

# LOOK OUT BELOW!

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To bring you up to date — Father Sampson, chaplain of the 101st Division, U.S. Army Paratrooper Corps, chuted into North Korea on D-Day and later into Holland and after the war's end and a year in an Iowa parish he returned to his duty with the Paratroopers for service in Korea.

## Tennis With Soviet Spy

CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE

The hospital room, to which I was assigned after my operation was also occupied by a lieutenant who had been a Korean prisoner. He had to have the frost-bitten toes on both feet amputated.

My other roommates were a colored lieutenant recovering from wounds received in Korea and a doctor from the Russian embassy, recuperating from some abdominal surgery.

The conversation and arguments between the Russian and the colored lieutenant were a panic. The colored boy had a wonderful sense of humor and the Russian none at all.

One day the colored officer was reading a detective magazine, and the Russian pointed at it.

"You Americans have so many criminals. They are everywhere in America. Our government doesn't allow crime in Russia," he said.

"Yeah, I've heard," the lieutenant replied. "The government has taken over everything in Russia."

The Russian nodded agreement and then got the inference, got red in the face, and said, "I do not think you mean anything good by that." The lieutenant guffawed with delight.

Since my regiment was preparing for a second jump in Korea while I was in the hospital, a young priest who had already seen a considerable amount of combat service was assigned in my place.

His name was Father Joseph Dunne, who now serves as assistant chancellor in the Military Ordinate in New York. He was an enthusiastic and energetic fellow who was very well liked by the CIC wherever he served. When he heard that the 187th was ready to make another combat jump, he immediately managed a switch to fill my vacancy.

For the time being I was assigned to the logistical unit in Tokyo with the additional duty of being care of Tokyo General Hospital Annex.

In this new job I was able to get away at least two evenings a week to play a little tennis at the Tokyo Tennis Club. Beside the many fine Japanese players there, people assigned to the various embassies in Tokyo were also members. It was truly a cosmopolitan group and an extremely cordial one.

One day a big, strapping, athletic young man asked me if I would like to play a set or two with him. He spoke good English but with a decided accent. When he introduced himself, I didn't quite get his name but took it for Polish or Hungarian in origin. After a very pleasant hour of tennis and a shower, he asked me if I would care to go out to a Japanese restaurant to dinner with him.

I told him I would enjoy it very much. In the course of the dinner I discovered that he was neither Polish nor Hungarian, but Russian. I was somewhat surprised, for the Russians in Tokyo don't mix with other nationalities, and especially not with Americans. However, we made a date to play tennis again on the following week end.

My new friend had seemed very cordial and inoffensive, but I thought that I had better report this association to the local CIC officer.

Shortly following my report I was taken out to the Tokyo CIC headquarters and shown the brochure on Yuri Rostovov, my friend. It seems that he was the chief of the Russian secret police in Japan and had been instrumental in transferring the Russian orders for the North Korean invasion of South Korea. He was also the organizer and coordinator and supervisor of the Japanese Communist spy system.

I was afraid that I had got myself in Dutch with my military authorities, and I assured them that I wouldn't have any more contact with my Russian friend, that I had no idea that he was such a sinister character. They told me to continue to play tennis with him and to report to the CIC everything that was said.

I told these men that I was a priest, a chaplain, with plenty of work of my own to do, and that I was not interested in getting caught in a "cloak and dagger" operation. This was a way outside my field, and I would surely get up for them. Besides, the chief of the chaplains didn't want any of his chaplains mixed up in such dealings.

O.K., they said. If I would just continue playing tennis I

nostalgia of an old grad for one year.

Only one incident marred the pleasure of those two terms. The lates decreed that I break my leg playing handball with three gentle and kindly priests who turned out to be not so gentle in hauling me off the court, nor too kindly in their ribbing.

Following the two years as instructor at Chaplain School, I returned once more to the air force, where I felt more at home than any place else in or out of the Army.

Major General Joseph P. Cleland was the commander of the XVIII Airborne Corps. His example, both as a leader of men and as a devoted daily communicant made him one of the most beloved men in the service. His lovely Spanish-born wife was a model of quiet dignity and piety.

Though the General is now retired from the service, these two wonderfully strong yet gentle people hold open houses for all soldiers who happen to be passing by Kemper Military Academy in Boonville, Missouri. The General is only the fifth president in the one-hundred-and-forty-seven-year history of that fine school.

After only a half year with the 11th Airborne at Fort Campbell, the division was acescoped to Europe. We were on our way to Germany. The Angels of the 11th were replacing the 5th Infantry Division and would be known as "The Shield of Bavaria."

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NEXT WEEK—Back in Germany.

### BOOK SHELF

#### Cornish Heroes

By SISTER MARGARET TERESA, Nazareth College

Storm Out of Cornwall: A Tale of the Prayer Book Rebellion, by S.M.C. Kennedy '59, 221 pp., \$3.75.

S.M.C. of the long-remembered Brother Petros's Return tells the little known story of the Army of the Five Wounds, the march of ten thousand Cornishmen in defense of the one remaining treasure of their Faith, the Holy Mass.

S.M.C., an English Dominican Sister, intends this tale to be in the genre of Brother Petros, and The Dark Wheel, and Spark in the Reeds, novels first and history second. But her honest response to this tragic story depicts herse writes history, the history of a death-march, and in every terse sentence the pressure of oncoming tragedy can be felt.

HER THREE HEROES, Humphrey Arundel who "could not know that there would never be an apostate of his name," that he was "laying the foundations of a race of recusants," and Richard the Smith of Heston and his young protégé Michael Penlee, the latter two invented as typical Cornishmen, serve only to turn the author's fiction into fact, as do the few splendid priests, and even the "strange" which the mother of Michael, stumped as every other Cornishman in her Catholic faith.

What haunts you at the end, after that peace-march turned battle-line turned death-march, is fact: that religion died, religion was slaughtered and murdered and ended for two hundred years, until Wesley entered that blood-soaked field of martyrs where people now could name God only "the Man Above," and raised a faith again, one which may even yet flower into the royal purple that fed its soil.

If all happened in the days of young Edward, in 1549—not could any relief from reprisals, tortures, hangings be looked for until Mary Tudor came in 1552. For four years, church steeples were grimly adorned with the Mass-vested corpses of their pastors.

Yet this story is glorious, from the crashing waves at Land's End and St. Michael's Mount to the fatal woods and bogs of eastern Devon, the route of marching men who prayed to Mary and died for

After coffee was served and we had sat around discussing the Right National League, the Korean war, and other things, one of the officers excused himself and went into the bathroom. He came out a few minutes later holding his sides from laughter and pointed to the bathroom.

We went in and there was Itashi under the shower, singing a weird Japanese song and washing the dishes at the same time. It would be a shame in Japan to let all that good soap go to waste.

The eight months of duty in Japan was followed by three years as a student at Notre Dame and as instructor at the Chaplain School at Fort Slocum, N.Y.

Many of the friends I had made as an undergraduate at Notre Dame years before were now instructors there. Amid the peace and quiet of this scholastic atmosphere (except on football Saturdays), I enjoyed the



A paratrooper probes for mines near Bastogne, December 1944. Note mine-shattered jeep in background.

## New Negro Priest Says Mass For Benefactors

Cincinnati — (NC) — Hundreds of Catholics turned out to witness a special Mass celebrated by a newly ordained Maryknoll missionary from California who had been "adopted" by Cincinnati school children.

of Hayward, Calif., the first Negro to become a Maryknoll priest, was celebrant of a High Mass in St. Joseph's Church for the parish school children who helped support him during his seminary training.

HUNDREDS OF Negro Catholics and Non-Catholics packed St. Joseph's Church for the evening High Mass sung by Father Rogers.

Much credit for the event here can be given to the work of Sister Francesca, a Franciscan Sister of Oldenburg, Ind. As a young tourist, she was befriended by a Maryknoll in Rome. Later, after entering the convent and assigned as seventh grade teacher in St. Joseph's, she learned of Maryknoll's Negro seminary, Leslie Rogers, and asked her pupils to "adopt" him.

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII told nuns in Italy belonging to various sisterhoods that they are "very near to my heart" because they are "precious collaborators in the sacerdotal ministry."

The Pontiff sent a hand-written message to the Seventh Council of Italian Mothers Superior gathered in Rome for their annual assembly. Attending the sessions were representatives of 270 congregations of women in Italy dedicated to hospital, educational and social service work.

Expressing admiration for the "fruitful work" carried on by the nuns, the Pope said he was particularly consoled by good results obtained in recent years through the "federal efforts" of the various congregations to improve and expand their activities.

### Daily Mass Calendar

- Sunday, July 12 — Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (green), Gloria and prayer of St. John Gualbert, Creed, Trinity Preface.
- Monday, July 13 — St. Anacleto, martyr (red); Gloria; VR.
- Tuesday, July 14 — St. Bonaventure (white), Gloria, Creed.
- Wednesday, July 15 — St. Henry, emperor (white), Gloria, VR.
- Thursday, July 16 — Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (white), Gloria, Creed, Preface of Our Lady.
- Friday, July 17 — St. Alexis (white), Gloria, VR.
- Saturday, July 18 — St. Callistus (white), Gloria, VR — Votive or Requiem permitted.

WEDNESDAY,  
JULY 29, IS  
FATHER BAKER DAY

You and your family and friends are cordially invited to attend the services marking the 23rd anniversary of the death of

RT. REV. MSGR. NELSON H. BAKER

Requiem Mass — 10:00 a.m. in the National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Victory, Lackawanna, N.Y.

Procession — after the Mass to Father Baker's grave.

Guides on duty from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

Leave Thruway at Exit 55W, drive west 1 1/2 miles; OR turn left off Route 5 at Ridge Road, drive 1 1/2 miles.

Please Note: Visitors to the Basilica and Father Baker's Home are always welcome. Free Guide tours for pilgrims or large group arrangements while.

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## Australia Bishops Warn On Divorce Rise

Sydney — (NC) — Pending federal legislation which would supersede the divorce codes of the various Australian states has prompted the Catholic Bishops of Australia to issue a special joint pastoral letter outlining Catholic teaching on marriage and divorce.

The pastoral stresses the indissolubility of valid marriages and asserts that the number of divorces "has become so great as to threaten the moral stability of civil society."

"NO HUMAN authority can dissolve the bond of valid Christian marriage whenever this has been consummated," the Bishops declared, "Even when the parties are not baptized, marriage legitimately contracted is a sacred thing in the natural order, and civil courts have no power to dissolve it."

While noting that the Commonwealth Parliament has the "Uniform Divorce Bill" under consideration, the pastoral takes no stand for or against it. But it does state the moral position for Catholics in general, for judges in divorce cases, and for lawyers.

Concerning lawyers, the Bishops have this to say: "A Catholic lawyer may not undertake a divorce case when the marriage, whether of Catholics or Non-Catholics, is valid and indissoluble, and it is the intention of one or both of the parties in the event of divorce to remarry contrary to divine law."

The position of Catholic judges is different, the Bishops told, and because of existing conditions there appears to be "a grave and proportionate reason for allowing judges generally, in the absence of scandal and within limits of reasonable necessity, to act in divorce cases."

In the opening part of the pastoral, the Bishops stated:

"With the passing of years facilities for divorce have increased, until in our day the number of divorces granted has become so great as to threaten the moral stability of civil society."

"Opposed to this stands the unshakable law of God fully confirmed by Christ, a law that can never be deprived of its force by the decrees of man."

## Trucks Blessed In Unique Rite

Enfield, N.H. — (NC) — An estimated 100 vehicles from all parts of New England came here for the fourth annual "Blessing of the Trucks" said to be the only ceremony of its kind in the United States.

The ceremony at La Salette Shrine is for the safety and protection of truck drivers.

"What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder" (Matt. 19, 6).

"And if any man acting contrary to this law, attempts to sunder the bond of valid marriage, his action is null and void, with the consequence so clearly expressed by Christ:

"Everyone who puts away his wife and marries another, commits adultery, and he who marries a woman who has been put away from her husband commits adultery" (Luke 16, 18).

## Prelate Blesses Fishing Fleet

Stonington — (NC) — Boats of the fishing fleet at this Connecticut port were blessed by Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan of Norwich. He invoked divine protection for the vessels and their crews during the coming year and honored fishermen lost at sea.

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