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Price Of Children Drops Very Sharply

Tokyo, Japan — (NC) — "There's a brutal deflation here," an American missionary reports. "It is in the price of children."
Father Theodore M. Keuchmann, Maryknoll from Manitowoc, Wis., states that the terrible food shortage has dropped the average selling price of children from \$30 last year to as low as \$3 this year. According to pagan custom, needy Japanese families still sell children under 18 years of age, the priest reported.
Father Keuchmann says the food shortage is due to the flood and frost damage to the rice crop.

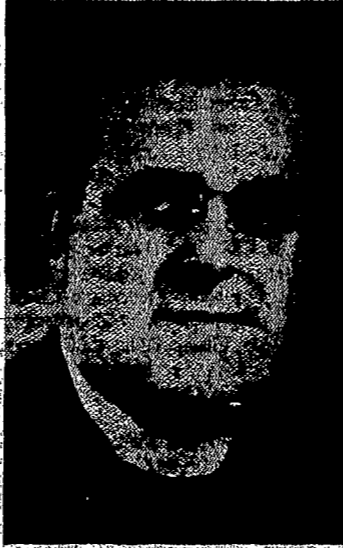
Confessions Heard In Seven Languages

Manila, Philippines — (NC) — Hearing confessions in seven languages is one of the demands made on the Catholic chaplains at the General Hospital here. In the past year, the Chaplain, Father Walter J. Hamilton, S.J., distributed 32,000 Communion, administered the Last Sacraments 1,500 times and baptized 216 children.

Peace Lists Tell Red Role In Propaganda

San Jose, Costa Rica — (NC) — Signatures obtained in Latin America for the Stockholm Communist "Peace Declaration" were cited here by La Nacion, San Jose daily, as evidence of the extent of disguised Red propaganda among Latin Americans.
The newspaper reported that the Communist-dominated World Council for Peace had claimed a total of 800,000 signatures in twelve Latin American countries. The countries and the number of signatures obtained in them were listed as follows:
Argentina (3,000,000), Brazil (3,000,000), Bolivia (8,500), Colombia (25,000), Costa Rica (34,000), Cuba (850,000), Chile (500,000), Mexico (3,000,000), Paraguay (18,000), Peru (5,570), Uruguay (216,000), and Venezuela (45,000).
According to La Nacion, many persons withdrew their signatures when they discovered the true nature of the Stockholm declaration.

Auxiliary



Baltimore, Md. — The Rev. Jerome B. Feld, pastor of St. Elizabeth's Church here, has been named titular Bishop of Beaulieu in Hellespont and Auxiliary to Archbishop Francis T. Keough of Baltimore. A native of Washington, D.C., Bishop-elect Feld, who is 53, was ordained in 1922. He was educated in Washington and at the Baltimore Seminary and is presently archdiocesan director of vocations. (RNS Photo)

Draft Objectors Reported Scarce In Catholic Ranks

Washington — (NC) — Conscientious objectors to service in the nation's armed forces are "a very scarce article" among Catholics. However, a Catholic Organization and a number of Catholic institutions throughout the nation are taking part in a program for employment of CO's in civilian work in lieu of military service.
Commenting on the fact that War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference had been approved by Selective Service as an agency for civilian employment of CO's, A. Stauffer Curry, director of the National Service Board for Religious Objectors, a private organization assisting in the program, said he had not heard of more than a half-dozen cases of Catholic CO's.
SELECTIVE SERVICE headquarters here said the program was begun in 1952 after the draft law was amended. Purpose of the program, a Selective Service spokesman said, was to get CO's into civilian work outside of their own communities. It was explained that a CO or an approved organization which employs him must pay his expenses to and

Cardinal Spellman Offers Masses For U.S. Troops On Korea Front

By FATHER PATRICK O'CONNOR
Seoul, Korea — "I thank God to be back in Korea to spend another Christmas with the men and women of America's armed forces," His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman told a congregation of about 1,000 packed into the Ninth Corps chapel for his Christmas Midnight Mass in general Korea.

For the Cardinal, it was another Christmas of mountain hopping in light planes and helicopters flying down bleak valleys and riding jeeps over slippery roads—all to bring "tidings of comfort and joy."
Between dawn on Christmas eve (December 24) and sundown on December 26, when the Cardinal returned to Seoul, he offered Mass five times for service men in five different areas across Korea. The Cardinal-Archbishop of New York is Military Vicar of the U. S. Armed Forces.
IN THE SAME period he gave 16 talks to gatherings of service men estimated at a total of 15,500. He gave 11 of these addresses in the open, standing bareheaded on cold outdoor platforms. He made five helicopter flights, one through a menacing snowstorm. The Cardinal made a four-hour journey by jeep over bad roads when the weather made flying over the jagged, snow-capped mountains impossible.
If any American servicemen have now spent as many Christmases—three—in Korea since the war began as the Cardinal, his congregations included Army nurses, Red Cross girls and occasionally a member of a USO troupe.
For his second Mass on Christmas day the Cardinal flew by helicopter to the Third Division where he was welcomed by Maj. Gen. Charles D. W. Canham and Father (Lt. Col.) Francis Bridenstine, Holy Cross priest of Portland, Ore. His open-air Mass was attended by 3,000, and served by Pfc. Cunningham of New York, Warrant Officer Darwin Jones of Denver directed the choir of 16 GI's. Maj. Jerome B. Feld, a Catholic from Park, Kans., piloted the Cardinal.
Another helicopter flight brought him to the Ninth Infantry Regiment of the Second Division. Here 2,000 gathered, likewise in the open for the Cardinal's third Christmas day Mass. Two O'Brien men worked on the preparations here: Father (Lt. Col.) Joseph E. O'Brien of Brooklyn, division chaplain, and Father (Maj.) Edward O'Brien of Portland, Me.
Commander, Maj. Gen. William L. Barringer and Brig. Gen. W. J. Bradley, assistant commander and a Catholic from Massachusetts, joined the chaplains in welcoming the Cardinal.
A choir of Netherlands soldiers with a Korean orphan boy sang Latin and English Christmas hymns during the Mass.
FIRST RAIN and then sleet fell toward the end of the Mass, but the GI congregation stood firm.
Exorted by Lt. Col. Patrick H. Devine, a Catholic from Dallas, Tex., the Cardinal made a four-hour journey by jeep to the 45th Division. Since the weather ruled out the scheduled plane flight he could not be in time for the afternoon high Mass at which he was to preside and preach. But he would not skip any group that expected him.
On the way he and Colonel Devine and their military police escorts came upon an overturned jeep which had slipped off the snowy road. Smoke was issuing from the jeep and four Korean soldiers were under it. The Cardinal and his companions helped extricate the four soldiers who were not critically injured.
He reached the 45th Division long after dark but in time to arrange with Father (Lt. Col.) Bernard Fenton of Fall River to preach the next morning at Mass. One thousand men came and knelt on the frozen ground for that outdoor Mass at a corner.
Lt. Col. O. H. Lee, jr., of Bear Creek, Pa., a convert son of Gen. "Coughhouse" Lee, a prominent Episcopalian, and Lt. Col. William M. Puzet of Lin, Mo., served the Mass.
Brig. Gen. J. F. R. Seitz and Colonel Nicanor Jimenez of the Philippine Battalion were in the congregation. At the 45th Division the Cardinal was the guest of Maj. Gen. Paul D. Harkin, Father (Lt. Col.) Wil-

Cardinal Spellman Pledges \$35,000 To Korean Orphans

Seoul, Korea — (NC) — His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, who lauded American GI's for their generosity toward Korean war orphans, has pledged a contribution of \$35,000 from his own New York archdiocese to the orphans.
The Cardinal said the sum would be given to the Korean hierarchy here for the care and education of the orphans.
Cardinal Spellman, who is Military Vicar of the U. S. armed forces, is making his third Christmas visit to American troops in Korea. He is scheduled to leave the Korean theater in time to return to New York by January 9.
llam J. MacPherson of Sacred Heart parish, Staten Island, N. Y., flew him to the 40th Division. Maj. Gen. Ridgely Gaither welcomed him at the airfield.
In one day he met two Catholic All-American football players—Father (Lt.) Edward Cowhig of Boston, who played for Boston College before entering the seminary, and Col. Charles "Monk" Meyer of Bradenton, Fla., who played for West Point and entered the Church after his graduation.
Colonel Meyer commands the 160th regiment which the Cardinal visited. Another Catholic, Col. Louis A. Walsh, of Manhattan, commands the 224th Regiment where the prelate also came and addressed the men.
FATHER (MAJ.) John Hayes of Toledo, Father (Capt.) Robert Feeney of Scranton, Father (Capt.) George Schumacher of Sioux City, Father (Maj.) Denis Moore of San Francisco are chaplains of the units visited by the Cardinal on the afternoon of December 26. One of these was the Fifth Regimental combat team commanded by Col. Ben Stern Berg of Daytona Beach, Fla.
Maj. Gen. Thomas F. Hickey of Boston, a daily communicant who rose from a plain private in 1916 to a two-star general today accompanied the Cardinal on a general part of the three-day tour.
General Hickey served as godfather to five soldier converts who were confirmed by Cardinal Spellman before he offered the Christmas midnight Mass at the Ninth Corps chapel.
Shortly before the midnight Mass General Hickey and Father (Maj.) John K. Connolly of Sacramento, Cal., corps chaplain, had the quonset-type chapel at the Ninth Corps headquarters enlarged for the occasion. They had part of the side wall removed and a large tent with wooden floor built onto the chapel.
THE CARDINAL had barely an hour's rest before preparing for the midnight Mass ceremonies. All through the daylight hours of the day before Christmas the Cardinal had visited U. S. units across the western half of Korea.
The Cardinal began Christmas eve (December 24) by celebrating Mass and preaching in the theater at the Eighth Army headquarters in Seoul.
Faith packed that theater as entertainment never had done. Eleven hundred U. S. soldiers with a few Korean Catholic soldiers, American Army nurses and civilians were crowded into the space with seats for only about 700. Army chaplains and Columbian Fathers were busy hearing confessions whenever a corner was available. About 500 received Communion.
"Never before in military life or in parish life, outside the time of missions, have I seen so large a proportion of men receiving Holy Communion," Cardinal Spellman said in congratulating the congregation.
Afterwards the Cardinal, wearing army fatigues, boarded a light plane with Father (Lt. Col.) Wil-

hospitals in the Seoul area. He visited the patients the afternoon of his arrival from Tokyo.
"My morale jumped 150 per cent just to see the Cardinal and think that he'd come over here to spend his Christmas with us in Korea," said Pfc. Eugene Czajka of St. Mary of the Angels parish, Chicago.
The Cardinal went to every man's bedside. He gave out holy cards and medals as souvenirs and gifts of cigarettes to all. Father (Capt.) Martin Schmitt of Baltimore, the hospital's Catholic chaplain, assisted him in distributing the gifts. Fathers Nern and Webster accompanied the Cardinal throughout the visit.

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