

# Princeton President Opposes Dr. Conant On Private Schools

Princeton, N. J. — (NC) — If private schools disappear, freedom will have disappeared, a top U. S. educator declared in a speech which depicted private schools as performing a great service to democratic education.

"When it is no longer possible for a man to find a school for his boy except within a universal state system, it will be too late to worry about freedom as we have known it, for it will be gone," President Harold W. Dodds of Princeton University stated in a dinner address.

Calling the right of privately sustained institutions to survive and prosper "one of the precious jewels of education," the Princeton president took a stand in opposition to former Harvard president, Dr. James B. Conant, who has called private schools "a threat to democratic unity."

"HEATED DEBATE" on the issue which is growing up here . . . is whether a man should be permitted to pay for the education of his son, or MUST he be permitted in the interest of democracy to take what the State provides," Dr. Dodds said. "In secondary education so different from most other aspects of life that private enterprise must be suppressed, out completely? Are there to be no schools but State schools? Can nothing be done except that the State does not suppress?"

Stating that he was "daily aware of the tremendous pressure which our existing system of higher education has rendered," Dr. Dodds criticized U. S. schools for neglecting academic standards and disciplines of the study while diluting under the influence of "technology and materialism."

"RESPONSIBLY" when we look at the American post-war system of higher education we are bound, I fear, to admit that, all at all that it has to its credit is not building its duty to the State," he said.

"The privately sustained school, though it is usually a small school of high level and high standards of scholarship, is in the existing time a particular institution which has been set up to do what the State system cannot do."

## 'Miss Universe' To Join Church

Tokyo — (NC) — Miss Arnel Kuznetz of Finland, the "Miss Universe" who recently crowned "Miss Philippines" at the International Fair in Manila, has announced her intention of becoming a Catholic.

Received a Lutheran, Miss Kuznetz made the announcement prior to her marriage here to Virgilio Elizalde, Catholic husbandman of Manila. The mixed marriage took place at St. Ignace Church in Tokyo, with the usual conditions observed.

Before leaving for Tokyo, Mr. Elizalde announced that his bride-to-be would soon begin instruction in the Catholic Faith. He informed the feminist, national Catholic paper published in Manila, that his bride would be baptized on their return to the Philippines.

Mrs. Elizalde is expected to receive instructions from her husband's brother, Father Aristides Elizalde, S.J., who is stationed at the Alamo de Naga.

## Cardinal Leger Blesses Wing At Alma Mater

St. Thomas, Que. — (NC) — Paul Emile Leger was a student here at St. Thomas Seminary from 1916 to 1925—from the ages of 13 to 21. Recently he returned to his alma mater to bless the new wing at the age of 68, the second youngest member of the Sacred College of Cardinals.

The distinguished Archbishop of Montreal officiated at a Pontifical Mass and gave the benediction in the morning, after at a noon banquet, blessed the \$200,000 new wing and unveiled a commemorative plaque in the afternoon, and officiated at the restoration of the Rosary in the evening.

## CISCO, PANCHE AT NOTRE DAME



Notre Dame, Ind.—The Cisco Kid and his accomplice, Panché, rode onto the campus of the University of Notre Dame here. Students stopped and stared, then stared again—for the two cowboy heroes had furnished their well-groomed mounts for a yellow automobile. Shown with the male of the bad boys is Father Alfred Mondor, C.S.C. of the Notre Dame faculty, who is a personal friend of Cisco. In real life Cisco is Duncan Henshale. Panché is Leo Carrillo. (RNS Photo).

## Religious In Lay Attire Begin Work In Canada

Toronto — (NC) — The Crusaders of St. John have come to Canada. A new type of religious order, it consists of men who take religious vows of poverty and celibacy, but who live in the world like laymen.

Only a small group in the lapel of a business suit or workman's overalls, marks a man as a Crusader of St. John.

Invited to Canada by the Emancipator James Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, the order will attempt to aid Catholic youth in Canada's large cities. Reports have shown the rate of losses to the Church among youth in these cities is as high as 60 per cent.

The Crusaders have worked in European industrial cities, following their professions and occupations but dedicated to restoring Christ to society through the lay apostolate. The company now includes 125 fully professed men with action centers in Holland, England, Curacao and Santa Domingo.

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# I Have Learned How To Pray Maryknoller Back From Red Prison

By BOB CREAM Staff Writer, N.C.W.C. News Service

New York — "I have learned how to pray." That is how Father William R. Booth, veteran Maryknoll missionary, summed up almost three years of imprisonment by North Koreans as he sat with his family in their Brooklyn home for the first time in seven years.

The 88-year-old priest had been flown into New York one hour before, after crossing the breadth of Communist-enslaved Soviet Russia on his journey to freedom.

Erect and energetic, his face ruddy beneath silver-gray hair, he had walked through a barrage of newsmen and the glare of newsworld flood lights to embrace his 77-year-old mother, Mrs. Mary C. Booth who had come to Idlewild airport to meet him.

CHEERS AND applause welcomed the priest who was the first of six freed missionaries to leave the plane. His first words to the press were in gratitude to the U. S. Government in its work of repatriating him and in thanks for the "immense privilege" of offering Mass two days before in Moscow for the first time since his capture.

There was dignity in the priest's face as he quietly answered the barrage of questions from the press and a thoughtful look in his eyes as he recalled the fellow-missionaries he had left behind, including the late Bishop Patrick J. Byrne whom he had served as secretary since 1949 and whom he had buried beneath the frozen earth of Korea in November 1950.

And while he was speaking, a Memorial Mass for Bishop Byrne was being offered in a packed St. Matthew's Cathedral, Washington, D. C., with His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, presiding. Bishop Byrne was a native of Washington.

At home among his family, Father Booth recalled the Bishop he had served, the event that led to their capture and the Bishop's struggle to stay alive under hard prison routine in cold Korean huts.

"He knew he was going to die the night he was removed to a freezing hut we called 'the morgue.' The sick were sent in to die," Father Booth recalled. "He told us how happy he had been to share imprisonment with us."

FATHER BOOTH stated that at any time during his long imprisonment the Bishop, who was Apostolic Delegate to Korea, could have requested diplomatic privileges and received better treatment.

"But he never did," the freed missionary said. "He wanted to stay with us." Special tribute was paid by Father Booth to Monsignor Thomas Quinlan, a Columbian missionary who was a fellow prisoner of the Reds but now has been repatriated to Ireland. He was an "incorrigible optimist," Father Booth said.

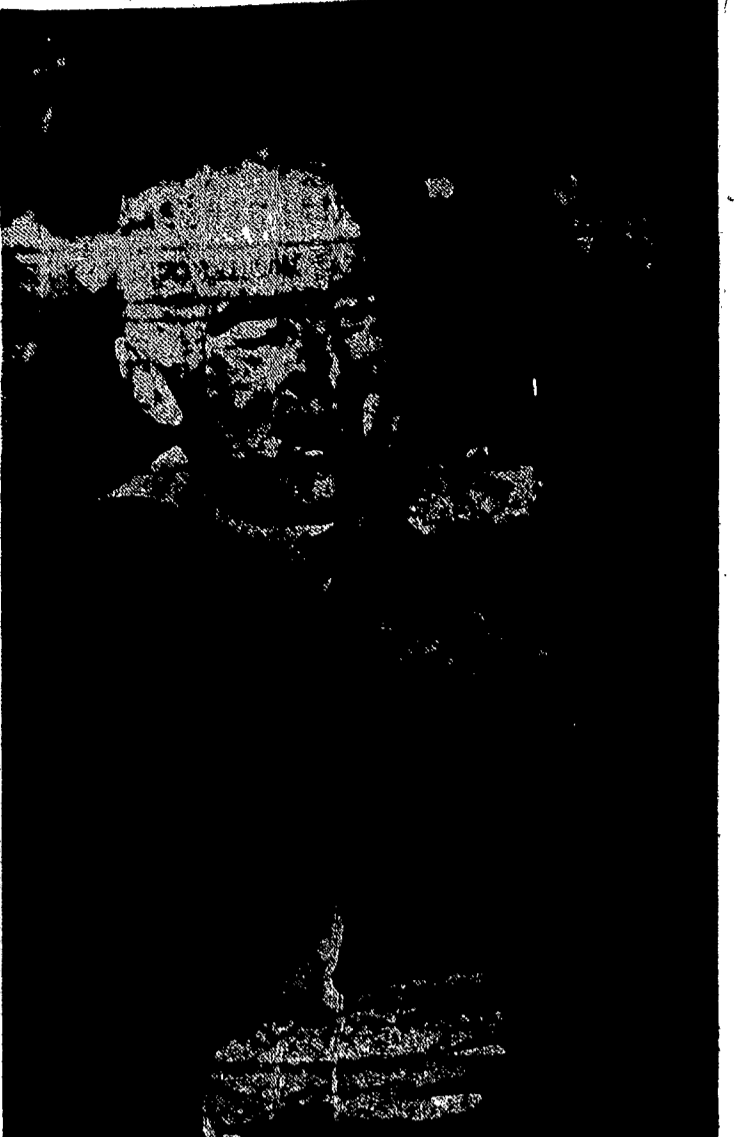
Throughout the death march, Father Booth said, the Monsignor supported an 82-year-old French priest, a Father Villamont, on one side, while two other French priests helped the aged man along on the other arm.

Three days after the death march began, Father Booth said, Bishop Byrne was removed to "the morgue."

AFTER HIS own long imprisonment during which he suffered from a carbuncle on the back and from paltry prison food, "it was a relief at every meal all across Russia," Father Booth said when liberation finally came.

Father Booth said that at least a dozen times during questioning, his Communist captors tried to indoctrinate him and other Catholic internees. "We got a kick out of that," he said, "and I think we indoctrinated them more than they did us."

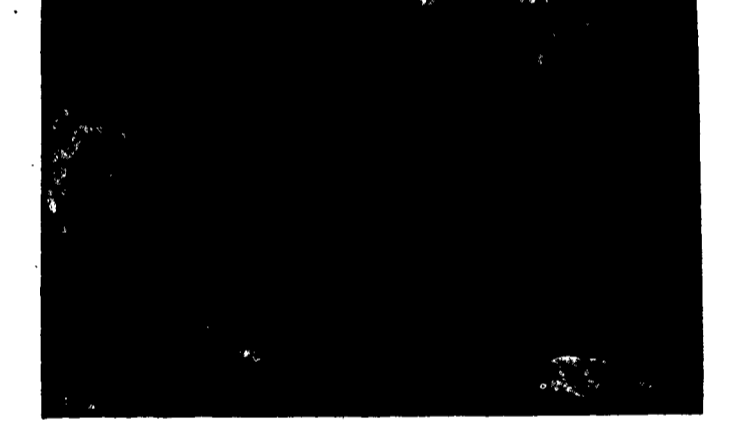
In his home here, Father Booth only could express hope that the "wonderful treatment" he had received since the first word came that he was to be liberated, would be given to remaining prisoners.



Rochester, N. Y.—Rev. William R. Booth, 88, Maryknoll Missionary from Rochester, Centre, N. Y., is greeted by his aged mother, Mrs. Mary C. Booth, upon his arrival here after being interned for nearly three years in North Korea. Mrs. Booth was one of seven American civilians released by Korean Communist authorities through intervention by the Soviet Government. He was secretary to the late Bishop Patrick J. Byrne of Washington, D. C., Apostolic Delegate to Korea; and was arrested with the bishop in 1950 after the North Korean invasion of Seoul. (RNS Photo).

plished he could not end because his system still had not recovered from the poor diet he had while a prisoner. As his family sat down to the table, Father Booth relaxed in an easy chair. He looked up at a make-shift cardboard on the wall, on which were pasted cartoon cut-outs and the words: "Welcome Home, Father Bill."

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