



Maryknoll Bishop James E. Walsh, who spent 12 years in Communist Chinese prison, was honored during a special Mass of thanksgiving at New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral. Taking part in the concelebrated Mass were, front row, left to right: Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, Apostolic Delegate to the U.S.; Father Robert I. Gannon, SJ., president-emeritus of Fordham University; Terence Cardinal Cooke of New York; Bishop Walsh; John Cardinal Dearden of Detroit, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. (RNS)

## Bishop Walsh Blesses St. Patrick Congregation

New York — (NC) — Maryknoll Bishop James E. Walsh bestowed a blessing — in Latin — on his first large American congregation since the mid-1940s at the close of a concelebrated Mass honoring him at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

But he declined the invitation of New York's Cardinal Terence Cooke to "say a few words" to the more than 4,000 persons who packed the 91-year-old edifice to catch a glimpse of him.

Bishop Walsh shared a place of honor in the sanctuary of the Gothic edifice with Detroit Cardinal John Dearden, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, during the hour-and-a-half service.

"It was a very warm and momentous occasion to welcome an old friend back," Cardinal Dearden told NC News, as he, Bishop Walsh, and 15 or so members of the hierarchy posed

## Bishop Seeks Draft Change

Jackson, Miss. — (NC) — Bishop Joseph B. Brunini of Natchez-Jackson has joined a number of other church leaders in urging that the draft law take into account the individual conscience.

The bishop has contacted President Nixon and members of the Mississippi delegation to Congress asking for a change in the law.

Bishop Brunini underscored a U.S. District Court's dismissal of the case against James F. Fadden, who was charged with failing to report for induction. Fadden, a Catholic, claimed a right to refuse to serve in Vietnam on the religious ground that it was not a "just war." The bishop pointed out that the law exempts members of some religious denominations from combat and added the same status "should be accorded to any man whose conscience imposes upon him the duty to refrain from participating in a particular war."

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## Industry Fights Pollution Measure

Washington — (NC) — Spokesmen for the nation's chemical, steel, power and mining interests launched heavy industry's effort to soften Maine Democratic Sen. Edmund S. Muskie's tough anti-pollution bill with a string of amendment suggestions.

The Senate's public works committee logged complaints about the bill from just about every industrial group facing the prospect of adjusting its pollution output.

Auto manufacturers are especially upset about a bill requirement calling for a production line pollution-free engine by 1975 and by another requirement demanding the same anti-pollution devices on autos built for export as on those built for use in the U.S.

Most industry leaders are nervous about a section in the Muskie Bill allowing individual citizens to sue companies that pollute the atmosphere. Others fear that a setting of "zero tolerance" on the output of some extremely hazardous pollutants will put them out of business.

Union Carbide Corp., one of the country's largest chemical concerns, prepared a memorandum for the public works committee aimed at easing one of the bill's major provisions.

The provision requires all new industrial plants to limit pollution as far as technically possible. Plants that fail to meet the standard would be fined \$5,000 a day for each day of violation and forbidden to operate until their pollution output was adjusted.

According to Union Carbide, the requirement should be adjusted to take into account the "cost to the industry" of complying with the standards.

### APPOINTED PROVINCIAL

Washington — (NC) — Father Charles P. Connors, C.S.Sp., educator, missionary and administrator, was appointed provincial of the eastern U.S. province of the Holy Ghost Fathers by Father Joseph Lecuyer, C.S.Sp., superior general, in Rome.


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