

GI Church

Korea Honors Erin's Patron

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Society of St. Columban

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Seoul, Korea—American GIs have been praised for their generosity in contributing most of the money for the erection of the new Church of St. Patrick here—the first on the Korean mainland to be dedicated to Ireland's national apostle.

However, the GIs prefer to have the spotlight focused on the Columban Fathers, whose work in Korea has aroused their admiration and gratitude.

One of the spokesmen was Sgt. Andrew Caron, who said: "In contributing \$40,000 toward the erection of St. Patrick's, we are only paying off a debt to the Columban Fathers."

He made this comment after Mass. John S. (Colonel) Kelly, chaplain of the First U. S. Corps, had officiated at the solemn blessing and opening of the new church with its impressive life-size statue of St. Patrick towering over the main entrance.

"From away back in the early days of the Korean war," Sgt. Caron went on, "the Columban Fathers were everything to us—officiating chaplains, retreat directors, genial hosts and trusted friends. Over the years, we have been going deeper and deeper into their debt. St. Patrick's is only part payment of that debt. The sergeant will be heading home soon for Boston, Mass., with two Korean tours of duty to his credit.

All divisions of the 8th Army—some even after leaving Korea, notably the 25th Division—contributed to the \$40,000 raised by the GIs for St. Patrick's. The total cost was \$50,000. His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, gave \$4,000, and an additional \$1,000 came from parishioners of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. The cornerstone of the new white cut-stone church was blessed by Cardinal Spellman during his visit to Korea last Christmas.

Tee-Total Lutheran Wins Liquor Prize

Minneapolis, Minn.—(RNS)—A teetotaling church choir singer has been named winner of the \$10,000 grand prize in a whiskey-tasting contest.

June Schiflett, 35, an English and social sciences teacher at a public high school here, was notified of the award while having her hair set at a beauty shop.

The distillery firm which sponsored the contest will entertain (but not wine) her Nov. 15 to 15 in New York. There it will be announced whether she will take the \$10,000 prize or the alternate one of a trip around the world for two, plus \$5,000.

Miss Schiflett sings in the choir of Central Lutheran church here and is a former historian of the congregation.

Seattle Opens 1,400 Pupil School

Seattle, Wash.—(NC)—The large Blanchet High School, which will provide co-instructional education for 1,400 boys and girls, was dedicated here by Archbishop Thomas A. Connolly of Seattle.

When completed and equipped, the school will cost close to \$2 million. It is the largest unit in a \$12-million construction program carried on in the archdiocese in the past five years to meet needs of a rapidly expanding population.

More than half of the expenditure has been made for added educational facilities.

Prelate Warns On 'Neutral Religion'

Miami—(RNS)—Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley, bishop of St. Augustine, voiced the hope here that education officials would not impose upon the public schools "a neutral religion, a colorless travesty of religion."

"A RELIGION without doctrine and without moral code would be in effect a false religion," he said. "Many Americans would be unable in conscience to accept that."

Archbishop Hurley made the comment in reference to a projected program of religious heritage training in Florida schools announced by Thomas D. Bailey, State Superintendent of Education. The prelate was here to dedicate a new parochial school.

Mr. Bailey said that under the plan religion would be integrated with other courses such as art, music, history and social studies. The aim would be to "present the contributions of religion to our American way of life," he said.

Archbishop Hurley said that Catholics view with sympathy any sincere effort to make religion a living reality in the lives of school children.

"Now that the public schools are coming to grips with this great problem," he said, "all of us will play that they find a satisfactory solution."

The archbishop pointed out that the heroes of early America were brought up in religious schools. But in the course of the last century, he said, "educators of limited vision, men imbued with the philosophy of the 'neutral school' had excluded God from the American public school."

There has been a serious breakdown of morality and of principle in society, the prelate said, and it is traceable in part at least to the schools.

To Visit Australia

Melbourne, (NC)—Dom Gabriel Sortais, O.C.S.O., Abbot of Cîteaux, France, and Abbot General of the Cistercian Order, is expected to arrive here next January on a visit to the new Trappist foundation at Tarravara, Victoria.

Christian Brother Turns Cave Man

Brother G. Nicholas, member of the Christian Brothers and vice-president of the National Speleological Society who is a widely known authority on the flora and fauna of caves, discussed his experiences as a subterranean biologist at a meeting of St. Vincent College's biology club here.

BROTHER NICHOLAS, who has also specialized in the study of paleontological remains found in caves, is the author of a standard textbook entitled "Life in Caves" and also of more than 25 chapter treatises on the same subject.

When interviewed recently Brother Nicholas said:

"To date I have explored upwards of 200 caves located, for the greater part, in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Among these was the so-called Cumberland Bone Cave near Cumberland, Maryland, where I am now one of the local community of Teaching Christian Brothers."

A thoroughgoing biological investigation in the Cumberland cave, Brother Nicholas explained, was made possible only after large-scale excavations, financed by several individuals interested in his work.

"Cumberland Bone Cave," the Brother said, "was no picnic. At times I found myself wading in icy water up to my chest. At other times I had to squeeze through crevices so narrow that, once on the other side of them, I felt as flat as an ironing board."

Safety Featured In New Church

Onawa, Ia.—(RNS)—Newly-erected St. Paul's Roman Catholic church here has two unusual features.

The Rev. B. V. Greteman said he was concerned about members falling on icy steps during the winter months. So he ordered an enclosure built over the steps to protect them from the weather.

To give the entry brightness, Father Greteman had glass doors installed in aluminum frames. "Glass doors are something new for a church," he said, "but now that we have them I think it was the right decision."

"Was all this worth a little more data on the cave cricket? Infinitely so." "After all, only a very few persons to date have specialized in the denizens of caves. The sense of being a pioneer, therefore, as well as the spur of scientific curiosity itself, more than compensate for the momentary discomforts one sometimes has to suffer on such jobs."

Priest Symbolizes Sacraments



NEW YORK—The Rev. Joseph P. Adams of New York puts the finishing touches on a still-life painting of matrimony, one of seven he has executed symbolizing the sacraments. The series was exhibited in an informative display explaining the sacraments at St. Patrick's Information Center here. (RNS Photo)

Booklet Describes Family Devotions

Washington—(NC)—A booklet on how family prayer life can be centered around the spirit of the Church's liturgical year by carrying out simple ceremonies in the home has been released here.

Entitled "How to Make Your Home a Home," the booklet is a compilation of different practices put together by Father Bernard Stokes, O.F.M., and published by the Family Life Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference here.

Stronger Unions Step To 'Maturity'

(N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE)

Washington—Msr. George Higgins, director of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, decried fear and suspicion of unions as "unrealistic."

Both spoke at the dedication of the new \$3,000,000 headquarters of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, right across a plaza from the Capitol.

MR. MEANY, who will head the merged AFL and CIO when the two federations combine next month, said the labor movement will work to reverse the "beating" he said labor has been taking on the legislative front in recent years. He also listed federal aid to education, low-cost housing, and highway construction as goals labor will work for.

MONSIGNOR HIGGINS told the audience of 1,500 that people who see labor as becoming too strong for its own good and that of the country want to have their cake and eat it too.

"They want the unions to be more responsible and more mature," he said, "but they don't want them to have the added strength and influence which go along with greater maturity and responsibility. They want to avoid too much government control over economic life, but they are unwilling to pay the necessary price."

"They fail to understand," he continued, "that the only realistic alternative to too much government control is effective labor-management cooperation, which, in turn, presupposes the existence of strong and effective unions with physical facilities adequate to their needs and commensurate with their importance."

Monsignor Higgins asserted that the basic question is "whether or not unionism is to be encouraged, not only for the good of the workers themselves but for the common good as well." Taking as an instance the so-called "right-to-work" laws, which he called "unfortunate,"

Race Prejudice 'Antiquated'

Washington—(NC)—Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell told 45 top industrial executives the nation must discard racial and religious discrimination in employment "just as we discard antiquated machines."

"How can we enter the age of jet propulsion, guided missiles, atomic and solar energy, and earth satellites with the same antiquated racial prejudices?" he asked. Mr. Mitchell spoke to presidents and board chairmen of manufacturing firms having an overall total of some \$10,000,000,000 in annual output at the Conference on Equal Job Opportunity, sponsored by President Eisenhower's Committee on Government Contracts.

SIBLEY'S TOYLAND

OPENS TOMORROW

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toys for good girls and boys

What's the most thrilling place in all Upstate New York from now until Christmas? Naturally, it's Sibley's Toyland, this year more exciting than ever before! Way last Spring, Sibley's Toy Buyer and Santa traveled all over the country and even to Europe to pick out toys especially for good girls and boys in Sibleyland... and the children are just going to love them all! Dolls and dolls and more adorable dolls! (Costumes and play furniture! Hobbies and games galore! And the most fascinating mechanical toys imaginable! Toyland's a magic world for the youngsters, and a place to make grownups feel like kids again. (Gentlemen, please step back and let the children watch the electric trains!)

WHO IS MR. POCKETS? see the animated story of the magic cape that helped bring back Christmas.

When you bring the children to visit Santa and Toyland, be sure to have them see this colorful tale, illustrated by 18 lifelike miniature scenes in which the people and animals move just like real. See how the young Betty and Bob have a fine Christmas after all, despite a sudden storm. Learn more about the mysterious stranger, Mr. Pockets. Don't miss this new 1955 edition of a far-famed Sibley tradition.

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