

Heroic Nagasaki Doctor Dies; Called 'Martyr To Science'

By Rev. Patrick J. O'Connor
Tokyo — (NC) — A death toll was probably mounting as the Japanese government reported the death of Dr. Paul Nagai of Nagasaki, a physician, writer and martyr.

Dr. Nagai's death occurred during World War II when, because of his city of civilian status, he was working himself as a volunteer in the work of the medical science by assisting in them while treating patients.

He was a member of the staff of a hospital near Urakami, a Catholic settlement outside of Nagasaki, the site of the world's second atomic bomb explosion. He apparently suffered further injuries as a result of this bomb blast.

Returning to his home in the final morning of the war, Dr. Nagai found his wife, the former Marie Madori, whom he had married in 1924, dead in his bomb-blasted home. His children, a son aged 10 and a daughter, 7, survived. The children had been visiting elsewhere while the bomb took a toll of 400,000 lives in Nagasaki.

Since 1945 Dr. Nagai has been dying by inches but the past five years have been his greatest and most fruitful work. From his bed he has written books, all of them in English, on religion and charity, Japan's most industrial, spokesman of the Catholic spirit in the postwar years, he has attained national and even world-wide renown with his books, one of which was entitled "The Bells of Nagasaki" and another "The Rosary."

Dr. Nagai was a convert and his wife's conversion was one of the old Catholic families who had the faith there for centuries. The Nagasaki Martyrs are in Church history. But in his book the marvelous spirit of Nagasaki Catholics and its best expression.

I saw Dr. Nagai twice. The first time was when he was out-

Asked Blessed Virgin's Help

Tokyo — (NC) — Bishop Paul Yamaguchi of Nagasaki said in a telephone interview that Dr. Paul Nagai entered the hospital where he had formerly taught.

He died a beautiful death on the evening of the same day after invoking the Blessed Virgin. The Bishop said that Dr. Nagai was a great devotion to the whole disease. The death is a great loss to the Church in Japan. Nagasaki arranged a municipal funeral for him.

ried from his little house to the rectory beside the new church at Urakami, where His Eminence Norman Thomas Cardinal Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney, Australia, then Papal Legate to the St. Francis Xavier centennial celebrations, talked with him and blessed him in June of 1949.

Later the same year, I visited the dying man in his one-room shack, where he lay on a Japanese quilt spread on the floor.

He spoke cheerfully, without even a trace of self-pity or pose. Replying to my questions, he said he had received letters from all over Japan, and from persons spiritually drifting who had been stirred with wistful hope by reading his books.

Guadalcanal Chaplain With Marines In Korea

By Rev. Patrick O'Connor

With the 1st Marine Division in Korea — (NC) — Though the movie based on the book, "Father," said, "What did you think of the way you were presented?"

"I didn't see it," answered Father Kelly with a grin. "I was overseas at the time."

He could not say who played the part. "It was Errol Flynn," volunteered a young Marine. "He did it well, too."

Father Kelly, an alumnus of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook, Pa., was ordained in 1937 and joined the Navy as a chaplain three months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

War Reporter Now Studying For Priesthood

Washington — (NC) — William H. McDougall Jr., former United Press war correspondent, author, and Nieman Fellow who attributes his survival of the 1942 battle of Java to a "private miracle," is studying for the priesthood at the Theological College of the Catholic University of America here.

Mr. McDougall's wartime experiences, which he recounted in two books, "Six Bells Off Java" and "By Eastern Windows," played a major share in his decision to become a priest. He is the only survivor of the six correspondents who stayed to cover the battle of Java.

IN "SIX BELLS OFF JAVA" Mr. McDougall described the "private miracle" by which he survived the last ship out of Java. Only three lifeboats stayed afloat when the bombing by the Japanese of the ship carrying 2-40 passengers and crewmen sank. The United Press correspondent spent hours in the water before he finally was fortunate enough to get into one of the lifeboats. He wrote that for the first time he realized what prayer really is.

"The waiting Ramper certainly alters one's sense of values," his account in "Six Bells Off Java" says. "At the end only two things concern a man: his family and his God."

THE LIFEBOAT took Mr. McDougall to Sumatra, where he remained for the remainder of the war in various jails and prison camps. On his return to the States after the war he received a Nieman Fellowship, a special scholarship for university which is awarded to outstanding working newspapermen.

After completing the year at Harvard he worked in the Washington bureau of United Press until he resigned to prepare for the seminary.

Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, he received an A.B. degree from the University of Portland in Oregon in 1931. After five years of reporting in the U.S., he went to Tokyo to work on the English-language Japanese Times. In 1940 he joined United Press in Shanghai. After the Japanese took over Pearl Harbor Mr. McDougall escaped to Free China, and was reassigned by U.P. to cover the war in the Dutch East Indies.

Brave Navy Flier Attended Daily Mass During Korean War

Washington — (NC) — He attended daily Mass while serving with a naval air squadron attached to the carrier U.S.S. Leyte in Korean waters. He also attended to his soldierly business with heroic thoroughness beyond the call of duty and now wears the Congressional Medal of Honor.

This is the story that has followed 26-year-old Lieut. (JG) Thomas Hudner now serving with the same carrier on the Atlantic seaboard after a tour of duty over Korea.

RECENTLY HE WAS awarded the Congressional Medal for conspicuous gallantry when, "at the risk of his life and over and beyond the call of duty," the Catholic air hero attempted to save the life of a crashed Negro flier, Jesse Brown, last December 4 behind the enemy lines in the Chosin Reservoir area.

Lieutenant Hudner was personally decorated with the medal by President Truman at the White House. His parents are Thomas J. and Mary B. Hudner of Fall River, Mass.

"There has been no finer act of heroism in military history," Capt. T. U. Mason, then commander of the U.S.S. Leyte, said of Lieutenant Hudner's courageous but vain attempt, with scant hope of survival for himself, to save his fellow flier's life after the latter cracked up in the snow in sub-zero weather in sight of the enemy.

THE CONGRESSIONAL Medal citation for Lieutenant Hudner read:

other squadron flier whose plane, struck by anti-aircraft fire and trailing smoke, was forced down behind the enemy lines in the Chosin Reservoir area of Korea on 4 December 1950.

"Quickly maneuvering to circle the downed pilot and protect him from enemy troops infesting the area, Lieutenant Hudner risked his life to save the injured flier who was trapped alive in the burning wreckage. Fully aware of the extreme danger of landing in this rough, mountainous terrain, and the scant hope of escape or survival in sub-zero temperatures, he put his plane down skillfully in a deliberate wheeling landing in the presence of enemy troops. With his bare hands he packed the fuselage of the burning plane with snow to keep the flames from the pilot and struggled to pull him free.

"UNSUCCESSFUL IN this, he returned to his aircraft and radioed other airborne planes, requesting that a helicopter be dispatched with axe and fire-extinguisher. He then remained on the spot despite continuing danger from enemy action, and, with the assistance of a rescue pilot, renewed the desperate but unavailing battle against time, cold and flames.

"Hudner's exceptionally valiant action and selfless devotion to a shipmate sustained and enhanced the highest tradition of the U.S. naval service."

Flier Brown died in the wrecked flaming plane.



Recipient of the U. S. Navy's first Congressional Medal of Honor awarded for service in the Korean war is 26-year-old Lieut. (JG) Thomas Hudner (above), of Fall River, Mass., who risked his life in an attempt to rescue a fellow airman, Negro flier Ensign Jesse Brown, who was downed behind enemy lines in the Chosin Reservoir area. The medal was personally conferred on Lieut. Hudner by President Truman at the White House recently.

Workers March In Pilgrimage For Holy Year

Brooklyn, N. Y. — (NC) — In a snowballing Holy Year pilgrimage more than 4,000 workers from downtown Brooklyn offices, department stores and factories marched 2 1/2 miles to visit the four designated jubilee churches here after completing their day's labors.

Hundreds of persons, on sighting the pilgrimage, swelled the original ranks of the pilgrims on the long route over cobblestones and trolley tracks. Even non-Catholics approached the marchers and asked if they might join too. The pilgrims recited the Rosary and sang hymns between churches. From windows along the route men in shirt sleeves and women in house dresses leaned out, Rosaries in hand.

LESS THAN half the pilgrims could squeeze into St. Paul's Church, first of the jubilee churches visited. Outside on the street, standing 15 deep, the rest of the group recited prayers with three of the priests who took part in the pilgrimage.

At least one department store owner, not a Catholic himself, provided a supper for his Catholic workers planning to make the Holy Year visits. Many firms permitted employees to leave early to be at the Borough Hall starting place at 6:15 p.m.

SUGGESTION for the pilgrimage was first made by a group of workers for the Consolidated Edison Company. They approached the Rev. Raymond J. Newfield of St. Boniface Church, who became the pilgrimage's spiritual director. Each company, office or store organized a committee of its own to plan participation.

Two weeks before the pilgrimage the number of pilgrims was not expected to exceed 1,000. Three thousand appeared at the starting place, others joining later. Police counted the total participating as over 5,000 just prior to the pilgrims' entry into St. James Pro-Cathedral. The pilgrimage took two hours.

British Catholics Ready Welcome

London — (NC) — His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, told British Catholics to give a really big hand to their fellow-religionists visiting the country this summer for the Festival of Britain.

"Do all you can to show them that the Catholic Church in this country is full of life and anxious to show true hospitality to their fellow Catholics throughout the world," the Cardinal said.

The nation's 3,000,000 Catholics under a special committee named by the Hierarchy, have already drawn up a program of religious ceremony and pageantry, of music and drama.

Ogden Reid Estate Site For Manhattanville College

New York — (NC) — The first step in the \$14,000,000 building program of Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart at Purchase, N. Y., was taken by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, who officiated at ground-breaking ceremonies last week for a new dormitory.

CIVIC LEADERS, the student body, parents and friends took part in the exercise on the 250-acre estate which was formerly part of the property of the late Ogden Reid, editor and publisher of The New York Herald Tribune. The property was purchased by Manhattanville following a transaction in which the College of the City of New York acquired Manhattanville's property in this city.

The building plans, drawn by Eggers and Higgins, provide for an academic building, two dormitories, dining hall, library, chapel, auditorium, and gymnasium. Ophir Hall, the former Reid mansion, will be used as an administrative building after extensive alterations are made.

Teaching Nuns To Attend Sight Class

Washington, D.C. — (NC) — Nuns from more than 25 dioceses have enrolled in this year's Institute for the Preparation of Teachers of Sight Saving Classes and Teachers of Braille Classes, as was announced by the Rev. William F. Jenks, C.S.S.R., director of the Institute.

These special classes, to save whatever sight a child has and thus to prevent blindness, will be held from July 2 to August 11 at Catholic University here.

Red Polish Press Attacks Nuncio

Fribourg, Switzerland — (NC) — Archbishop Aloisius J. Muench, Bishop of Fargo and Apostolic Nuncio to Germany, has become the target of bitter attacks in the communist-controlled Polish press.



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