Brings GI's Cigarettes And Medals

Cardinal Visits Armed Forces In Pacific

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Tokyo — (NC) — The ten-day schedule in Japan and Korea of His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar of United States Armed Forces, is loaded as a Christmas tree.

At its peak on Christmas night it reaches into frosty Korea, where the Cardinal celebrates midnight Mass in a forward area for soldiers of the 24th Division.

SEVEN O'CLOCK Christmas morning finds him climbing into a helicopter to be whirled to the 7th Infantry Division, also in a forward area, where he offers his second Mass. At 11:30 he officiates at Benediction in the gymnasium at the headquarters of the 1st Corps. In the early afternoon he addresses servicemen gathered at 8th Army headquarters in Seoul. The Cardinal then flies to Osan, where an Air Force congregation attends his third Mass of Christmas Day.

Cardinal Spellman arrived in Tokyo from Alaska Tuesday evening (December 20).

One of the Cardinal's first concerns on landing was to convey a reassuring message to a young Air Force lieutenant whose wife and baby had to leave the plane for a hospital in Anchorage, Alaska.

Wednesday's schedule included evening Mass at the Tokyo chapel center, where Father (Lt. Col.) Albert Knier of Cheyenne is the Catholic chaplain. Wednesday afternoon the Cardinal blessed and laid the cornerstone of the Columban Fathers' new Tokyo church in St. Patrick's parish. This is the first parish in Japan to have St. Patrick as its patron.

THURSDAY BROUGHT the Cardinal by plane and helicopter to Sendai, north of Tokyo, where he celebrated Mass at the headquarters of the 9th Corps. In Sendai he visited the new Cardinal Spellman Hospital, built with donations from the Cardinal and funds raised by chaplains.

Friday was given to the Air Force at Yokota Air Base.

Christmas Eve is a long day for the Cardinal, beginning with Mass at six a.m. at the Far East Air Force chapel in downtown Tokyo. After Mass he flies to Korea. While in Korea he is scheduled to visit Pusan.

Returning to Japan on the evening of December 26, the Cardinal will spend most of the next two days with the United States Navy and Marines.

New York Cardinal Spellman waves good-bye before leaving here to spend the fifth consecutive Christmas season with American troops in the Far East.

Cardinal Spellman brought half a million cigarettes as well as medals and cards to give, to servicemen. He announced that two million pounds of clothing donated by American Catholics during Thanksgiving week were coming to Korea.

For the 66-year-old prelate this is his 8th visit to the Far East, his 6th to Korea and his fifth consecutive Christmas visit to men and women of the United States armed forces in the Far East.

Negro Sailor Baptized, Asks To Serve Mass

Hong Kong — Many Americans travel half way around the world to become Catholics.

Father George N. Gilligan, Maryknoll Missioner from Brooklyn, and a chaplain during World War II started a servicemen's center for American sailors here.

Besides handling tours, refreshments, shopping trips and similar activities, Father Gilligan has also been kept busy catechising sailors brought to him by their "buddies."

Recently after baptising a young Negro sailor from Florida, Father Gilligan was vesting to offer Mass, when the boy asked if he could serve the Mass. "I thought it a strange request," explains Father Gilligan, "from one just baptized." I was astounded to find that the lad was letter perfect in both prayers and ceremonies — even he best trained seminarian could have done no better. I've often wondered how long that boy thought about becoming a Catholic and how he had learned he Mass so well."

Town Salutes New Pastor With Rockets

Tornada, Portugal — (NC) — The people of this Portuguese town which has gone without a resident pastor for 40 years were so pleased to learn of the appointment of Father Antonio Martins de Figueiredo to their church that they decorated the town with greenery and shot off rockets when he arrived. The parish church, which was in a semi-ruined condition, is being restored.

Catholic Hospitals Get $60 Million From Ford Grant

New York — (NC) — Catholic hospitals will receive a total of $60,385,400 out of the $200 million grant which the Ford Foundation is making to voluntary, non-profit hospitals throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and Alaska.

This is revealed by a breakdown of the Foundation's list of hospitals that share in the gift. There are 808 Catholic institutions among the approximately 3,500 hospitals listed in the statement.

TO BE ELIGIBLE, the statement said, hospitals must have been accepted for listing by the American Hospital Association as of the date of the announcement of the grants, or have had their applications for listing on file with the AHA at the time of the announcement provided they are approved for listing by the association.

The amount of the grant to each hospital was computed on the basis of the number of patient days of services rendered by the hospital, plus the number of births in the hospital. The grant in each case could range from a minimum of $10,000 to a maximum of $250,000. Fourteen Catholic hospitals received the maximum grant.

While they constitute 27 per cent of all the voluntary, non-profit hospitals in the United States, Catholic hospitals take care of one-third of all the patients served in such hospitals.

AT THE SAME time, figures show that 147 Catholic colleges and universities in the United States and Puerto Rico will receive a total of $37,997,600 out of a grant of $210 million which the Ford Foundation is making available to increase faculty salaries. Another 13 Catholic institutions of higher learning will receive grants, but the award in each case has not yet been determined. The 615 institutions sharing the $210 million grant are four-year, liberal arts and sciences colleges which have been regionally accredited and are privately supported.

In addition, 16 Catholic colleges are among 126 institutions which will share in an additional $50,000,000 "bonus" grant made by the Foundation to schools "which have led the way in their regions in improving the status and compensation of American teachers."

SCHOOLS MAY use the "bonus" grant, either principal or income, for faculty pay increases or other needs. However, the individual shares of the $210 million grant must be placed in endowment funds for ten years. For the ten years the income must be used for faculty salary increases. At the end of that time the money may be used for whatever purposes the schools decide.

The grants made to hospitals may be used to improve or add to facilities and services, to increase or train personnel, or to conduct research. The money may not be used to meet current operating expenses.

Peron Church-Tax Law Revoked

Buenos Aires — (NC) — Another action has been taken by the new government in fulfillment of its pledge to restore full respect for the rights of the Church violated during the closing months of the Peron regime.

Signed by Provisional President Pedro Eugenio Aramburu was a new decree exempting Catholic Church property from taxation. The effect of the decree was to revoke a law which was adopted by the peronist-controlled Congress last May. The Peron law struck particularly at Catholic private schools, most of which had been tax-exempt because they gave free education to thousands of poor children.

The new decre is retroactive to January 1, 1955, when the Peron regime had already launched a full-scale attack on the Church.

The Peron law had provided for the abolition of all tax-exemption, both municipal and national, for "religious institutions, their temples, convents and other dependencies." It imposed taxes on offerings received for marriages, christenings and burials.

Monaco Prince Tours U.S. With Chaplain

New York — (RNS) — "Dear Father," wrote a young man in a small country on the Riviera, "can't you forget I'm a prince and treat me as one of your boys?"

The answer came back in an American scrawl, "I will treat you as one of my boys, but I can't forget that you're a prince."

Thus the Rev. J. Francis Tucker, O.S.F.S., describes the beginning of his friendship with Prince Rainier III, ruling head of the principality of Monaco, in 1950.

THE WILMINGTON, Del., priest arrived here with the prince for a two-month tour of the United States. By royal request, Father Tucker is acting as aide and private secretary to the 32-year-old ruler on his first visit to this country. Included in the itinerary are Texas, where Prince Rainier will visit wartime buddies, and Wyoming, where his great-grandfather hunted buffalo in 1898.

Highlight of the trip for Father Tucker will be a Mass of thanksgiving he is to celebrate in St. Anthony's Church, Wilmington, Jan. 8 to mark his golden jubbilee as member of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. He was pastor of St. Anthony's for 25 years.

How did an American priest come to be court chaplain in the picturesque principality that could be fitted twice into New York's Central Park?

THE ANSWER lies in part with the prince's Texan buddies. Serving in the French army under the name of Lieut. Grimaldi during the war, the future head of Monaco was attached as liaison officer to a Texas detachment. He grew to like Americans, finding their frankness and friendliness refreshing.

Monaco, a predominently Roman Catholic country, has a concordat with the Vatican dating from 1863 which gives the ruler the privilege of appointing pastors and bishops, subject to the approval of the Holy See.

Upon coming to the throne in 1949, the Prince noted that his State was becoming an international center. He therefore asked the Vatican to put Monte Carlo, the capital, under the spiritual care of a religious order of international scope.

THE OBLATES of St. Francis de Sales, a teaching order with schools throughout Europe, was selected. Father Tucker was in Rome at the time as a general-counselor of the order. He was a natural choice, speaking French and Italian fluently—and also being an American.

New York—Prince Rainier III, soverign of the tiny principality of Monaco, and his chaplain, the Very Rev. J. Francis Tucker, O.S.F.S., are shown on their arrival here The Prince, who is on his first visit to America, will attend a Mass of Thanksgiving in St Anthony's Roman Catholic Chuch, Wilmington, Del., on Sunday, Jan. 8, marking the 50th anniversary of his chaplain's profession as an oblate of St. Francis de Sales. Father Tucker, former pastor of St. Anthony's Church for 25 years, will celebrate the Mass. Pince Ranier plans to make a six to eight week tour of the U.S. (RNS Photo)

As pastor of the church named after Monaco's patron, St. Charles, Father Tucker is assisted by five priests of different nationalities. As court chaplain he also is pastor of the palace chapel of St. John the Baptist.

True to his word he treats the prince informally and directly as "one of his boys," but never hesitates to remind him of princely—or religious—duties.

OF "THE WORLD'S most eligible bachelor," Father Tucker says:

"He's a good, fine boy. He insists he will marry only a Catholic. Those stories about his many romances are false. They stem from the fact that he is courteous in receiving visitors, such as the co-ed sent over by an American magazine, or actress Grace Kelly. But he has no idea of marrying them. He's no runabout."

Prince Rainier will be at the Wilmington church on Jan. 8 when Father Tucker marks the 50th anniversary of his profession as an Oblate.

"I may even pass the collection box," the prince said.

Religious Themes

New York — (NC) — Calendars with religious themes now surpass in distribution calendars of all other themes, Brown and Bigelow, publishers of about half of the nation's 120 million daily reminders, report.

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"O, come
let us
adore Him"