

U. S. Exposes Soviet 'Big Lie' Techniques

At Panmunjom



Priest Describes Scene
Where Korea Armistice
Talks Drag On . . .

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Panmunjom, Korea, Nov. 9.—In the grey-white tent by the roadside here, the armistice discussions on which the world's gaze is focused and in which millions of people are vitally concerned, continue without progressing.



Using a mess table for an altar, the Rev. Patrick O'Connor, S.S.C., of St. Columban, Nebraska, N.C.W.C., correspondent in Korea, celebrates Mass in a tent at Advance Headquarters, United Nations Command, Korea, serving Mass, at left, is Alfred R. Baldoche, U.S.N.R., of San Francisco, California. (NC Photos)

Inside the tent, the joint subcommittee of two United Nations Command delegates and one North Korean and one Chinese communist general with their advisors and interpreters sat today for nearly three hours one side facing the other across a table covered with green baize cloth, with a small U.N. flag and a North Korean flag in the center. The official spokesman, Brig. Gen. William P. Nichols, afterward described the meeting as "inconclusive and unproductive."

"The armistice talks have not gone as rapidly as we anticipated last July," General Nichols said yesterday, "but certainly I don't think the past four months have been completely wasted. Progress was made before from previous reported 'deadlocks'."

GENERAL NICHOLS said he feels that the approach of winter is a factor pressing the communists to agree.

Communists, communist correspondents here apparently knew nothing about the speech of Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei G. Vishinskiy at the U.N. General Assembly in Paris, demanding withdrawal of the Thirty-eighth Parallel, and the communist delegates said his words. Communist here already have quit

insisting on the thirty-eighth Parallel as a demarcation line, the most notable development in the negotiations hitherto.

Outside, the November sun shines upon the strange scene wherein communists and non-communists meet. In front of a Korean thatched house, U.S. correspondents from the United States, Britain and France argue with the British communist correspondent Alan Winnington and the Australian leftist, Wilfred Burdett. Both are new arrivals in Chinese soldiers' padded clothing. Winnington and Burdett speak alike, referring to "our side" and "your side."

Church Dedication 'Answer To Stalin'

Los Angeles, (RNS)—St. Francis Catholic church, built in the heart of southern California, was dedicated here by Archbishop Francis A. McNamara in a service which was an answer to Stalin.

Dedication of the \$100,000 church marked the centennial of the birth of the Virgin Mary, the patron saint of the church, who are either of Latin or of Greek descent.

Father John Kautzsch, pastor of the church, said the congregation was an object lesson in the effects of Communism.

When the Russians first occupied Latvia in 1941, he said, "But when the country faced its second occupation after the war, all who could flee."

Irish Surgeon Ordained In London

London, (RNS)—The first time since the Reformation and the suppression of the Order of the Friars that an English Benedictine has been ordained in London. He is the Rev. Dr. John C. Flood, formerly a well-known Dublin surgeon.

The ceremony was performed by Archbishop Edward Myers, Coadjutor of Westminster, at Ealing Priory, Benedictine London headquarters.

Toastmasters: Sunbeam and General Willie Thorne at Thorne's. William S. Thorne, Jeweler, 318 East Main St.—Adv.

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All Legal Abortions 'Murder,' Surgeons' Congress Warned

San Francisco (NC)—Abortions are "homicide and murder" regardless of whether they are performed legally to safeguard expectant mothers, obstetricians declared here at the American College of Surgeons clinical congress. Pregnancy, they said, "does not endanger any woman, regardless of her physical condition."

The thesis, contrary to the belief held by many of the nation's doctors, was advanced at the closing sessions of the meeting by Dr. Samuel Cosgrove, professor at Columbia University, New York City and of the Margaret Hague Maternity Hospital of Jersey City and Dr. Roy J. Heffernan of Tufts Medical College and Carney Hospital, Boston.

DESPITE THE fact that many hospitals condone one therapeutic legal abortion in cases of expectant women suffering heart disease or other ailments, Dr. Heffernan emphatically declared:

"Anyone performing a therapeutic abortion today does so because he is either ignorant of modern methods of treating complications of pregnancy or else he is unwilling to take the time to treat them."

"Abortions are contrary to natural law. An unborn baby is human, and the medical profession is dedicated to preservation of human life."

Dr. Cosgrove added:

"We do not, in our hospital, feel we have 'murdered' any mother by withholding therapeutic abortions."

"Heart disease, for example, under no circumstances is ground for an abortion because the handling of women in labor can be adjusted enough to eliminate shock."

THE DOCTORS stressed that modern medical science is capable of coping with an emergency which might arise without disturbing the due course of pregnancy in a woman.

"Therapeutic abortion not only carries a high death rate in itself but is fraught by other hazards," said Dr. Cosgrove.

"Such an operation is often followed by semi-madness, sterility, serious trauma, a guilt complex and frustration."

Both doctors said that abortions performed to prevent "psychological" disturbances in the parents cannot even be classified as therapeutic abortions.

"They are criminal abortions," the doctors agreed.

Eagle Given To Holy Father

Castiglione, Italy.—The town of Aquila, Italian, presented a live eagle to His Holiness Pope Pius XII during an audience here.

The eagle was a pure specimen recently captured in the high mountains near Aquila.

The locality got its name centuries ago from the fact that its surroundings were the favorite habitat of the great bird.

The Pope accepted the eagle from the proud citizens and gave orders that it be kept in the Vatican gardens.

Bishops' War Relief Over \$21 Million

Washington (NC)—Food, clothing and medicines weighing 76,757,786 pounds and valued at \$21,892,800.68 were sent by War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference last year for distribution in the areas of greatest need throughout the world.

Speaking as chairman of the board of trustees of this agency of foreign relief set up by the American Bishops, Archbishop Francis P. Keough of Baltimore announced these figures to the Annual General Meeting here of the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States.

SINCE ITS establishment in 1943, Archbishop Keough added, WRS-NWC has sent relief goods weighing approximately 4,194,867,845 pounds and valued at more than \$169,800,000 to war-stricken areas.

During the last year, Archbishop Keough said, WRS-NWC also assisted directly in the immigration of 30,202 persons to the United States.

BETWEEN JUNE 25, 1948, and September 30, 1951, he added, the U.S. Government admitted a total of 274,054 persons under the Displaced Persons Act, and of these a total of 95,380 individuals, or 35 per cent, were assisted by the Bishops' organization.

He said that since an additional 7,000 Catholic displaced persons were admitted through direct negotiations with the government or with the aid of other agencies the total percentage of Catholics arose to approximately 45 per cent.

Laughter In Red China 'Subversive'

Maryknoll, N. Y. (NC)—It's against the law to laugh in communist China.

The Rev. Edwin J. McCabe, Maryknoll missionary from Providence, R. I., was walking down a street in Kweilin, China, with a Chinese priest. The native told him a joke, whereupon the American broke into a laugh. He was immediately arrested by a communist policeman.

At the police station Father McCabe was told laughing in public is not permitted for any reason when there is so much serious business to be done.

Shortly afterwards Father McCabe was deported from China for another "crime," that of being a Christian missionary.

Cloistered Nuns Vote In Argentina

Buenos Aires (RNS)—Argentina's national elections saw cloistered Roman Catholic nuns at the polls for the first time in the nation's history.

China Priest In Red Jail Held With Triple Chains

Hong Kong (NC)—"Write the story of your life," the head jailer of a Communist prison told the Rev. Paul Fong, a native Chinese priest arrested because he had worked with the American Maryknoll missionaries in China.

Father Fong, fastened to his cell with ankle chains, wrote the story. In it he mentioned that chains were nothing new for Catholic priests, but date back to the times of St. Paul and the Apostles.

"So you Catholic priests are used to wearing chains," said the head jailer, when he read the story. "We'll give you some more to carry around, then."

Father Fong now wears a triple set of chains, reaching up to his knees.

Chinese Students Converted, Wed



Four Chinese students, including the officiating priest, signed in a Catholic wedding at St. Mary Magdalene Church, St. Louis, Mo. All but the priest have been converted since they arrived in this country and began attending Catholic schools. The bride, Mary Josephine Chuas San Chang, is the daughter of Chih-Pen Chang,

Minister of Justice of the Chinese Nationalist government in Formosa. Left to right, Mrs. John Wang, assistant pastor of St. Mary Magdalene; Mary Elizabeth Yoshimoto, bridemaid; daughter of a Japanese family from Honolulu; Albert Fukuhara, groom; the bride, and William Chang, best man and brother of the bride. (NO Photos).

Vatican Envoy 'No Peril,' Says Episcopal Paper

Milwaukee, Wis. (NC)—President Truman's nomination of Gen. Mark Clark as U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican, far from jeopardizing the principle of separation of church and state, may even in time serve to clarify this principle,

as is Vatican City. And if approval of a government's policy were the sole criterion, we should scarcely accredit an Ambassador to Soviet Russia.

The Living Church published here said it hopes "that the matter will be considered on its merits, both by the Senate and by the American public, and not seized upon as an occasion for religious intolerance and prejudice or for political strife in a Presidential election year."

THE IMPORTANCE of the Vatican in world affairs can hardly be estimated in terms of the small territory of Vatican City, the "Protestant" Episcopal weekly said. After all, the United Nations to which the Vatican is accredited with the rank of Ambassador has only a small enclave in the city of New York that it can call in some sense its own.

"Nor is the question solely a religious one. Israel, to which we also accredit an Ambassador, is virtually as theocratic a state

Ollie Oliphant Gets Touchdown on TV

Chicago (NC)—Minor O. (Ollie) Oliphant, former football "great" at West Point and Purdue, made his first touchdown on television during the national congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine here.

He and his wife, both recent converts, participated in the congress, Mr. Oliphant giving an address. In addition, the former star appeared on two congress-televised TV shows, telling the audience he'd scored many touchdowns in the past, and now wanted "to score some for the Lord."

Ollie did—and on TV—conductors of the shows rated him a "smash."

Pope Plans Week's Spiritual Retreat

Rome (RNS)—Pope Pius XII will return to the Vatican from his summer palace at Castel Gandolfo during the last week of November.

The Pope's return will be marked by the opening of a week's spiritual retreat in which the Pontiff, cardinals in residence at Vatican City, and the Vatican clergy will take part.

State Department Blasts Red Claim On Free Worship

Washington (NC)—An aid to the people of the United States to understand Soviet techniques, including the "big lie," the State Department has issued a pamphlet consisting of statements by Kremlin leaders in publications and on the radio. The Soviet statements concern freedom of religion, individual freedom in general, Soviet ethics and other topics.

For example, the pamphlet "The Kremlin Speaks" notes that the Soviet Constitution guarantees "complete freedom of conscience," and points out that "most churches in Soviet territory have been destroyed or converted into communist clubs, and those religious which survive are rigidly controlled by the masters at the Kremlin."

"RELIGION is a kind of artificial gin in which the slaves of capital drown their human spirit and their claims to any degree of human life."

"Kremlin Speaks" draws attention to the Soviet year of religion by quoting an article in the periodical Young Bolshevik (1946), which says:

"If a Communist Youth believes in God and goes to church, he fails to fulfill his duties. This means that he has not yet rid himself of religious superstitions and has not become a fully conscious person (communist)."

THE PAMPHLET notes too that as late as 1946, the Kremlin feared religious survivals. An article in the controlled Teachers' Gazette of November, 1946, warned:

"Religious survivals play a very harmful role even in our country. They hinder and obstruct the development of the youth along the path of socialism. They hinder believers from becoming conscious and active builders of a communist society. . . . Religion, whatever part it may assume, is socially hostile to communism."

There is yet another line among the top Soviet—last of the pamphlet of the Church in the Soviet world and America's stance on religion. The pamphlet notes the Kremlin's attempts to mislead the Chinese in their political aims.

THE TEACHERS' Gazette, in November 1946, says, at an illustration:

"A particularly reactionary role is played by the Vatican, the head of the World Catholic Church. The Pope together with the complex machinery of the Catholic Church and its Catholic clergy, is a direct instrument of American imperialism in the struggle against democracy, socialism and the Soviet Union, and in preparations for a new world war."

TO SUM UP the real Soviet policy on religion, the pamphlet again quotes the Young Bolshevik (1946) as saying: "The philosophy of Marxism-Leninism—the theoretical foundation of the Communist Party—is incompatible with religion."

"That these men of the Kremlin, these top members of the Communist Party in the U.S.S.R., speak for the mass of the people is extremely doubtful," an introductory remark in the pamphlet declares.

Speaking of Soviet ethics, it quotes Radio Moscow at broadcasting in 1950:

"Morals or ethics is the body of norms and rules on the conduct of Soviet peoples. At the root of communist morality, said Lenin, lies the struggle for the consolidation and the completion of communism. Therefore, from the point of view of communist morality, only those acts are moral which contribute to the building up of a new communist society."

Lightning Damages Fatima Basilica

Lisbon (RNS)—Lightning struck and damaged the spire of the basilica of Our Lady of Fatima at Covim da Iria near here during the worst thunderstorm in the history of the district.

Completely destroyed was the spire which was occupied by Father Cardinal Espinosa, Archbishop of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, when he assisted at ceremonies on October 13 marking the formal opening of the extended Holy Year which began.

Lightning also struck the nearby convent of the Immaculate Conception. During the storm, some workers were working on the roof by lightning rods.

Recent heavy rain had swollen the waters of the Tagus river, which was now only a few feet from overflowing its banks. Daily services in all parishes including Fatima.

Clare Luce: 'Appeal To Heart' Wins Convert To Faith

Chicago (NC)—A leading convert called on her fellow Catholics at the ninth national congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine here to appeal to "the great Protestant heart of America" in seeking to fulfill the congress theme of "Restore all things in Christ."

Mrs. Clare Booth Luce, writer and former congresswoman from Connecticut, warned that intellectual arguments will make few converts in America today, "that the heart is the main organ with which the non-Catholic approaches questions of Faith."

"Words stir—but actions will move people to the Faith," she said. Mrs. Luce declared that it is "the great Protestant



CONVERT LUCE
'Love Leads To Faith'

heart of America, with its native good will, its eagerness to serve, its tremendous appetite to love, in short its vast residue of Christian faith, hope and charity—which provides the would-be apostle with his best opportunity."

Mrs. Luce, in her address on "Understanding the Non-Catholic Mind," said the Catholic must never forget that the non-Catholic "checks his mind at the door of the Church—much as a Moslem leaves his slippers on the threshold of the Mosque—as a sign of piety."

"The would-be Catholic apostle who goes about buttonholing his non-Catholic friends, and giving them intellectual arguments which they cannot

either understand or absorb, makes far fewer converts than the one who goes out of his way to give them evidences of Catholic compassion and sympathy, who does them, in distress, some service or kindness that was not to be expected," she asserted.

"An open Catholic purse, a ready Catholic shoulder, a helping Catholic hand, and a loving Catholic heart are Catholic doctrine—in action," she stressed. "If we will only love enough," Mrs. Luce added, "our love will lead others to our Faith."

Fulton Oursler, Readers Digest senior editor and author of "The Greatest Story Ever



CONVERT OURSLER
'Plug The Bible'

Told," called on congress participants at two sessions to go to non-Catholics "dynamically" and "give to them the glory, the inspiration that lies within the Bible." The world is in a most receptive mood, he said, because of the collapse of the false faith of materialism.

Mr. Oursler proposed a three-point program in "this laymen's opportunity to help others": First, to practice the spiritual and ethical values of mercy. Second, to know the Bible. Third, to memorize "the golden phrases." He also urged Catholics to "put in a plug for the Bible" at least once every 15 minutes, the way Communists do for their ideology.