

### China Reds Expel Maryknoll Priest

**Sheng Hong — (RNS)** — The Rev. Joseph Lavin, M.M., 46-year old Maryknoll missionary from Framingham, Mass., arrived here following his expulsion by Chinese Communists.

Father Lavin said that he had been kept under house arrest for more than a year at his Hol Nyan orphanage home in Kwant Tung province.

He asserted that Communist officials questioned him daily while he was in custody and that he lost 40 pounds during that period.

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One of the most pathetic stories to come from our missionaries in a long time is from the Superior of Holy Family Convent in Chembokoru, India, with its 50 orphans.

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## Education Leaders Pledge Loyalty To God and Nation

Atlantic City, N. J.—(NC)—Catholic educators ended a four-day convention with a renewed pledge of loyalty to the United States and resolved to treat constructively the "challenges of our time."

The NCEA, "corporately and in the name of its thousands of individual members," pledged allegiance to His Holiness Pope Pius XII and to the Church as represented officially by Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the U. S., noting that the association has "enjoyed the alert interest of our successive pontiffs, has been guided by their magnificent encyclicals . . . has been encouraged by the unfailing advice and counsel of the Sacred Congregations, and has been faithfully supported by our great and good Apostolic Delegate."

The association also resolved on the occasion of its golden jubilee to "rededicate itself to the more . . . complete fulfillment of its name: Education, the communication of knowledge, which is Catholic, embracing all truth, (and) which is national, ministering to our entire nation; thus realizing its best services to God and country."

The United States, our Country, by its very genius of freedom for education and education for freedom, has made a home for the Catholic school, the Cath-

olic college, thus fostering through the expansion of the Catholic educational system a most vital moral and spiritual factor in our national life," the educators stated.

### Parish Priest

By MRS. MARGARET TERESA  
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Parish Priest: A Man of God. Tells His Story, by Father LeRoy McWilliams. McGraw-Hill, 1953.

There is one human being who cares what we do — one person outside our family who is never indifferent to our actions or our problems. He has elected and has been elected to keep us on the road to God.

He is the parish priest — for the first twenty-five years the assistant, for the next twenty-five and more the pastor, but always the same about us, wanting us to keep going and to keep going straight, biding his time when he must, but alert to be there to see us through to the life that matters. Catholics know this; if ever they keep out of the priest's way, it's because they fear his interest, not his lack of it.

There have been books by young Catholics that, as John Cogley said, take the parish priest over the coals — J. F. Powers' *Friend of Darkness*, for instance, in which the author "particularizes to universalize." Cogley points to Powers' "artistic equipment, spirit-awareness, mature Catholicism, humor, human insight."

Granting Powers all this, we may still be permitted to point out that in order to show the white soul of one priest he seems to need a setting of four or five worldly priests. His art is not big enough yet for the truth. The proportion is wrong — the thing is the other way round, the startling fact is the daily transcendence of grace, the incurable Christliness of our priests.

Powers is to be praised in that his excellence cuts into the sale of such bitter, destructive, ugly work as Harry Sylvester's — and with time will come further knowledge of the priesthood and artistic power that does not depend on Gustav-Dore shadows to show truth.

BUT HOW WELCOME is the truth! The interior life as Father Leo Trese told it in *Vessel of Clay*, the exterior life as it is told in *Parish Priest*, has instant appeal. We want to know how it is with them really, from the inside, as they live it.

Such books are the perfect answer to the semi-comprehension of the story-teller, who understands man, but does not sufficiently understand what Thomas Merton meant in *Where I Found Christ*: "The grace of the priesthood sinks a man deep into the very depths of the Christ-life, places him at the heart of all that is real and vital, and arms him with the power, which has secretly shaped all history . . . Prayer used to rise out of my soul as a desire that raised me up to God . . . Now prayer is an earthquake . . . it throws me to the living way the early Christians were thrown to the lions . . . Jesus in the host is alone . . . because He is given to everybody, given utterly."

## Speakers At Education Meeting



Atlantic City, N. J.—Three main speakers at the 50th annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association are caught informally by the camera. Left to right are: Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis, retiring president-general of the association; Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the U. S.; and Dr. Arthur S. Adams, president of the American Council on Education. The meeting was attended by some 3,000 delegates representing 9,000 elementary schools, 2,500 secondary schools and 250 colleges and universities.

### Black Robes Dot Board Walk As 4,000 Nuns Hit Atlantic City

Atlantic City, N. J.—(NC)—You haven't seen nuns in action until you've seen them at an Atlantic City convention.

Their black-robed figures took over the famous board walk, the jobbies of elegant hotels and the public-size floor of Convention Hall, as the Sisters from all over the nation gathered for the 50th annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association.

Whether sitting around a shore dinner, peering in shop windows of hurrying by some rascally penny arcade, the Sisters took in the rare glimpse with beaming faces, bright eyes and plenty of dignity.

When the sun shone over the Atlantic, they walked with sprightly strides along the board walk, the sea breeze nipping at their veils. And when the fog and rain came rolling in, thousands of black umbrellas appeared from nowhere and the Sisters strolled in pairs through the fog.

### Pope Praises Charity Theme Of Congress

Sydney, Australia — (RNS) — Three Cardinals and some 40 Bishops were among the 80,000 persons who attended the opening ceremony of the National Eucharistic Congress here.

Persiding as Papal Legate was Norman Cardinal Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney. In addition, Gregory Cardinal Agagianian, Patriarch of Armenia, and Valerian Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, were present.

THE THEME of the congress, "Christian Charity," was praised by Pope Pius XII in a special message read to the throng.

"We are exceedingly glad," Pope Pius said, "to know that the theme which is to be developed in the solemn sessions of the Congress is the new Commandment of Christ which he delivered to us in the words: 'By this all men shall know that ye are my disciples that ye have love for one another (John, 13:35).'"

### New Jersey Stops Bingo

Trenton, N. J. — (RNS) — A state-wide crackdown on bingo games run by church, fraternal and charitable groups was pledged here by the 21 county prosecutors following a meeting with Attorney General Theodore Parsons.

The action followed a ruling by the State Supreme Court that a prosecutor can be indicted for failing to enforce anti-gambling laws.

Mercer County prosecutor Mario H. Volpe, spokesman for the county prosecutors, put bingo sponsors on notice that they will have to give up the games.

"The games are illegal," he said, "and each county prosecutor will have to handle the stopping of bingo. We say this is the court's opinion and it is up to us to do our job."

### Poor Sermons Cure Insomnia

Memphis, Tenn. — (RNS) — "Poor preaching is the greatest cure for insomnia ever discovered," a Kentucky Court of Appeals judge told the Memphis Ministers Association.

Judge Otto W. Stanley said: "No matter how good the subject matter, a sermon may be so smothered in words as to be wholly without effect," he said.

"Many sermons are like some of the opinions of the Court of Appeals: You have to read a gallon of opinion to get a pint of law."

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