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## Church Right To Cenacle Set Forth

Jerusalem — (NC) — The Very Rev. Giacinto Faccio, O.F.M., Custos of the Holy Land, has reaffirmed the Church's claim to the Cenacle, the Last Supper Room, on Mount Zion in Jerusalem.

The renewed claim was made by Father Faccio in a circular letter sent to members of the custody on the 400th anniversary of the Franciscans' expulsion from the ancient monastery of the Cenacle. The Cenacle is now held by the Israelis, who claim it is the "tomb of David."

FATHER FACCIO emphasizes these points:

1. The Cenacle was bought legally by the sovereigns of Naples in 1335 and turned over to the Catholic Church which confided it to the "perpetual custody" of the Franciscans.

2. Usurpation of the cenacle in the 15th century by the Moslems did not give the right of ownership. Therefore Moslem authorities did not have the legal right to sell it as they later pretended to.

3. The usurpation was not justified by tradition, since the idea of the "tomb of David" came to the Moslems from the Jews only in the 15th century.

"FOR OUR PART," Father Faccio states, "we are always ready to commerce negotiations for an equitable solution with all those concerned in this important question."

The Franciscan's letter traces the history of the Cenacle from the earliest Christian times. He points out that it has always been revered by Christians as the place where Christ instituted the Eucharist and where the Holy Ghost descended on the Apostles.

## 'American Holy Cards,' Sent By Son In California, Provide Happy Surprise For Poor Old Widow Living Alone In German Village

By MAX JORDAN  
Munich — (NC) — The priest was making his customary round in the little Bavarian village nestled amid steep hills, far away from the humdrum and bustle of the world. His was a scattered parish. He could not see all his people too often, but Mother Gaudle he would never miss.

The old lady was a poor widow, living all by herself. Her husband had been killed in an accident in the nearby quarry. Her children had long

"two places." One was even married to a foreigner. "Now everything," Mother Gaudle said, "is just as it was when I was young."

"Well, Father," said the old lady, "I'm not a young woman any more, but I'm still a good woman. I'm just what I need."

The priest was wondering. How could the man buy a farm and leave his old mother behind in such dire poverty?

But the old lady would not be interrupted.

"She's a good boy, Father. He always writes, and even sends me holy cards. American holy cards, you know."

"American holy cards?" The priest was wondering. "What could they be like, the priest wondered."

"Well, Father, I've got some of them. I'll show you. They're just like the ones I saw in the book. They're just like the ones I saw in the book."

Now the priest was really curious. He opened the box. "Why, Mother Gaudle," he exclaimed, "these are American holy cards. A whole stack of

"You, indeed, Father, especially from Tony. You know, Tony is American."

"Oh," said the priest, "how is he doing over there?"

"Fine, Father. He's just waiting to say that he is about to buy a farm in a place where he can be a Catholic."

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## Flags Welcome China Priests In Philadelphia

Philadelphia — (RNS) — Two Philadelphia missionary priests have been reunited with their families here after being held captive by Communists in China for six months. It was the occasion for neighborhood celebrations, with flags flying from many homes in their respective blocks.

The missionaries are the Rev. James J. O'Donnell and the Rev. Francis Daubert, both of them Maryknoll fathers. Father O'Donnell was in China since 1933, the last five years at Kiating, Kwangtung Province, South China, where he was imprisoned. Father Daubert was a missionary since 1933, was arrested in Kwangtung.

WHILE 500 MILES apart, they had similar experiences. Neither suffered physical injury, but they lost considerable weight and termed the strain psychological, "like the dripping of water on a rock."

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## Quebec Church Bells Welcome Princess Elizabeth In Canada

By J. F. WILLIAMS  
Quebec — (NC) — The citizens of Quebec, predominantly French in language and Catholic in religion, look to their hearts' content at the visit to Quebec, the British throne, and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, when the royal couple began their tour of Canada and the United States.

ARCHBISHOP MAURICE Roy of Quebec and former senior Catholic chaplain of the Canadian army overseas during the Second World War, greeted Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip when they paid a visit to Laval University. It was Princess Elizabeth's great-grandmother, Queen Victoria, who granted the civilian charter to Laval University in 1862.

Among those who were present when Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh detained at Quebec was Archbishop Roy. He also was a guest at the State dinner held the same evening to conclude the visit to Quebec. He likewise was a guest at a reception held at the Quebec Citadel by the Canadian Regiment, one of the famous French-Canadian units which distinguished itself during the Second World War and of which Princess Elizabeth is honorary colonel.

The visit of the royal couple to Laval University followed their visit to the Provincial Parliament Buildings where Premier Maurice Duplessis and members of his Cabinet greeted them. Premier Duplessis and his ministers accompanied the Princess and Prince to Laval.

At historic Laval University, the Princess and Prince were greeted by Archbishop Roy, as chancellor of the university, and by Mayor Ferdinand Vandry, Mayor of Laval.

PENNED ON HIS splendid canon was the medal and decoration which Archbishop Roy had won for his service overseas during the years of the Second World War. They included the decorations of Officer of the Order of the British Empire, conferred by King George VI, Knight of the Legion of Honor, conferred by the President of France; Commander of the Order of Leopold, with Palm, and the Croix de Guerre, conferred by Belgium; and Commander of the Order of Orange Nassau, conferred by Queen Juliana of the Netherlands.

In the great hall of the Grand Seminary, two thrones had been erected and when the Princess and her consort had taken their places, Mayor Vandry gave an address of welcome.

His address was to the fact that in 1852, Queen Victoria, great-grandmother of Princess Elizabeth, had given Laval its juridical existence through its civilian charter. He paid tribute to the memory of Queen Victoria and voiced the joy of all those associated with Laval today in having the honor of a visit from Princess Elizabeth.

Mayor Vandry also said that all prayed most fervently that Divine Providence would give to her father, King George, a speedy return to good health.

Later, Princess Elizabeth and her husband were shown the charter signed by Queen Victoria in 1852, which named the Archbishop of Quebec as the Royal representative at the University in perpetuity.

In this Ancient Capital of New France there were everywhere evidences of how closely the people of Quebec have cherished the Faith of their Fathers. As they stepped from their train the church bells of all of Quebec's many Catholic churches pealed a joyous welcome. The bells were rung on order of Archbishop Roy. In the Parliament Building, occupying a central position above the Speaker's chair was a crucifix. In the east proposed to Princess Elizabeth at the State dinner, Premier Duplessis referred with pride to the loyalty of Quebec to the Crown and Quebec's adherence to her religious traditions.

CIO Council Honors Manchester Priest  
Manchester, N. H. — (NC) — Rev. George K. Kilcynna, diocesan director of the Catholic Labor Institute established several years ago by Bishop Matthew F. Brady of Manchester, was cited for his "outstanding contributions" to the cause of labor

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## A LOOK AT LABOR

Weakness Via  
Labor Showdown  
By A. C. TUCKY

It is now nearly two months since the traditional rivalry between the A.F.L. and C.I.O. broke out into open conflict and no indication has happened since to indicate that these labor federations will bury the hatchet.

At its August meeting the executive council of the A.F.L. suddenly and surprisingly decided to withdraw from the United Labor Policy Committee (formed after the Korean emergency to advise the government).

This committee has done useful work, had presented a united front for labor when the mobilization program was in danger of being taken over by business men, and had brought the A.F.L. and C.I.O. into closer working harmony than they had been for many years.

THE VILLAIN of the piece apparently was Matthew Woll, winged collared vice-president of the A.F.L., who has never forgiven the C.I.O. for dividing the "house of labor."

The ostensible reasons for withdrawing from the policy committee were three: (1) The C.I.O. was raiding A.F.L. unions. (This is no more true today than it has been for the past sixteen years. Raiding of rival unions is just as much a fault of the A.F.L. as it is of the C.I.O.)

(2) The C.I.O. was using its "functional unity" with the A.F.L. to solidify its position with government officials. (One may legitimately debate whether the C.I.O. gained more from the policy committee arrangement than the A.F.L.)

(3) The C.I.O. refused to take the lead of the A.F.L. in the field of international labor affairs. (This last reason may be the straw that broke the camel's back since the eight million A.F.L. never resigned itself to the equal status given the five million member C.I.O.)

On the other hand, the A.F.L. is too sensitive about its patriarchal rights in the labor movement and since the United Labor Policy Committee was the first effective step in recent years towards ultimate merging of the great American labor bodies, it is unfortunate that the A.F.L. could not have avoided a showdown which will only lead to more conflict and the weakening of labor's power on the national front.

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