

President's Inaugural

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pray with him than to curiously twist their necks to catch a glimpse of him in the choir balcony where he has usually knelt since his nomination in July.

We left at the Last Blessing and hurried to squeeze into a good spot among the neck-straining crowd outside. Seven or eight secret servicemen preceded him from the Church. One of them, clowning with the bystanders, tipped his hat politely. A hefty gust snatched it from his hands and yanked it around while before he pinned it down, almost with his whole body. He laughed at himself and everyone laughed with him.

Kennedy waved, we applauded and snapped pictures and the police bellowed orders to move back. He slid into his Lincoln and the Lincoln slid around the corner toward the Kennedy Georgetown home. This was my second contact with the President-elect, this time quite closer than the first. He had been right across the street.

We raced the four blocks to his home, half running, half sliding on the ice. It was worth the risk because we were almost alone, standing across the street from the Kennedy mansion at a house belonging to a Mrs. Montgomery. It seems that during the hectic two months from election to inauguration, this woman honored the dignity of the President-elect by housing her own expense.

Kennedy was in a while, thanking her, then they both stepped out into the public eye (which included an NBC camera) to exchange compliments before the country. It was here that I could have reached out and touched the coat of the day's most famous man in the world. The next President of the United States was three steps higher than I was and not six feet from where I stood!

John Kennedy is a big man! His head of hair, so often described as a "sloppy mop," is on the contrary, neatly cropped, very light brown and very gray at the temples. His thin lips move in quick enunciated snags when he speaks and a square jaw, on words like "President" and "dedicate," drops and raises with a vigorous strength.

He smiles a very familiar Kennedy glow that can be detected in pictures of everyone of his brothers and sisters. His well-tanned face is very wrinkled, especially around the forehead, and crow's feet around the hazel eyes become very noticeable in his continual squinting and blinking.

The whole physical appearance of the man radiates a strong confidence in himself as his country's leader. It is difficult for a person to feel anything but "reassured" in John Kennedy's presence.

He stepped down the three steps and lost his balance on the icy sidewalk for a fraction of a second. Everyone jerked simultaneously, but the man in conservative gray stepped heavily and safely forward, and crossed the street, flanked by bodyguards. He disappeared into the red and white brick house on N Street. It was the closest I have been and closest I probably ever will be to our country's President.

The salt the city used on Wisconsin Ave. had electrically shorted the trolley tracks, but had made it possible for buses. The one we took was rerouted from Pennsylvania Ave. because



Walking at a fast pace, soon-to-be-inaugurated John F. Kennedy shakes hands with Jesuit Father Martin J. Casey of Holy Trinity Church following 9 a.m. Inaugural Mass. (RNS Photo)

The whole street was being prepared for the big parade. Three quarters of the passengers hopped off at 1st and D streets in back of the Capitol. We jogged ahead of them hurrying toward the tremendous dome.

A policeman stood in the path that lead to the "backporch" of the building. He wouldn't allow us to pass without special tickets. So we cut across a stretch of undisturbed snow, and, turning slightly, made our way back to the sidewalk he guarded, only this time a safe distance behind where he stood. It was a wisely calculated and brilliantly executed plan that enabled us to stand in a fairly close area marked "Preferred Standing — SENATE."

We edged into the crowd, two deep from the rope, and huddled together for an expected two and a half hour deep freeze.

Shining Vision

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII sent a message to President John F. Kennedy congratulating him on his inauguration and invoking "divine assistance for the high mission to which you have been called."

The Pontiff previously had read President Kennedy's inaugural address and discussed it with Domenico Cardinal Tardini, Vatican Secretary of State.

In a front-page editorial, *Osservatore Romano*, Vatican City newspaper, hailed the new President's address as shining with a vision appropriate to an office with such a "noble tradition."

The paper made no allusion to the fact that President Kennedy is a Catholic. In most of his references to him it called him simply "the American President."

The paper said Mr. Kennedy's speech opened the door to new negotiations for disarmament and an end to the cold war without in any way indicating a lack of self-confidence or a determination to defend the U.S. concept of international justice.

Irish Celebrate
Dublin — (NC) — The residents of New Ross, County Wexford, the town in Ireland from which President John F. Kennedy's forebears set out for the United States, celebrated his inauguration with a torchlight parade, singing and dancing.

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Priest's Arrest Story Censored

By FATHER PATRICK O'CONNOR
Society of St. Columban

Beirut — (NC) — Sudanese authorities suppressed a dispatch sent by this correspondent to the N.C.W.C. News Service in Washington last October and still refuse to offer an explanation.

The dispatch, a prepaid press radiogram, was a 118-word report of the court sentence passed on a young priest, Father Silvano Gottardi, and of the evidence submitted in his defense.

The dispatch was filed in the telegraph office in Juba, Equatoria province, on the morning of October 7, the day the sentence was passed. Two senior officials accepted the press message and issued a receipt for the amount paid. The Sudan telegraph service is operated by the government.

THIS N.C.W.C. correspondent was in Juba for the following week, during which he received no notice from the telegraph office that his radiogram was undeliverable for any reason.

After leaving the Sudan, he learned that the news service had not received his dispatch from Juba. He cabled the Director of Posts and Telegraphs in Khartoum asking for an explanation and a refund, but received no reply. He then sent a registered airmail letter giving the date and number of abroad.

Near Thousand Catholic Books

Washington — (NC) — Publication of Catholic trade books reached a record total of 941 in 1960, according to preliminary statistics released here.

Eugene P. Willging, director of Libraries of the Catholic University of America, said the final report, customarily released in March, probably will show a further increase of three to five per cent.

The figure for 1959, the previous record year, was 853 titles, while that for 1958 was 726, Willging said.

All data in these reports are compiled from the "Weekly List of New Catholic Books," a card and news release service edited by Willging and published by the Catholic University of America Press.

THE ANNUAL figures are limited to "trade books," namely, those sold through the book trade and, excluding most textbooks. A "Catholic trade book" is defined by Willging as a book by a Catholic author, regardless of content, and an acceptable book on a Catholic subject, regardless of authorship.

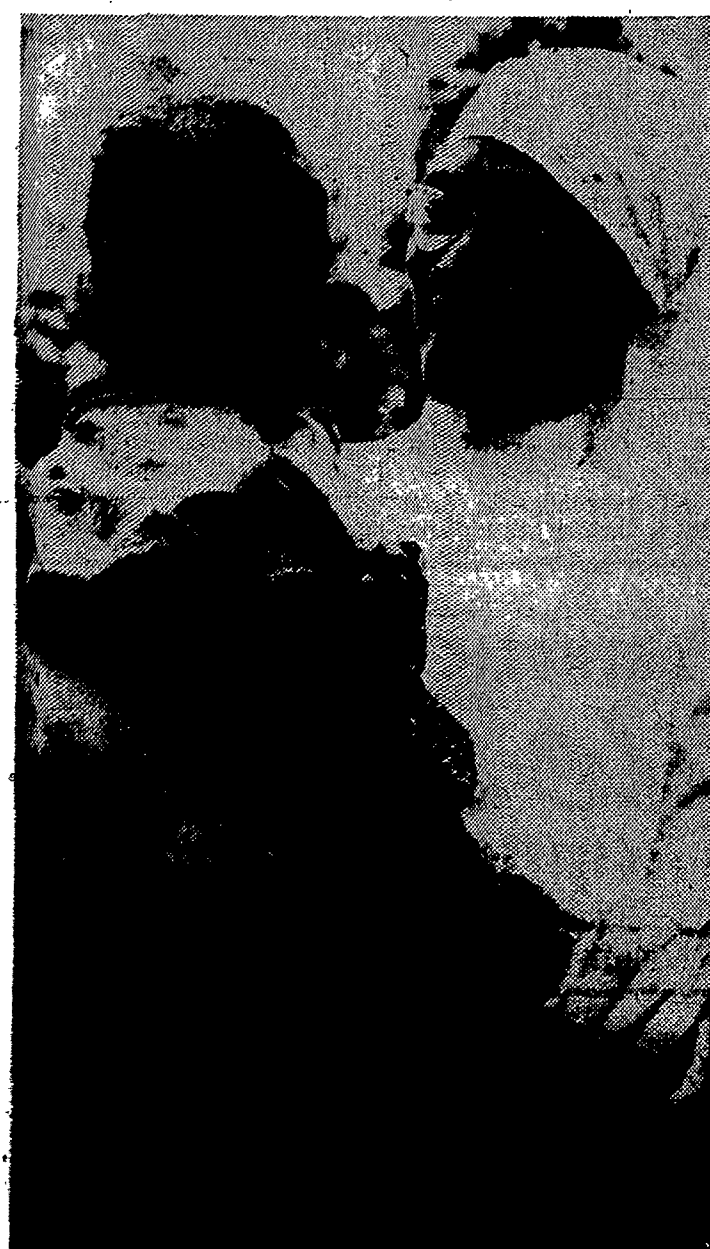
An analysis of authorship indicated that members of religious orders account for approximately 30 per cent of Catholic books, a total of 306 titles.

The Jesuits led with 82 entries, followed by the Holy Cross Fathers and Brothers with 52, the Dominicans (first and second orders) with 33, Benedictines with 24 and Maryknollers with 11. Approximately 75 different communities were represented in the 1960 figures.

St. Bernard's Grad

Priest Designs Parish Murals

Indian Falls — (RNS) — Stations of the Cross graduate of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, never had an art lesson. He has created several mosaics in the modern abstract mode. The panels measure 18 by 23 inches and have been valued by art dealers at \$2,000.



With four mosaics slated to be completed soon, Father Gromala estimates he already has spent more than 200 work-hours on the murals. It was his intention that no one should know who created the mosaics, "but some one surprised me one night as I worked late and the secret was out."

The priest said he knows of no other abstract representations of the 14 Calvary tableaux. "I particularly like this devotion of the Stations of the Cross," he said, "I suppose my longing to give it visual expression has been latent since I became a priest."

Previously Father Gromala has turned his talents to other parish projects. Under his direction, a group of parishioners converted an abandoned garage into a temporary chapel before construction of the new church was completed.

Also last winter he built a simple roadside shrine at a bridge on the outskirts of here. It is illuminated at night.

New Buildings

San Francisco — (NC) — The University of San Francisco will build a new three-million-dollar science center and a million-dollar law school building.

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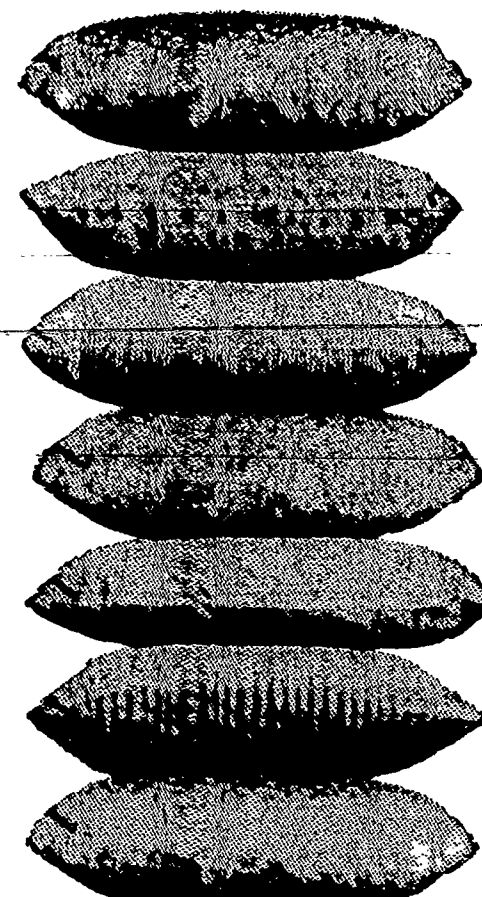
Hope In The Congo

Bawanga — (RNS) — Undernourishment as seen in the frail child held by a Roman Catholic nun at Bawanga, Congo is a drastically serious problem in the strife-torn African nation. Starvation is widespread although emergency help in the form of dry-milk from Denmark and foodstuffs from other countries is somewhat alleviating the situation. Receiving the first shipment of Danish dry-milk was Bwanga's Catholic Hospital which normally houses 150 patients but now cares for more than 1,000 refugees.

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Reid Dies, NY Editor

Richard Reid, editor of the Catholic News of the New York archdiocese, died Tuesday, Jan. 24. He was a pioneer in the Catholic press field in this country.

Reid was a frequent visitor to Rochester.

ONE OF HIS first visits in the 1920s was to a national convention of the National Council of Catholic Men. He attended the national Catholic Press Association meeting here in 1927 and again in 1949. He and the late Rev. James P. Gillis, C.S.P., were principal speakers for Rochester Council, Knights of 1942.

His last appearance here was at the regional convention of Columbus on Columbus Day, the 1959 Catholic Press Association Nov. 12-13 at Sheraton Hotel.

A Catholic newspaperman who became a lawyer also, Richard Reid was one of the most highly esteemed workers in the Catholic Press field. A devout layman, he was exemplary in every way and merited Papal honors accorded him. He first was noted in Georgia where he edited the Catholic Laymen's Bulletin which attracted attention here in Rochester in the 1920s.

Reid came to Rochester on March 13, 1949, to attend the 25th Catholic Press anniversary of Thomas H. O'Connor, now editor of the Courier Journal, and was a featured speaker.

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