1,000 pupils from parochial and high schools in the Rochester area will participate, is scheduled for the Eastman on Wednesday evening, May 25. It was announced today by the Rev. Charles J. Mahoney, Ph. D., superintendent of the Diocesan Catholic Education Office.

Assisting Father Mahoney will be a committee including Sister M. Marza of RSM, and Sister M. Edvina of RSM, the Sisters of Mercy, Sister Rose Teresa, S.S.J. of Nazareth Academy, Sister Eugene, S.S.N.D. supervisor of schools for the School Sisters of Notre Dame, and Mr. Raymond Haenauer, M. C. M. director of music at Aquinas in the city.

Boycott Of Anti-Church Press Urged

Warsaw—(RNS)—A warning that "treason toward God will not build a better Poland" was sounded by the Polish Roman Catholic hierarchy in a joint pastoral letter which denounced the anti-Catholic campaign it said is being waged in the Communist-dominated press.

Moderate in tone yet written in forthright language, the pastoral was regarded in Catholic circles as a clear, if indirect, reply to a statement issued by the Communist government in March denouncing the Church for "provoking unrest" in the country.

The pastoral was signed by Adam Cardinal Sapieha, Archbishop of Cracow; Archbishop Stefan Wyspianski of Warsaw, Primate of Poland; and 22 archbishops, bishops, and apostolic administrators. It was read in churches throughout the nation.

ONE OF THE highlights of the letter was an admonition to Catholics to refrain from reading anti-Church newspapers, and to Catholic youth not to participate in "atheistic gatherings."

"Although problems do not cease to arise every day," the faithful were told, "we have nevertheless resolved up to the present time sharing with you our anxieties, for we hoped to surmount the greater part of these difficulties."

"However, when the situation of the Church became more and more grave, the accomplishment of our apostolic mission more difficult, and when blame was attributed solely to the Catholic hierarchy, we considered it indispensable to bear witness to the truth."

Denying that the Church has ever used its influence to injure Poland, the bishops asked: "Is belief in existence anyone who believes that the Church constitutes a power dangerous to Poland?"

PROCEEDING TO discuss the sacrifices made by the clergy during the war and their efforts on behalf of the people, the pastoral letter added, "It would be (continued on Page 6)

Polish Diplomat Blasts Red Rule

Ottawa—(NC)—W. A. Zbik has resigned as second secretary at the Polish Legation in Ottawa "because it is better to be a hungry cat than a well fed dog in chains."

The 35-year-old career diplomat is married and has a two-year-old daughter. His present action was planned from the time the Russians marched into Poland. He took the Ottawa post in 1946 and remained until now in order to perfect his English so that when he made the final break he would be in a position to seek employment in Canada.

HIS DECISION was hastened by word from Warsaw that he was soon to be posted back to Poland for duty as a counselor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. His resignation was mailed to the Polish Minister in Canada.

Announcing his decision to the Ottawa Journal, he said, "At last we are free." With the sovietization of Poland going on apace, it has become necessary for a person to become a member of the Communist party to survive, especially as a government official, he added.

In Poland he had served with the home army against the German and later with the Polish partisans when he reverted to the Polish diplomatic service after the war. He asked for a post abroad. He declared that in Poland the name of Canada is "synonymous with Paradise."

Catholic Education Convention:

TEACHERS ASK AID FOR ALL SCHOOLS

Oldest Area Priest, Msgr. Griffin, Dies

Corning—Solemn Funeral Services for the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James J. Griffin, V.F., pastor emeritus of St. Mary's Church, Corning, will be conducted tomorrow (Friday, April 29) here at St. Mary's.

Monsignor Griffin, oldest priest in the Diocese of Rochester and one of the oldest in New York state, died Tuesday, April 26, 1949 at the age of 93.

THE SOLEMN MASS of Requiem will be celebrated by the Rev. John A. Smith, who succeeded Monsignor Griffin as pastor of St. Mary's. Eulogy will be preached by the Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney, diocesan superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Rochester, and a native of Corning.

Vespers for the Dead were to be sung by priests of the diocese, tonight (Thursday) in St. Mary's Church, where the body of Monsignor Griffin was to lie in state.

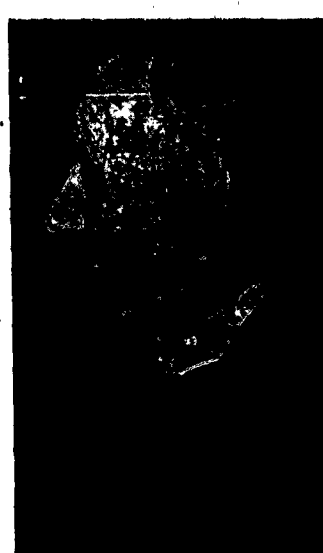
Following the Friday morning Requiem Mass the body will be taken to Elmira for burial in St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery.

DEATH OF THE aged priest removes the last link between the Diocese of Buffalo, of which the Corning Deanery was at one time a part, and the Diocese of Rochester. He was the last of 23 Buffalo priests who transferred to the Diocese of Rochester in 1897.

Born in West Almond, Feb. 2, 1856, the future Monsignor Griffin was the son of Patrick Griffin and Jane Holleran Griffin.

The young man made his complete course of studies for the Holy Priesthood at St. Bonaventure College and Seminary at Allegany, and was ordained by the late Bishop Stephen Vincent Ryan, June 21, 1882. He would have been 67 years a priest next June.

FOLLOWING his first appointment, at St. Mary's Church, Rexville, Father Griffin was assigned to the pastorate of St. Mary's,



MONSIGNOR GRIFFIN

Horseheads, where he served until March 1899. Next he was sent to Cuba and then to Bath, where he was in charge of St. Mary's Church for 12 years. Transferred to Waverly in September, 1907, he served 13 years and was appointed pastor of St. Mary's Church, Corning, Nov. 17, 1920.

The late Bishop John Francis O'Hara appointed Monsignor Griffin as Dean of the Corning Deanery in 1931. His Holiness Pope Pius XII elevated him to the rank of Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor on Feb. 15, 1932.

WITH BISHOP O'HARA present, Monsignor Griffin celebrated his golden sacerdotal jubilee in June 1932. Tribute to him was paid by the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter J. Lee, V.F., pastor of St. Francis' Church, Corning.

Father Griffin continued to discharge his parochial duties for eight years. In June, 1940, when he had reached the age of 84, he felt that, despite his general good health, this serious impairment of his sight made it impossible for him to continue his (Continued on Page 6)

Elmira Rally, Seminary Broadcast Set May Day

Catholics of the Rochester Diocese will join millions throughout the United States Sunday (May 1) in offering public prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary for the persecuted

peoples of Russia and Soviet-ruled lands and the salvation of all nations from the domination of godless communism.

A special broadcast of sacred music and prayer from the chapel of St. Bernard's Seminary

over WHAM, a public rally in Wisner Park, Elmira, for the recitation of the Rosary for Russia and a Holy Hour are planned as tributes to the Mother of God on the opening day of "Mary's Month."

THE NATIONAL May Day ceremonies mark the third annual religious observance promoted by the Christophers as a demonstration of faith and spiritual solidarity in the face of Communist aggression across the world.

Public rallies, church ceremonies, civic and religious processions are planned in nearly 200 communities to counteract Communist rallies always associated with May Day.

ST. BERNARD'S SEMINARY Choir, directed by the Rev. Charles J. McCarthy, will offer vocal tribute to the Blessed Virgin in a unique May Day program of sacred music from the Seminary Chapel at 12:10 p. m. on Station WHAM.

The 20 minute broadcast of five devotional hymns, commentary and prayers to unite listeners in petition to the Blessed Virgin will be produced by the Rev. Richard Torrey in place of his regular Courier Journal ed-

itorial commentary presented each Sunday at the same time.

Units of the Chemung County Catholic War Veterans, the Elmira Council Holy Name Union, Elmira Council Knights of Columbus and Fourth Degree Assembly will sponsor a prayer rally in Wisner Park in downtown Elmira at 4 p. m. on Sunday.

RT. REV. MSGR. William J. Brien, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, will lead a public recitation of the Rosary, dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima for the conversion of Russia. Children of St. Anthony's School Choir will sing. Station WZLW will broadcast the whole ceremony with the Rev. Leo J. Schwab as commentator.

In New York about 50,000 persons are expected to throng the Polo Grounds for a patriotic religious service in protest against the persecution of religion and the imprisonment of the million leaders, sponsored by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

Archbishop Spellman will broadcast the whole ceremony with the Rev. Leo J. Schwab as commentator.

Removal of Sex Film

Appleton, Wis.—(RNS)—The Appleton board of education has rescinded its action approving the showing of the motion picture entitled "Human Reproduction" in high school classes following protests from a group of local clergymen.

Roman Catholic and Lutheran pastors protested against the use of the film in high school biology classes on the ground that the subject should rightfully be taught in the home and by the church.

Superintendent John P. Moran told the board of education, "Although I disagree with what they think, I respect what they think."

Claim School Aid Basis Is 'Public Good'

Philadelphia—(RNS)—Federal aid should be "granted equitably to all schools which serve the public good," it was resolved here by nearly 3,000 teachers attending the 46th annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association.

In other actions, the association voted support of President Truman's "will to peace" and denounced those groups attacking Roman Catholic schools as attempting to arouse "group tensions" in this country.

Unless federal aid is granted equitably, the educators said, the survival of private and church-related education will be imperilled by the favored position and virtual monopoly of public education.

"AM MORE IS demanded of education in the complex society in which we live," the resolution said, "more will be asked of the Federal government for the support of educational institutions."

"We recognize the fact that the Federal government may no longer isolate itself from education and that its help will be increasingly required. But we hold to the principle that federal aid should be granted equitably to all schools which serve the public good."

The resolution attacking attempts to amend "diversity" and "no-aid" laws was adopted by a vote of 2,800 to 100.

"We reject" the resolution passed on "that essential slogan of 'diversity' and 'secularism' impugning the Americanism of Catholic schools have been exploited by individuals and organizations attempting to arouse group sentiment in our democratic country."

"Far from being 'divisive' or 'sectarian,' Catholic schools in most communities have joined public schools in many cooperative public services. This partnership, with due regard for the diversity of the ultimate purposes of Catholic and public education, represents and strengthens the traditional spirit of mutual helpfulness that should be characteristic of a truly democratic school system."

"THE REALLY divisive groups," the educators said, "are those trying to destroy this partnership."

Turning world leadership to the role of the United States and "spiritual world leadership" to the role of American Catholics, the Association pledged to Pope Pius XII to devote themselves to "training for such leadership by the sanctification of men through Catholic education."

Pope Urges Pictures In Catholic Press

Cleveland—(CIP)—Bishop James A. McFadden of Youngstown, Ohio, who has just returned from his "Ad Limina" visit to Rome, stated that the Holy Father showed great interest in a copy of the diocesan Catholic weekly of Youngstown, "The Catholic Exponent," which the Bishop presented to him and that he expressed gratification at the number of pictures used.

The Pope emphasized the value of pictures, especially those depicting Catholic Action in action," Bishop McFadden stated.

"You can't put in too many pictures," the Holy Father said. "And they should be pictures of Catholic Action in practice, pictures of actual occurrences, not just symbols."

The same message which appeared in a book which from Thomas' Convention, "All I can say is that I disagree with what they think, I respect what they think."