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Tachen Islands Evacuees Get U. S. Clothes

Tachen, Formosa (NC) — American Catholic relief workers got quickly into action in Keelung port city near here, as the first batch of civilian evacuees fleeing the threat of Chinese Communist invasion arrived from the Tachen Islands, 200 miles north of Formosa.

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Some 2,000 evacuees are now housed in Keelung schools. They may be moved to the east coast.

Fritz Kreisler Honored On 80th Birthday

New York (NC) — Fritz Kreisler, known to music lovers around the world for his mastery of the violin, has been honored on his 80th birthday here at a reception at which Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York paid tribute to him.

My Kreisler, together with his wife, came into the Church in 1947 after receiving instruction from the then Msgr. Sheen.

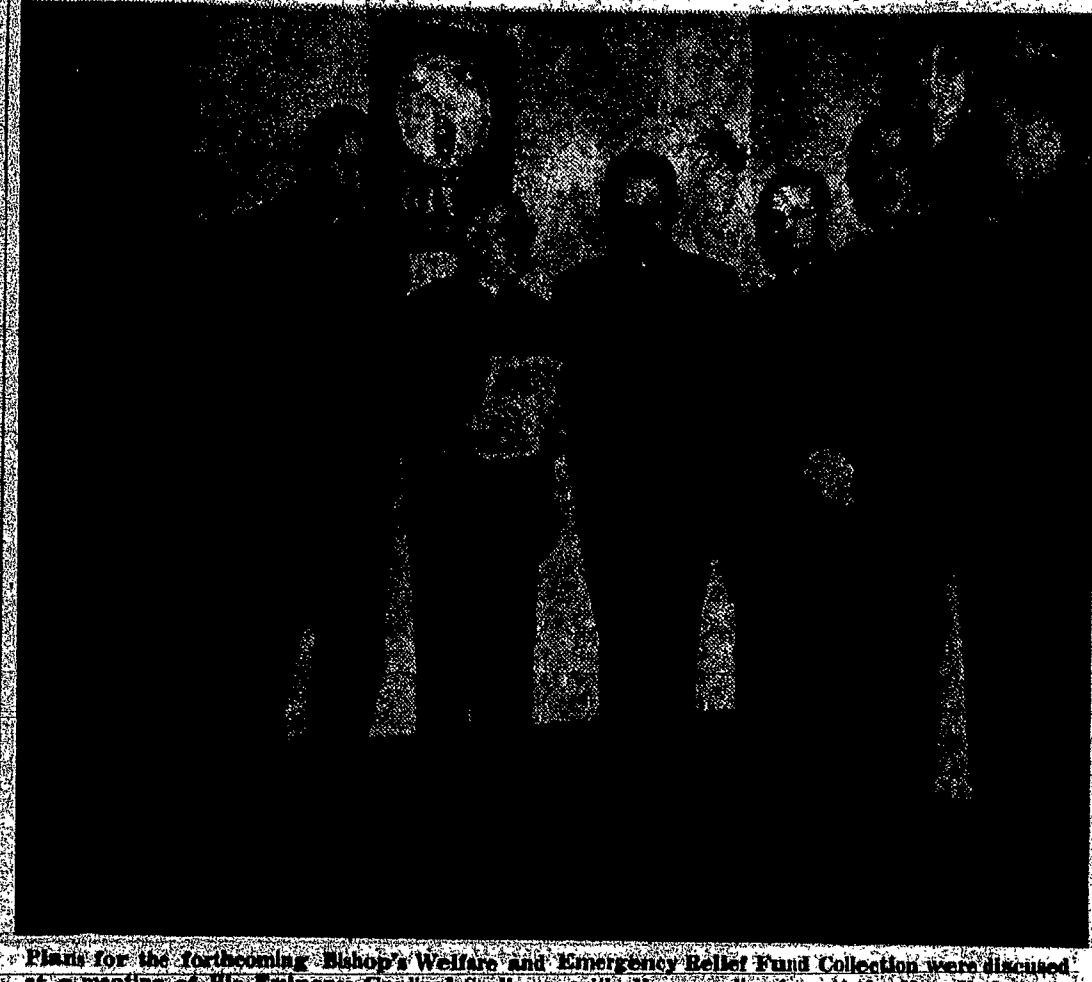
At the reception here it was announced that the Fritz and Harriet Kreisler Fund of the Musicians Emergency Fund had reached \$4,000. Goal of the fund is \$80,000 or \$100,000 for each year of the violinist's life.

Hawaii Slates Catholic College

Weekiwaia (RNS) — St. Louis College, a Catholic high school here for 108 years, will start teaching a university curriculum in liberal arts next September. It will be the first Catholic college in Hawaii.

Classes on a junior college level will be open to men only. More than 100 freshmen are expected to enroll.

Plan War Relief Appeal



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Left to right (in photo) are: Very Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney of Rochester; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. Laker of Ogdensburg; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward E. Swanson, director of War Relief Services; National Catholic Welfare Conference; Cardinal Spellman; Rev. Joseph P. Conway of Albany; Very Rev. Julius J. Szabo of Buffalo; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph B. Toomey of Syracuse; and Rev. J. Nolan of Albany.

Bishops' Relief Campaign Seeks \$5-Million Goal

New York (NC) — The first seven regional meetings in connection with the 5-million Laetare Sunday campaign for the Bishops' Welfare and Emergency Relief Fund was held here under the auspices of His Eminence Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

The Cardinal spoke of the critical refugee problem in Vietnam, which he saw first "faded. He said that U. S. Catholics have pitched in with the U. S. Government and the government of Vietnam in giving assistance to refugees from the communist dominated north of the country.

Pastor Asks Prayers For Conversions, Rectory Door Bell Starts Ringing

Cincinnati (NC) — The character in this story understandably prefer to remain anonymous, but it's a true story. It authentically has been vouched for by The Catholic Telegraph Register, newspaper of the Cincinnati archdiocese.

AS THE OCTAVE observance was opening, the pastor preached a sermon and exhorted his people to make an extra effort to observe the octave. He also asked: "Say just a single prayer every day and let's see what happens."

Nothing out of the ordinary happened during the first two days of the observance, but on the third day when the pastor was at breakfast, the rectory doorbell rang. The pastor found an elderly man at the door and he announced: "Father, I want to become a Catholic."

The man, it turned out, lived in the back road country. No one had ever spoken to him

about becoming a Catholic, in fact he had been a staunch non-Catholic. But in the last few weeks, he said he had been giving quite a bit of thought to the Catholic Church, had obtained some literature about it and now was convinced that the Catholic Church was the place for him. "So here I am, Father," he said, and that day the pastor began giving him instructions.

Later the same day, another man came to the rectory. He lived quite a distance from the Church. He had been baptized in the Catholic faith, but somewhere along the years had dropped out. "But why come to me?" asked the pastor. The man said he just didn't know, but that he only got up nerve enough to approach a priest as he passed the rectory. "Will you help me, Father?" he asked, and the pastor did.

NEXT DAY, two other strangers came to the rectory. Their stories almost dove-tailed. For some years each had been looking for a religion that satisfied their spiritual wants. One said: "I don't know why I never considered the Catholic Church before but yesterday I made up my mind and I'd like to take instructions." The other said about the same thing. Later the same day another fallen-away Catholic, who didn't reside in the parish, came to the rectory. The amazing pastor heard him say: "Something helped me to decide to see you. Please help me back into the Church, Father."

THE PASTOR related that in the next few days, three more who wanted to join the Church came to the rectory—two non-Catholics, one a fallen-away. (The pastor said that convert work in the parish had been "satisfactory" over the years that he had served there, but never before had so many seeking to join the Church come to the rectory in so short a time.) The pastor attributed it all to the recent observance by his parishioners of the Feast of July Octave and to the extra prayers recited each day. Then the pastor mused: "What would happen if every Catholic in the United States said just a single prayer every day?"

Mass Vestments Made From Old Wedding Dresses

Washington, D. C. (NC) — "Sewing for Christ" was all it said on the outside of one package that arrived.

And like so many others received by the Sisters at the Convent of Perpetual Adoration here, it contained a wedding dress to be remade into vestments for priests stationed in poor mission churches.

The parcels began to arrive at the convent here after the nun's project received nationwide attention in the Catholic Freeman, The Catholic Standard, newspaper of this archdiocese, ran pictures of the Sisters at work and the N.C.W.C. Picture Service distributed them nationally.

The parcel postman has been making regular stops at the convent since. Most of the letters that came with the packages said something to the effect of: "I can't think of a more beautiful way to put a wedding gown to use."

Legion Head Apologizes For Anti-Catholic Letter

Providence, R.I. (RNS) — National Commander Seaborn P. Collins of the American Legion apologized to Joseph H. Hackett, Rhode Island departmental commander, for a letter critical of Catholicism that was published in the American Legion magazine.

In a telegram to Mr. Hackett, the Legion head added that "clarification" of the organization's position with regard to the letter would appear along with an apology in the March issue of the monthly.

MR. HACKETT had demanded that Legion national officials "discipline" the publication's editor on the grounds that printing the letter was an abuse of freedom of speech and the press and that it constituted an "affront to millions." He said it had caused "general turmoil" in Rhode Island legion posts and evoked thousands of protests from persons of all religions.

The letter, signed by Kenneth P. Klinkert of Menominee Falls, Wis., said Roman Catholicism and Legion ideals "do not go together," charged that "Catholicism

doesn't care if democracy is safeguarded" and assailed the Pope for "making deals with dictators." The writer called upon Catholic legionnaires either to resign from the veteran organization or "drop out of the Catholic Church."

JOSEPH KELLEY, editor of the magazine, in defending publication of the letter hastened to add that this action in no way signified endorsement by the Legion of the sentiments expressed in it.

"We printed it for one reason only," Mr. Kelley said. "It is an expression of opinion which we felt could not and should not be ignored."

"Certainly the American Legion opposes such thinking and since its inception has fought the kind of bigotry and intolerance found in this letter."

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