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Dignitaries greet Bishop James E. Walsh on his arrival at Kennedy Airport in New York. From left to right are Bishop Francis J. Mugavero of Brooklyn; Lt. Gov. Malcolm Wilson of New York; Coadjutor Archbishop John J. McGuire of New York; Terence Cardinal Cooke of New York;

Mayor John V. Lindsay; Lawrence Cardinal Shehan of Baltimore (partially hidden); Father John J. McCormack, superior general of Maryknoll; Bishop Walsh; Sister Patricia Fitzmaurice, Maryknoll nun who is supervising Bishop Walsh's recovery; and Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. (RNS)

A Native Son Returns to His Hometown

From Courier-Journal Services
NEW YORK — Pale, wan and determined, Bishop James E. Walsh rejected offers to be carried and walked unsteadily down the gangway of a giant Pan American jet to a hero's welcome at Kennedy Airport last week.

As he stepped gingerly from the ramp onto the soil of his native land it marked the end of a 20-year absence for the 79-year-old missionary who was released from Red Chinese prison July 10 after 12 years of captivity.

Too fatigued to speak for himself, Bishop Walsh told the crowd at the airport through a spokesman, that he is "grateful to be in his homeland once more but his heart is still in China."

As the frail bishop appeared in the plane's doorway, applause burst from the dignitaries awaiting him and it seemed to intimidate the self-effacing prelate somewhat. His first closeup look of his own land also included the faces of leading churchmen, civil dignitaries, family and friends.

Terence Cardinal Cooke and Brooklyn Archbishop Francis Mugavero were there.

Mayor John Lindsay and Lt. Gov. Malcolm Wilson were there.

Lawrence Cardinal Shehan of Baltimore, whose diocese includes Bishop Walsh's hometown of Cumberland, was there.

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, former bishop of Rochester, N.Y., and involved for years in missionary work as head of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, was there.

And as Bishop Walsh made his way down the ramp all applauded, including the small army of reporters, photographers and television cameramen.

More than 20 years had passed since the Maryknoll bishop last saw the United States.

Kennedy International, one of the world's busiest airports, was a small landing field in the marshes along Jamaica bay when he left. John F. Kennedy — in whose memory the airport was named — was known only as the son of millionaire

ex-diplomat Joseph P. Kennedy.

For Bishop Walsh, the history of the airport and the assassination-ended career of President Kennedy were two of the many things he had to learn about his country after being away for 20 years and spending those years in a Communist Chinese prison.

But for now, he was home, and home to what was an event even for event-filled New York.

Only three of the crowd —
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Photo by John Doser

Increased Concern For White Ethnics Urged by Bishop

Washington, D.C. — The U.S. Catholic Conference has called for increased attention to the problems of the white Catholic working class.

In its annual Labor Day Statement, it criticizes the view that white working groups form a "homogeneous mass" and that society is divided "principally on black-white lines, with a nod toward the Indian and the Spanish-speaking population."

The current emphasis on "black and brown minorities" may be excused in the light of their pressing concerns, it says. But it warns that "continued neglect of the white ethnic working class is bound to bring disastrous results."

It calls for developing "community structures" among white working groups to enable them to join with non-white minorities in efforts to solve common problems.

"We believe that the Church must play a pivotal role in bridging the ever widening gap

between working class ethnic whites and the non-white minorities if we are to build an effective coalition for constructive social change," the statement declares.

It adds, however, that such coalitions will not be possible until the ethnic whites receive "sympathetic attention from the major institutions in our society."

The statement was prepared for the hierarchy by Msgr. George G. Higgins, director of the division of urban life of the USCC, and Msgr. Geno C. Baroni, director of program development for the Task Force on Urban Problems. The USCC is the secretariat for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Noting that the U.S. still contains "ethnic enclaves" made up of Irish, French, Polish, Slavic, Italian, Syrian, German, Jewish, and other groups, it declared that such communities "must be considered as a social asset,

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Still a 'Port' Despite Storm

St. Anne's Church roof, Palmyra, one-third damaged in Aug. 30 windstorm which swept Rochester area, has been temporarily covered so that daily Mass has been continued. Storm dislodged but did not blow off bell tower. Five windows blown out in rectory have been replaced. Insurance agents were still determining wind and rain damage on Friday.

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