

Chaplains 'On Job' At Korean Front

With U. S. 7th Infantry Division in Korea — (NC) — It was the night before the year's biggest United Nations offensive. Darkness hid the sign on a jeep that drove slowly forward, without headlights, through the blackout area of the central front. Except for a few glimmers, the only lights visible were the cold stars, occasional artillery flashes and red tracer bullets.

Sofia 'Trial' Seen Attack On Church

Washington—(NC)—The U. S. State Department considers the recent "trial" and sentencing of a Bulgarian Bishop and his co-defendants as an attempt "to destroy the last remnants of the Catholic Church in Bulgaria."

The Department stated so in commenting on the case of Bishop Eugene Bossilkoff of Nikopol and his co-defendants in a statement released here. Bishop Bossilkoff and three priests "tried" with him were sentenced to death for alleged spying and conspiracy against the Bulgarian regime. Twenty-six other priests, lay Catholics and a nun received prison sentences ranging up to 20 years.

Other jeeps also had been moving through the frosty night bringing chaplains to points where they could best minister to tomorrow's wounded. Hence, at every forward aid station and casualty collecting station you saw at least one jeep marked with the chaplain's white cross.

The chaplains, Catholic and Protestant, were on the job. Inside tents and bunkers, and out in the open you saw them bent over litter whereon the wounded lay, wrapped in brown, often blood-soaked, army blankets.

Seven Catholic priests worked at various points, all within communist artillery range. Almost in the shadow of Triangle Hill, I found Father Stears and the Protestant Chaplain Raymond Stephens of Livingston, Mont., busy with wounded just brought down from the steep, fire-swept slopes by plucky little bearers or in tracked vehicles called "weasels."

THESE CHAPLAINS' drivers, most of whom are combat veterans, also served as assistants, sacristans, acolytes and general handymen. They are the invaluable "lay brothers" of the Chaplains' Corps.

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This is one of the least offensive of the calumnious cartoons the communists in Bulgaria are leveling against the Catholic Church and the United States. Printed in "Trud" (labor), of Sofia, it caricatures a Catholic priest, armed with a revolver and holding a hand grenade labeled "U. S." behind his back. He watches farmers operating tractors and says: "I look on cooperatives unfavorably." "Trud" contends it was taken from the "deposition" of a "convicted" priest, Zaykoff. It arrogantly ignores the fact that both the Church and the United States have actively encouraged cooperatives. (NC Photos)

Francis P. Matthews Death Ends Distinguished Career

Omaha — (NC) — The death here on Oct. 18 of Francis P. Matthews, U.S. Ambassador to Ireland, at the age of 65, has brought to a close a distinguished career combining the highest service to the Church with the highest service to the Nation.

early as 1910, he was named to the State board of directors in 1923, and the next year to the K. of C. Supreme Board, receiving also a Knighthood in the Order of St. Gregory. In 1933, he was named Deputy Supreme Knight of the K. of C., becoming Supreme Knight in 1937.

His other honors include being named a Secret Papal Chamberlain of the Cape and Sword, and honorary doctorates from John Marshall College, Loyola (Chicago), Villanova, Creighton, Notre Dame, and Holy Cross.

Mr. Matthews married Mary Claire Hughes in 1914, and they had six children, all of whom survive. His wife and daughter, Marguerite, were in Ireland when he died.

The day before his death Mr. Matthews had disclosed he would not continue as Ambassador to Ireland after the end of the year, because he wanted to return to live in Omaha. He succumbed of a heart attack while on a visit to Omaha.

Cardinal Dedicates Raskob Memorial

New York—(NC) — The John J. Raskob Memorial of St. Vincent's Hospital, Manhattan, was dedicated by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, on the second anniversary of the death of the financial leader.

The informal ceremony was attended by members of the Raskob family and representatives of the board of managers of the hospital, the advisory board and the medical staff. The 12-story building is scheduled for completion next June. It will add 115 beds to the care of patients and an extension for the children's affiliated with the K. of C. as department.

CARDINAL'S GOLDEN JUBILEE



Members of the Christian Colony in Buenos Aires present a spiritual bouquet to Cardinal Santiago Luis Copello, in appreciation of his prayers for the liberation of Yugoslavia from communism. The Cardinal, 72, who is chief shepherd of some 5,700,000 Catholics, is celebrating his Golden Jubilee as a priest.

Juvenile Drug Habit Called 'Case Of Sin'

New York — (NC) — Juvenile drug addiction is basically not a matter of "illness, but of sin," a narcotics law enforcement officer told a Catholic group here.

The speaker was James C. Ryan, New York District Supervisor of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics. He was a guest at the annual Communion Breakfast of the Catholic War Veterans and its Ladies Auxiliary.

"LET US NOT go on the assumption that narcotic addiction is an illness rather than a sin," Mr. Ryan admonished. "Like all delinquency, it is a deliberate abandonment of God's law. Children as well as adults have a free will to choose between right and wrong. Basically, juvenile addiction is a moral problem."

The narcotics chief declared that the problem of narcotic addiction among teen-agers "might not have arisen had they been taught to pray for and use God's grace to help them to choose good rather than evil."

"IT IS significant," he said, "that in those schools where children are taught to love God and obey His commandments, the menace of narcotic addiction is non-existent."

Chicago Holy Name Raps Red 'Trials'

Chicago — (NC) — The Holy Name Society of the Archdiocese of Chicago, 250,000 members strong, has joined Catholic laymen throughout the nation in calling on the State Department to denounce before the United Nations the "mocktrials" of a Bulgarian bishop, priests and laymen.

Msgr. Edward J. Kelly, executive secretary of the men's organization, urged Secretary of State Dean Acheson to intervene for the safety of the religious leaders in Red Bulgaria.

Those sentenced to death by Sofia court on "charges" of "spying and sabotage" include Bishop Eugene Bossilkoff of Nikopol.

College Head

Rev. Edward R. Bunn, S.J., (above) of Baltimore, Md., who has been named President and Rector of Georgetown University, oldest Catholic College in the United States. He succeeds the Rev. Hunter Guthrie, S.J., who has retired from the post he held since 1949. (NC Photos)

Medical Men Warned On 'Ostrich' View By Prelate

Chicago — (NC) — Medical men of today should "face facts" because "solving medical problems requires constructive thinking, not an ostrich attitude," His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, declared here.

The Cardinal warned against "businessmen doctors" who degrade themselves and their profession as he spoke at the annual ceremonies in honor of St. Luke, patron of physicians, in Loyola University's Madonna Della Strada Chapel. More than 500 students, faculty members and alumni of the university's Stritch School of Medicine attended.

A SOCIALIST state would not solve social and medical problems, Cardinal Stritch said. In his criticism of materialism in the medical practice, the Cardinal asserted:

"There are two kinds of doctors—one who helps his fellow men and gives himself to his practice, and one who engages in a medical business. No matter how successful the latter is in making money, he degrades himself and his profession.

"A doctor should approach his patient with the realization of the sacredness of that person," the Cardinal continued. "It is the materialism that has crept into the field of medicine which has dared to express thoughts of the murder of the unborn babe or mercy killing."

THE PRACTICE of medicine "is most beneficent when it is in the hands of a good son of God," Cardinal Stritch said. He added: "We know the tragedies that have come out of materialism in medicine. A certain scientific fact and a balanced judgment are the characteristics of a good doctor. Unless there is a wide, sound, fundamental knowledge of medical science, the doctor is useless."

Sacrifices of the poor and wealthy alike make it possible to keep Loyola's medical school open, Cardinal Stritch said. He reminded the students that "it is the Mary Arne Smiths who found their typewriters all day to contribute their share to the annual parish assessments for the school who are responsible for you being here. Remember them in the days when you are successful physicians."

Cardinal Stritch annually allots \$50,000 of the archdiocesan funds to the medical school. Each November there is a \$250-a-plate dinner, which realizes some \$250,000. This \$300,000 erases the medical school's annual deficit.

Modern Commercial Cemeteries Scored

Chicago — (RNS) — Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, in an address here, scored "modern commercial cemeteries" which, he said, "indicate a trend of materialistic thought." This trend, he added, "attempts mainly to obliterate the reality of death and the hope of an after life."

The Cardinal was a principal speaker at the annual meeting of the National Catholic Cemetery Conference here attended by 135 directors of Catholic cemeteries from all over the U. S.

Cardinal Stritch told the delegates that the Roman Catholic Church discharges a religious function "and a corporal work of mercy in burying the dead and in maintaining cemeteries in which the mortal remains of its members are... interred."

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