

Germany Wants Link With West, Says Adenauer

Washington—(NC)—Dr. Konrad Adenauer, 77-year-old Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, has affirmed here the desire of the German people to shape its future in closest association with the democracies of the West.

The first German statesman of his rank to visit this country in many decades, Dr. Adenauer met here with President Eisenhower and other high U. S. officials. Their conversations, according to a joint communique, "revealed a far-reaching identity of views and objectives" and contributed toward "strengthening the ties of friendship now happily reestablished and consolidating the aims and strength of the free world."

Dr. Adenauer emphasized his conviction that only through a European Union can the freedom of Europe be preserved. Regarding Moscow's "peace offensive" he said he could, so far at least, see no convincing evidence of any change from the former course of Soviet foreign policy. According to the joint statement by President Eisenhower and Dr. Adenauer, both agreed that "while no opportunity should be missed to bring about a general relaxation of tensions, the free nations of the West must not relax their vigilance nor diminish their efforts to increase their unity and common strength."

Warning against any attempts to undermine the unity of the West, the Chancellor pointed out that Soviet agreement to holding free elections in all of Germany and release of 300,000 German prisoners still held by the communists would be a true test of Moscow's intentions.

ONE OF THE outstanding events of the Catholic statesman's three-day stay in the Nation's Capital was an academic convocation at Georgetown University which conferred upon him an honorary doctor of laws degree in recognition of his merits as "a champion of liberty, a friend of European unity and a loyal son of the Church."

GETS HONORARY DEGREE



Washington, D. C.—Dr. Konrad Adenauer, chancellor of West Germany (left), receives an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the Very Rev. Edward B. Burns, S.J., president of Georgetown University here. Looking on is Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington. Dr. Adenauer was on a State visit to President Eisenhower, the first official German visitor to the White House since Prince Henry called on Theodore Roosevelt when he was president. (Religious News Service Photo.)

Priest-Correspondent Called 'God's P.I.O.'

New York—(NC)—Father Patrick O'Connor has been filing news stories from the Far East for American Catholic papers for years. And since the outbreak of the Korean war in 1950, scarcely a week has gone without several O'Connor dispatches appearing in the National Catholic Welfare Conference News Service.

This week, however, TIME magazine turned the tables on Father O'Connor and printed a story on the NC correspondent himself.

Showing a photograph of the Dublin-born priest in his war correspondent's khaki, TIME remarked that Father O'Connor "has earned a reputation among combat reporters as one of the ablest in the Far East and (has) been dubbed by them 'God's P. I. O.'" (Public Information Office.)

THE 54-YEAR-OLD member of the Society of St. Columban always had a hankering to be a writer, the article said, and after getting his Master's degree and being ordained, Father O'Connor was sent to Nebraska to edit The

Far East, the society's magazine. TIME recalled that in the 22 years he edited The Far East, Father O'Connor often reminded his missionary contributors that "piety is no substitute for writing technique."

"Patrick O'Connor carries a reporter's notebook and a chaplain's Mass kit wherever he goes, often finds use for both," the magazine said. "In Tokyo last week, he fled a story on 18 churchmen of all faiths visiting Japan as guests of the Army, heard confessions at a Catholic student center."

"NEXT DAY he wrote a feature story on the Catholic Bishop of Seoul, followed it with a file on Crown Prince Akihito's departure for the British Coronation. Then he slipped on his field uniform and caught an Army plane for his 15th trip to Korea."

Tito-Ruled Trieste Zone Bans Clergy

Trieste—(NC)—Fifteen of the 22 parishes in Yugoslav-ruled Zone B of the Free Territory of Trieste are today without priests.

Immediately after the war, in May, 1945, there were 80 priests in the area; today only 22 are left.

All reports indicate that the situation is going from bad to worse—despite all the talk about new laws regarding freedom of religion and the visit of Marshal Tito to London.

ONE OF THE priests who recently escaped from communist police terror was Father Peter Cenati, parish priest since 1945 at Mattereda, in the district of Bule. Because he had advised a girl to go to Trieste in order to get married there, he was accused of having attempted to aid in the escape of a person from Zone B. He was subjected to long interrogations by police, his house was searched and his mail supervised.

CONDITIONS BECAME such that Father Cenati found it impossible to carry on his priestly duties any longer. The parish of Mattereda is now without a priest and the people have to walk five miles to attend Mass.

Bishop Antonio Santin of Trieste, whose diocese includes Zone B, instructed Father Cavallarin, the only priest left in Bule, to take charge of the priestless parish of Mattereda, in addition to the five churches already in his care. But when Father Cavallarin came there, three local communist party leaders ordered him to leave and warned him never to return.

THE LOCAL Peoples' Committee protested against the order, which had aroused general indignation. But all protests were in vain.

When an old woman died in Mattereda a few weeks ago, Father Cavallarin was unable to go to the town to bury her with Catholic rites. Barred by arbitrary communist injunctions, other priests, too, found it impossible to come, despite the pleadings of the dead woman's son.

FUND DRIVE LAUNCHED



Detroit—Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, and Henry Ford II were principal speakers at a dinner here which launched the 11th annual Detroit Archdiocesan Development Fund campaign. Mr. Ford is chairman of the drive. He is a member of St. Paul's parish in Grosse Pointe. This year's campaign seeks to raise more than \$1,000,000 for construction projects, charitable and social works.

Sister Florida's Mistake Helps Start Prison Library

Cleveland—(NC)—There is a lending library at the New Jersey State Farm, Rahway, N. J., all because of a mistake.

Sister M. Florida of the Fillipini Sisters, while teaching in New Jersey, visited a life-taker, identified only as "Henry" in the State prison at the request of a friend. After her transfer to Cleveland, where she is supervisor at Holy Redeemer school, she and Henry exchanged correspondence.

IN DUE TIME Henry became an aide to the Catholic chaplain, and when the chaplain had nothing but cardboard to use for a pall, Henry wrote to Sister Florida for help.

The George J. Phillips Supply Co., besides selling Mass vestments and church equipment, also handles Catholic books. Sister Florida put in a phone

order for the pall, at the same time that she ordered 21 copies of Bishop Fulton Sheen's "Peace of Soul" and the "World's First Love."

THE FIRM SENT both the pall and books to Henry. When Sister Florida got the bill but not the books, she sent a special delivery note off to Henry to return the books post-haste.

Henry wrote he already had knicked 17 of the 21 books, "Rahway Prison Farm Library," and they were much in demand. He returned the four unmarked and A. F. Phillips deducted the cost of the 17 from Sister Florida's bill, and donated the books to the library.

Parents and the teachers of Sister Florida's parish have now adopted the library and continue sending books to the library.

Race Issue Blasted At NCCM Meet

St. Louis, Mo.—(RNS)—The failure of men to "understand and practice social justice" is the main cause of the present world tension, the Rev. Louis Twomey, S.J., director of the Institute of Industrial Relations, Loyola University, New Orleans, La., said here.

Addressing the 33rd annual meeting of the National Council of Catholic Men, Father Twomey said that "perhaps the most serious problem facing the as-of-yet free world is the race problem."

"Two-thirds of the world's population is non-white," he said, "and to win the battle of survival against the hordes of atheistic Communism, we must secure at least a majority of these non-white races as our allies."

"And yet, in America, we are fostering racial patterns which are gratuitous insults to every non-white human being."

THE PRIEST quoted Gunnar Myrdal, Swedish economist and politician, as saying that the theory and practice of white supremacy with all its attendant injustices against colored people is "America's greatest and most conspicuous scandal."

Father Twomey said that to make matters worse, "there are some who seem to think that being an Anglo-Saxon is the only title to superiority. This further narrowing of the 'chosen people' succeeds in intensifying our already critical state of race relations."

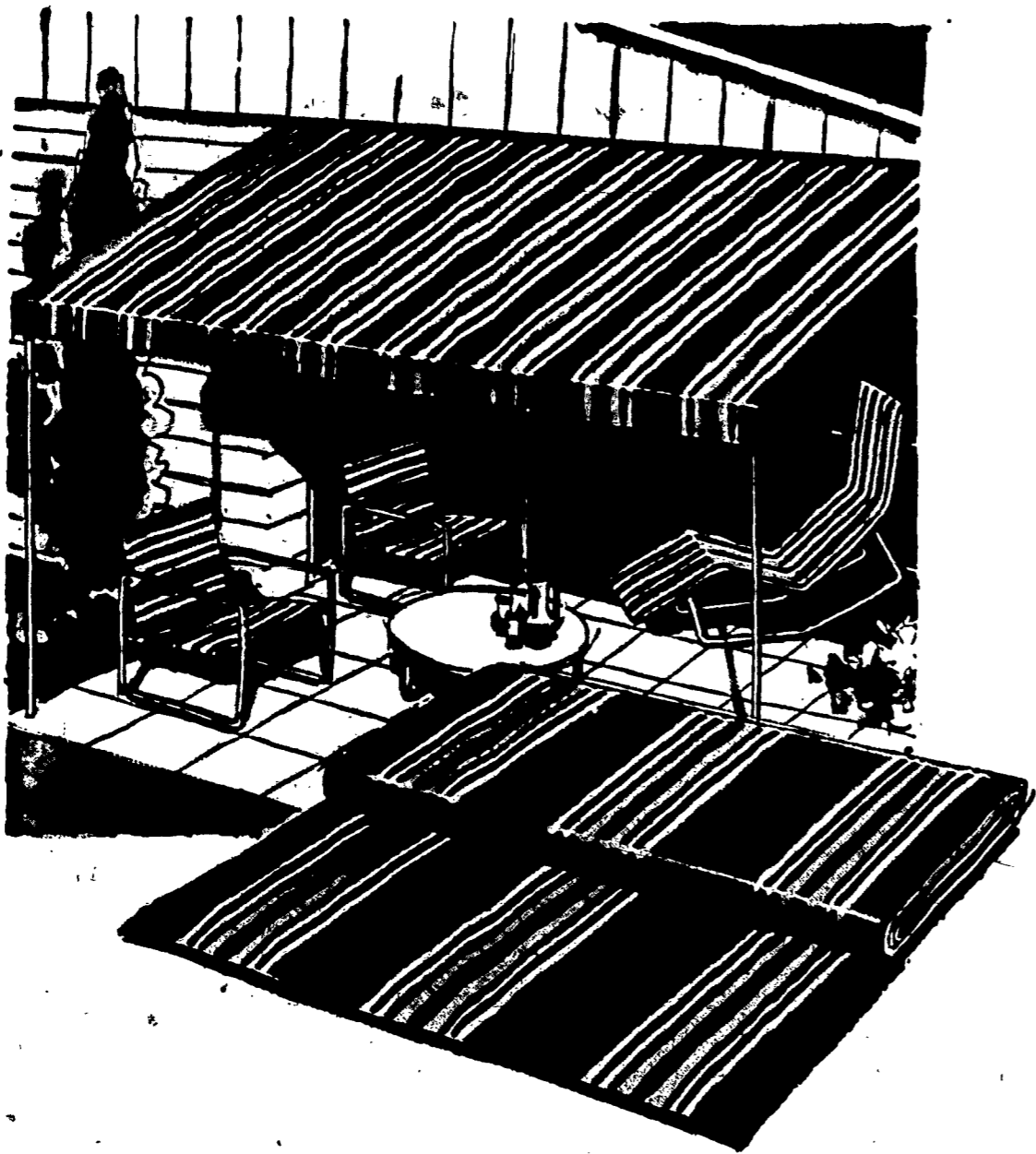
Turning to the question of politics, the priest criticized "certain prominent Catholic laymen" who contend that "the government that governs best is the best government."

"THE STATE has this right, and obligation," Father Twomey said, "to intervene in economic and social life when the Common Good is threatened by a failure on the non-political level to secure the general welfare of this or that given community."

And as regards Communism, the labor priest said the fight against it "must be overwhelmingly positive."

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