

Jailbreaker Threatens Chaplain

Akron — (NC) — A prisoner threatened to cut a priest's throat with a jagged piece of metal while using him as a hostage in an attempt to break out of the Summit County jail.

Father John F. Wessel, assistant at St. Bernard's parish, went to the jail to hear confession. He was approached in a cell by Kenneth F. Schmigel, 28, awaiting trial on a kidnap charge. The prisoner said he had something confidential to discuss.

On the way to the conference room, Schmigel strangled the priest, and held against his throat a piece of tin shaped like a knife. Father Wessel squirmed free, sounded an alarm bell, and a guard subdued Schmigel.

Before being sent to a maximum security cell, Schmigel said he had no intention of harming the priest. "I thought he could get me out of here," he said. "Life is a gamble. It's all or nothing, and I lost."

Nuns Killed In Plane Crash

Cairo — (RNS) — Two Irish nuns were among 20 persons killed here when a turbo-prop Electra with 46 passengers and crew a board crashed on landing.

The nuns, who were on their way to mission work in Africa, were identified as Sister H. M. Ryan and Sister S. M. Curran.

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By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

"Go teach ye all nations . . ." These words of Our Blessed Lord, almost always invoked to prove the missionary character of the Church, were pronounced after His Resurrection, before His Ascension. But the Missions have a more profound relation to Our Lord after His Ascension into heaven. The Ascension was the condition: Pentecost or the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the infant Church had to come before the sending of disciples to all nations. Listen to St. Paul. "He ascended high upon the heavens, to fill creation with His Presence." In other words, the Presence of Christ in the Church, in the Eucharist, in the souls of the faithful was precisely because He triumphed over death and evil and ascended into heaven. St. Paul then describes the effect of the Ascension: "Some he appointed to be apostles, others to be prophets, others to be evangelists, or pastors, or teachers. They are to order the lives of the faithful, minister to their needs, build up the frame of Christ's Body until we all realize our common unity through faith in the Son of God, and fuller knowledge of Him."

St. Mark also depicted the missionary activity of the Church as an effect of the Ascension: "And so the Lord when He had finished speaking to them was taken up into heaven, and is seated now at the right hand of God; and they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord aiding them, and attesting His words by the miracles that went with them."

Note the contrast between the humiliation of Christ's descent into our humanity and His exaltation after Calvary in the Ascension. In Bethlehem He "emptied Himself"; in Pentecost and the continued missionary life of the Church "He fills up all things." The Mountain of Heavenly Glory was hewed out of the Valley of Earth's Shame and Crucifixion.

As we struggle to develop a missionary consciousness in the American Catholic we wonder if promotion and propaganda are not missing the point. If Christ did not make the Church missionary until His Ascension, how can we interest the faithful in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith until we first lift their minds to the Glorified Christ in heaven? After all, dear reader, will you ever be absorbed in the horizontal expansion of the Church until you first have a vertical contact with the Head of the Church in heaven? You can build gymnasiums and science halls without your mind and heart and soul being one with the Glorified Christ. But you will never help an orphan in Hong Kong or build a chapel in Vietnam unless your mind is in heaven.

Maybe this is why the poor and the mortified and the body help The Society for the Propagation of the Faith. They love the Missionary Pentecost of the Church because they love the Christ Who pours out His Spirit on missionaries. As we help you to love God more, then will you help the Missions. Hence, "God Love You" means "May you love God more and more." If you love Him because you read this column send your sacrifices to His Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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Monsignor Predmore

Following is the text of the sermon by Bishop Kearney at the funeral Mass for Monsignor George V. Predmore at Holy Apostles Church, Rochester, Wednesday, June 7. Auxiliary Bishop Casey offered the Requiem Mass. Monsignor Predmore died suddenly Saturday, June 3.

When a few weeks ago, Monsignor Predmore spoke to me about his golden jubilee, he asked me to say a few words for the occasion.

I chose for the text, "Well done thou good and faithful servant," because these words sum up the story of this man's life.

I did not expect at that time that the words of our Divine Lord, "Enter thou into the joy of the Lord," would have to be added so soon.

I do not regret this, however, because not one of us would ask it to be otherwise that the joyous jubilee celebration which we had anticipated should, by the hand of God, have been transferred from earth to heaven.

And I am confident the words which I would have used, actually were on the lips of Christ for this jubilee day because these are the words of Scripture with which the faithful servant was welcomed by his master.

While it is with a certain reluctance on the part of all of us who were connected with him to sacrifice the happiness of that jubilee yet who of us would want to call him back from the greater jubilee he has in heaven.

When a Bishop is about to ordain a young man to the holy priesthood, he asks, "Do you think this man is worthy of this responsibility?"

This is a very serious question. The Bishop asks this about every candidate to the priesthood. It is only on the assurance of those who have studied the man's life and character that the Bishop with the words, "Thanks be to God," proceeds with the ordination to the priesthood.

At that time the Bishop looks forward asking that God may lead this man through life in such a way as to justify the seminary officials and the "Thanks be to God" of the Bishop.

On the occasion of a golden jubilee we have the privilege of looking back. Certainly today those of us who know this priest, know well and can say very candidly that no representative of the seminary spoke with greater truthfulness than the one who said of Monsignor George Predmore, "This man is worthy."

As the ordination ceremony

proceeds, a series of very solemn warnings presents its challenges to the candidate and it comes to the climax at the end of the Mass when the priest kneels at the step of the altar with the chasuble, up to that time folded at his shoulders, and the Bishop says as he unfolds it, "Receive the vesture of the priest which signifies devotion."

Caritas in its highest sense means devotion.

First of all, it means devotion to God and then to the people for whom he was ordained to aid in their salvation.

Was ever there a man whose life lived out the significance of his destiny as this man who lies before the sanctuary which he loved this morning?

His love for his God, his devotion to this parish was revealed in hundreds of humble, simple and obvious ways. No one could deny his sincerity which he expressed in the beauty of his Mass, his love of the liturgy, his tender devotion to the beauty of Christ's church, his concern for the adornment of the worship of God in beauty.

"He who sings his prayers says them twice," goes an old saying and you all know Monsignor Predmore's love of liturgical music. He was a wise and sane leader in this movement for a finer sense of liturgical music in the Mass.

His devotion also found expression in the books which he wrote, the Masses which he prepared. Yet he did not want to consider himself as a specialist in music but as a priest primarily because he loved the beauty of his church as he said so often during the sacrifice of the Mass, "Lord, I have loved the beauty of Thy house and the place where Thy glory dwells."

How happy he will be amidst the chants of angels and saints in heaven.

Yes, he was devoted to his God and there is no expression of that devotion which he did not welcome, to which he did not add the luster of a simple and devoted life.

His devotion to God was reflected in his concern toward his people, to the least member of his congregation, to the last penitent to whom he gave absolution.

He loved his people and he especially loved the little children.

His devotion to the children was shown not only in a tender affection for each of them but by his very deep concern for their religious instruction. He knew that these children needed to know the truths of our holy faith if their characters were to develop properly.

You who have gathered here this morning, you who know him as the pastor of your immortal souls, know that nothing could better dramatize this priest's life than the very way he died — garbed in his priestly cassock.

He had just come from the very act of asking God's mercy for his people, having just come from the confessional, he heard the invitation, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

My dear friends, what an insignificant thing were all our plans for that Sunday after next to mark a great day in the life of a great priest compared to the observance of fifty years of service in the priesthood our divine Lord has now prepared for him with the invitation, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

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St. John Fisher's Father Charles Lavery gave the graduation talk to 152 graduates at Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart. With him at the rite

were Maryknoll Father John J. Considine, Maryknoll superior general Bishop John W. Comber and Harvard historian Dr. Werner W. Jaeger.

Man With A Message

Father Lavery at Four Colleges

St. John Fisher's president, Very Rev. Charles J. Lavery, C.S.B., holds some kind of record for his end of the academic year speeches.

He gave two major addresses at his own college—one at the "Chancellor's Dinner" on the eve of graduation ceremonies and then a farewell to students at the diploma awarding rite.

He was principal speaker at Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart commencement ceremonies at Purchase, N.Y., and gave the baccalaureate talks

at the University of Rochester, and at the State University College of Education, Geneseo.

At Manhattanville, Father Lavery said "inner space" should get more attention than outer space. He told the graduates their education obliges them "to judge and dominate the present moment of history in the light of eternal standards."

In his talk at the University of Rochester, he predicted a "new century" of scientific achievement is dawning bulle-

Congo President

On 'Outs' With Church

Washington — (RNS) — President Filbert Youlou of the Republic of Congo (the former French Congo) intimated here that he hopes eventually to be restored to good standing as a priest of the Catholic Church.

He wore the soutane of a priest when addressing members of the National Press Club here. Newsmen asked him why he wore that garb since he had been suspended from holy orders by the Catholic Church in 1955 for refusing to obey orders of ecclesiastical superiors.

In answering, the 44-year-old African chief of state said that he faced a problem of "conscience" between working actively in politics for the freedom of his people and obeying the orders of ecclesiastical superiors who told him to stick to his religious duties.

President Youlou said ecclesiastical authorities applied a "double standard." African priests are barred from politics, he said, pointing out that

Richelieu and other famous leaders of France had been active in civil affairs while serving as members of the Catholic hierarchy. He also said several priests are currently members of the French Assembly.

The Congo president hinted strongly that he hopes for a reconciliation some day. Meanwhile, he is still addressed as "Abbe" by his followers and usually wears clerical garb.

A SPOKESMAN for the U.S. National Catholic Welfare Conference intimated that President Youlou could legally wear priestly garb if he chooses since his status is that of "suspensus a divinis," or suspended from administering the sacraments, not that of excommunication.

His suspension is of a temporary nature that could be lifted by his ecclesiastical superiors should circumstances arise that would make a reconciliation possible.

Mexico Steps Up Aid To Native Indians

Mexico City — (NC) — The Church is moving to step up its efforts to improve the spiritual and material well-being of the nine million Indians throughout Mexico.

A congress of the apostolate among the Indian population held here proposed the establishment of a committee for aid to the missions as part of an overall plan. The program also includes the founding of an interdiocesan seminary for missionaries, training schools for Indian leaders, and medical aid as well as social and moral betterment.

Mexico's total population of 32,500,000 is about 30 per cent Indian, 10 per cent white and 60 per cent mixed.

Mexico's Catholic Action has for the last nine years maintained a training school for farm and Indian girls in which more than 200 rural social workers have been educated.

Other branches of Catholic Action organized rural instruction classes and labor and study camps for natives which already have produced a number of leaders.

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Laos Pupils Sent To Red Schools

Bangkok — (NC) — School children have been taken from Laos to Hanoi and Moscow for communist indoctrination, according to reports received here.

The Pathet Lao have sent children to Hanoi, capital of the communist regime in North Vietnam. From there those likely to be more apt students are sent on to Moscow.

Parents in regions occupied by the Pathet Lao fear that more children will be taken to Hanoi and Moscow when this school year ends in June.

As far back as last December, youths and girls who evacuated Vientiane with the troops of Capt. Cong Le (now a general) were asked to go to Hanoi and Moscow. (Gen. Cong Le's force joined the Pathet Lao and they have been operating together since.)

Theology By Mail

Duesseldorf — (NC) — Correspondence courses in Catholic theology will be started this August for Catholic lay people.

The central association of German Catholic young women said the courses will be inaugurated at a study week at Haus Altonberg, seat of West Germany's Catholic youth organizations. Edeltraut Staimer, who holds a doctorate in theology, will be in charge of the undertaking.

He appealed for a more general "community support" of private colleges because "millions never cover the cost of education."

Jesuit Medal For Cardinal

New York — (RNS) — Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, was awarded Fordham University's Ignatius Medal during the school's 118th commencement exercises June 14. The honor coincided with the prelate's 50th anniversary of his graduation from Fordham College.

Cardinal Spellman was among 24 Fordham alumni celebrating their golden anniversary of graduation. Seventeen were present at the exercises to receive special citations. The university also conferred degrees on 1,450 students from its eight schools.

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