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## 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, Pfc. Leonard Chiarelli 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.

Americans and other United Nations servicemen, heading south towards home and freedom, including religious freedom, showed a happy appreciation of these boons. Communists, or rather members of the communist forces, headed north back to communist rule and gave organized political demonstrations then relapsed into expressionless silence.

**AT THE UNITED** Nations reception point here I saw a few demonstrative returnees. The majority just smiled and seemed to be taken up primarily with the fact of their liberation and the prospects of returning home. They showed no consciousness of the presence of communist officials attending to witness their transfer.

Among the few who gave vent to their feelings was a Turk who stuck his head out of the leading Molotov truck in the first convoy to cheer and wave at us. When he dismounted from the truck he angrily divested himself of part of his prison garb and threw it on the road. A South Korean soldier held up a white cloth on which he had written an anti-communist sentence in his own blood.

The great majority just showed immense relief. They seemed to feel no need to give public proof of their anti-communist sentiments.

**THE FORMER COMMUNIST** prisoners passing north were either somberly silent along the route or nosily singing and shouting slogans. Many communists arrived in tattered fatigue uniforms. The cloth was obviously damaged by tear and not wear. It was torn in straight lines and at sharp angles, not frayed. The leather of the boots was freshly cut.

All this was part of the act which began after they started the journey from the prison camps. They then got the signal to mutilate their clothing.

I went to their reception point, a group of tents in a crescent formation decorated with large Red Chinese and North Korean communist flags and red drapes, about a half-hour ride beyond the United Nations reception point.

The sick and disabled communists arriving in American ambulances threw their clothing, rations, canteen cups and even crutches on the ground. Red guards pushed the discarded articles into a ditch but collected them later.

**ABLED-BODIED** Chinese communists arrived 30 in each truck. I saw one man acting as a "cheer leader." Seated in the center of the rear, he read slogans from a piece of paper. He would shout the slogan hoarsely and then all would echo it, raising their left fists. Then he would read the next slogan and the others dutifully took it up.

Some trickloads arrived singing communist songs in unison.

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 ostentatiously helped by a Red guard or white-gowned nurse to enter the tent. Communist medics sprayed 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 truckload carried their 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, slogan-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 flying 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 Alexandra 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 Therne's!, William S. Therne, Jeweler, 218 Main St. East, HA. 5661.—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 "subcommittee 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 ground that it may tend to incriminate or degrade me and violate my privilege 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 had rented a hall 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 employes, on their own honor, 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 Employes 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.

## 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 accustomed social thing to do, we foresee and understand what dire consequences threaten our youth and America's future," Father Keogh said.

## 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 B. Casey.

Cornerstone 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 January, 1841, by Father Bernard O'Reilly, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Rochester and later Bishop of Hartford.

The Rev. Edward H. Hartmann, pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Church since 1941, announced the following officers of the Mass to assist Bishop Casey:

The Rev. Edward McAniff, master of ceremonies; the Rt. assistant priest; the Rev. William J. Naughton, deacon; the Rev. Msgr. James C. McAniff, Rev. Robert J. Fox, subdeacon. Minor offices will be filled by St. Andrew seminarians.

**FOLLOWING THE** Mass, there will be a centennial dinner at 1 p.m. for parishioners and friends in the auditorium of Scottsville High School.

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.

**HISTORY**
History of St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Scottsville, is on page 5.

## 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 activity 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 Congregational Church of Madison and a retired publicist for 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, in passing" said the Senator, "that I have checked into Mr. Kaub's background and have discovered from reliable sources that he was public relations assistant for the Wisconsin Power and Light Company for approximately 14 years ending this association just before organizing the American Council of Christian Laymen."

**THE SENATOR** also submitted as evidence of the organization's lobbying activities a copy of its newspaper "Challenge" and a booklet entitled "Follies Fallacies, and Falsehoods of the Tennessee Valley Authority" by Mr Kaub, carrying the seal of the Council.

At the same time Sen. Kefauver sent a letter to Rep B. Carroll Reece (R., Tenn.) chairman of the newly-appointed Congressional investigating committee that will examine the activities of tax-exempt groups calling attention to the same evidence of lobbying by the laymen's council.

Sen Kefauver said the new House committee has been set up especially to investigate attempts by tax-exempt groups to influence legislation and that this seemed to be a clear example of such efforts.

## 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 made 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)

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

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(Written for N.C.W.C. 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 Communists 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 "humane action".

During the last week of February, 1949, Mrs. Pehm was allowed to speak to the Cardinal for 15 minutes at the Gyujtofoghaz—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. Throughout the 11 interviews the same detective was 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 applications to the Minister of Justice, the head of the secret police, Vice-Premier Rakosi and so on. Eventually she was informed by Gabor Peter (he 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 aback 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

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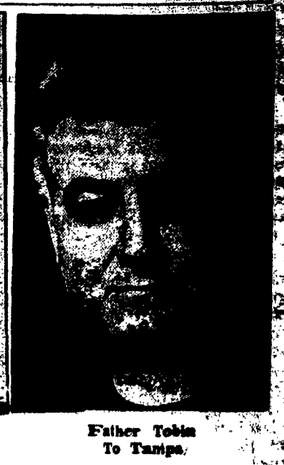
Father Aylward
To Brooklyn



Father Tobin
To Tampa

## Fathers Alyward, 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 T. Connelly,** C.SS.R., rector of St. Joseph's Church, Franklin St., has been re-appointed rector for another three years.

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

**Rev. Matthew A. Tobin,** C.SS.R., assistant priest of St. Joseph's Church, Franklin St., has been appointed rector of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Tampa, Fla.

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

**Rev. Joseph Breslin,** C.SS.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 Alyward and meeting the Rev. Frank Kenny, C.SS.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.

A prominent member of the National Retreat Board, this year alone he gave seven priests' retreats, as far away as Dallas, Texas.

**OUR LADY OF** Perpetual Help Church in Brooklyn is the largest Redemptorist Church in the country. It is served by 22 priests and the school registers over 2,500 children.

Father Tobin has been a member of the Redemptorist Order for over 25 years. After his ordination, he was assigned to the missions at home and in Puerto Rico.

He was chaplain with the U.S. Marines in World War II and was chaplain of the Anchor Club, made up of Knights of Columbus who are members of the New York City police force.

A popular speaker with diocesan groups, Father Tobin is chaplain of the Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, the Rochester Postal Employes Holy Name Society and the Rochester First Friday Club.

Both Father Aylward and Father Tobin have expressed their sorrow in leaving this city and paid special tribute to the people of the area for the love and devotion shown during their Rochester appointment.

Beautiful arrangements for Homes, Hospitals, or Funerals. Perry's Flower Shops Inc., 441 Chili Ave., GE. 6190; Hotel Seneca Arcade, HA. 2088.—Adv.

## 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 (MAJ.)** 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 around Christmas Hill.

Every ship with 1,00 or more troops rotating homeward will sail with about 400 returning prisoners of war. No ship will sail without two chaplains. Some returnees will have the same chaplains they had in their units before their capture.

Father (Comdr.) Giles Webster, O.F.M., United States Navy chaplain to the Military Sea Transport Service, was present at ceremonies held when the first returning prisoners of war boarded the U.S.S. General Walker.

The U.S.S. Hospital Ship Haven, on which wounded and sick released prisoners will return, has Father (Lt.) Joseph O'Leary, U.S. Navy chaplain from Toledo, O., aboard.

## 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 pet peeve.**

**It seems the Navy granted use of certain buildings at Algiers Naval Station for temporary school. Permission was given to the Orleans Parish (civil county) school board and St. Joseph's Church to use the buildings. POAU passed a resolution condemning the arrangement.**