



The Columbans' adventures for Christ!



Columbans go where they're needed. Above, Father Ross Aldag is calling on one of the families in his "parish of the poor" on the outskirts of Lima, Peru.



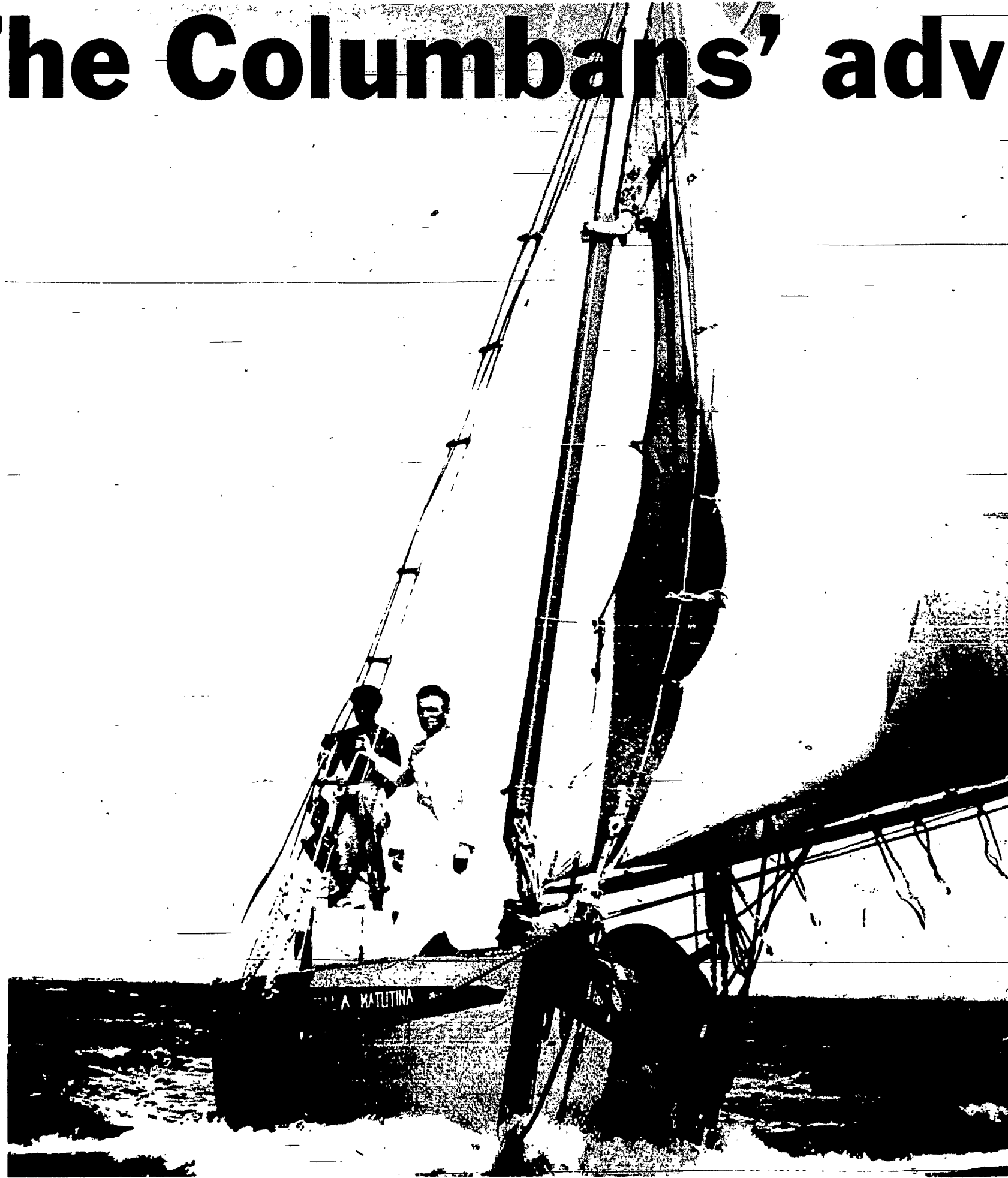
Father Jude McGeough hears young man's confession in the hills of his parish in the Philippines. There are never enough priests, so one must serve for many.



Pausing on his trek between mission stations, Columban Father Kevin O'Boyle samples a watermelon with a farm family outside Santiago, Chile.



Mountain tribesman in northern Burma looks to his Columban missionary friend for advice on village matters as well as spiritual guidance.



The Columban's road to the missions is long, lonely and traveled in a variety of ways. This Columban Father commutes under sail between the island outpost in his Fiji parish. Fiji mission covers 7,000 square miles!



Famed Columban war correspondent, Father Patrick O'Connor, left, assists as Bishop of Seoul confirms Korean and American converts. Father O'Connor is presently on duty in Vietnam.



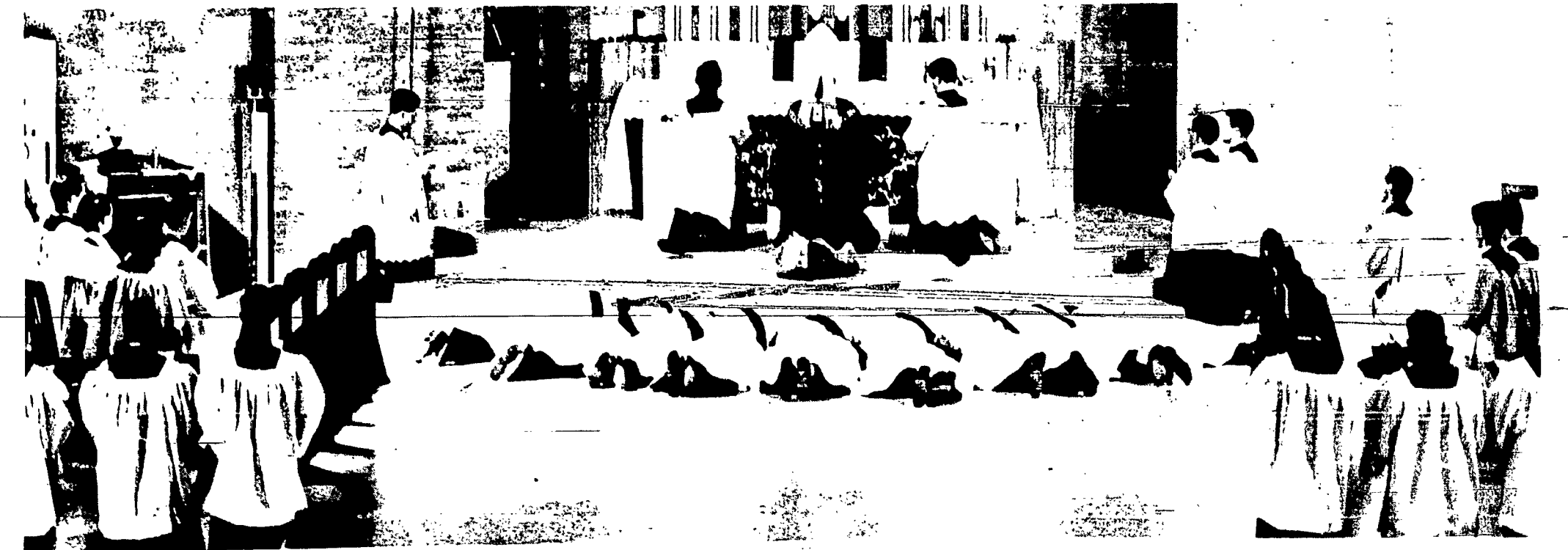
The missionary's goal is to bring Christ to the far places of the world. Columban Father James O'Connor, above, pauses with native convert at Christian grave on remote Fiji island. Columban missionary's life is hard, exciting service to Christ and his brothers.



Columban Father's Boys Town in Japan features carpentry shop where boys can learn trade. Father Leo Baker checks workmanship on one of the shop's big sellers—coffins.



Archbishop Harold Henry of Korea baptizes a convert. Columban ranks now include 2 Archbishops, 7 Bishops, more than 900 priests.



Ordination of Columban priests at Milton, Mass., major seminary. Society also operates seminaries at Bristol, R. I., Oconomowoc, Wisc., Ireland and Australia.



There currently are 289 young men studying to become Columban Fathers. Following ordination, this class will be assigned to one of the 2000 parishes and mission stations manned by the Society. With more than 2 million Catholics to care for, there's always room for more priests!



Physical fitness is important in missionary work. Seminarians toughen up on football during break in studies, good training for the action lives they'll lead as Columban Fathers.