

# War Dead Bodies Returned By Reds

Panmunjon, Korea—(NC)—Relatives of war dead returned from North Korea in the first day of exchange would have felt proud and consoled by the dignified and reverent care their loved ones met in this sparsely white tented camp near here.

Full military honors with religious services of Jewish, Catholic and Protestant rites highlighted the reception. The services will be repeated each day until the end of October when the exchange of 4,011 Allied war dead will be concluded. This Allies will return 14,000 bodies to the North Koreans.

**IMPRESSIVE WAS** the handling of the remains by personnel of the Graves Registration detachment. Each of them like every soldier connected with the body exchange program, gave the impression that he carried out his duty as a personal profession of faith in the honored place the dead held in his esteem.

One Marine, a Korean veteran, summed up the feelings of most onlookers: "It all kind of puts a pain around your heart seeing your buddies coming back like that. Each was taken from the Russian-built mortuary trucks in a tubberized canvas sack which left much to the imagination. 'It sure makes you think' the Marine mused.

The camp where the bodies will remain overnight is a model of cleanliness and whiteness. Every wooden object is painted white. The mortuary, a huge quonset hut, is white inside and outside.

**A CHAPLAIN** from Cape Cod, Father (Lt. Col.) Bernard Fenlon of Eighth Army Headquarters, conducted the Catholic service. Father Fenlon is an alumnus of the University of St. Joseph in Washington. Some 20 priests, U.S. Army and Air Force chaplains and two Canadian were part of a big United Nations Chaplain's Corps representation which included English, Dutch and Ethiopian chaplains.

Despite the fact that no names of U.N. dead returned during the exchange would be released for months, the names of two Catholic chaplains who died in captivity were at the lips of almost every priest. "I wonder if they have come out," you heard everywhere.

One of the chaplains, Father Emil Kapoun of Wichita, is known to have died in a North Korean prisoner of war camp. The other is Father Lawrence F. Brunner of St. Louis, who is missing and believed to have died in captivity.

Although the Communists supplied a list of names, none of the bodies will be identified until after positive identification is made from Washington. This may take several months. After definite identification, the war dead will be sent to final resting places specified by their families.

## Catholics Aid Methodist Hospital

Arcadia, Calif.—(RNS)—The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles has made two sizeable contributions for construction of the Methodist-operated Arcadia Community Hospital. The \$2,000,000 institution will be financed in part by a government grant in aid, but three-fourths of the sum must be raised by public subscription.

## 'Anger Of People' Routs Card. Stepinac Persecutor

Lima, Peru—(CNC)—A Red persecutor who claimed he represented the "anger of the people" as he once shouted "criminal" and "alumnus" at an Archbishop got a genuine taste of popular indignation here.

The object of this twist of events was Jakov Blazevic, who served as the public prosecutor in the 1946 "trial" of Alojzija Cardinal Stepinac, Archbishop of Zagreb. Sentenced to 16 years of forced labor, the Archbishop is still kept in semi-confinement in the Yugoslav regime.

**BLAZEVIC ARRIVED** here as the head of a Yugoslav trade mission which has visited a number of South American countries. The Red official's role in the "trial" and sentencing of Cardinal Stepinac was brought to the public attention by Yugoslav Catholic weekly here.

Blazevic's background was given in a dispatch of Noticias Cateolicas, the Spanish-language edition of the N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE. Verades printed this NC dispatch just about the time of Blazevic's arrival.

Immediately protests were registered against the presence of the Red trade delegation and particularly of the Cardinal's persecutor.

The despicable retort against Cardinal Stepinac has not been forgotten by those who have a proper regard for human dignity. The local Knights of Columbus stated in a widely printed press release.

**"PUBLIC OPINION** has condemned the oppression of Catholics in Iron Curtain countries which include Yugoslavia, Peru's Catholic Action declared.

Blazevic was denounced as "an unwelcome visitor" in the Senate and a resolution was whipped through the house of representatives.

**PRIMATE ASSAILS Beauty Contest**

Madrid—(RNS)—His Eminence Enrique Cardinal Ezaola, Primate of Spain, warned Spanish Catholics against beauty contests and attributed them to the "godless and materialistic spirit of the present age."

Cardinal Ezaola, Archbishop of Toledo, said in a pastoral letter that "female beauty should not be treated as a possession, but as a gift."

The Cardinal also indirectly criticized the Catholic press in Spain which he said, sometimes was at fault in the matter. He called on Church papers not to publicize beauty competitions.

## FIRE WRECKS CATHEDRAL



Youngstown, O.—Mrg. Alfred J. Heinrich, chancellor of the Youngstown diocese, surveys ruins of St. Columba Cathedral here after it was struck by lightning and wrecked by fire. The priest was baptised and made a monk in the church, which has been a landmark in Youngstown for more than 60 years. The \$1,200,000 edifice was destroyed in the most disastrous fire this city ever had. (RNS Photo)

## Germans Hold Church Rally At Fulda

Fulda, Germany—(NC)—A Pontifical Mass in the morning and a huge demonstration of faith in the afternoon brought to close the 76th German Catholic Congress (Katholikentag) here near the tomb of St. Boniface, the apostle of the Germans.

Both ceremonies saw the participation of a large number of Bishops from Germany and foreign lands. They were headed by Their Eminences Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, Josef Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, and Josef Cardinal Wendel, Archbishop of Munich and Freising.

**THE PONTIFICAL** Mass was offered by Archbishop Aloisius J. Muench, Papi Nuncio to Germany and Bishop of Fargo, N. D. Over 250,000 German Catholics participated in the final ceremonies, including 30,000 from the Communist zone. There was a particularly strong representation of youth from central Germany present.

On the evening before the congress closed, Cardinal Frings dedicated Germany to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in an impressive ceremony in the cathedral square. This was followed by a torchlight procession in which 10,000 men carried the relics of St. Boniface from the cathedral to the site of the open air rally.

## Priest Named To Legion Chaplain Post

Washington—(NC)—A Catholic priest who lost a leg in World War II has been elected national chaplain of the American Legion.

Father Albert J. Hoffman of Iowa College, Dubuque, Iowa, will serve in the post in a full-time capacity, leading the Legion's "Back to God" movement which encourages prayer, church attendance, and religious instruction of children by Americans of all religious creeds.

**THE MUCH** decorated chaplain became a "Purple Heart" winner after he sustained the loss of a leg during the third crossing of the Volturno River in Italy with U.S. troops.

As chaplain of the 133rd Infantry Regiment, 34th Infantry Division, he went overseas with the first troops sent to the European Theater in January, 1942. He served through the North African and Italian campaigns, earning the Distinguished Service Cross for bravery in action.

Father Hoffman has also been awarded the Silver Star and the Medal of Valor, received from the King of Italy.

## Reds 'Whitewashed' For British Visitors

Hong Kong—(NC)—Reds in Canton prepared a literal whitewash for the visit of the British Labor Delegation on their now-completed tour of Red China.

A letter received here from a Canton resident said the communists ordered citizens to whitewash houses and repair roads along the route the delegation would take when it visited Canton. Citizens were given a week to carry out the order.

Where whitewashing and repairs were not completed by the stated time, the communists did it and charged double the expense.

## Hungarian Unitarian Minister Laudes Cardinal Mindszenty Role Against Reds

Cleveland, Ohio—(NC)—Hungarian Unitarian Minister Mindszenty was characterized as "courageously stubborn" by a former Hungarian churchman and a friend of the now-imprisoned Primate of Hungary in an interview here.

**THE CLEMENCYMAN** is Alexander St. Ivanyi, Bishop of the Unitarian Church in Hungary, and a witness at the recent sessions held here by a House of Representatives subcommittee investigating Communist aggression in Hungary. He is now a minister in Lancaster, Mass., and a naturalized U.S. citizen.

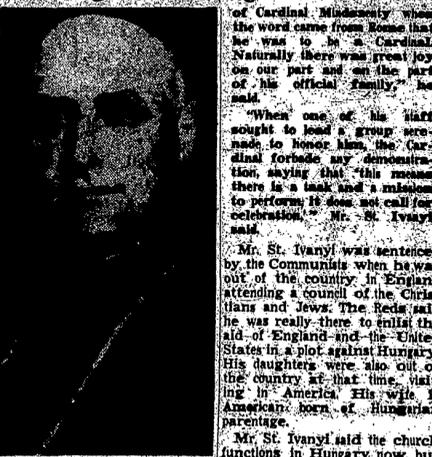
The charges that Cardinal Mindszenty refuses to discuss matters, or to consider means of achieving peace, are far from the truth," he said.

"I have seen him myself come to reasonable terms on many matters. But then again, on matters which involved the rights of the Church and the rights of the people, he was courageously stubborn," he said. "In my mind, the Cardinal had a vision and perception of international situations far in excess of some of the so-called expert politicians."

**MR. ST. IVANYI** also related an "intimate glimpse of one moment of the Cardinal's life—when he received the news of the elevation."

**Toronto Auxiliary Consecration Set**

Toronto—(NC)—Mrg. Francis V. Allen will be consecrated Titular Bishop of Avenas and Auxiliary to His Eminence James Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, on October 7 at St. Michael's Cathedral here.



**CARDINAL MINDSZENTY**—ment of the Cardinal's life—when he received the news of the elevation.

"I was present in the study bad standing with his church supporters.

Father Li Yin-tao was excommunicated and his church put under an interdict after he joined and promoted the communist-sponsored "Reformed Church." The other priest is Father Ma Wen-chun, pastor of Tungtung Church.

"None of the other Catholic priests in Peking, free or in jail, were presented to the British Labor Party delegates."

**Priests in China Jails Did Not Meet Atlee**

Hong Kong—(NC)—A Communist dispatch from Peking reported that two Catholic priests were among the delegation of "Chinese Christian leaders" who greeted the British Labor party delegation headed by Clement Atlee.

What the communists did not report was that one of the priests had been excommunicated and that the other was a "Progressive Church" leader in

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## U.S. Secularists Adopt Way Of Life Tried, Discarded By Reds

St. Louis—(NC)—The philosophy of the modern-day American secularistic family parallels closely that of the early-stage Communist family, according to a widely known sociologist here.

Dr. Clement S. Mihonovich, St. Louis University sociologist, referred to the Communist family prior to 1930 when children were wards of the state, free-love was not only condoned but encouraged, divorce could be secured by mailing a postal card; contraception was allowed and "sex was sold and handled like any commodity."

**THE SOCIOLOGIST** emphasized that there is a vast difference between the American secularistic family and the Russian Communist family of today.

"Today the Russian divorce rate is one of the lowest in the world, contraception is virtually unknown, sex is no longer liberalized, even the integrity of the family is recognized and supported," he said. "Abortions are comparatively rare and not legalized."

But in "so-called American progressive circles today," Dr. Mihonovich continued, "nothing is important save that each and every individual should be free to develop his own pattern of life in accordance with his own unique wishes, regardless of the culture of the family, sect, class or nation which gave him birth."

The primary purpose of the family, he said, is to provide for the needs of its members. "Unlike Communism, we have failed to realize the monstrosity we wish to our bosom. We do not wish to play on words, but it is not ironic that the abolition of Communism is abolishing us and not the Communists who created it?"

Dr. Mihonovich expressed his views in an article entitled "Communism and The Family," published in the September issue of The Grail, national Catholic magazine of the Benedictine Fathers of St. Meinrad's (Ind.) Abbey.

**DR. MIHONOVICH** said that many Americans have come to believe that marriage and the family are purely utilitarian; personal and individual. He said that the Church's teachings regarding the functions of marriage are discarded and the "irregular import of marriage—responsibility to God, to society and to the institution of marriage—is distorted in such a way that the triangle has only one angle—the personal angle."

The sociologist said the trend toward the American secularistic family started with the legalizing of divorce in the 1890's. The birth control movement which led to successful attempts to legalize sterilization, started in 1913, he recounted. Sterilization was followed by an attempt to

legalize mercy-killing, which, in turn, led to a movement for legalized abortion, Dr. Mihonovich said.

**IN POINTING** up the bizarre situation, Dr. Mihonovich declared that Americans consider themselves avowed enemies of Communism, yet the growing secularistic element in this nation has adopted a way of life which once was considered a Communist ideal. This way of life, the sociologist said, was introduced into American society through various liberal movements.

"Today we are reaping our harvest, gathering the results of the wild oats we sowed a few decades ago," he declared. "In addition to paying for our sins in the form of increased delinquency, demoralization, crime, carelessness for law and order, and strained family relations, we are also engaging in race suicide, which is the inevitable result of pursuing the materialistic family philosophy. We have unleashed five horsemen—divorce, sterilization, birth control, mercy-killing and abortion—that are running wild through our society and laying it waste."

"Like Frankenstein, we have created a monster out of the nihilism of early Communism," the sociologist concluded. "Unlike Communism, we have failed to realize the monstrosity we wish to our bosom. We do not wish to play on words, but it is not ironic that the abolition of Communism is abolishing us and not the Communists who created it?"

**First Native Jesuit Ordained In Sweden**

Washington—(NC)—The son of an international Monetary Fund executive was ordained to the priesthood in Stockholm, and is reportedly the first Swedish Jesuit ever ordained in Sweden in over three centuries.

Father Lars Rooth, S.J., ordained by Bishop Johannes Muler of Stockholm, is the son of Ivar Rooth, managing director and chairman of the executive board of the International Monetary Fund in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Rooth traveled to Sweden to attend the ordination.

Priests of Swedish nationality ordained in the Society of Jesus in the past were ordained abroad because of laws restricting the Church in Sweden.

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