

Fighting GI's Give Korean Boy, War Refugee, Chance To Become Priest

Washington — (AP) — GI generally has insured that a destitute 14-year-old Korean boy will have a chance to realize his ambition — to study for the priesthood.

A Department of the Army report related that soldiers of the 24th Regiment, serving with the 40th Infantry Division in Korea, have established a scholarship for the youngster, which will pay all his expenses until the time of ordination.

THE RELEASE said that the boy will enter a minor seminary at Taegu to begin his studies.

Known only as Jun, the ragged, emaciated boy drew the attention of GI's one Sunday when he walked up to the Kor. (Capt.) Oliver Roberts, S.J., of San Francisco, as the priest was preparing to offer Mass on the hood of a jeep. The boy brushed past the priest's assistant and calmly announced to the Army chaplain that he would serve the Mass.

The youngster acquitted himself well, giving all the proper Latin responses. After the Mass, Jun related that his home had been a "long way north" in Korea but a "big boom-boom" came and his home was no more.

HE SAID THE family was at a United Nations refugee camp, but he had become separated from them and wandered through the combat area looking for a priest for whom he could serve Mass. He said all he wanted to do was serve God and announced his intention of staying on with Father Roberts.

Jun said that before he lost his home, he had completed grammar school and had served as an altar boy at his home parish. He said a nun taught him the Latin for Mass. While waiting his chance to go off to the seminary, Jun stayed on with the GI's swapping war stories and learning the English language.

"We have a feeling that he has been chosen to the seminary and success of this war than any of the rest of us," Father Roberts said.

They Trained Boys — (AP) — Two hundred boys from the Seminary school here were enlisted on board the aircraft carrier "Franklin D. Roosevelt" when the U. S. Navy craft paid its annual visit to Lisbon.



Chaplain (Captain) Oliver Roberts of San Francisco bears confession of men of the 24th Infantry Regiment, near a bombed-out house in Korea. Preparing the altar on the hood of a jeep, is a 14-year-old Korean boy, known as "Jun," who wandered many miles in search of a priest for whom he could serve Mass. He was not only allowed to serve as altar boy but received a scholarship to a Korean seminary, from a fund donated by men of the regiment. U. S. Army photo.

Hungarian Bishop Suspends Red-Named 'Administrator'

Cologne, Germany — (AP) — One Hungarian Bishop has suspended a Red-appointed "administrator" of his diocese.

Another Bishop has suspended two pro-communist priests and ordered a collection in his diocese for the monks and nuns expelled from their houses.

These developments are reported by a religious news agency. It attributes its information to the Magyar Courier, a Budapest Catholic news service.

Bishop Coleman Papp of Gyver reports that Bishop Hamvas has issued a pastoral calling upon his faithful to come to the aid of the country's monks and nuns driven from their monasteries and convents by the regime in the fall of 1950.

BISHOP HAMVAS has implied, by ordering a collection for them this appeal, the agency takes up in all churches of his diocese on November 2, the Feast of All Souls.

The news agency further reports that Bishop Hamvas has ousted a regime-appointed priest from the post of director of the Budapest central seminary and has appointed in his place a Mon-

At the same time the agency

Leeds Bishop Raps British Bid To Tito

London — (AP) — An English Bishop has condemned the "opportunism" of British foreign policy as regards "this monstrous man" Tito.

Bishop John C. Heenan, of Leeds also expressed the hope that if and when Tito paid his forthcoming state visit to Britain, the Christian people would turn out "to welcome him" in their thousands and demand with insistent voices: "What are you doing with the souls of the little children of your country?"

"I HOPE THAT the fate of Bishops, priests, nuns, teachers and leaders of Catholic Action will form part of the free and friendly discussions which are bound to take place," the Bishop added.

"Opportunism rather than integrity seems to be our guide in foreign policy," Bishop Heenan told the annual conference of the Leeds diocesan Catholic Parents' and Electors' Association.

"It is important for Christians to have their voices heard in international politics. Take, for example, the British foreign policy in Yugoslavia. From all sides we hear admiration of this monstrous man."

Britons would not need to be unduly alarmed if this admiration had come only from Anzein Bevan, Marxist leader of the left-wing group in the Labour Party, the Bishop said.

But he pointed out that Anthony Eden, Britain's divorced and recently remarried Foreign Secretary, had been "honey-mooning" in Yugoslavia and pressing Tito to come to Britain.

NEED WARM CLOTHING



Dioceses throughout the United States have been asked to conduct another emergency clothing campaign the week of Thanksgiving, November 23-30, for the benefit of the refugees in Europe and Asia. Among those needing warm clothing are these Korean youngsters dressed in rags and huddled together for warmth near an Army barracks. Last year's clothing campaign resulted in a total of 7,250,000 pounds of wearable clothing and shoes, shipped overseas by War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference. (NC Photos).

Champion Of Voting Almost Loses Own

Cleveland — (AP) — Father James Keller, M.M., is one of the busiest persons in the United States.

He lectures on and directs the work of The Christophers, which he founded; he writes books and makes personal appearances in connection with their sale, and countless thousands know him for his diverse and intensive efforts to get people their right to vote in the November elections.

When he arrived here recently to fill Father Keller's three separate engagements, it was only natural that he should be tired. But Father Keller remembered that he — of all people — had forgotten to register, so that he might vote. And there was precious little time left in which to do so. Then began a round of activity that made his ordinary efforts pale.

While Father Keller made a tape recording of an address he had hoped to give before a club that evening, a friend made a plane reservation for him. The priest cut short a personal appearance, with autographs, in behalf of his new book, "Just For Today," tacked to the airport, and just caught his plane.

ARRIVING IN HIS own New York, another swift dash by taxi got him to the Board of Elections office just before it closed. He registered, thereby qualifying to vote. An hour later he was aboard a train, again bound for Cleveland.

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Catholics Lead Fight On Reds In Japan

San Francisco — (AP) — Catholics, many of them recent converts, are in the forefront of a vigorous campaign against the rise of communism in Japan.

Archbishop Peter Tateno Doi of Tokyo reported in an interview here.

THE TOKYO PRELATE was the guest of Archbishop John J. Mitty of San Francisco, during a stopover here on his way to Rome for his ad limina visit with the Holy Father.

A vital participant in the anti-Red fight is the Catholic Student's Federation, whose members work with particular effectiveness in Japan's large universities, Archbishop Doi said.

There were only 3,000 Catholics in Tokyo when U. S. forces occupied Japan in August, 1945, Archbishop Doi recalled. Since that time, he added, the number has been increased to 150 per cent.

THE GREAT NUMBER of conversions total up to a proud record — stated them with humility, not pride; with deep gratitude for the work of others, not his own.

Archbishop Doi expressed gratitude for the work of some 700 foreign missionaries — most of them post-war newcomers — in converting 10,000 adults since the end of the war. He also spoke highly of the enthusiastic desire of Japanese laymen to spread the faith.

"You must tell your people of the amazing help we get from volunteer lay catechists," Archbishop Doi declared. "Many are only recent converts themselves, and yet they actually turn out 200 at a time to attend evening classes in theology — to prepare

Churches Faked For 'Peace' Parley

Hong Kong — (AP) — Delegates to the Peking "peace" congress were deprived of some of the genuinely "progressive" atmosphere in Catholic churches and other religious institutions on their visit to the Red China capital.

This is revealed by missionaries recently ousted from the Peking area. They related that just prior to the "Asian and Pacific Peace Congress" the Reds stripped many of the "progressive" decorations and pictures from religious institutions.

CHURCHES and convents long ago were ordered cleared of such "reactionary" decorations as the crucifixes and the statues and pictures of saints. In their places were put pictures of Stalin and Mao Tse Tung, the top China communist. Inscriptions such as "Mary, pray for us" were replaced with Red slogans such as "Long Live Chinese Communism."

But as the Peking congress approached, the Red Bureau of Religious Affairs showed concern over the impression these "progressive" decorations might make on foreign delegates. It decided that for the congress at least there should be some return to "reaction."

Twenty million communist dollars were allotted by the Bureau to restore the Buddhist pagodas to their original form. Soldiers were chased out and Buddhist monks reinstated.

The Inspector for the Bureau of Religious Affairs found a huge red star adorning the wall of a "progressive" Catholic Church.

"Remove that," he ordered. "This is a church, not a profane building."

THE vestibule of the Church was filled with notices of accusations against the priests and lay people who had remained loyal to Rome. "Clean these all out," commanded the Inspector.

The Committee for Reform had removed the crucifixes and statues and replaced them with huge paintings of Mao Tse Tung, and other high communists. "Are you Catholic?" shouted the Inspector. "Well, then put back the crucifixes and images."

Next the Inspector turned his attention to the Church personnel who for the most part were

Ambassador's Wife Carves Crucifix

Panama City — (AP) — The tiny Church of Saint Isabel deep in Panama's interior has a new hand-carved, six-foot altar crucifix because a diplomat's wife likes to explore out-of-the-way places in countries where her husband is sent.

The crucifix was carved and donated to the church by Irene Wiley, wife of U. S. Ambassador John Cooper Wiley. A painter and sculptor in her own right, a Catholic, has created altar pieces for churches all around the world, including one for the altar of St. Theresa the Little Flower in Vatican City.

Martyrs Shrine — (AP) — An estimated 250,000 persons visited the National Martyrs Shrine, conducted by the Jesuits here, during the 1952 pilgrimage season.

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