



War Prisoner New Head Of Maryknoll Nuns

Maryknoll, N. Y. (RNS) — Mother Mary Colman, once a prisoner of the Japanese during World War II, was elected Mother General of the Maryknoll Sisters here at their Sixth General Chapter.

She succeeds Mother Mary Columba who has retired after twelve years as Mother General.

Thirty representatives of the 1,300 sisters of the world-wide missionary society took part in the election. The delegates came from as far as Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Africa, Ceylon and the Marshall Islands.

Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, presided.

MOTHER MARY entered the Maryknoll Sisters in 1926 after working for a time as a teacher and master's degree from Westchester (P.O.) State Teachers College. The new Mother General served in the Philippines from 1934 to 1945 and was among a group of 33 Maryknoll sisters who were rescued by paratroopers from Los Baños, Luzon, in 1945.

Mother Mary has served as dean of Maryknoll leaders for age since 1952.



Maryknoll Sisters Superior

Maryknoll — (RNS) — This American nun rescued by U.S. paratroopers from a Japanese prison camp in Los Baños, Philippine Islands in 1945, was elected Mother General of the Maryknoll Sisters, at the sixth general chapter held at the motherhouse in Ossining, N.Y. She is Mother Mary Colman, formerly of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.



Wood Madonna

From a pine tree, Venezuela's modern sculptor Jose Luis Ullbarrena has carved this likeness of "Our Lady of the Baniama." He has gracefully combined the native beauty of a creole girl with one of the main products of the Venezuelan southeast. The statue is in St. Jose parish, Caracas. (NC Photos)

'Haunted House' Now Formosa Mission Center

Taipei — (RNS) — Maryknoll projects in the county of Miaoli in the Taipei archdiocese have moved into a "haunted building" — a former police station.

The police headquarters was built five years ago. Right from the start, however, strange unexplained phenomena occurred in the building, which subsequently led to its being offered for sale.

THE FIRST police chief looked at his office one night, but the following morning he found the furniture moved and papers and documents scattered over the floor. This happened despite the fact that he moved the furniture around when he assumed office and avoided sitting in his predecessor's chair. Then he died suddenly of a heart attack.

Similar experiences were suffered by the second chief, except that he was more fortunate in that he became only ill, but sick enough to offer his resignation.

The third police chief also was plagued by ghosts. Parks furniture moved and upset and papers scattered over the floor. This happened despite the fact that he moved the furniture around when he assumed office and avoided sitting in his predecessor's chair. Then he died suddenly.

Police authorities finally decided to quit the building and put it up for sale.

Bishop Frederick A. Donaghy, recently appointed Maryknoll regional superior for Formosa and Hong Kong, needed a central six-story house. The building of the former police station was suit-

Priest Rejects Primate's End Of World Idea

Montreal — (RNS) — Only the "free intervention of God" will finally bring the world to an end, a noted Jesuit writer and editor declared.

Father Luigi d'Appollonia, S.J., editor of the authoritative French Catholic review, "Relations," made the statement at an interview in which he commented on the controversy which flared up over the Archbishop of Canterbury's suggestion that God may will man to destroy himself in a nuclear war.

THE PRIEST said it was "impossible for the human race to shoot itself straight out of this world into the next with nuclear warheads, though it is possible for man to go quite some distance since he is created free and can make choices."

But he stressed that the "end of the world will come about, finally, by a free intervention of God."

Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Primate of England, made his provocative statement in a new book on nuclear policy, "The Fearful Choice," edited by Philip Toynbee.

In a comment on Mr. Toynbee's essay using atomic disarmament, Dr. Fisher said, "For all I know, it is within the providence of God that the human race should destroy itself in this manner."

Father d'Appollonia asserted that there is no doubt there was "something new" in this fire as bright as the sun... which can set off a cosmic conflagration, destroying mankind — this was a scientific proposition which it is up to the Openheims and Tellers to prove."

"Doomsday itself," the Jesuit said, "whatever the undertones of the world, is not a day we must be frightened of, but a day true Christians expect, desire, call and pray for, according to Our Lord's very teachings."

"Every time we recite the Lord's Prayer and say the words: 'Thy Kingdom Come'... strictly speaking, we pray also implicitly for the end of this world."

The priest pointed out that no one knows when the end of the world will come "not even the angels in Heaven, not even the Son; only the Father knows when."

BOOK SHELF Love Letter To America

By Sister Margaret Teresa, Nazareth College

Reflections of America, by Jacques Maritain, Scribner '68, 205 pp., \$3.00.

Maritain's "love-letter to America," as it has been justly called, is easily available in any public library and was favored in Rochester by the generous review of Dr. John

length analysis that is seldom. It reads in part, "Marriage can be between man and woman a true community of love, built not on sand, but on rock because it is built on genuinely human, not animal, and genuinely spiritual, genuinely personal love — through the hard discipline of self-sacrifice and by dint of renewments and purifications... Love, genuinely human love, is essentially the gift of oneself, that is to say, precisely the opposite of any selfish and self-centered assertion and enjoyment of one's individuality."

We Americans aren't a bad lot by any means — so nice to know because its difficult to exercise neighborliness in the face of constant fault-finding.

And it's a surprise to find M. Maritain so conversant with the detail of American history; even the factual footnotes on the progress of labor unions are highly interesting, and remind us how new our best developments are.

ONLY HERE in America has industrialization become a thing of intellect, almost of soul. A way of life beyond socialism and communism an economic humanism; only here do labor and management really meet as persons. But we don't show our own song, we don't show the world we don't print out our ideology, and the masses of mankind are taught hostile fables about us for which we provide no corrective.

THE "LOVE-LETTER" quality is found in Maritain's sense of presence in us, in a more or less hidden way of a Christian disposition, an "old, subtle Christian faith" in the soul of this country.

Certain chapters, "We Are Branded South (Immigrants)" and "Compassionate to the Poor (Never Bourgeois Self-occupied)" "The Symbolic Spine" of both eras; "The American Pilgrimage" of our constant moving, tearing down the old house, rebuilding; "American Modesty" our love of appearing tentative of confessing not to know it all — make us sit up in delighted recognition.

Even our faults are lovingly detailed, and in the case of our over-optimism about trying on a new marriage instead of improving the first, there is a sermon.

And Maritain the Christian fixes his heart on the realm of most precious thought: "If a new Christianity, a new Christian civilization, is ever to come about in human history," he says, "it is an American soil that it will find its starting point."

It may not happen, he warns us, there are always two ways to go and our naturalism, our leanings toward the Negro work the dangerous way. But it is possible, and M. Maritain chooses to hope in us — just because, for one thing, his name is Jacques Maritain, and the Apostle James figured hope! A friendly book.

Maryknoller Korea Bishop

Vatican City — (RNS) — Maryknoll Father James V. Pardeck of Bethesda, N. Y., has been named Titular Bishop of Gyeongju and head of the new Vicariate Apostolic of Chung Puk To in Korea by Pope Paul VI.

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TEACHING inmates of the San Antonio detention home, Mary Francis, formerly Mary Agnes Frawley of Rochester is shown in her work in the Lay Apostolate at the post in Texas. She is devoting a year of her life to the program. (Joe Bacon Photo, San Antonio, Texas).

Rochester Woman Teaches In Texas

Mary Francis, formerly, Mary Agnes Frawley of Rochester, is devoting a year to the Lay Apostolate in San Antonio, where she is teaching the girls at the San Antonio detention home. She describes this as the most spiritually gratifying of her various duties as a Daughter of St. Francis.

The majority of the girls confined here are the result of a childhood spent amidst quarreling and irreligious parents or broken homes. Consequently their knowledge of God and the church are extremely vague.

THEY MISTRUST humanity, because of the characters with whom they have been associated with and their constant close proximity with evil.

Now she has the opportunity to explain the difference between sinful pleasure and innocent fun.

These girls find sympathy, love and understanding in the Daughters of St. Francis. As they learn their Christian Doctrine they attempt to instill stability and development in the principles of justice, goodness, truth, patience and the fundamental concept of the value of life here and hereafter.

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