

Biggest Crowd In History Jams London Cathedral To Hear Bishop Sheen

London (AP)—A congregation of 20,000 persons — biggest in its 650-year history — crowded into Westminster Cathedral here for a special Good Friday service at which the preacher was Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York.



London — Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York preaches to 20,000 persons who jammed into Westminster Cathedral here for Easter services. It was the largest number of worshippers ever to assemble in the Cathedral. Bishop Sheen is national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. (Religious News Service Photo)

vision "Man of the Year" had to be turned away. So great was the crowd inside the cathedral that the Stations of the Cross procession had to be modified.

BISHOP SHEEN appeared later on a nationwide Good Friday British television program. He was scheduled to leave London on Easter Monday for Rome. From that point he was due to go to Southern Italy for a rest before returning to the United States.

In addition to the program on which Bishop Sheen appeared, two other Catholic TV showings marked Holy Week in Britain. One was the presentation of the Passion Play, "Behold the Man" on Good Friday evening, and the other was televising of Holy Saturday ceremonies from the Pro-Cathedral at Clifton, Bristol.

THE CEREMONIES included a Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph Rudderham of Clifton, and a commentary by Father Agnellus Andrew, O.F.M., Britain's own "radio priest."

The film, "Behold the Man," was written by two priests of the Westminster archdiocese and pro-

Requiem Held For Jim Thorpe, Olympic Star

Los Angeles (AP)—Solemn Requiem Mass was offered (April 6) for Jim Thorpe, fabulous Indian athlete, at St. Margaret Mary Church in Lomita, Calif.

Father John V. Hegarty, pastor at St. Margaret Mary's, gave the final rites of the Church to the 34-year-old Olympic champion when he succumbed to a heart attack in his trailer home in Lomita.

Thorpe's body was later shipped to Shawnee, Oklahoma, for burial.

MEMO OF THE 1912 Olympic Games at Stockholm and a towering football figure, Jim Thorpe has been acclaimed as the greatest all-round athlete seen in modern times. He almost single-handedly gained Olympic honors for the U. S., setting a point-to-point record never before approached.

He won four of the five events in the Pentathlon and finished third in the Decathlon events, a record unequalled to this day.

In 1950, he was selected as the greatest athlete of the 20th century. Before his Olympic fame, he had become a national sports figure on the gridiron as a member of the famous Carlisle Indians football team.

HIS SPORTS activities also included running, jumping, lacrosse, boxing, rough-and-tumble, basketball, hockey, archery, rifle shooting, canoeing, handball, swimming, skating and baseball.

He was born on a farm in Prague, Okla., the son of Hiram Thorpe, Dutch, Welsh and Irish bloods were said to flow in his veins but he was predominantly Sac and Fox Indian.

Tragedy marked his life when, after winning Olympic honors and more than \$50,000 worth of prizes, he was suspended as an amateur athlete because of a negligible amount of pay received for baseball playing during a college vacation. The prizes were returned to the Olympics committee.

He was discovered nearly penniless in 1931 after an operation for cancer of the lip. Groups throughout the country raised thousands of dollars for him.

During World War II, though past the age for military duty, he enlisted in the Merchant Marine and served on an ammunition carrier.

IRISH PRIMATE GREETERS



New York—Archbishop John C. McQuaid of Dublin, Primate of Ireland (right), joined His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, on the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral here to watch the traditional Easter Parade along Fifth Avenue. According to his custom, Cardinal Spellman earlier celebrated an Easter Pontifical Mass in the Cathedral.

Dublin Prelate Guest In N. Y. For Easter

New York (AP)—Archbishop John C. McQuaid of Dublin, Ireland, may be forgiven if he is temporarily unenthusiastic about American weather.

On his first visit to this country, the Irish prelate, arriving by air from Shannon, not only had to wait for two hours while his plane groped through a soupy fog above Long Island, but discovered when the aircraft touched down that he was not at Idlewild Airport, his scheduled destination. He was at La Guardia Field, on the other side of New York's Queens County.

ARCHBISHOP McQuaid spent two days here while en route to the National Eucharistic Congress to be held in Sydney, Australia, from April 12 to 19. During his stay he visited His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York. He was the Cardinal's dinner guest on the evening of his arrival and assisted at a Pontifical Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Easter Sunday.

Protestants, Jews Aid Catholic Orphans

Tenack, N. J.—(RNS)—A city-wide drive for funds to rebuild the dormitory of a Catholic orphanage was organized here, largely by Protestant and Jewish leaders, almost before the ashes of the fire-swept building had cooled.

Spearheaded by Max Bauer, chairman of the Beth Shalom Temple, a group of representatives of civic, fraternal and religious organizations gathered at Tenack's Town House to map a house-to-house canvass of the community on Sunday morning, April 12.

The fire had razed the dormitory of St. Joseph's Home for Boys at nearby Englewood Cliffs on April 1, leaving the 94 inmates homeless. Christians celebrating Easter and Jews observing Passover opened their hearts and homes to 94 of the youngsters for the holidays.

Meanwhile, at Mr. Bauer's urging, ministers and rabbis of Tenack's nine Protestant churches and three synagogues held their congregations at holiday services about the forthcoming collection and asked them to cooperate in it.

Korea News See Hope In Truce Proposal

By FATHER PATRICK QUINNOR
(Radio, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Seoul, Korea.—"This looks like the real thing." That's what correspondents on the press train in Munsan are saying about the latest communist proposals for a truce in Korea.

High hopes prevail that at least the sick prisoners will be exchanged.

Old-timers among the Korean war correspondents however ruefully recall the illusions of summer, 1951, and later. On July 1, 1951, the correspondents organized sweeps on the date they expected the cease-fire to take effect. Two veterans of a leading wire service put their dollars on August 1 and 2. This correspondent chose August 7. The latest date taken was September 15. A Chinese National correspondent backed that loser.

THE RECENT CHANGE in the communist attitude gives rise to hope. Catholic and Protestant missionaries and other civilians seized by the communists in North Korea may also be released soon.

But what about the 40 or more German Benedictine priests, Brothers and Sisters arrested in North Korea in 1949? What about the Korean Bishop Francis Hong, Vicar Apostolic of Pyongyang, his priests and other Korean civilians arrested in 1949 and 1950? The United Nations command would be blameworthy if it failed to press for the release of these prisoners.

London (Radio, NC)—Soviet authorities are at present negotiating with the North Koreans about the repatriation of an Irish missionary and six British civilians who have been interned in North Korea since the outbreak of the war, it was announced in the House of Commons.

THE MISSIONARY was identified only as "Father Quinlan" and no closer identification is possible at the present time. However, he is firmly believed to be Msgr. Thomas Quinlan, Irish-born member of the Society of St. Columban, who is Prefect Apostolic of Chunchon and fell into the hands of the North Koreans when the communists took Chunchon in 1950.

Minister Selwyn Lloyd told

94 Boys Evacuated From Burning Home

Englewood, N. J.—(RNS)—Sixteen religious of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Newark stepped behind 94 youngsters safely outside when fire raged through a school building at the St. Joseph's Home for Boys here. Observers said there was perfect calm in the evacuation—not the slightest trace of panic or confusion.

The blaze, which practically wrecked the three-story building, took three hours to get under control. Its origin was undetermined.

Remodeled Hospital Lets Husbands Remain With Wives During Labor

Toledo, O.—(RNS)—Remodeling of the maternity department at St. Vincent's Hospital here will allow husbands to remain close to their wives during the period of labor.

An easy chair for the husband at the bedside of his wife during labor is provided in the \$350,000 remodeling plan of Toledo's longest-in-service hospital operated by the Grey Nuns of Montreal. All eight labor rooms will be private. Previously two mothers-in-waiting could share one room.

For those needing special attention, there are three advanced labor rooms for mothers only.

Four nurseries (limited to 12 infants each) have replaced the two larger nurseries. The nur-

series, paired, are separated by sliding windows.

Some 60 tons of equipment give treatment to the air-sucked through a charged grill that electrocutes insects. Nine zones are subject to independent control for temperature and humidity.

The bottle-washing and formula-making rooms are joined by a double-door autoclave (sterilizer).

Jurist Dies

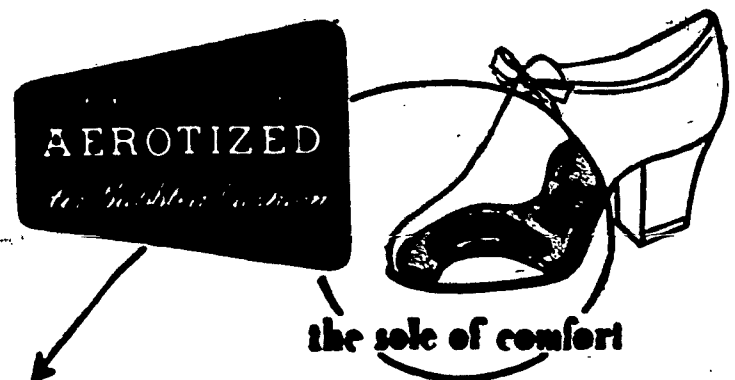
Kingston, N. Y.—(NC)—Chief Judge John Thomas Loughran of the New York State Court of Appeals died (March 31) as he was preparing to leave his home to attend Mass.

Death was due to a heart ailment.



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