

Brain Wash Balked By Faith, Courage

Washington — (NC) — Faith and courage are the weapons needed to combat brainwashing techniques, a U.S. Army officer said here in a lecture at Georgetown University.

The talk was given by Maj. William E. Mayer, Army authority on brainwashing, who is on the neuropsychiatry faculty of the Army Medical Service School in Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He spoke on "Communist Indoctrination of Americans."

HE SAID that faith and courage are not issued in any military supply room, but are molded in homes and the churches. He denied that brainwashing is a "magical and irresistible method of changing the soldier's mind." It is, he said, "a process of indoctrination using procedures known to psychiatrists for years."

Major Mayer served as a psychiatric officer with the First Marine Division in Korean combat. He said the communists used a lenient policy of dealing with many Americans. In this method, only the most subtle means of persuasion were employed, the Major said. Captive Americans were told by the Reds that "we have nothing against you."

The Army officer stated that communists, surprisingly, base their treatment of American prisoners of war on three rules:

- (1) Americans have their price.
- (2) loyalty has no value with Americans, and (3) the average American is ignorant not only about communism, but also about his own system of government.

Mass. School Board Elects Priest

Boston — (RNS) — Msgr. Cornelius T. H. Sherlock, pastor of Immaculate Conception R. C. parish, Cambridge, Mass., was elected chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Education. He is the first priest ever named to the post.

He succeeds John W. McDevitt of Waltham, Mass., who also is a Catholic.

Msgr. Sherlock is the former superintendent of schools for the Boston archdiocese. Ordained in 1928, he received a doctorate at the Harvard graduate school of education. In two previous years he served as secretary and vice chairman of the state education board.



Reformatory Chapel

Lorton, Va. — (NC) — Putting the finishing touches on a scale-model of a proposed chapel at District of Columbia's Reformatory at Lorton, Va., are prisoners Ronald Jeter, at left and Farmer C. Thomas. If approved, the chapel will be built at a cost of \$187,000, worth \$300,000. Thomas, a convert, created the original design and drew the blueprints, starting work last February.

Spain Prelate Blames West For Red Power

Madrid — (RNS) — Enrique Cardinal Pla y Deniel, Archbishop of Toledo and Primate of Spain, charged in a pastoral letter that the Western Powers are responsible for the present situation in Hungary and other satellite States where religious persecution exists because they abandoned these nations to Russia.

A SUMMARY of the cardinal's letter was published in Ya, Madrid Catholic newspaper. It was issued after he had ordered special prayers offered in churches for the peoples of the Communist ruled countries.

"Russia subjugated Poland to Communism and the Western Powers, who won the war, in their incomprehensible blindness did not know how to win the peace," Cardinal Pla wrote. "In practice, they allowed the principles of the Atlantic Charter to be mocked."

"History will judge with extreme severity the action of the victorious Western Powers in abandoning so many nations to Soviet Russia and Communism."

"They have taken a long time to awaken to the deception practiced on them. It is now time that their awakening should prove effective. Absolute non-intervention is a doctrine condemned by the Church . . ."



Weedsport Church Pledged \$110,000

FIVE-YEAR PLEDGES totaling \$110,000—far exceeding the minimum \$40,000 goal—were reported by the Rev. Leo A. Jones, pastor of the new St. Joseph Church building in Weedsport. Above at the kick-off dinner held in the parish hall Saturday night are: (from left) Father Jones, Assemblyman Charles A. Cusick, co-chairman showing to His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey, principal speaker, drawings of the proposed new building; Thomas J. O'Connell general chairman; David E. Coyle and Donald E. Poweres, co-chairman.

Weedsport Parish Tops Goal In Drive For New Church

Weedsport — With a total of \$112,000 pledged in a campaign Sunday, Oct. 28, St. Joseph's Parish here will begin construction of a new church in the spring, the Rev. Leo A. Jones, pastor announced Tuesday.

Father Jones expressed his appreciation to the successful campaigners and generous donors who made the campaign go over the top.

The campaign followed a recent report to the pastor by competent building experts that the present wood structure was unsafe for further use. Emergency repairs were effected in May to enable the congregation to use the building for a limited time so that plans for a new building might be organized.

IMPETUS to the campaign was given by His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey at a kick-off dinner in the parish hall Saturday night. A minimum goal of \$40,000 was announced. The campaigners directed by General Chairman Thomas J. O'Connell tripled the goal.

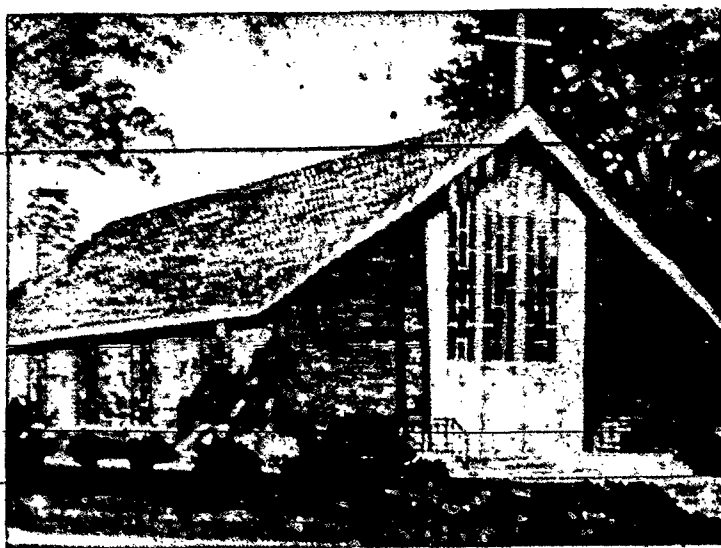
Architects Beardsley and Beardsley of Auburn will draw up detailed plans for the new church. Plans call for the erection of a masonry building on the same site as the old church. This will assure St. Joseph's of retaining the "Church on the Hill."

PRESENT PLANS call for a combination church and basement hall. The church will have a main entrance facing east, and a second entrance on the south side facing Hamilton St. The hall will have an entrance from the front vestibule of the church, and also one on the north side of the building.

The new structure of masonry construction will be designed to seat approximately 300 persons in the nave, balcony and "crying room."

The basement hall will be capable of holding 200 persons for church dinners. A large kitchen, storage and rest rooms are planned.

The present century-old church will be razed in the spring. The white frame structure was built under the supervision of Father



Artist's drawing of new Weedsport Church.

Michael Creedon who was then pastor of Holy Family Church, Auburn, in 1857-1858.

With Father Jones as honorary chairman and O'Connell as general chairman were co-chairmen, David Coyle, Charles Cusick and Donald Poweres.

Leaders were: advisory committee, Joseph Berle, Fred Burlingame, Frank Cloonan, Clarence Colley, Dr. Paul Doran, Roy Halbert, John Lower, R. W. Hanlon, John Kish, Wilbur Schwartz, Meyer, Dr. William Tierney; building committee, Wesley Chase, Jon Canolesio, Howard Finley, J. L. O'Connor, Derwood Salisbury, John Skvorak, Edward

Ward. Division leaders were: Stephen Baran, Richard Cunningham, Edward Guyder, Ralph Mazzoli, Sr., William O'Hara, Louis Ryan, William Sullivan, Alex Wiecezorek and Joseph Wittek.

Captains were: Ernest Behling, Charles Brewster, Richard Coyle, Daniel Cuddy, John DeWispelere, Allan Fowler, Robert Goodsell, Anthony Guzewicz, Adam Kristofik, Albert Mazzoli, John Marsch, J. D. O'Connor, Joseph Pacana, Vernon Reed and John Rotundo.

Foley Associates, Inc. of Rochester, national fund raising organization cooperated in the campaign.

Parents, Teenagers Adopt Conduct Code

Cleveland — (RNS) — A code of social conduct for teenage young people and their parents was solemnized at a holy hour in St. Edward's High School in suburban Lakewood.

Msgr. Francis W. Carney, director of family life for the Cleveland Roman Catholic Diocese, was the speaker.

PREPARED after a survey of 5,300 West Side Catholic families, the code sets forth these rules:

1. Refrain from keeping "steady company" and promote group dating.
2. Observe a midnight curfew in the 12th grade, an 11 o'clock curfew in the 10th or 11th grades, and a 10:30 curfew in the 8th grade.
3. Sponsor and attend only chaperoned home parties and

other youth activities and outlaw "crashing."

4. Abstain from alcoholic beverages and refuse to go to night clubs and bars.
5. Use the family car no more than four times a month if the 12th grade and no more than twice a month if in a lower grade.
6. Strive to receive the Sacrament of Penance frequently and Holy Communion weekly.

Breaking down the results of the survey, it was found that 83 per cent or more of the parents were in agreement on all questions except use of the family car. On this question, the percentage was 70 per cent. When the opinions of the teenagers were combined with those of their parents, the percentages were somewhat lower

in each category.

The survey was sponsored by the West Deanery of the Holy Name Society.

The Rev. John J. Hilker, assistant pastor of St. Mark's Parish and spiritual director of the society, said that nearly 5,000 families would participate in the program.

In anticipation of the holy hour, concluding a two-week drive, "key parent couples" in more than 500 parishes held home meetings in which they outlined the program to four other couples with high-school-age children.

Parents and children are signing cards showing their willingness to participate in the program.

China Reds Still Hold Five American Priests

Hong Kong — (NC) — There are seven foreign Catholic missionaries still in Red Chinese prisons. Five are Americans and two are Koreans.

Five other foreign missionary priests are reported still free. Only one is an American. He is Bishop James E. Walsh, a Maryknoller from Cumberland, Md.

ALL FIVE Americans are jailed in Shanghai. They are Fathers Fulgence Gross, O.F.M.; Omaha, Neb.; John A. Houle, S.J., Oakland, Calif.; Charles J. McCarthy, S.J., of San Francisco; Joseph P. McCormack, M.M., Palmyra, and Cyril Wagner, O.F.M., Pittsburgh, Pa.

A group of Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, an order of Sisters, conducts a school in Peking. It is reported here that

on several occasions the Chinese had decided to expel these Sisters but, after protests from foreign embassies in Peking, allowed the Sisters to remain. The embassies demanded that the Sisters stay so that the children of embassy officials might have a suitable school.

Of the foreign Sisters at the school, three are Canadian, two are English, one is Swiss, one is Polish, one is Irish, one is French, and one is Italian.

Trappists Plan African Abbey

Heemstede, The Netherlands — (RNS) — Three Trappist priests and two brothers left here for Kenya Colony, Africa, to establish the order's first monastery there. It will be located at Songhor.

They were invited to found the community by Bishop Frederick Hall of Kisumu, who felt that the contemplative life of the Trappists would give indispensable support to Catholic missionaries.

Enrollment Increases

Fort Wayne, Ind. — (NC) — Total Catholic high school and grade school enrollment in the Fort Wayne diocese for the current semester is 45,258, an increase of 4,077. It has been reported.

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