

U. S. Exposes Soviet 'Big Lie' Techniques

At Panmunjom



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

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(Radio, N.C.W. News Service)

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. correspondent in Korea, celebrates Mass in a tent at Advance Headquarters, United Nations Command, Korea, serving Mass, at left, is Alfred R. Baldor, USNR, 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. Nuccio, afterward described the meeting as inconclusive and unproductive.

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

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

Communists' position on the armistice talks has been made public by the Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Vishinsky at the U.N. General Assembly in Paris, demanding withdrawal of the U.N. from the Korean peninsula. The U.N. General Assembly, in its eighth session, has been told by the communist delegates that the armistice talks have been a waste of time.

Church Dedication 'Answer To Stalin'

Los Angeles, (RNS)—A new church, dedicated to the Virgin Mary, is being built in Los Angeles, California, as a "direct answer to Stalin," according to a statement issued by the Rev. John C. Flood, pastor of the church. The church, which is being built on a site donated by a local businessman, is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

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Irish Surgeon Ordained In London

London, (RNS)—The first time since the Reformation and the suppression of the Order of St. Benedict in England that a Benedictine monk has been ordained in London. The Rev. Dr. John C. Flood, formerly a well-known Dublin surgeon, was ordained by the Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Bernardine Lancelotti, at the Ealing Priory, Benedictine London headquarters.

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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, two of the nation's leading 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 do not do therapeutic abortions 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 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 continuing agency 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-invalidism, 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

(Antelgandolfo, Italy)—The Holy Father, Pius XII, received a gift of an eagle from the Italian people. The eagle, which is a symbol of the Italian people, was presented to the Pope by a group of Italian citizens.

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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 time 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, figured in a Catholic wedding at St. Mary Magdalen 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 Chuan Sun Chang, is the daughter of Chih-Pen Chang.

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, according to the national weekly of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

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 we accredit a representative 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 of the American doctrine of separation of church and state. It may religiously one Israel, to which in time even serve to clarify that we also accredit an Ambassador, is virtually as theocratic a state 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."

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State Department Blasts Red Claim On Free Worship

Washington (NC)—As 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 freedoms 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 religions which survive are rigidly controlled by the masters of the Kremlin. The pamphlet then tells the real policy of the Kremlin by quoting from Lenin's words:

"RELIGION is a kind of spiritual gin in which the slaves of capital drown their human souls and their claims to any decent human life."

"Kremlin Speaks" stresses attention to the Soviets' way on religion by quoting an article in the periodical Young Bolshevik (1940), 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 1940, the Kremlin feared religious survivors. An article in the controlled Teachers Gazette of November, 1940, warns:

"Religious survivors play a very harmful role even in our country. They hinder the advancement of our society and its development along the path of communism. They hinder believers from becoming conscious and active builders of a communist society. Religion, whatever path it may choose, is essentially hostile to communism."

There is yet another warning in the pamphlet. One of the "big lies" of the Church in the free world, according to the pamphlet, is the Kremlin's attempt to slander the Church in these satirical areas:

THE TEACHERS' Gazette, in November 1940, says, as 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 the Catholic clergy, is a direct instrument of American imperialism in the struggle against democracy, communism and the Soviet Union, and in preparation for a new world war."

TO SUM UP the real Soviet policy on religion, the pamphlet again quotes the Young Bolshevik (1940) 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.

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



CLARE 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 evidence 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 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



FULTON 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 our laymen's opportunity to help others": First, to practice the spiritual and corporal works 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.

Lightning Damages Fatima Basilica

Lisbon (RNS)—Lightning struck and damaged the spire of the Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima, at Corvo da Zezel near here, during the worst thunderstorm in the history of the district.

Completely destroyed was the special altar in front of the basilica which was occupied by Federico Cardinal Teveschini, Archbishop of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, when he celebrated at ceremonies on October 13 marking the formal closing of the extended Holy Year of 1950.

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