

# Cardinal Stritch Funeral In Chicago

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only ten, finished high school at 14, and two years later received his bachelor of arts degree from St. Gregory's College in Cincinnati.

Thanks to his unusual promise, he was selected to be sent to the American College in Rome to study for the priesthood. He completed his philosophical and theological studies there in 1910 at the age of 23. He was ordained the same year after receiving a special dispensation because of his youth.

Returning to the United States, Cardinal Stritch began a career that was to see him rise rapidly in the ranks of the Church.

After serving as assistant priest in Tennessee parishes, he was appointed in 1916 secretary to Bishop Thomas Egan of Nashville and two years later became chancellor of the diocese.

Pope Benedict XV named him a domestic prelate in May, 1921, and in August of the same year appointed him Bishop of Toledo, O. This made him, at 34, the youngest member of the American hierarchy. As head of the Toledo See he directed the construction of the city's new cathedral and inaugurated a \$1,000,000 high school.

On Aug. 30, 1924, Bishop Stritch then 43, was made Archbishop of Milwaukee, where he expanded Catholic charitable activities to take care of families affected by the current economic depression, and set up a Catholic Youth Organization in the diocese.

On Dec. 7, 1939, he was named to succeed the late Cardinal Mundella as Archbishop of Chicago. Before leaving Milwaukee, he had summed up his program by saying: "My work is to save souls. This was the motto which guided him in the far-reaching apostolic and spiritual programs he was to sponsor and encourage in his new office.

As head of the Chicago See, Cardinal Stritch was responsible for a flourishing growth of churches, hospitals, schools, orphanages, homes for the mentally ill, and other works of mercy.

HE HELPED the Catholic Youth Organization in Chicago grow into a movement embracing 250,000 boys and girls. He established the Council of Catholic Women to coordinate the program of Catholic Action in all the Women's groups of the diocese. He developed the released-time education program in the public schools, and encouraged programs for the rehabilitation of alcoholics.

Cardinal Stritch was a leader especially in movements to promote interracial goodwill, and showed particular interest in the needs of the Negro and Puerto Rican minorities.

Not the least of his activities was the fostering of the Catholic press apostolate, especially through expansion of The New World, the archdiocesan weekly.

whose circulation increased by more than 20 times during his term as archbishop. He encouraged full use of radio and television to spread the Catholic apostolate. Especially notable was his work in fostering religious vocations and promoting greater support of missionary work.

A distinguished orator and writer, Cardinal Stritch spoke out forcefully on such issues as Communism, anti-Semitism, juvenile delinquency and the evils of indecent literature. His charitable activities meanwhile were aided by political and religious leaders of all faiths as of "inestimable value" to Chicago. On a number of occasions he was called to lead prayers at important national political gatherings.

Among those who called to pay respects before the Cardinal left for Rome for the office he was destined never to fill was Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

One of the last of many honors conferred upon Cardinal Stritch was the Unitas Medal of St. Elizabeths Abbey in Lisie, Ill., presented for his "outstanding contribution to the cause of Christian unity." In making the presentation, Abbot Ambrose L. Oudrick, O.S.B. declared that the Cardinal had "merely manifest a truly catholic interest in the salvation of souls and in the efforts toward uniting all separated Christians with the Church of Rome."

A humble, gracious and much beloved man, Cardinal Stritch chose as the motto for his coat of arms when he became a member of the Sacred College in 1945: "In Meis Meis Adjutor Meus." Latin for "My God, My Helper." During his last conscious moments, the fingers of his left hand grasped a crucifix and his eyes rested on a picture of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, patroness of Catholic missions everywhere.

## Abp. O'Hara Said

### Recovering

London (RNS) — Archbishop Gerald P. O'Hara, Bishop of Savannah, Ga., and Apostolic Delegate to Great Britain since 1954, was reported out of danger here following a collapse after his return from an overseas trip.

The 63-year-old prelate was rushed to the Catholic Hospital of St. Anthony at Cheam near London on May 21 with bronchial pneumonia.

A hospital spokesman said although he was "as comfortable as can be expected," the archbishop will not be able to resume public functions for some time. No date was set for his release from the institution.

Meanwhile, some 1,000 persons prayed for the archbishop at the first day of the centenary celebration of the foundation in Britain of the Passionist Fathers. The open-air ceremonies took place at the Church of St. Joseph in Higgiate, London.



Cardinal Stritch visits Bishop Kearney at his East Ave. home, August, 1955.

## Cardinal Stepinac

### Reported Ill

Belgrade (RNS) — Catholics flocked to churches here to pray for Alojzius Cardinal Stepinac, Archbishop of Zagreb who was reported critically ill at his home in Krasic, Croatia, where he has lived in limited freedom since 1951.

The 60-year-old prelate is suffering from polycythemia, an incurable disease characterized by an abnormal increase in the number of red blood cells. He was operated on in 1952 for a thrombosis of the left leg, a condition caused by a blood clot.

In 1953 two American doctors, who flew to Yugoslavia to examine the cardinal, said that the ailment "can have fatal consequences" if not checked.

They also declared that although modern methods could arrest the disease "the mental stress and strain being constantly experienced by the cardinal" would make therapy less effective as long as he "continues under his present regime of restraint."

# War II 'Unknown' Selected

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by Africa and Europe. Gen. O'Neill is a decorated veteran of the Anzio beach landing.

Alt Force Col. Glenn T. Eagleston, of Alhambra, Calif., holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Silver Star, selected a casket in Honolulu on May 16 which encloses a body that will arrive off Norfolk, Va., to represent the unknown servicemen killed in the Pacific area during World War II.

On May 13, also in Honolulu, Master Sergt. Ned Lyle of Erwin, Tenn., who won the Distinguished Service Cross in Korea, picked a casket containing the body of an unknown serviceman killed in the Korean conflict. This has been brought to the Virginia Capes rendezvous with the casket containing the World War II hero from the Pacific.

These who picked the caskets were nominated in this city so that a cross section of the armed forces would be represented—a general, Air Force colonel, a master sergeant and a navy corpsman.

IN ALL INSTANCES, the selected caskets followed broadly the pattern set in the ceremonies after World War I.

On that occasion, four caskets containing the bodies of unidentified heroes killed in Europe were brought together in the town hall at Chalons-sur-Marne in France. On October 24, 1921, Sergt. Edward F. Younger, a Catholic from Chicago serving with the 50th Infantry Regiment in the Army of Occupation, was instructed to select one of the four caskets.

High-ranking officers who were present withdrew, leaving Sergeant Younger alone. He circled the caskets and eventually placed a wreath of flowers on one of them. That body was brought to the United States for entombment as the Unknown Soldier on Armistice Day, November 11, 1921.

The body of the Korean conflict hero was kept apart on board the Canberra, but it was impossible to distinguish between the two caskets containing servicemen killed in World War II. Mr. Caurette made his choice between the two by placing a memorial wreath on one of them. The other casket was buried at sea.

ON MEMORIAL DAY, the two unknown servicemen — one of World War II and the other of the Korean conflict — will be interred in crypts prepared in the pavement between the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Arlington amphitheater. The crypts of the crypts, flush with the pavement, will bear the inscriptions "1911-1945" and "1950-1953" are being carved in the pavement at the foot of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

There will continue to be only one inscription, and that on the tomb. It reads:

"Here Rests In Honored Glory an American Soldier Known But to God."

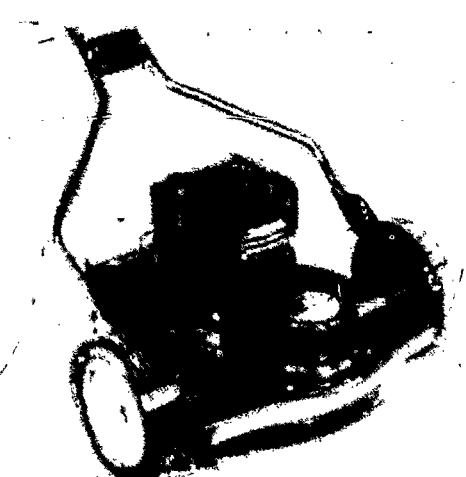
It was felt that it could not be improved upon, or added to.

Maronite Bishop Jerusalem (RNS) — Maronite Rite Bishop Michael Dounith of Tyre arrived from Lebanon for a visit to Maronite communities in Galilee. He was met at the Israel-Lebanon border by a group of Israeli notables who afterwards attended a reception in his honor.

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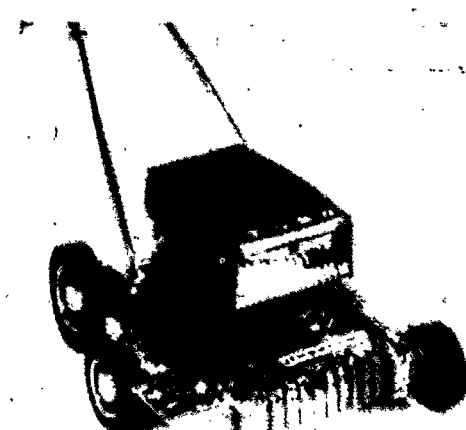
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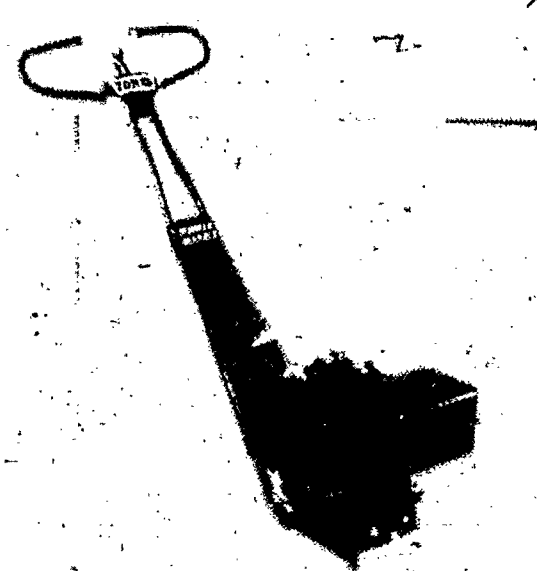
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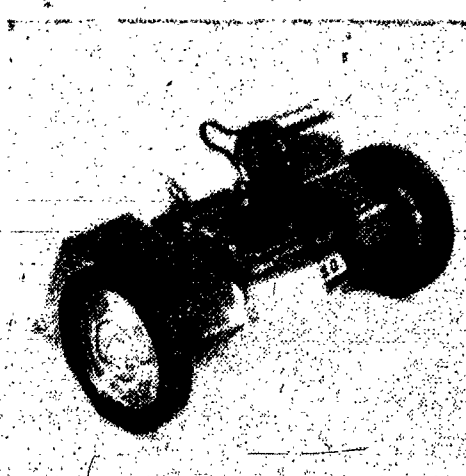
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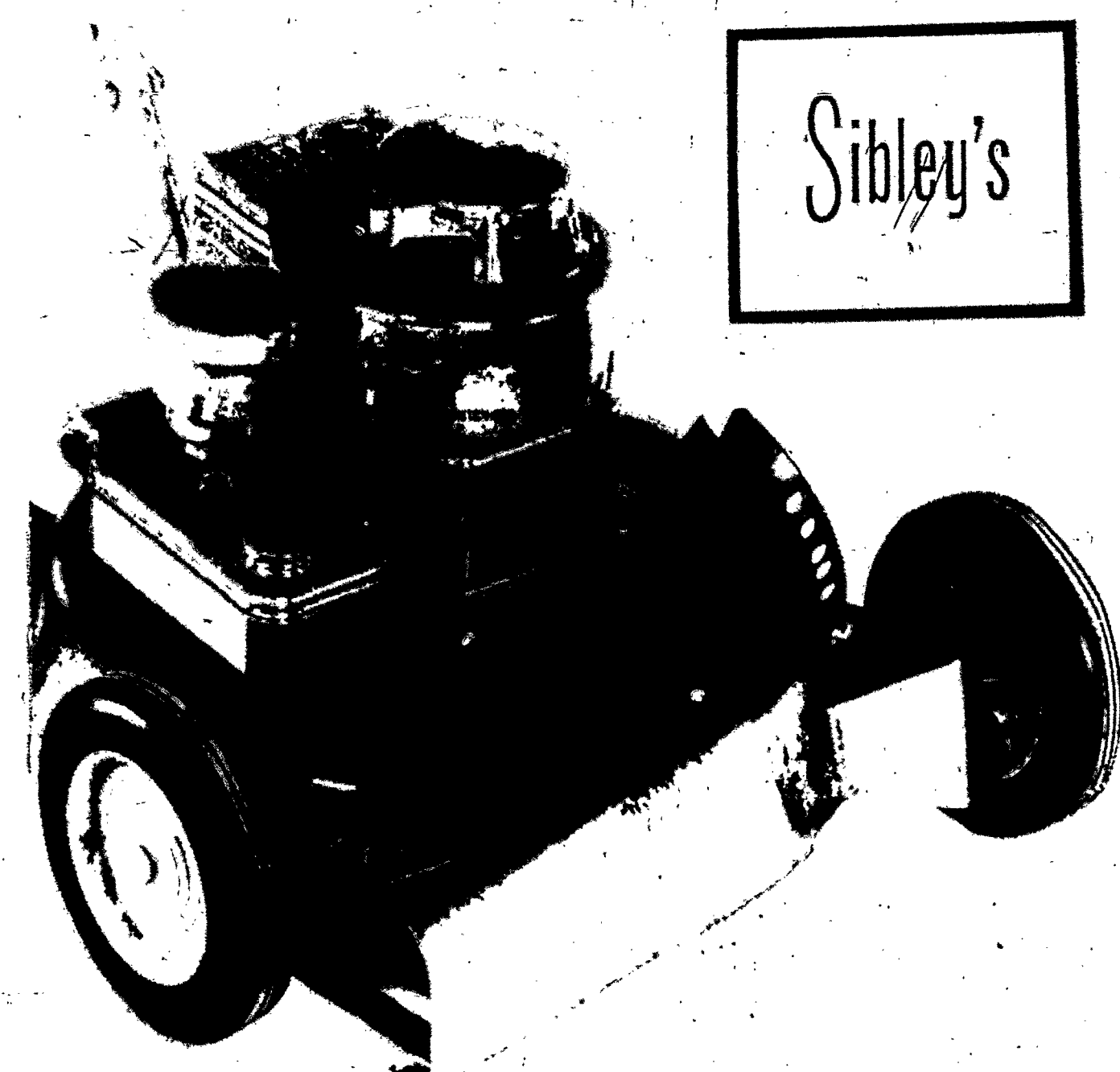
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