

His Holiness Greets Social Workers



His Holiness Pope Pius XII is shown with a group of students and faculty members of the Washington, following a Papal Audience in Rome. The group spent the past few months visiting in Europe doing case and research work with the International Refugee Organization and War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference. Left to right, kneeling: Joan Gregory, Flushing, L. I., New York;

James Murray, Bad Axe, Michigan; Mary Patricia Krantz, St. Paul, Michigan; Mary O'Dyer, Rego Park, L. I., New York; Joseph Timm, Detroit, Dr. Ruth Reed, Washington; Rev. Joseph McMahon, Portland, Oregon; His Holiness; Monsignor Andrew P. Landi, Brooklyn, WRS; Mrs. Lonore Brown, Washington; John Grogan, Tuckahoe, N. Y.; Mary J. McIlugh, Springfield, Ohio. (NC Photos)

Marine In Korea Sends Pay To Maryknoll Nuns

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With the 1st U. S. Marine Division, Korea—(NC)—During a break in the last offensive in this sector, a young Marine, aged about 19, of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, came to the Rev. (Lieut.) Keene H. Capers, Presbyterian chaplain from Hollidaysburg, Pa., with a handful of money.

"This is my pay, chaplain," he said. "Will you please send it to the Maryknoll Sisters in Pusan?"

The Marine said he had made a promise during the fighting on a hill.

The Rev. (Lt. Cmdr.) Elihu Rickel of Buffalo, N. Y., Jewish chaplain with the 1st Marine Division, relayed the story from Chaplain Capers to the N.C.W.C. correspondent. The young Marine's name can't be given. He wouldn't tell it.

Ambassador Kirk Knows No Russians

New York (NC) Ambassador to Russia Alan G. Kirk declared at the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner here that after spending two years in the Soviet Union he knows no Russians except for certain foreign affairs ministry officials and some Soviet employees of the American Embassy in Moscow.

"It is not as if I seem extraordinary, but it is a fact," he said. "Can you imagine living two years in Rome and knowing no Italians? Or two years in Paris and knowing no Frenchmen? Yet such is the case in the Soviet Union. We Westerners know no Russians."

"Soviet citizens are not allowed to visit to entertain or to know foreigners," he added.



General Clark's Book Relates Wartime Meetings With Pope

G. I. Silence At Audiences Worried Pope, Says Clark

The announcement that President Truman has named General Mark W. Clark United States Ambassador to the State of Vatican City brings to mind the meetings of the noted commander of the U.S. Fifth Army with the Holy Father during the last World War.

It was on June 5, 1944, that General Clark entered Rome on the heels of the fleeing German troops after a bitter and dogged campaign in the Mediterranean and up the mountainous spine of the Italian boot, which he describes so vividly in his book "Calculated Risk."

Fifth Army during most of the Italian campaign, and on June 8 he arranged for me to have an audience with His Holiness. I took several of my staff along. We drove to the Vatican in jeeps, wearing our battle dress, and were escorted to the Pope's chambers by Swiss guards in their historic uniforms. The Pope invited me to talk with him alone before the regular audience. I found him greatly interested in as well as informed on military developments.

"I UNDERSTAND your headquarters are now in Rome," he said. How long will you be here? I am fearful that your presence may bring retaliation from the Germans."

"I said that I didn't believe the Germans were able to retaliate on anybody at the moment, but that in any event we would be in Rome no longer than necessary—at most a few days."

"The Pope inquired whether I had had any contact with the

communism in central Europe. Then he expressed the hope that American soldiers would be free to visit the Vatican and invited them to attend a special audience which he was planning to hold each day. I thought that was an excellent idea and told him I would make arrangements for every soldier in the Fifth Army to be given a chance to come to the Vatican for these audiences. Russians and expressed concern over the possible effects of Com-

In the following months many thousands of them took advantage of this opportunity to see the Pope.

"The Pope always seemed happy to talk about America and to discuss the trip that he had made as a Cardinal in the United States. I discovered that while his knowledge of America was extensive, he did not fully understand American attitudes. This came out some days later, when he asked the recall and brought up the subject of the audience he was holding for large groups of all soldiers.

"I am sure," he said, with an expression of interest, that the soldiers in the United States had been instructed to the point of being told that I would have thought he was being nice to me. I could only answer that I did not understand."

"Well," he continued, "I am sure for these audiences after the soldiers have completed their tour of duty in the front lines of the war, they are here for a special audience. I follow about the same procedure, and when I appear, they break into cheers and shouts of greeting and similar expressions of enthusiasm. But when I appear before your American soldiers, they do not utter a sound. They do not say a word."

Ministers Ask Withdrawal Of Vatican Appointment

New York (RNS)—Twenty-six prominent Protestant clergymen of the New York metropolitan area issued a joint statement calling upon President Truman to withdraw "immediately" his appointment of General Mark Clark as ambassador to the Vatican.

Describing themselves as men who "have worked long and hard to achieve more fraternal relationships with our Roman Catholic fellow citizens," the ministers said their opposition to the appointment stemmed from "no intolerant and bigoted motive."

THEY WELCOMED the President's abandonment of a recess appointment but pointed out that "this does not dispose of the major issue."

"At a time when national unity is of utmost importance," the statement said, "the President has needlessly started a controversy which will bitterly divide our people and do irreparable harm. He has forced millions of our citizens into a position where, motivated by no anti-Catholic prejudice and having religious dissension, they must nevertheless, for conscience's sake, protest against what seems to them an intolerable negation of basic American principles."

The churchmen said they recognized the importance of Roman Catholic influence in the struggle against Communism and understood the President's desire to secure cooperation between the Vatican and the free

governments.

"But Protestantism also is prevalently anti-Communist," the statement continued, "and in the World Council of Churches, is organized on a worldwide scale. Protestant cooperation with the free governments in general and with the United States in particular could also be legitimately sought."

BUT TO SUPPOSE that in order to make such cooperation effective the appointment of an American ambassador (to the World Council) is necessary is incredible. There are ample means, short of such violation of American principles, by which the cooperation of both Roman Catholic and Protestant leaders in the struggle against totalitarianism can be achieved.

"We are convinced, therefore, that the President's action is a needless and tragic blunder; that it will issue in deplorable dissension among our people, and that in the end it would prove as practically imprudent and ill-advised as it certainly is false to the traditional principle of our Republic."

Among the signers were Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president, United Lutheran Church in America; Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, minister emeritus, Riverside (Baptist) church; Dr. Douglas Horton, General Minister, Congregational Christian Churches of the USA; Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, minister, Christ (Methodist) church.

Reds Violate 'Silence' Right, Says Missioner

San Francisco (NC)—Chinese communists are violating something even more precious than freedom of speech, it is "freedom of silence."

This comment was made by the Rev. Peter Paul Hoyer, Divine word missionary from North Dakota, as he arrived here after expulsion from Red China. The priest had labored in China for 25 years. Immediately before expulsion he was stationed at the Sinsiang mission on the Yellow river.

EXPLAINING THE Red violation of "freedom of silence," Father Hoyer declared: "What it means is that any Chinese who wants to stay healthy under the communists has to do more for the glory of Mao Tse-tung than all his fields without complaint."

"Everyone is subject to call periodically for a few words of 'testimony' in behalf of the regime, or for some refreshing evidence that he holds the 'capitalist imperialists' in properly low esteem."

Father Hoyer also gave the communist interpretation of "freedom of religion." He stated: "In effect the communists say to the missionaries: 'You practice your religion all you wish. But in the meantime we also have the freedom to stop you if we can.'"

"I hastened to clear up this misunderstanding, although I am not sure I did a very good job of explaining the difference in religious attitudes between Americans and the people in the Mediterranean countries. I assume, however, that I made it clear that the American soldiers were less demonstrative and that their background prompted them to maintain a reverent silence in the presence of the head of the Roman Catholic Church. At least he seemed to understand and be pleased."

"I saw the Pope on many occasions thereafter during my stay in Italy and developed a great admiration for his statesmanship, his wisdom and his infinite kindness."

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