

Wounded Chaplain Missing; Gave Up Place In Evacuation Plane To Soldier

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR
With The 7th Division in Korea — One of the heroic men whom the Rev. (Lt. Col.) Maurice E. Powers, C.S.C., will always remember from his 11 months in Korea, is a fellow-priest, the Rev. Laurence Brunner, missing in action since last November.

At Seventh Division forward headquarters—a cluster of tents in a Korean field—Father Powers went back over the ten tremendous days before Father Larry Brunner was seen for the last time.

"HE PHONED me from the Chosin reservoir on Sunday, November 19, asking for emergency supplies," Father Powers said. "He said he'd seen Chaplain Jim Connors, the Episcopal chaplain with the 31st Infantry Regiment, bringing in wounded across the ice. Father Brunner was with the 3rd battalion, 32nd Infantry."

Father Powers, a former Notre Dame University athlete from Los Angeles, was division chaplain.

"I called back to the rear," he continued, "and asked them to send the supplies. Next day Father Larry called to say they'd got them. He told me he had Mass supplies for two weeks."

On Tuesday, I tried to go up to the reservoir, but was stopped by a communist roadblock. "ON WEDNESDAY I got a phone call through to the battalion, but Father Larry wasn't at the CP (command post). They told me he was out at the clearing station with the wounded. That night I received a phone message saying that he was working at the air strip where they were evacuating the wounded."

This improvised air strip was on the east side of the reservoir. The Marines were on the other side.

"Next day I couldn't get through by phone to the 31st or 32nd," Father Powers went on. "They were fighting their way out."

"WE WERE ordered to withdraw over the mountain pass to Pukchong and after that back to Namhung. I made another attempt to go up to the reservoir and failed."

"After we had reached Namhung, I stood for hours at the check point ten miles north of the town, meeting the men coming down from the reservoir. The temperature was three below zero. I remember Father Martin Boehm coming in, with snow around his hips from exposure. He hadn't seen Father

to give, and he gave it." FOUR NON-CATHOLIC soldiers spoke of the "wonderful chaplain—a square-jawed little man," whose name they did not know.

Soldiers and medics said that he had spent his reserve of energy helping the wounded during those indescribable days.

"When he gave us his blessing and walked away from the plane, I cried," Sergeant James, a non-Catholic, told Father Powers.

Since that day no American is known to have seen Father Brunner. But Father Powers reminds you that God never loses sight of men like this square-jawed little priest, who turned from the plane he might have boarded and limped away across the snow, to join the Missing in Action.

Archdiocese Of Washington Launches Own Newspaper

Washington (NC) — The 3½ year old Archdiocese of Washington will have its own separate newspaper with the first issue of a 24 page tabloid, The Catholic Standard, on November 2.

This was announced here by Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle who was installed as the first head of the Washington Archdiocese early in 1948. Until that time Washington had been part of the Baltimore Archdiocese. After the new Archdiocese was established a Washington edition of the Catholic Review, Baltimore Archdiocesan newspaper, continued to serve the separate Washington area.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF of the new paper will be the Rev. Philip M. Hannan, vice chancellor of the Archdiocese and a former parish priest. He is a Washington native.

Clarence M. Zens, a former staff writer for the N.W. News Service will leave the N.W. Information Bureau to become managing editor of The Catholic Standard. A native of Rome, Wis., Mr. Zens is a graduate of the Marquette University College of Journalism. He has written articles for America and other Catholic periodicals.

The Standard will be a member of Our Sunday Visitor chain of weeklies, and will be printed at the Visitor's plant in Huntington, Ind.

Father Hannan, the news editor

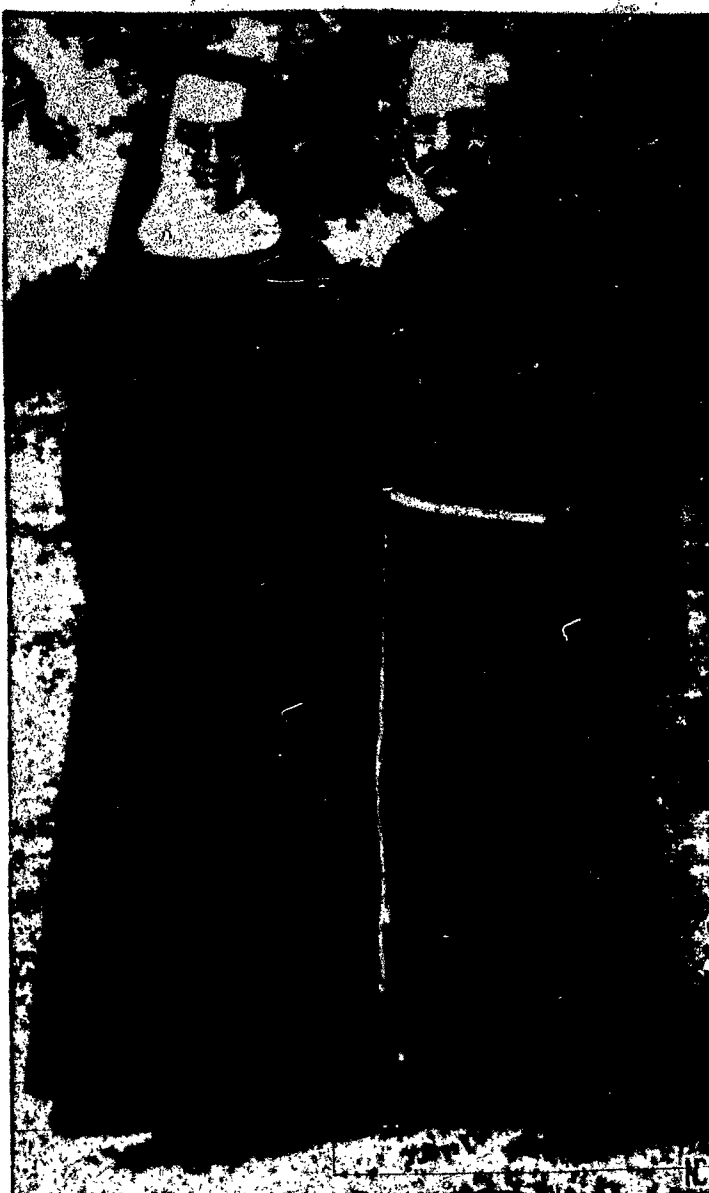
in-chief, founded a publication at the North American College in Rome. He studied in Rome at the Gregorian University, and received his doctorate in canon law at the Catholic University of America. Ordained in 1939, he served as an Army chaplain with the 82nd Airborne Division in World War II. He has written articles for The Sign, Columbia, and America.

Pontiff Honors Legal Aide To Japan Catholics

Tokyo (NC) — Lawrence Gosen, head of the legal section of the National Catholic Committee, has been named a Knight of St. Gregory by His Holiness Pope Pius XII. This honor follows closely upon the reception of the medal Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice conferred upon Mr. Gosen in the name of the Holy Father on August 13 by Archbishop Maximilian de Furstenberg, Apostolic Delegate to Japan.

Mr. Gosen, a convert, was also honored by the entire hierarchy of Japan at their last meeting in April for the work he has done in solving the legal problems connected with the Church's religious, educational and social work.

FATHER AND DAUGHTER



John Ceboli, 66-year-old former insurance man, now known as Brother Bernard, who will take the simple vows of a Franciscan Brother at St. Anthony Novitiate, Angola, Ind., on September 16. With him is his daughter, Catherine, who on August 24 professed vows as Sister Maureen with the Benedictines at Villa Madonna, Covington, Ky. Mrs. Ceboli died in 1944.

Cadet Bids To Notre Dame Rise To 39

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — The number of former West Point cadets who have applied for admission to the University of Notre Dame has risen to 39, approximately 45 per cent of the 86 cadets expelled for violating the U.S. Military Academy's honor code in exams. An anonymous benefactor offered to pay expenses of needy cadets with a proviso that they not engage in any varsity sport.

Jailed Cardinal Seriously Ill

Vladivostok — (RNS) — Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, imprisoned Primate of Communist Hungary, is seriously ill and has been transferred to the Tatra mountains in Czechoslovakia for a cure. The Neue Wiener Tagesschau, Vienna daily, reported.

It said he is being treated by Soviet physicians at a solitary resort surrounded by security police guards.

Catholic Physician Guild Maps Parochial School Health Study

New Orleans — (NC) — A Committee of the Catholic Health Program and the National Catholic School Health Study, headed by Dr. Henry C. Rosen, archdiocesan superintendent of schools, have worked out a plan which calls for a standard school health record to be begun for each pupil.

Plans for the health program stemmed from a meeting of the Catholic Physicians Guild of New Orleans last spring.

The city will be divided into 11 zones of four or five schools each, with a physician at the

head of each zone. He will have authority to select the services of other physicians, dentists and lay personnel. The School of Medicine, University of Louisiana at New Orleans, will assist, and lay personnel will be drawn from mothers' clubs that are in the Council of Catholic School Cooperative Clubs.

Goal for the first year will be a complete physical examination of all children in the first grade, for which more than 40 physicians have volunteered their assistance.

Catholic Rural Life Group Slates Boston Convention

Boston — (NC) — Two blocks from the oldest public "cow pasture and training field" in the United States, historic Boston Common, the National Catholic Rural Life Conference will welcome delegates from every part of the nation to its annual convention here October 18-23.

U. S. Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois and Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Auxiliary of New York, and national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith have accepted invitations to address the convention.

ARCHBISHOP RICHARD J. Cushing of Boston, convention host, announced that the convention sessions at the Hotel Bradford would include more than 30 exhibits of various firms dealing in agricultural and related products. Authorities from government offices and leading educators in conservation of natural resources will be invited to address the delegates at the three-day public sessions.

On October 20, Educators Day, panels and discussion groups will be featured for college professors and high school teachers attending the convention from the six New England States. The subject matter will treat economics, sociology, agricultural chemistry, agricultural engineering, botany, biology and the home making arts.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, will permit time for delegates to visit the historic sites in old Boston and tour educational institutions in the area.

Mission Day on Monday will provide lectures and demonstrations on improved agricultural

techniques which will prove beneficial to people in mission lands. More than 500 priests and nuns representing 40 religious orders of men and women with affiliations in the field will attend these special sessions. Bishop Sheen will be the featured speaker on Mission Day.

The concluding day of the convention will be directed toward youth and will interest selected student representatives from agricultural schools and New England colleges as well as those whose interest follows specialized courses pertaining to rural living.

Mrs. Loretta Ligutti, national director of the Catholic Rural Life Conference, who has recently returned from the international agricultural meeting in Rome, will direct the various sessions and address the delegates.

Free Polish Army Activation Urged

Glasgow — (NC) — A plea for the immediate reactivation of the Western European of the Polish Armed Forces under Polish leadership, was made by John J. Campbell, President of the Scottish Polish Society, on the occasion of the 32nd anniversary of the invasion of Poland by Germany.

The appeal, contained in a letter to the British and American press, asserts that a Polish army in Europe would constitute a "blazing beacon" to "lighten the gloom which envelops and stifles the lives of our brothers behind the Iron Curtain."

Metal 'Freeze' To Continue For Churches

Washington (NC) — The present 30-day "freeze" on allocation of critical materials for new non-residential construction, including schools, hospitals and churches, will be extended at least to January 1, 1952, Government officials here believe.

Only a negligible amount of steel is available for construction of schools after September 30 when the current "freeze" is scheduled to end, and no steel will be available for new churches after that date.

HOSPITALS FACE higher prospects for the remainder of 1951, however. Requests for allocations for approximately 75 "new starts" during the fourth quarter are on file with the Federal Security Agency and indications are that most of these will be granted.

In addition, "freeze" regulations have been modified for hospitals. Allocations were made to other types of construction only when building was actually underway at the "freeze" cutoff date. But hospitals were allowed to begin construction after the cutoff date provided only that a previous Government permit to build had been granted.

"FREEZE" PROVISIONS for allocation of critically short materials to new non-residential construction requiring more than two tons of steel or 200 pounds of copper in any quarter. But even when an indication has been given that supplies may be available, the actual time will be shortened.

Criteria under which releases may get emergency attention are being prepared and will be released shortly.

Memorial Mass. Philadelphia — (NC) — A Memorial Mass for the late John McCormack, famed singer and musical artist, will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church here on Sept. 17.

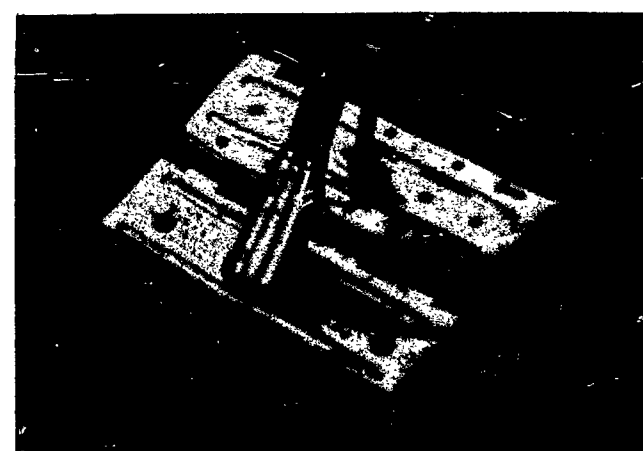


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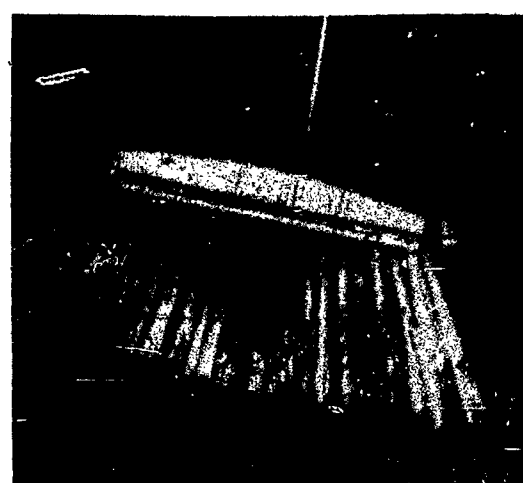
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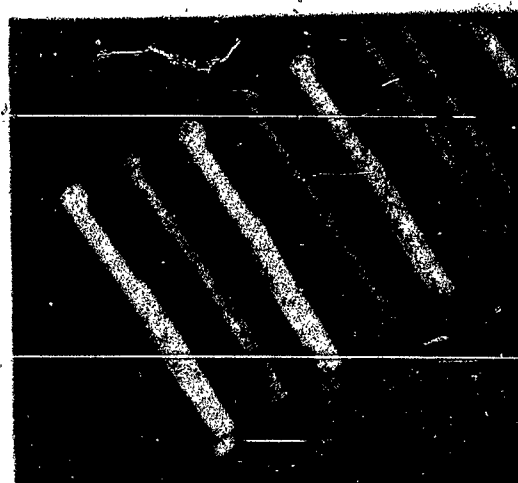
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