

North Koreans Enjoyed Brief Freedom; Communist Asia Strategy Needs Korea

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR
The hours of sunshine for the Catholics of North Korea were dark. The onrush of Red Chinese military might brought back the dark clouds of threatening oppression which had evaporated only a few months before.

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Detroit — Red Chinese intervention in Korea would not have been averted by halting the United Nations forces at the 38th parallel in their advance northwards in the opinion of a China missionary who spent 13 years under Red rule in Hopen province.

Catholic Drive For Needy Nets Five Million Pounds

New York — (NC) — The nation-wide Thanksgiving clothing collection for the destitute of Korea, Europe and the Near East netted 5,000,000 pounds of wearing apparel, blankets and similar relief articles, it has been estimated by Magr. Edward E. Swannstrom, executive director of War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference, which sponsored the campaign.

More than 1,000,000 pounds already are in the Long Island warehouse of WRS—N.C.W.C. Monsignor Swannstrom said, "and the clothing now stored in salvage depots in San Francisco, Chicago, Seattle and other cities brings the relief materials now on hand to 3,000,000 pounds, with lots of clothing still pouring in."

Archbishop Francis P. Keough of Baltimore, chairman of the N.C.W.C. Administrative Board, touched off the campaign with a letter to all members of the hierarchy in the United States, inviting them to participate in the drive. The Archbishop was motivated by an appeal from the United Command of the United Nations in Korea.

Monsignor Swannstrom said that two shipments of clothing, blankets and other materials already have been shipped to Korea through Army facilities to aid the estimated 2,000,000 made homeless by the war. He said that other shipments now are on the seas bound for Trieste, Haifa, La Havre and Beirut.

Labor Group Spurs Chain Stores Closing On Sundays

Chicago — (NC) — A campaign launched by the Catholic Labor Alliance has led leading Chicago area chain stores to close on Sundays, beginning this month.

Last January a front-page editorial in the alliance's publication, Work, started a drive to give employees of food markets a day of rest. The editorial stirred up interest from Denver to Philadelphia. Unions, retail grocer associations and food magazines all took up the cry.

Cardinal Griffin Ordered To Rest

London — (NC) — His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, who has been in poor health for some time, is resting in the country, on the order of doctors.

The Cardinal, who is 51, sent a message regretting his inability to fulfill his engagement to preside at the annual general meeting in London of the Council of Christians and Jews.

Medal of Merit



Veteran of 15 years in the missions of Korea, the Rev. Francis Woods (above), an Irish priest of the Society of St. Columban, has been awarded the U. S. Army's highest award to a civilian, the Medal of Merit, for outstanding services to the front-line troops in Korea. Fought out of his parish by the invading armies, he was "adopted" by the 2nd Battalion, 23d Infantry Regiment, when they landed at Pusan last August. Since then he has acted as interpreter, helped the sick and wounded and carried on his priestly work.

Tito, Seeking U.S. Aid for Yugoslavia, Continues Red Terror Against Church

By J. J. GILBERT
Washington — (NC) — Marshall Tito has shown considerable check financial aid from the United States at this time, but in the way he has gone about it. Tito needs outside help and that means from the United States, to survive a very serious threat to his communist regime. He has looked for all the world like one dictator who could well be afraid that his days were numbered. And yet, all along, he has conducted himself as though he had the United States "over a barrel."

By G. R. BRUNST
Vatican City — (NC) — As it has done repeatedly in recent weeks, Observatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper, again has emphasized editorially that Yugoslavia continues its anti-religious propaganda without sign of abatement.



MARSHAL TITO

NOW IT IS coming to public attention that the man he sent to this country to negotiate for the bow is one of the most notorious persecutors of religion in the communist regime of Yugoslavia. He is the man, it is reported, who even before the trial of Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac of Zagreb was begun, expressed disgust that the Tito regime would not afford to put the heroic churchman to death, but would have to be content with sending him to prison.

This enmity is heightened by the fact that four years ago, when the trial of Archbishop Stepinac was in progress, the Acting Secretary of State of the United States said this country was deeply concerned and worried by it. The American official said "the actual conduct of the trial left a great deal to be desired," and that "we have for a long time been concerned about civil liberties in Yugoslavia."

Now, when Yugoslavia's dictator comes to the United States for a life-saving loan, in more ways than one, the man who was Acting Secretary of State four years ago is now Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

There is an argument that has a real appeal to Americans, however. It is the claim that many of Yugoslavia's people face hunger and suffering. This is something

no American likes, no matter what the cause Tito claims the condition is the result of a drought. There are those who say his communistic policies, including collectivization of the farms, has had a lot to do with it. But no matter, now. The American people stand ready—as they always do—to play their full part in alleviating human suffering in Yugoslavia.

AT THE SAME time, Americans do feel that they are not asking too much when they call on Marshal Tito himself to alleviate some of the suffering in his own country. They refer to the spiritual suffering under which the people of Yugoslavia labor at the hands of the Tito regime. Marshal Tito may not be able to relieve the physical want of his people without outside help, but we can relieve their spiritual torture entirely by his own action.

And make no mistake about it. There is a real grinding persecution of religion in progress in Yugoslavia. When Bishop Michael J. Ready of Columbus returned from Europe a few days ago he brought "the indisputable facts of the continual and cruel persecution of the Church in Yugoslavia."

The truth is that Yugoslavia, however removed it may be from Cominform obedience, remains faithful to Communist ideology, and the touchstone of that loyalty is furnished by the anti-religious hatred which inspires the publicists of the Belgrade government," the editorial says, pointing out that press utterances under a regime that strictly controls the press are highly significant.

OBSERVATORE AGAIN argues against those who pretend to believe that the problem of church-state relations in Yugoslavia arises solely from the condemnation and imprisonment of Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac of Zagreb, saying "To those looking at the heart of the matter it is clear that the sad case of Archbishop Stepinac is merely the effect of far more general causes."

As examples of the recent anti-religious campaign of the Belgrade press, Observatore cites the attack on the Archbishop of Gorizia whose presence at the Trieste celebrations allegedly shows that Italian "imperialism" has the Pope's blessing and the bitter attack on the Holy Father in connection with the proclamation of the dogma of the Assumption.

These press campaigns are merely external signs of a persecution which is more or less veiled under legalistic forms," the Observatore concludes. "In prisons, concentration camps, in distressing daily life, our brothers experience this persecution in its harder aspects. To take note of this is a moral duty and a homage to truth."

Papal Countess Donates To College

Amarillo, Tex. (NC) — Mrs. Katherine E. Price, Papal Countess from Greenwich, Conn., has sent a check for \$30,000 to Bishop Laurence J. Fitzsimon of Amarillo for the building fund of Price College, here.

Decorated Chaplain Reported Missing

Wichita, Kan. — (NC) — A letter informing Bishop Mark E. Carroll of Wichita that the Rev. Emil J. Kapaun, a chaplain with the First Cavalry Division in Korea, has been missing in action since November 2, was published by the Advance Register, official organ of this diocese.

The letter, signed by Bishop James H. Griffiths, Chancellor of the Military Ordinariate in New York, states a cable from Far Eastern Headquarters at Tokyo informed the Military Ordinariate "that a prisoner of war who returned to our lines reported that a chaplain held services while the returned soldiers were a prisoner of war. It was thought that the chaplain may be Father Kapaun."

Father Kapaun was awarded the Bronze Star in September for carrying a wounded soldier to safety under intense machine gun fire when no litter was available.



Abp. Stepinac Jean Acheson

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WATCH YOUR LOCAL TV PROGRAM FOR OUR NEW FILM, "THE HOLY LAND," OUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOU

WHO GIVES TO THE POOR, MAKES A LOAN TO GOD

This quotation on the inside of our THREE-COLOR GIFT CARD sets the tone of the present you give to God's mission in honor of one or more of your loved ones. How proud they will be on Christmas morn to read that in their name you have made the future brighter for children whose names are on one of our schools in Egypt. The card can say you've given \$25 or \$50 for the children's education or that you've placed your dear one's name on one of the following memorials which will provide religious inspiration for the lives of such Catholics of future years:

Mats Kit	\$100	Crosses	\$25	Stations	\$25
Alter	75	Stoles	30	Center. Boat	20
Medical Kit	75	Chalice	40	Candle Supply	20
Festivals	50	Ciborium	40	Sac. Lamp	15
Confessional	50	Tobacco	25	Alter Linens	15
Monstrance	40	Mess Book	25	Sacristy Bell	5

PERHAPS AT CHRISTMAS YOU'D RATHER HELP THE "CRIB" AT BETHLEHEM

A name given to a Foundling Hospital where the Sisters of Charity maintain for abandoned babies in the town where Jesus was born \$20 would help a tiny fellow townsman of the Divine Infant get his chance at a healthy, holy and happy life.

OR—THE WORKING PEOPLE OF SECCA
in Lebanon, who are striving mightily to enlarge their Church and School. One tiny room is now serving for Mass on Sunday and weekday class for 50 youngsters. Their Bishop has bought the ground and their savings have paid for the foundations. \$2,000 is needed. It could come as a single memorial or in \$10 gifts from 200 of our friends.

OR—BROTHER CHRISTMAS BECOME FATHER CHRISTMAS
"Natalie" is his name in religion and it really means "Birthday of the Lord." He's a young seminarian from Asmara, Eritrea, and he needs \$100 a year for 6 years to pay his expenses towards the priesthood at the Seraphic Seminary at Gaggret in Eritrea, East Africa.

OR—THE EMPTY STOCKING CLUB
meaning of course our poor Palestinian refugees driven from home by the ravages of war. \$10 will put a food package in the stocking some family will hang this Christmas by a cold fireplace.

OR—GIVE MASSES FOR MOTHER AND DAD!
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