



Cardinal Spellman, with safety belt fastened ready to take off on his recent flight to visit American servicemen in Labrador and Greenland. The cardinal left from the McGuire Air Force Base. On his 6,000-mile trip, he celebrated Mass, delivered talks, visited the sick and greeted servicemen at outposts. On his return this week, the Cardinal announced he will visit servicemen in Korea for the Christmas holidays. (RNS Photo).

Cardinal To Visit Troops In Korea On Christmas Day

New York — (NC) — Cardinal Spellman has announced he will make his fifth Christmas trip to American military installations in the Far East, leaving here on December 16.

The Cardinal-Archbishop of New York, who is also Military Vicar of Catholics in the Armed Forces, disclosed his plans for the trip just after returning from a visit to U. S. installations in Labrador, Greenland, Baffin Island and Newfoundland.

THE CARDINAL'S departure date is two days after his annual Christmas party for the children of the New York Foundling Hospital. He has sponsored this event for ten years. It will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Groups of children from two to six years old from the Foundling Home, conducted by the Sisters of Charity, will be at the party. They will be given gifts contributed by friends of the institution. In the past ten years, more than 2,000 persons have either personally attended or contributed to the party for the children.

Julius F. Rose will be the Cardinal's guest of honor at the event. Buffet supper will also be served. The St. Vincent Choir will sing and a Santa Claus will help Cardinal Spellman distribute the gifts.

IN A STATEMENT here, the Cardinal said: "I shall attend this Christmas party which each year helps to bring happiness to the lives of hundreds of homeless or motherless babies in my own beloved Archdiocese of New York, and I shall then leave to share the holy season of Christmas with America's soldiers on war-torn lands of the Pacific."

Irish Primate To Visit U.S.

Belfast, N. Ireland — (RNS) — His Eminence John Cardinal D'Alton, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, will visit St. Louis, Mo., next April to participate in the dedication of the new Cardinal Glennon Memorial Hospital there.

John Joseph Cardinal Glennon, a native of Ireland, was Archbishop of St. Louis from 1903 until his death in 1946.

The trip will be made at the invitation of Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis.

While in the United States, Cardinal D'Alton also will spend some time in New York as the guest of Cardinal Spellman. During his stay he will be honored at a dinner sponsored by the New York chapter of the Maymen's Association. Cardinal D'Alton is a native of County Mayo.

British Pray For Cardinal
London — (NC) — Catholics throughout Britain joined in prayers for the recovery of His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, following the heart attack he suffered on November 29.

An initial statement by a chancery spokesman said there was no immediate cause for alarm regarding the Cardinal. He was reported "resting comfortably" at the Archbishop's House.

Pope Pius XII has sent a personal message of best wishes, with assurance of prayers for the Cardinal's recovery. Other messages flooded the Archbishop's House from many parts of the world.

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Auxiliary Bishop Named To Cardinal

Washington — (NC) — Pope Pius XII has made the following episcopal appointments: Msgr. Philip J. Furlong, pastor of St. Thomas More parish, New York, to be Titular Bishop of Araxa and Auxiliary to Cardinal Spellman in his capacity as Vicar for the Armed Forces of the United States.

Msgr. Stephen A. Leven, pastor of St. Francis Xavier parish, Enid, Oklahoma, to be Titular Bishop of Bure and Auxiliary to Archbishop Robert E. Lucey of San Antonio.

The new appointments were announced here today by Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

Bishop-elect Furlong is known as an educator and administrator. He has served as rector of the Cathedral College, New York, and as principal of the Cardinal Hayes High School in that city.

He was also chaplain of the 8th Regiment, New York National Guard, from 1943 to 1947.

Bishop-elect Leven has served the Church on two continents. He was professor and vice-rector of the American College, Louvain, Belgium, from 1935 to 1938. He has held various pastorates in the Diocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

1955 while attending a meeting of Trappist abbots at Cîteaux, France.

Monks of the Piffard Abbey elected Abbot Helmstetter on Oct. 8 to succeed Abbot McGlinchey. In ceremonies there on Wednesday, Nov. 18, Abbot James Fox from Gethsemani, Kentucky, installed Dom Walter as Abbot of Our Lady of the Genesee Abbey.

THE NEWLY installed abbot is 34 years of age. Approval from authorities at Rome was requested and granted because Trappist rules require that an abbot be at least 35.

Dom Walter Helmstetter was ordained a priest in 1950 and served as Master of Novices at the Gethsemani Abbey prior to his election as abbot of the community at Piffard.

Archbishop Enters See On White Mule
Saragossa, Spain — (RNS) — Archbishop Casimiro Morcillo y Gonzales of Saragossa, named to the post by Pope Pius XII last Sept. 29, has taken up his new duties here.

He entered the city astride a white mule, a practice traditional among Spanish prelates when taking over a new post. The Archbishop, widely known as a scholar and sociologist, is no stranger to unusual forms of transportation. In his earlier years he was an enthusiastic amateur glider pilot.

and even fall or the hospital. "Probably your plant or office takes time out for a Christmas party," the letter stated. "It's a pleasant and time-honored tradition. Just as probably you have some painful memories of what happens when such a party is mixed with alcohol."

"People react in different ways. Some grow affectionate, some quarrelsome. Tongues loosen. All too often the result is embarrassment or bitterness instead of the good feeling you'd hoped for."

"Worst of all are the headlines when a wobbly driver, heading home, lands in jail or hospital. For his waiting wife and children it is far from a 'Merry Christmas.'"

"Considering these things, more and more bosses are okaying fun, food and fellowship for Christmas, but keeping liquor off the list."

Blanchards are headquarters for Hallmark & Bust Craft Greeting Cards. Fine selection—Imported tree and house trimmings that are really different for the Holidays—Blanchard Florist, 68 Lake Ave. Open daily till 8 p.m.—Free parking—Phone BA 9494—Adv.



Little French Church

Lady of Victory Church (The Little French Church) on Pleasant Street, here Father David Sullivan, assisted by businessman Angelo DiNeri, distributes Holy Communion to noonday worshippers.

Daily At 12:10 p.m.

Noon Day Masses In Downtown Churches Draw Office Workers, Clerks, Shoppers

A marked increase in attendance has been noted this past week at noon time Masses celebrated in two downtown Rochester churches. Priests at Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Victory Churches attribute the increase to a combination of Advent devotion and Christmas shopping.

SOUTH CORPUS Christi Church on East Main St. and "The French Church" on Pleasant St. schedule Mass at 12:10 noon, enabling professional men, office girls, store clerks, and shoppers to arrive in time for start of Mass. Both churches have a low Mass which usually is completed by 12:30 p.m. and those attending time for lunch.

The Very Rev. Monsignor J. J. Maney of Corpus Christi Church states that mothers of small children find the noon time Mass an ideal way to assist at daily Mass. Early morning Masses, he said, come at the busiest time of day for mothers who have to dress youngsters and prepare breakfast for a family.

THE REV. EDWARD P. Callens, S.S.C.C., has observed that some retired "senior citizens" make noon time Mass their daily outing at Our Lady of Victory Church. Many of them, he stated, are unable to walk any distance to a parish church but find bus travel to the Pleasant St. Church a convenient way to solve their desire for daily Mass.

At Our Lady of Victory Church, laymen are assigned by the Daily Mass League to serve the noon Masses on a week long appointment basis. Mr. Angelo DiNeri, Rochester insurance agent, supervises the appointment of servers.

PRIESTS AT both parishes express being edified by the number of lay people who receive Communion at these noon Masses. In accord with present privileges concerning the Communion fast, lay people may obtain permission from a priest to take

liquid nourishment up to one hour before Communion if they said Mass the previous day.

THOSE RECEIVING Communion at noon Mass must, however, abstain from all solid nourishment, and that means a real liquid nourishment up to one hour before Communion if they said Mass the previous day.

Father Callens also explained that for some who attend noon Mass it is their second Mass for the day having attended earlier in their parish church.

Oklahoma Governor Names Nun To Post

Tulsa, Okla. — (NC) — Sister M. Bernadette, assistant director of St. John's School of Nursing here, has been appointed by Gov. Raymond F. Gray to the Oklahoma Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education for a five-year term ending April 27, 1960.

The State Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education is responsible for carrying out the laws for professional and practical nursing. Five professional nurses, citizens of Oklahoma, from various parts of the state compose the board appointed by the Governor.

Bishop Spuebeck was entrusted with the administration of the diocese earlier this year because Bishop Henry Wienken of Meissen is suffering from a serious heart attack.

'Good Movies' Pledge Slated In All Churches

By ROBERT SMETT
Catholics of the Rochester Diocese will renew their Pledge of the Legion of Decency at all Masses on this coming Sunday. Pointing up the importance of the Decency Pledge this year is the recent call of the American Bishops.

'Battle For Decency'

Feast of the Immaculate Conception 1955

My Dear People:
In asking your support for the efforts of the Legion of Decency to preserve some standards of decency in screen entertainment, may I point out the concern of the Advisory Board of the Legion over the increasing number of bad pictures, pictures that glamorize immorality.

While we are realistic enough to know that such pictures will always find acceptance among picture audiences, audiences large enough to encourage producers to sneer at their own Code as well as ours, we still feel that decency and concern for the future of our country impel us to do what is in our power to try to stem the tide and to discourage the production of the type of picture which has contributed so much to the juvenile delinquency which we deplore and which gives us such deep concern.

That is why the Legion of Decency asks that every pledge of your support. It stands to reason that every time a condemned picture is a financial success, some producers will be encouraged to ignore the Code, even the Code which the industry itself has set up as a standard.

It is unfortunate that the battle for decency must be fought at the box office, but it becomes more obvious that there is the final stand. A generous support of good pictures and an equally effective refusal to patronize the purveyors of indecency is the only intelligent and conscientious approach to this very serious problem.

So, we ask again your study of the lists offered by the Legion and your support of the campaign for clean, moral entertainment by your fidelity to the pledge of the Legion of Decency.

With my blessing, I am
Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,
+ James E. Kearney
Bishop of Rochester

for a nationwide crusade to stem the rising tide of moral laxity in motion pictures.

In a letter slated to be read at all Masses Sunday, Bishop Kearney calls on the faithful of the Diocese to give loyal support to the Legion of Decency.

Deplored the failure of some movie producers to abide by the film industry's own moral code, the Bishop asserted: "It is unfortunate that the battle for decency must be fought at the box office, but it becomes more obvious that there is the final stand."

The Bishop's letter urges "the generous support of good pictures" and the "refusal to patronize the purveyors of indecency" as the most effective means of combating moral laxity on the screen.

Loyalty to the Pledge of the Legion of Decency by the millions of American Catholics who stand in their churches this month to repeat the annual pledge could persuade Hollywood film producers to return to the moral standards they respected in 1937-38.

That year only six films in every 100 drew Legion of Decency objections. That was also one of Hollywood's most profitable box office years. Theatre managers and owners, who find patronage presently down almost 50 per cent, would do well to consider this point.

HERE, IN Rochester where the Catholic population is in excess of fifty per cent of the total, united front reaction could shape the movie fare.

Last Sunday alone, of the 46 films being shown in Rochester moviehouses, 47 per cent were listed in the "B" or objectionable category of the Legion of Decency. Only 10 films

were rated as acceptable for family patronage.

This was an extraordinarily "good" week, too, if compared with recent records. The monthly percentage of objectionable films shown in the Rochester area has gone as high as 88 per cent, and it is a rare week during the past two years that one, two, or even three condemned films have not been shown in this area.

They are usually "dished up" to the public with plunging neckline publicity or with such advertising copy as "tells all," "never before revealed" or "for adults only." The newest phase is to misrepresent this type of trash in so-called Art theatres, appealing to a "sophisticated" patronage.

Nationwide since 1946, films carrying the Legion's "objectionable in part" rating have risen from 15.36 per cent to 33.45 per cent and no improvement is in sight.

What about Hollywood's side of the problem? The larger studio heads continue their support of the Hollywood Movie Code. (Continued on Page 10)

LAST WEEK'S PAID CIRCULATION 53,492