

**Bishop Stripped At Altar By Reds, Witness Reveals**

Hong Kong—(NC)—Bishop Cuthbert O'Gara of Yuanling, Canadian Passionist, was stripped to his underwear at the altar of his church when he was arrested by the Reds in June 1950, according to an eyewitness account now received here.



BISHOP O'GARA

The 67-year-old missionary was taken to the Gospel side of the altar for this stripping ceremony. The Reds insisted on stripping the Bishop to search him for "incriminating evidence."

FATHER PAUL UBINGER, 59-year-old Passionist missionary from Pittsburgh, had to submit to the same embarrassing "search" ceremony, the eyewitness account states.

The arrest of Bishop O'Gara and Father Ubinger came nine months after the Reds had seized control of Yuanling, Hunan province. A native of Ottawa, Bishop O'Gara completed his priestly studies in the United States and was ordained at Union City, N. J., in 1915. He was assigned to the China missions in 1924. Father Ubinger began his missionary career in China in 1922.

**U. S. Chaplain To See Freed War Prisoners**

By REV. F. J. O'CONNOR

Manana, Korea—(NC)—Father (Lt. Col.) William F. Kern, of Milwaukee, Wis., deputy Eighth Army chaplain, will be on hand in the camp now being prepared here to receive sick and wounded prisoners to be released by the communists. He is one of the Eighth Army headquarters chaplains who, according to an official source, will attend the camp.

Some of these prisoners have not seen a priest for two and a half years.

The First Marine Division, occupying the camp, which is in a Marine area. The camp staff wear an armband marked "RAM" (Recovery Allied Military Personnel). Newsmen have already named the camp, "Freedom Village," but the Marines call it "End of the Rainbow Camp."

An important part of the camp is the Eighth Army's 45th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, a type known popularly as "MASH." All these MASH hospitals have done magnificent work in the Korean war, often dangerously close to the front lines.

The 45th was formerly known as 8075 MASH. The entire hospital staff, with their tents and equipment, made an all-night journey by road in a convoy of 120 miles, more than half way across Korea, from the former location at Hwacheon, arriving at the camp site here on Saturday morning, April 4.

By Sunday, the tents had already been erected. The Catholic doctors, nurses and enlisted men made sure they would not miss Easter Mass. They sent a helicopter for a priest, Father (Lt.) Matthew Strumski, of Providence, R. I., a Marine chaplain, who celebrated Mass in a tent late on Sunday.

The normal capacity of the MASH hospitals is 60 beds each, but in emergencies they can take 200 cases. They have about twelve Army doctors, twelve nurses in each. They don't have a chaplain on the staff. Lt. Col. Charles A. Hollingsworth is the commanding officer of the 45th hospital.

It is expected that the released men will be moved speedily through the camp. Some are likely to be on their way after a few hours. The seriously ill may be held for a maximum of two days before being transferred to the evacuation hospitals or hospital ships, or air borne to hospitals in Japan.

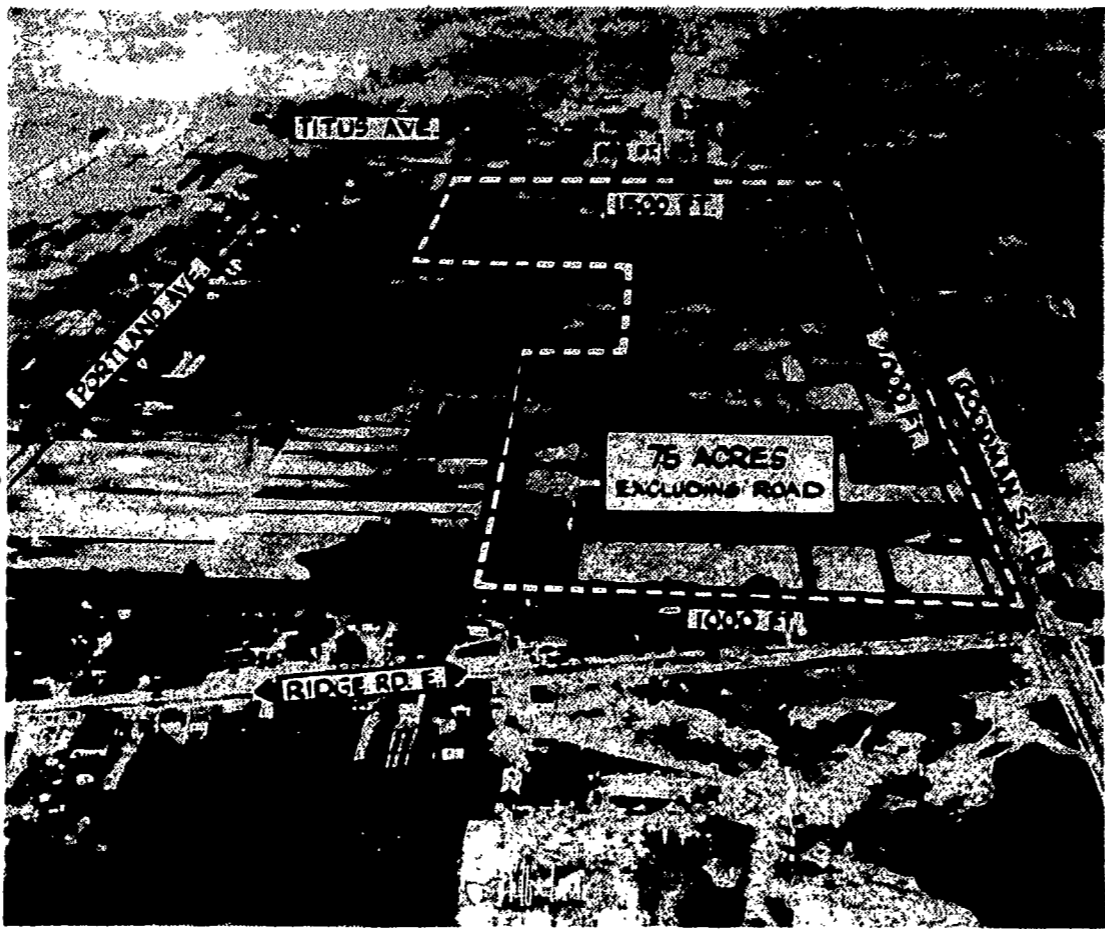
**Vicar General Named By Card. Spellman**

New York—(NC)—Mgr. Edward V. Dargin has been appointed vicar general of the New York diocese by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman.

The pastor of St. Gregory's Church in Harrison, N. Y., he succeeds the late Mgr. Edward R. Gaffney and will serve with Auxiliary Bishop Joseph T. Donahue, also vicar general.

Senators Tompkins, Mitchell and Shavers, William B. Thomas, Governor, 518, Main St., Albany, N. Y., 12242.

**Future High School, Parish Site**



AIRVIEW PHOTO of 75 acre tract in Irondequoit purchased by the Diocese for a proposed new Catholic boys high school and a new parish church.

**Diocese Acquires 75 Acres In Irondequoit Section For Boys' High School, Church**

The Diocese of Rochester has purchased 75 acres of land on North Goodman Street in Irondequoit for a proposed Catholic boys' high school and a new parish church.

Purchase of the extensive property was announced this week by Monsignor James C. McNiff, chancellor of the diocese, who also disclosed that the diocese has made application to the Irondequoit Town Planning Board for permission to use the North Goodman Street property for the establishment of a boys' high school and a parish church.

The new property is located on Goodman Street North between Ridge Road East and Third Avenue, and is known as the Duerr Farm, which includes the Parker Farm and part of the Redman Estate.

CONCERNING THE immediate prospects for constructing the new high school and new church, Monsignor McNiff stated:

"No date has been set for the construction of either school or has any religious community been selected to staff the proposed school."

He recalled that "the new boys' high school in the north eastern area of Rochester was promised by Bishop James E. Kearney on the occasion of the high school fund drive last Fall when the established goal was surpassed by \$200,000."

"The nature and size of the school will be determined only after the plan has been outlined, the last meeting for which will be made in December of 1954," Monsignor McNiff said.

Attorneys acting in the property negotiation were David M. Shearer for the Diocese of Rochester and Arthur T. Parmenter for Kenneth Duerr, seller of the property.

The proposed school in Irondequoit, fast-growing suburban area on the north east flank of the city of Rochester, would provide the third Catholic boys' high school in the city area.

At present Aquinas Institute on Dewey Avenue in Rochester is the only Catholic boys' high school serving the area.

Last month, however, the Jesuit Fathers purchased 25 acres on the corner of Elmwood Avenue and Clinton Avenue, S.W., in Brighton, suburb south east of the city, for the creation of the new McQuaid High School for boys. Plans for the building of McQuaid High School are now in preparation and it is hoped to have it ready for the Fall of 1954.

THE DIOCESAN-WIDE high school fund drive, held last October 28 to November 11 in honor of Bishop Kearney's fifteenth anniversary as Bishop of Rochester, raised over \$4,000,000.

The Bishop's High School Jubilee Fund, as the campaign was called, provided for four new diocesan high schools, plans for which are now in the making. Besides McQuaid High School, these new high schools include Mount Carmel High School for boys and girls in Auburn, Notre Dame de Lourdes High School for boys and girls in Elmira, and St. Agnes High School for girls in Rochester.

St. Agnes High School will be built on a 20 acre tract on the East River Road in Brighton by the Sisters of St. Joseph, who also conduct Nazareth Academy for girls in Rochester and Nazareth College for girls in Pittsford.

THE ROCHESTER and Monroe County area was assigned a goal of \$1,798,500 in the Bishop's High School Jubilee Fund campaign. This goal was over-subscribed on the final night of the drive (Nov. 11) when pledges totalling \$2,596,500 were reported.

This successful outcome prompted Bishop Kearney to immediately forecast the possibility of building a third new high school for boys in the north east section of the city. Fulfillment of the 75 acres in Irondequoit is the first step in the realization of the Bishop's forecast.

Indicative of the growing Catholic population in Irondequoit is the diocesan step towards building a new parish in the area. Irondequoit Catholics are presently served by eight parishes whose boundaries are largely or partly in the area.

The new parish, announced by Monsignor McNiff, is to be located on the corner of North Goodman Street and Third Avenue, and is to be named St. Joseph's.

The construction of the school and church is to be financed by the sale of the property.

**Vatican Paper Warns On Red 'Good Faith'**

Rome—(RNS)—The Western powers should consider the Soviet Union's anti-religious policy before reaching any conclusion about the good faith of recent Russian peace overtures, Observatore Romano, Vatican newspaper, said here.

Observatore expressed the opinion that in Moscow, "everything continues as before and is not better than before."

Its warning appeared to be at variance with the tone of an editorial printed three days earlier in the paper.

At that time, Observatore said it felt Chinese Premier Chou-En-lai's offer to conclude negotiations on Korean prisoner-of-war exchanges without insisting on forcible repatriation was the most important of recent signs that the Communists were adopting a milder attitude toward the West.

THE SEEMING change in attitude can be attributed to a new Russian attack on the Vatican, which Observatore declared was "perfidious."

The Russian criticism was contained in a Moscow Radio broadcast of a Soviet magazine article claiming the Vatican had issued a new code of international morals sanctioning the propaganda of atomic and germ warfare.

Observatore said that the attack, Moscow's first statement on religion since Premier Georgi M. Malenkov came to power, represented "a new chapter of anti-religious policy and obviously a prelude to harsher persecutions."

IN ANOTHER article, Observatore commented on the strange case in which 15 Russian doctors previously accused of conspiring to shorten the lives of Soviet leaders were released and held to be innocent.

The Vatican paper said the case should open a door to the possibility of revisiting the trials in which many prominent Roman Catholic churches were condemned for crimes they never committed.

But Observatore added that it was not at all hopeful that such a revision would be made by Communist authorities.

"The revision of trials is not, as we have seen, for the Catholic Church and for its heroic faithful," said the Vatican organ.

OBSERVATORE said that "confessions" extracted from innocent men, as the Russians said had been done in the doctors' case, had been used to convict many Catholic priests.

It named Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, who was condemned to life imprisonment in 1949, and Archbishop Joseph Groz of Kolosca, who became head of the Hungarian Bench of Roman Catholic Bishops after Cardinal Mindszenty's imprisonment and who was sentenced to 15 years in June, 1951.

Besides these, said the paper, "we think also of their accusers and tormentors, many of whom were later punished for treason and even for espionage—the very same charges that they had contrived against their victims."

**1st Division Marine Leathernecks Name 'Our Lady Of Fatima' Queen In Korea**

By REV. F. J. O'CONNOR

With The First Marine Division, Korea—(NC)—Catholic leathernecks of this division declared Our Lady of Fatima their Queen in an Easter Sunday ceremony at the division command post in a Korean valley.

Bishop Paul Ho, Vicar Apostolic of Seoul, unveiled and crowned the statue, which Father (Lt.) Matthew Strumski of the Diocese of Providence, assistant division chaplain, received during Holy Week.

The ceremony took place in the afternoon at an outdoor stage before a gathering of Marine officers and enlisted men. The stage had earlier formed the sanctuary for two Masses, one of them a High Mass with a Marine choir singing.

After the unveiling, speakers for Catholics of three regiments and six other units of the First Marine Division pronounced the pledge to Our Lady.

"The Catholic men of Headquarters Division pledge themselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Fatima, to pray for the conversion of Russia and the peace of the world," Father Strumski declared over a loudspeaker in behalf of his men. Father (Lt. Cmdr.) L. F. Rice, of the Redemptorist order's province, made the same declaration for Catholics of the 11th Marine Regiment. Bishop Ho received the pledge in the name of the Korean Catholics of Seoul.

Father Strumski reminded the congregation that the pledge implied reception of the Sacraments, recitation of the Rosary and wearing the scapular. He emphasized that among the Marines participating were veterans of the Korean battles of Bunker Hill, Warsaw and Vepsa, the hill where bitter fighting took place one week earlier.

Before the unveiling of the statue Bishop Ho confirmed 21 Marines ranging in rank from private to a lieutenant colonel, a recent convert. On the previous evening Father Strumski baptized three converts.

A Marine helicopter flew Father Ho and two Korean priests to the scene here for the ceremony. The copter landed in the Seoul cathedral grounds to pick up the Bishop.

After the ceremony the majority of the Marines present signed the "Blue Army Pledge" to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It calls for saying part of the rosary daily and wearing the scapular "all in reparation for sins thou didst so sorrowfully lament."

The statue was carved of wood blessed by Bishop Jose Alves Correia da Silva of Leiria last October 13 at the shrine of Fatima. It is one of two sent to Father Harold Cogan of Pittsford, N. Y., director of the Ave Maria Institute. The other is intended for the United Nations building in New York.

The Marines obviously treasure their statue. They crowded to admire it and to kiss Bishop Ho's ring. Battle-tired veterans stood beside the statue while battle official concerns.

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San Diego, Calif.—(NC)—A majority of San Diego clergymen would not oppose a Federal investigation of churchmen for communistic affiliations or activities.

This was disclosed in a "spot check" made by John Sprinker of The Union, local daily newspaper.

Rep. Harold H. Velde, of Illinois, suggested several weeks ago in a radio address that the House Un-American Investigating Committee might launch a probe into communist infiltration of the clergy.

BISHOP CHARLES F. Buddy of San Diego said there is no reason why the church as well as other organizations should be object to a "searching investigation regarding communist infection."

Some church groups, he continued, have aroused suspicion by adopting the communistic pattern of sponsoring "Red" lectures and disseminating discord and hatred.

"The present day tensions demand a definite stand either for or against our form of government," the Bishop said.

"Weeklings and inflated planks should no longer be permitted to straddle or quibble. Let them stand the test of a rugged congressional probe. Churches of unwavering loyalty have nothing to fear," the Bishop concluded.

Several prominent Protestant ministers also gave approval to the projected investigation although some declared that certain safeguards should be provided.

Dr. Thomas Law Coyle, Presbyterian, said if the investigations "are to be fair and honest, then our churches should not be exempt. After all, we are an integral part of the American structure."

"I BELIEVE," he said, "that few of us realize how communism has bored in. All people should be loyal to the American way of life, and I further believe that there are clergymen who have become confused on the issue."

Churches "should have nothing to fear" from a federal investigation, the Rev. Annie T. Severin, Evangelical Lutheran, said.

**Television Stars' Baby Baptized**



Television stars Lucille Ball and her husband, Desi Arnaz, held 18-week-old Donatello Alberto Arnaz after he was baptized by Father John Marley of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church here. The infant attracted nationwide interest when he was born the same day that his parents' show, "Love Lucy" which was shown in advance, depicted the birth of a new baby.

**Slowdown Hinted In Red Attacks Against Church**

Tokyo—(NC)—The new Russian rulers may slacken their persecution of the Church while they are entrenching themselves in power, Bishop John Heenan of Leeds, England, told a Pacific Stars and Stripes reporter here.

The Bishop made the statement during a visit to Korea and Japan to see Commonwealth troops in the area.

Bishop Heenan, according to the Stars and Stripes reporter, revealed that he had once spent a month in Russia disguised as a psychiatrist. He was quoted as saying that the new Russian premier, Georgi Malenkov, is a weaker man than Stalin and "he'll look around for allies. He'll try to placate the opposition... To keep power Malenkov may be glad to come to terms all along the line."

**Birth Control Advocates Opposed In Connecticut**

Hartford, Conn.—(NC)—Claims that opposition to birth control is a "Catholic" project were refuted during hearings on the 14th attempt by birth control advocates to change a Connecticut State law which prohibits physicians from prescribing birth prevention methods.

Testifying before the State Legislature's Public Health and Safety Committee, Attorney Joseph B. Cooney of Hartford pointed out that opponents of the proposed amendment are not asking new legislation, nor are they attempting to enact into law a so-called Catholic viewpoint.

"THE PRESENT STATUTE," he pointed out, "was adopted years ago when if there were any Catholics in this august assembly they were few and far between. The present statute was not sponsored by Catholics and no claim can be made that the present law was adopted by Catholic legislators. That view is false."

To the extent that opponents of the proposed new legislation represent a small minority, Mr. Cooney answered that "the fact of the matter is that a great many people besides the Catholics are opposed to this legislation."

He said a state-wide referendum would be "conclusively in opposition to the wild claims made by the small but well-organized organization of Connecticut women who back birth control."

Mr. EDWARD B. O'CONNOR, of New Haven, in his opening remarks said that there is no second reading of the proposed law.

The Connecticut State Legislature is now in session.