

FREEDOM BRINGS SACRAMENTS



FREEDOM VILLAGE, KOREA—One of the first actions of many Catholic prisoners of war repatriated from Communist captivity in the Korean "Operation Big Switch," was to seek out a chaplain for the Sacraments of Confession and Communion. In this typical scene, Fr. Leonard Chiswell of Brooklyn, N. Y., a PW just released by the Reds, has just had his Confession heard by Father John B. Conlon, O.P., of the Eastern Dominican Province of St. Joseph, and a Naval chaplain. (RNS Photo)

**Prisoner Exchange Seen
'Drama Of Contrasts'**

By Father Patrick O'Connor

Panmunjom, Korea — (NC) — Anti-Communists and Communists released from prisoner-of-war camps went in opposite ways and behaved in opposite ways.

Half a dozen trucks arrived on the rutted roadway and remained halted while the officials checked the lists. While waiting to dismount the men sat silent and glum-looking. They did not even talk to each other or exchange greetings with the Red guards, nurses and communist correspondents standing alongside.

"I can't understand the change in their attitude," said an American sergeant who had driven one truck and now stood watching them. "Their morale seemed so high when they were singing along the road."

On dismounting each was tentatively helped by a Red guard or white-gowned nurse to enter the tent. Communist medical sprays them lightly inside the tent. Others took data from them at a table.

THE NORTH KOREANS cut the tarpaulin coverings on some trucks and rolled back the tops on others so they could arrive standing and waving communist flags. Another truck carried military blankets trimly rolled in military fashion over their left shoulders and under their right arms. These men were silent and their clothing was undamaged.

The regimented singing, organized shouting and organized tearing of clothing added up to an exaggerated exhibition for propaganda photographs, also to prove fidelity to communism.

Through the open-ended tents we could see the returned communist soldiers loaded on waiting Molotov trucks. These began rolling back to communist-held Kaesong and then to God knows what. Americans and other United Nations men were lying in helicopters or riding in ambulances back to freedom village, and to chaplains waiting beside their altars.

**Airmen Confirmed
At Air Force Base**

Alexandria, La. — (NC) — Ten airmen and the wife of one of them were confirmed by Bishop Charles P. Greco of Alexandria, at the Alexandria Air Force Base chapel. The group received instructions for two months from Father Thomas Early, chaplain at the base.

The husband and wife of the group, Airman Second Class and Mrs. Tom Cannon, and three other members of the class are recent converts to the Catholic Faith. Bishop Greco praised Col. William Daniel, base commander for "realizing the need and importance of fostering religious services in his command and providing adequate spiritual administration."

Have your precious stones reset in a new mounting at Thorne's, William S. Thorne, Jeweler, 319 Main St., East, H.A. 4631.—Adv.

**House Issues Transcript
Of 1951 Fritchman Query**

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — The House Un-American Activities Committee is distributing 10,000 printed copies of the transcript of a hearing in 1951 at which the Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman, pastor of First Unitarian church, Los Angeles, refused to answer questions regarding his alleged Communist associations.

Mr. Fritchman's testimony, taken on Sept. 12, 1951, in Los Angeles, before Rep. Donald L. Jackson (R-Calif.) as a "sub-committee of one," was heard in executive session and kept locked in Committee archives until July 31, 1953, when the Committee approved its release and ordered it printed.

PREVIOUSLY, AT the July 21 hearing given by the Committee to Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, it was disclosed that Mr. Fritchman had refused to answer questions concerning Communist affiliations. Bishop Oxnam admitted that he had spoken at Mr. Fritchman's church while on a speaking tour of California in 1952.

Mr. Fritchman's name also appeared briefly at the recent Committee hearing of the Rev. Jack R. McMichael of Upper Lake, Calif., a secretary of the Methodist Federation for Social Action.

To the question of investigator William A. Wheeler, "Are you a member of the Communist party, Reverend Fritchman?" the clergyman in 1951 is disclosed to have replied: "I decline to answer on the grounds that it may tend to incriminate or degrade me and violate my privileges under the Constitution, and especially under the Fifth Amendment."

Mr. Fritchman declined to answer other questions regarding his political associations, persons he knew, and organizations that he had attended in his church for meetings. He also refused to say whether he supported United Nations action in Korea.

To the question, "Do you believe there is a place for Communism in Christianity?" the clergyman said: "I decline to answer on grounds that it may tend to incriminate or degrade me, and I claim my privilege under the Fifth Amendment."

QUESTIONING brought out the fact that he had attended Union Theological Seminary in New York and was a student of Prof. Harry F. Ward there.

Similar questioning in the hearing given Mr. McMichael revealed that he had been a student of Dr. Ward.

Bishop Oxnam also was questioned at length on July 21 regarding his associations with Dr. Ward and the fact that he had been a student of Dr. Ward at Boston Theological Seminary in 1914.

The Committee has charged that it has testimony from ex-Communists that Dr. Ward has been an active supporter of the Communist Party and a party member. This Dr. Ward has vigorously denied.

**'Swear Boxes'
Urged In Shops**

Washington — (NC) — The use of profanity and "vile language" is beneath dignity of a laboring man, it is asserted in an article in the current Glass Workers' edition of the CIO News.

In an article by Albert J. Schmaus, of the Ford City local, CIO Glassworkers' Union, the paper told of a plant in which a "swear box" had been set up in each department by the workers themselves. "The employees, on their own hours, dropped a coin in each time they violated the no-swearing rule," Schmaus said. "The money collected was sent to a favorite charity, or used as a flower fund. Of course, the boxes were quite full at first, but the amount dwindled as the idea took shape."

**Vatican Plans
Employee Insurance**

Vatican City — (NC) — A medical insurance plan for Vatican employees is being worked out, it has been learned. Authorities hope it can be put into effect next month.

Details of the plan are still being evolved. It was stated, and will be revealed when it is put into effect.

Introduction of the medical insurance plan was described as an effort by the Vatican to apply concretely the norms of social justice taught by the Church.

**Scottsville
Church To Mark
Centenary**

Scottsville — A Solemn Pontifical Mass to mark the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Scottsville, will be offered this Sunday, Aug. 16, at 10:30 a.m. by His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence E. Casey.

Corners of the 100-year-old church was laid on the feast of the Assumption, Aug. 15, 1853, by the late Bishop John Timon of Buffalo.

FIRST MASS was offered in Scottsville in a rented room in

**Teen-Age Drinking
'Mounting Menace'
Convention Warned**

Pittsfield, Mass. — (NC) — Teen-age drinking was called a "mounting menace to our American social life" as members of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America met in convention here.

Special emphasis was placed on alcoholic drinking problems of teen-agers in a report by Father John W. Keogh of Philadelphia, president of the Union.

"To many young people in America are drinking too much," Father Keogh said, stating that teen-agers "form the largest part of intemperate drivers on our roadways."

"When youth are taught by the example of their elders—whom they see daily in the newspapers, the magazines, the television—to believe that there is no danger in the taking of intoxicating drinks and that it is quite generally the right accoutrements of social life to do, we foresee and understand what dire consequences threaten our youth and America's future," Father Keogh said.

Harold McCadden and Mrs. Remington, Resch, co-chairmen of the dinner, have announced that approximately 450 are expected to attend.

There will be a Requiem High Mass for deceased pastors and parishioners of St. Mary of the Assumption Church on Monday, Aug. 17 at 9 a.m.

**Kefauver Demands Probe
Of Fundamentalist Group**

Washington, D. C. — A demand that the tax-exempt status of the American Council of Christian Laymen, a fundamentalist group, be investigated on the ground

that it is lobbying actively for private electric power companies has been made here by Sen. Estes Kefauver (D. Tenn.).

In a letter to Commissioner of Internal Revenue T. Coleman Andrews, Sen. Kefauver questioned whether the group is entitled to exemption from Federal taxes as a religious organization.

THE LAYMEN'S council was formed in Madison Wis. in 1949. Like the American Council of Christian Churches, another fundamentalist organization with whom the group says it maintains "friendly relationship," the laymen's council opposes the National Council of Churches.

Leader of the group is Verne P. Kaub, a member of First Presbyterian Church of Madison and a retired publisher of the Wisconsin Power and Light Company.

Sen. Kefauver submitted evidence of alleged lobbying activity directed against the Tennessee Valley Authority by Mr. Kaub in letters written on the Council's letterhead.

"It is interesting to pass," said the Senator, "that I have checked into Mr. Kaub's back

**Cardinal Mindszenty Seen
Priceless Pawn By Reds;
Mother's Prison Trip Cited**

JUDITH LEBOWITZ
(Written for N.G.W.O. News Service)

London — His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, the jailed Primate of Hungary, is the most valuable pawn the Hungarian Communist regime possess. Moscow did not realize this at the time of the "trial." But it dawned on it a year later. That is when his treatment changed. Mrs. Pehm, the Cardinal's mother, who has seen him 11 times since his imprisonment can bear this out.

Cardinal Mindszenty was born Josef Pehm. He changed his name later in life. He took his present name from the village in which he was born. The reason for this change is not known.

THE FIRST time she was allowed to see her son was at the end of February, 1949. After his sentence (February 8, 1949) she applied in person to the Minister of Justice; to the head of the secret police, Gabor Peter; to the head of the regular police, and to Vice-Premier Matyas Rakosi, but nowhere was she received by the leading Communist who could have granted her permission to see her son.

In the Ministry of Justice an official of "medium rank" (he was arrested early in 1953) made some remarks from which the nun who accompanied her in lay garb realized that the request might be granted later. Mrs. Pehm interpreted this as meaning that efforts were being made to restore the Cardinal to something like normal health, and that after this had been achieved she would be allowed to see him. She thought that the regime would even publicize this "humanitarian act."

During the last week of February, 1949, Mrs. Pehm was allowed to speak to the Cardinal for 15 minutes at the Gyulafogaz, a prison in which prisoners are usually held prior to their trial. Mrs. Pehm was taken to a small office, furnished with three chairs and a table. She and her companion were told to sit down. Then the Cardinal was led in by a detective and two prison guards carrying pistols. Through-out the 15 minutes the same words were present. The detective sat down on the third chair. The Cardinal had to stand.

HIS FIRST words to his mother were: "So you have found me even here in this distant spot?" No mention was made of the trial of his life in prison, or even of his health. Mrs. Pehm talked about her children and grandchildren and what happened to various people in her village.

She was allowed to see him in May, 1949, when he seemed more weary than the first time. Again the conversation dealt exclusively with family and village affairs. Afterwards Mrs. Pehm wrote a plea to the Minister of Justice, the head of the secret police, Vice-Premier Rakosi and so on. Eventually she was informed by Gabor Peter the vanished last winter in the shake-up after Stalin's death that she could see the Cardinal on the 25th of every month.

On June 25, 1949, she was at the prison gate at the appointed time and was led to the same small room as before. She was taken back when the Cardinal came in. He was listless, hardly answered her questions, looked ill and tried to lean against the wall. Eventually he admitted that

he had been rector of the Notre Dame Retreat House for the past 3 years. Father Aylward has given 46 retreats throughout the country and is national moderator of the Laymen's League of Closed Retreats.

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Father Aylward
To Brooklyn



Father Tobin
To Tampa

**Fathers Aylward, Tobin
Named To Parish Posts**

Appointments from the Vicar General of the Redemptorist Fathers in Rome were received on Monday morning by members of the community in Rochester and are announced as follows:

Very Rev. James P. Connelly, C.S.S.R., rector of St. Joseph's Church, Franklin St., has been reappointed rector for another three years.

Very Rev. Augustine J. Aylward, C.S.S.R., rector of Notre Dame Retreat House, Alexander St., has been appointed rector of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Very Rev. Matthew A. Tobin, C.S.S.R., assistant rector of St. Joseph's Church, Franklin St., has been appointed rector of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Very Rev. Francis Kenny, C.S.S.R., Saratoga Springs, N. Y., has been appointed rector of Notre Dame Retreat House, Alexander Street.

Very Rev. Joseph Breslin, C.S.S.R., Brooklyn, N.Y., has been appointed assistant priest of St. Joseph's Church, Franklin St.

Father Aylward, a Bostonian by birth, was ordained to the Holy Priesthood in 1925. He spent 20 years in the missions and giving retreats before his appointment as rector of the Geneva Retreat House, which position he held for 6 years.

RETREAT LEAGUE
Frank Davis, president of the Rochester Laymen's Retreat League, has announced a farewell reception for Father Aylward at Notre Dame Retreat House, Alexander St., on Tuesday, Aug. 18, beginning at 8 p.m.

All retreatants are invited to take this opportunity of paying tribute to Father Aylward and meeting the Rev. Frank Kenny, C.S.S.R., new rector of Notre Dame Retreat House.

Coming to Rochester in 1945, he has been rector of the Notre Dame Retreat House for the past 3 years. Father Aylward has given 46 retreats throughout the country and is national moderator of the Laymen's League of Closed Retreats.

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Senator's Family Includes Two Nuns



NEW YORK—Two Catholic nuns, Sister Mary Margaret and Sister Mary Mercy, daughters of Senator and Mrs. Pat McCarran (Dem.-Nev.), were among 11 members of the Senator's immediate family who left here for Bermuda. The Senator and his wife are shown surrounded by their children and grandchildren on board the Queen of Bermuda prior to sailing. All around the voyage as an anniversary party for the McCarrans, who celebrated their 50 years of marriage while on board ship. In addition to the Senator's two nun-daughters, his party included Dr. and Mrs. Patrick McCarran and their two children; and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin P. Hay and their two children. (RNS Photo)

**Chaplains Sail
With Freed
U. S. Prisoners**

Inchon, Korea — (NC) — Released United States prisoners of war will have veteran chaplains of the Korea conflict with them on ships homeward bound from here.

One Catholic and one Protestant chaplain have been assigned to sail with each ship. These chaplains have all served a full tour of duty in Korea. Some have served beyond it.

FATHER (MIA.) Henry Durand, a Missionary of Our Lady of La Salette from Holyoke, Mass., Catholic chaplain with the 40th Division from June 1, 1952, until last week, will sail on the first transport, the U.S.S. General Walker, bearing 328 returnees to San Francisco. Eighteen hundred Marines, rotating in normal course, will sail on the same ship.

The next ship carrying returned United States prisoners of war will have Father (Capt.) John Barry, S.J., from Boston. He attended the wounded at the 11th Evacuation Hospital from May, 1952, to September and was then assigned to 7th Division artillery. With the 7th Division, he served through the battles of Triangle Hill, Baldy and Pork Chop.

FATHER (CAPT.) Cormac Walsh, O.F.M., of Boston is due to sail with the third group of prisoners of war. Broad-shouldered, smiling Father Walsh, chaplain of the 180th Regiment of the 45th Thunderbird Division, served on Sandbag Castle and distinguished himself in one of the last fierce battles during July of the country and is national moderator of the Laymen's League of Closed Retreats.

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**POAU Scores Navy
On School Issue**

New Orleans — (NC) — Louisiana's chapter of POAU (Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State), took a crack at the Navy and a public school board in getting to its feet.

It accuses the Navy of using of certain buildings for Army and Navy sailors for temporary schools. Formulation was given to the Orleans Parish (civil county) school board by St. Joseph's Church to use the buildings. POAU passed a resolution condemning the arrangement.