

Smith Outlines Peace Role

... of her, she would have to refuse and the faithful on both sides would... have to understand and respect her stand."

THE CHURCH'S contribution to the cause of peace derives from her "unique title which transcends every earthly thing and stems immediately from God," the Pontiff continued. It was the mission of Christ to establish peace between men themselves and between peoples, and this mission lives on and is active in the Church.

"But when the Church and her Supreme Pastor pass from this sweet intimacy of the Babe of Bethlehem... into a world that is far from Christ, it is like stepping out into a gust of freezing air," the Holy Father said. "That world talks nothing but peace, but it has no peace. It imposes for itself all possible and impossible legal titles to establish peace, yet does not know or does not recognize the mission of peacemaker that comes directly from God, the mission of peace deriving from the religious authority of the Church."

This Christian order, the Pope explained, is essentially an "order of liberty," and he deplored that "today, true liberty is not esteemed, or it is no longer possessed." He referred to "the widespread weakness of a world which loves... to call itself 'the free world,' although 'the strength is not based upon true freedom.'"

The Pope referred to "not a few highly-placed persons who are called 'the free world,' who reveal 'an aversion to the Church, that importunate preacher of something which others pretend to have, but have not, and which... they unjustly say that the Church has not: We mean respect and esteem for genuine freedom.'"

In the opposing camp, the Pope continued, "the Church meets even colder welcome." "How could it be otherwise," he said, "when God is not sovereign, when social life and activity do not gravitate around Him, or have their center in Him? Society is nothing but a gigantic machine, whose order is only apparent..."

"PEACE CANNOT be assured unless God reigns in the ordered universe He has established, in the duly organized society of nations, in which each nation effects peace internally among free men and their families, and externally with other nations, an order guaranteed by the Church according to her office and in her own field of action."

"The Church works for peace by awakening and stimulating a practical understanding of the spiritual heart of the problem... She endeavors, to the best of her power, to offer her good offices wherever she sees the threat of a conflict between nations. Above all else, this Apostolic See has never shirked such a duty, and never shall."

IN CONCLUSION, the Pope expressed his awareness that in vast parts of the world his call for peace "does not reach, except in mutilated form, the Church of Silence."

In these regions, he pointed out, "millions cannot profess openly their responsibility before God for peace, and cannot exercise 'their' human influence for moral freedom and for peace, because these words, peace and freedom, have become the stolen monopoly of professional trouble-makers and war-shippers of force."

"Nevertheless, even with bound arms and closed lips, the Church of Silence nobly responds to our invitation," the Holy Father concluded. "With a look she points to the still fresh graves of her martyrs... confident that her alien holocaust and her sufferings are a most potent contribution to the cause of peace."

INTERNATIONAL GROUP AWARDS GIs Welcome Card . Spellman



The Catholic Interracial Council of Wilmington, Del., has been awarded the 1950 award of the \$1,000 Lane Bryant Annual Award in recognition of outstanding volunteer service to their community. Pictured at the presentation of the award are (left to right) Raphael Malin, president, Lane Bryant, Inc.; Major William Duffy, first president, now on active duty, with the Aid Force (representing the 1950 recipient of the award); Mary Elizabeth Power, president of the Catholic Interracial Council of Wilmington. (NC Photos)

(Continued from Page 1) Christmas. The men eagerly wrote down their names and the men individually and offered addresses and those of relatives on scraps of paper, for which Father Doran held a big box.

THROUGHOUT THE day, in which the Cardinal made stops at six United Nations headquarters, he shook hands with an estimated 4,000 servicemen of the United States and 10 other nationalities, everywhere taking names and addresses of relatives in the United States.

"That really touched their hearts," observed Maj. Gen. William G. Wyman, commanding Ninth Corps. "I could see what the men were getting from this visit. I watched their faces as they went by and there I saw the answer."

THE SECOND Division band played "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" when Cardinal Spellman began shaking hands with the men filing past.

"This is the greatest visitor and message of good that could come to any army at Christmas," said General Van Fleet, who accompanied the Cardinal for most of the journey.

Phoned by Maj. Luther R. Bots, of Greenwood, S. C., the Cardinal flew in a two-seater plane, one of seven, the others carrying the general staff officers, including Chaplain Kilcoyne and the N.C.W.C. correspondent. The planes flew over rugged, snow-covered mountains recently scarred by flaming combat.

"WE ARE HONORED and delighted that His Eminence took time to visit us," said Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Cross of Amsterdam, N. Y., commanding the Third Division. "He could not have come at a more appropriate time."

"The Cardinal is tops," commented General O'Daniel.

Maj. Gen. Jim Cassels, commanding First British Commonwealth Division, said: "We're extremely honored." General Cassels led a hundred assembled soldiers of all Commonwealth units in three cheers for the Cardinal.

Said Gen. Robert Young, commanding Second Division: "At this Christmas time it will make them feel much nearer to their beloved ones at home."

AMONG OTHER commanders welcoming the Cardinal were Maj. Gen. Henry I. Hodges of the 24th Division; Gen. Ham Byung Sun, Second Republic of Korea Division; Lt. Francis Borrell, French Battalion; Maj. Alfonso Novva, Colombian Battalion; Col. Kirtakos Spilopoulos of the Greek forces.

Three thousand Republic of Korea troops heard His Eminence speak, with the aid of an interpreter, at their division headquarters.

The Cardinal took occasion, in the course of his busy rounds, to pay tribute to the work of chaplains with the armed forces. "There is no more important work being done than the work of the chaplain," he said.

FOR HIS traveling here the Cardinal wore an Army winter uniform, with fur lined cap.

Cardinal Spellman celebrated Midnight Mass in a large tent, open at one end to a freezing night wind. There were some 800 soldiers attending, and 200 received Holy Communion.

Father (Col.) John J. Mullane of Buffalo (Chaplain of Tenth Corps, and Father (Capt.) Henry J. Palmer of Brooklyn, N. Y., heard confessions. Father

Palmer assisted the Cardinal at Mass, which was served by Capt. Patrick F. Clark of Asheville, N. C., and Lt. Floran Yakimoviz of Glen Campbell, Pa.

In his sermon at the Mass, Cardinal Spellman said America's fair dream of liberty for all mankind can still come true if men would heed the lesson of Christmas. He said this lesson, if learned, would end the bitter quarrels that have ever spilled man's blood in ruthless waste. It is the lesson, he said, "that man must return to God."

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Lepers Baptized At New Korean Colony

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR

Anyang, Korea - (NC) - Faces disfigured by leprosy were glancing with the waters of Baptism when Msgr. George M. Carroll, M. M., of Brooklyn, baptized 64 persons in a make-shift tent chapel here in one day. All are members of a leper colony established here through Monsignor Carroll's efforts. Out of some 150 in the colony, 100 are now Catholics.

Leprosy sores and deformities that were uplifted to the compassionate Christ in Galilee were brought to Him again as Korean lepers knelt to receive Him in Holy Communion.

BANDAGED HANDS, already lacking one or two fingers, were joined in prayer. Some of the faces bore just discolored markings, on some, the absence of eyebrows was the only hint of leprosy. Some showed no trace of it, but others no longer had a nose and their lips were swollen and contorted. Some of the lepers, going blind, had to be led by their fellow sufferers. A 12-year-old girl who limped up to receive Holy Communion had lost four toes and two fingers to the disease.

Priest Who Cut Tongue To Balk Reds Will Recover

Home - (NC) - The Rev. Alfio Emaldi, Italian Xaverian Missionary Father in Taiwan, China, who slit his tongue lest communist torturers force him to become an informer, is expected to recover his speech, according to the superior of the congregation.

(Owing to a technical error in radio transmission, a previous report (Dec. 15) had stated that the priest would be deprived of his ability to speak for the rest of his life.)

Father Emaldi is now at the mother house of his congregation, near Parma, Italy, after being expelled from China. Using a razor blade, Father Emaldi had cut his tongue twice and succeeded in his purpose of not revealing any information to his communist captors.

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Parish Defies Reds On Pastor's Mass
Home - (NC) - Father Istvan Justh, pastor of Felsoors in Hungary who was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment by the Red regime, has died in prison, according to word received in Hungarian refugee circles here. Father Justh was subjected to "trial at the same time the Hungarian communists tried" Robert Vogeler, the American businessman, who was later released. All funeral commemorations of Father Justh were strictly forbidden by the authorities, the reports state, but the people of his parish in Felsoors defied the restrictions to attend in large numbers a Requiem Mass offered up for the repose of his soul.

Billboards Offer Faith Instruction
Detroit - (NC) The first of 20 billboards offering free instruction in the Faith by mail from the Catholic Information Society has been posted here. "Seek Peace of Mind in the Church" the billboard says in huge letters. A cross appears on one side, and a church spire rises in the background.

Pupil Savings Top Million
Montreal, Que. (NC) During the past two years at total of \$1,038,540 was deposited in "savings banks" of the Montreal Catholic School Commission. Almost 67,000 pupils in 200 schools make small deposits regularly.

THE 64 BAPTISM crowned months of ordeal and effort. The converts studied Christian doctrine under a 40-year-old fellow-leper, Gabriel Kim, and Monsignor Carroll's catechist Joseph. The group comprised 46 men, eight women, four boys, four girls and two infants in arms. Seven entered the Church from Protestantism.

Their story really began a month or two before the Korean war. Led by three Catholics, 22 leper families moved to a secluded spot ten miles from Seoul, in May, 1950. The non-Catholics wanted to become Catholics. They all wanted to form a Catholic leper colony.

MONSIGNOR CARROLL, who represented War Relief Services' National Catholic Welfare Conference in Korea, helped them. He led by Joachim Park, a real Catholic leper, they built their own mud huts and tilled their patches of land. With some old tarpaulin they made a "chapel." They hung a bell from a pole, to ring the Angelus and the call to Sunday prayers.

Then war exploded. The communist armies came and went. The lepers struggled on, to build themselves into a Catholic community.

Last December 23 - only 11 days before Seoul fell again to the Reds - the lepers' bell rang joyfully, to announce the first Baptisms and first Mass. Monsignor Carroll baptized the first 26 converts. After the Baptisms, this correspondent celebrated Mass in the lepers' windchilled "chapel" and gave the converts their first Holy Communion.

IT WAS A bitterly cold day with snow on the desolated fields. The lepers' huts were dismal in a dismal setting. The communists were likely to retake Seoul and the surrounding districts before long. But for the shivering, poorly clad lepers it was a happy day. Their disfigured features were bright with grateful smiles as they waved goodbye.

Again the communists came and went. By August Monsignor Carroll had found a better place for the lepers on a wooded slope outside Anyang. Two one-story buildings of a former tuberculosis sanatorium, space for additional cottages and a few fields for tilling made it look like a Land of Promise. The lepers gathered their few pots and pans, their clothing, tools and catechisms, and came here.

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