

### Mother Of MIG Pilot Reported Recent Convert

Seoul, Korea (NC)—The mother of the North Korean pilot who flew a Russian-built MIG plane from a communist airfield to a United States air base near here is a recent convert to the Catholic Church, according to Korean press reports.

The flyers' mother, aged 43, reportedly has been living as a refugee in a camp at Taegu. She was one of 100,000 civilians whom the United States Forces helped to evacuate from North and East Korea during the withdrawal of December, 1950. Brought south on an American LST, she went with other refugees to Cheju Island, part of the Columbian Fa-

thers' mission territory in Southeast Korea.

"Ever since I came south, I went to a Catholic church to pray for my son's safety," she said, according to the Korean press. The reports could not be confirmed immediately. She knew her son was in the North Korean forces. She moved to the Taegu refugee camp last year, and was baptized on August 15 of this year.

"I'm not thinking of the \$100,000 award," she was quoted as saying. "I'll be happy enough to meet my son again."

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### Jap Parish Has Swimming Pool

Nagoya, Japan (NC)—A newly-constructed 25-meter standard Olympic swimming pool opened to the public here just about completes one of the finest Catholic parish plants in Japan.

Located in the Kami-Nagoya area, the parish also has baseball, tennis and other athletic facilities, not to mention a remarkable church with a spacious monastery adjoining. The parish is conducted by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, of which Father Archibald Bryson, M.S.C., an Australian, is the regional superior.

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### Sacred Stones For Airport Chapel



Idlewild Airport, New York—The first stones from sacred edifices all over the world which will be used in the erection of an outdoor shrine to Our Lady of Fatima at Idlewild Airport are presented for clearance to customs inspectors upon their arrival here. Plans for the shrine which will form part of the proposed Catholic chapel at the airport, were drawn up by the airport's Catholic Guild, with some 2,500 members among the airlines and customs staffs. The two stones were obtained from the Basilica of the Good Jesus at Goa, Portuguese India, where the body of St. Francis Xavier rests, and from the convent of Our Lady of the Hermita, Einsiedeln, Switzerland. They were escorted enroute by TWA hostess Collette Ledoux, who presented them to customs inspectors Robert E. O'Brien, Guild President (left), and Edward O'Dougherty.

### Catholics Urge Protection For Farmers

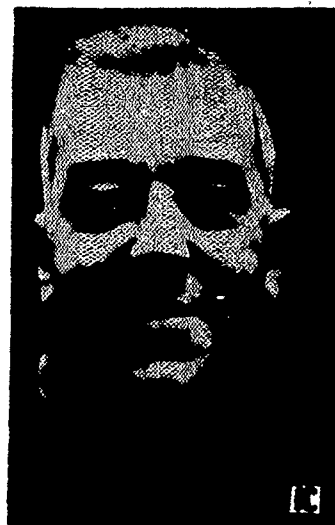
Kansas City, Mo.—(RNS)—America's farm population needs to be protected against economic fluctuations that bring financial disaster because farmers, as primary producers, are essential to man's existence.

That opinion was expressed in resolutions adopted by lay delegates at the 31st annual meeting of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference here.

MAINTENANCE OF a high level of business activity and full industrial employment are the best means of assuring fair prices and income to farmers, the delegates said.

Large-scale consumption of farm products naturally results from national business and industrial prosperity, they added. And further research in agricultural production and marketing methods will boost farm income by increasing efficiency and reducing costs.

But the resolution added: "IN VIEW OF the vulnerability of farm prices to world-wide repercussions and to unscrupulous manipulations of profit takers, we urge the maintenance of equitable and financially sound price and income supports.



### China Reds Expel American Bishop

Hong Kong (NC)—An American Bishop arrived here thin and weak after his expulsion from Red China. Bishop Kowalski of Wuchang, a 62-year-old Franciscan from Calumet, Mich., was ousted after spending almost two and a half years in solitary imprisonment.

His formal expulsion came after a public trial on August 22, in which he was charged with the death of 40,000 orphans and with promoting the Legion of Mary, called a "counter-revolutionary, reactionary agency."

During his solitary confinement the Bishop was not given any reading material, nor was he permitted to pray. Most of the time he was forced to sit on the floor with his legs painfully crossed.

### Catholics Run 200 Schools In Japan

Tokyo (NC)—Operating in Japan at present are 177 Catholic schools with a total enrollment of 56,336 students, of whom 7,264 are Catholics. These are some of the figures in a statistical survey of the school year 1967-68 by the Educational Department of the National Catholic Committee.

LAST YEAR, 19 new schools were established, 6,347 more students were attending Catholic institutions of learning, and the students jumped from 12 per cent to 14 per cent, the statistics revealed.

The survey disclosed also that Catholic schools employ a total of 3,766 teaching and office personnel, of whom 36 per cent are Catholics.

OF THE ecclesiastical districts the Archdiocese of Tokyo tops the list with 38 schools, followed by Yokohama (36), Osaka (25), and Fukuoka (21). Kagoshima, Niigata and Shikoku have each three schools.

Catholic in Japan have two Graduate Schools, five Universities, nine Junior Colleges, 65 High and 66 Middle Schools, 25 Elementary Schools, and 15 Schools for special purposes. There are two coeducational institutions, 62 schools for boys with an enrollment of 15,000 and 153 schools for girls with 49,000 pupils.

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### South African Prelate Raps Racial Injustice

Pretoria, South Africa (NC)—A South African Archbishop has warned that the Church will not hold its tongue if the enforcement of the new racial legislation brings with it offenses to human dignity.

The warning was issued here by Archbishop John C. Garner of Pretoria as he addressed a large Catholic rally commemorating the fifth anniversary of the archdiocese.

HIMSELF A native of Qumbu, South Africa, the 44-year-old prelate stated that the Church is keeping a careful watch on current legislation (the Group Areas Act) enforcing racial separation.

If there is any danger of injustice through dispossession of any racial group without adequate compensation or of laws offensive to human dignity, the Church will not fail to make her mind known in no uncertain terms, Archbishop Garner said.

"The Church is more than international," he continued. "She is supra national and the mother of nations. South Africans are still all equally her children.

"THERE ARE NO 'European' or 'Native' churches where she is concerned. If Africans frequent one Catholic church rather than another, it is only because the devotions and instructions are in their own tongue.

"But every Catholic church is the spiritual home of every Catholic, no matter what his race or tongue."

The warning was issued by Bishop Victor Perrin of Arras after thousands of persons had already visited the scene.

### Happy Birthday Party

There's something about a child's birthday party—there are lots of things about it—that makes for real fun.

So, for what it's worth to any readers planning a party for six-to-twelve, here's what we've found over the years to be sure fire.

From the age of eight on, the all-girl party is usually better than a mixed one.

This is for girls a boy's party might have more strenuous games.

Most guests come exactly on the dot, or a little before shyly offer a present and stand about like strangers. Let the hostess take them to her room and leave their wraps. By the time they come downstairs, they have thawed out somewhat two or three have discovered that their black Mary Janes are exactly alike but there is still a certain shyness. Some are neighborhood friends others parochial school pals. They are not acquainted yet.

We've found a good ice-breaker or have a lot of penny balloons and give one to each child. As they puff and blow, a natural competition sets up and conversation is easy. Be ready to tie each balloon as it reaches maximum and to replace casualties. Your duties are easy for awhile. Somebody will balance one on her nose, somebody else will carry hers on a finger. As late-comers straggle in, they get in the act immediately.

NEXT MINGLER is a "hunt"—peanuts in their shells scattered in the back yard in summer, throughout the downstairs in winter. Each child is given a lunch bag with her name on it and, at the whistle blow, starts searching. The winner, of course, gets a prize and everybody has something to munch on and a place to put the shells.

Then the birthday girl opens

the presents—and that interests everybody—while mother fixes eats.

Sit-down, rather than buffet, we find is better. Instead of a chair for each, use lay wooden planks or table leaves along the sides of the table, supported by a chair at each end. An almost indefinite number of small girls can sit there, just as they do in the pews at the children's Mass.

Refreshments are best kept to a minimum—ice cream and birthday cake, lemonade or plain ice water. Individual carry baskets and a popper complete with paper hat provide take-home souvenirs.

HIGH POINT of the meal is blowing out the candles. "Fishing" at the same time and cutting the cake while everybody sings "Happy Birthday to You." Paper tablecloth, napkins, cups and plates are great work savers and come in all color schemes.

Time for more contests for everybody should win a prize! First, that perennial Pin the Tale on the Donkey. We bought a paper donkey game years ago and made it more original and permanent by pasting an old or gandy curtain onto the back, then cutting out the tails. The clothespin-in-jar; child kneels on chair, resting arm on a hook of chair, tries to drop clothespin into a fruit jar set on the floor. And always "Musical Chairs"—phonograph or radio for music.

In nice weather there's always jump rope, running through, then one jump as you run through, until somebody wins. Then comes Farmer in the Dell, Tisketa-Tasket if time permits.

Comes the grand finale when the names of hitherto non-prize winners are put into a bowl and the birthday girl draws names. So everybody goes home with a "take" five and ten cent presents.

WHEN THE hostess puts her arms around your neck as you tuck her into bed and says "Thanks, Mama. Wish it was three o'clock and the party was just starting," you feel that Elsa Maxwell has nothing on you.

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