

Priests Arrange For Kosher Food At Army Posts

New York — (NC) — Two Catholic U.S. Army chaplains were honored here by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. It is the first time the body had cited non-Jewish Clergymen.

Father (Col.) James B. Murphy and Father (Col.) John K. Connelly received special awards in a ceremony at First Army headquarters on Governors Island. The citations were read by Moses I. Feuerstein, union president, and Reuben E. Gross, union secretary.

FATHER CONNELLY is chief of the chaplains' section of the Post and Training Center at Fort Dix, N.J., said to have the largest group of Jewish servicemen of any U.S. Army post. He was instrumental in establishing kosher food facilities for Jewish servicemen at Fort Dix, and has facilitated Jewish Sabbath observance there.

FATHER MURPHY was recently appointed head chaplain of the First Army chaplains division at Governors Island. It was largely through his efforts that the Army Quartermaster Corps undertook to supply kosher food to Jewish soldiers serving in Europe. He initiated the first officially sponsored kosher food program in Army history. Father Murphy has been an Army chaplain since 1942.

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations represents 3,000 orthodox Jewish synagogues in the United States and Canada.

Cardinal To Preside At Annual Red Mass

New York — (NC) — His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, will preside at the 29th annual Red Mass of the Guild of Catholic Lawyers of New York on Sunday, October 20, in St. Patrick's Cathedral.



Sister-Sisters

Techny — (NC) — These three sisters by birth became doubly sisters when they followed each other in joining the Holy Ghost Missionary Sisters at Techny, Ill. Here they bade farewell as the youngest left for Accra, capital of Ghana, West Africa. Former members of St. Augustine's parish, Keokuk, Mo., they are, left to right: Sister Norma, Sister Sienna, Sister Patricia Bessel.

Late Morning Mass At Pittsburgh College

Pittsburgh — (NC) — At the request of Mount Mercy College students, a late morning Mass is now being offered four times weekly in the campus chapel.

Because of the new Eucharistic fast regulations, commuting students at the women's college are able to receive Holy Communion at the student Mass without having to keep their fast until noon or later.

Japanese Schools Plan Ethics Course

Tokyo, (NC) — Much heated debate has followed the announcement of the Japanese ministry of education to introduce an independent ethics course into the country's school curriculum.

RECENTLY, To Matsunaga, Minister of Education, proposed the plan as part of the solution to Japan's growing juvenile delinquency problem. The youth of Japan, he said, need some system of absolutes to counteract the disillusionment and disenchantment they have experienced through the years of World War II and since then.

The National Teachers' Union, counting 400,000 members, has joined with the socialists of the country in opposing the measure. Catholics throughout the country, though approving of the plan in principle, are critical of the proposed method of putting the plan into action.

They have applauded the suggestion that ethical training will be a definite aid in helping the youth of Japan. The lack of ethical standards, they feel, is largely responsible for the rise in juvenile delinquency.

Tape Recording Explains Jury Duty

Pittsburgh — (NC) — The legislation committee of the Pittsburgh Diocesan Council of Catholic Bishops has made available a 20-minute tape recording which explains the structure and function of jury duty.

The tape recording is a question and answer session between a member of the legislation committee and a jury commissioner.

Some of the subjects covered are how jurors are chosen, discussion of the jury system, how an application for federal jury duty is processed, and the costs in which jurors serve.



Interracial Awards

New York — (NC) — Two Catholic laymen who have made outstanding contributions to the cause of Interracial Justice have been awarded the James J. Hoge Awards of 1957, by the Catholic Interracial Council of New York. They are: James W. Dorsey, (left) Milwaukee lawyer, chairman of the Advisory Industrial Commission and George Meany, president of the Committee of the Fair Employment Division of the Wisconsin AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.

'Your Life'

Priest Expert Raps TV Alcoholic Program

Indianapolis — (NC) — The appearance of Vincent Tracy, a former alcoholic, on the national television program "This Is Your Life" did "enormous harm to millions of alcoholics still seeking recovery," Father Ralph Plau, executive secretary of the National Clergy Conference on Alcoholism, charged here.

POINTING OUT that an appeal for funds for the Tracy Foundation was made on the TV program, Father Plau stated: "On several occasions the National Clergy Conference has voiced its disapproval of Mr. Tracy's methods and has regretted the fact that in his publicity seeking Mr. Tracy has always managed to bring in the fact that his brother is a Catholic priest."

"The publicity given to Mr. Tracy's methodology in his claim that alcoholism is a product of immorality as voiced on 'This Is Your Life' will do untold harm to the millions of suffering alcoholics who are still seeking recovery from their illness," Father Plau said.

Hoffa Election Said 'Shameful'

Philadelphia — (NC) — The election of James R. Hoffa at the teamsters convention in Miami Beach was criticized as "a shameful affair" by Jesuit Father Dennis J. Conroy here.

Depravity No Longer Obscene?

Washington — (RNS) — New challenges to local movie censorship ordinances and to federal laws against the mailing of obscene matter have been placed before the Supreme Court.

A Los Angeles publisher called ONE, Inc., has filed an appeal against court decisions upholding a 1954 Post Office ban against a magazine devoted to homosexuality.

And Times Film Corp. is asking the high court to declare Chicago's movie censorship ordinance unconstitutional. The exhibitor wants an injunction to lift the 1955 Chicago ban on the French film, "The Game of Love."

The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in California has declared the magazine published by ONE, Inc. to contain "articles with a primary purpose of exciting lust, lewd and lascivious thoughts and sensual desires." It said that such stories are "morally degrading and debasing."

The publishers contend that the appellate court and other federal tribunals have not considered evidence that the "prevailing tone of the community" in contemporary America is such that homosexuality may be discussed without being "obscene."

Father Conroy, founder of St. Joseph's College Institute of Industrial Relations, said the "rebellion of the teamsters" in electing Hoffa "reveals that a dangerous philosophy of labor is controlling the destiny of 1,500,000 workers."

He indicated that "influence" has made its mark on the top echelons of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

FATHER CONROY criticized the behavior of the convention delegates who swept aside any consideration of the charges made against their union. He expressed contempt for the way the delegates "paused long enough in their proceeds for a defiant reading of the charges made against Hoffa by the Ethical Practices Committee of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations."

The delegates voted in favor of striking the whole report of the Ethical Practices Committee from the convention record.

"The Hoffa crowd," Father Conroy said, "showed absolutely no regard for the government, the press, the nation or the church."

"It's a pity we haven't better leaders in the teamsters," he continued, indicating that "apathy within the rank and file of the union membership is in part to blame for the present state of things."

Should the teamsters be ousted from the AFL-CIO, Father Conroy said it would be unwise to establish a rival union of teamsters in the federation.

"In the tradition of the teamsters," the Jesuit predicted "blood would flow." He said "we must defeat this thing by working in the area of philosophy, not in the area of muscle."

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