

BOB CONSIDINE

On the Line



Featured guests at the recent annual dinner of the 68-year-old Dutch Treat Club included Harry Hershfield, James A. Farley and Gen. George Kenny, USAF (ret.). They sat at the same table and finished the evening fresher than most of their table-mates.

They are all in their 80s.

Former Chief Justice Earl Warren joined their club not long ago. A friend wired him congratulations and received the following note:

"It was thoughtful of you. Having reached this exalted age, I can now recommend it to all my friends because I have found that when one can no longer be 79 it is a great privilege to be 80."

Patsy Kelly, co-starring in the smashing comeback to Broadway of "No, No, Nanette," told Jack O'Brian on his WOR radio talk show that the late Frank Fay was, well, pretty hard to take.

"He and Barbara Stanwyck would use me as a communications link," the droll comedienne related. "Kept me busy carrying declarations of independence."

"Frank became somewhat of a religious nut toward the end. He just didn't tip his hat when passing St. Patrick's Cathedral. He'd genuflect and say his beads."

"When Harvey became a big hit, Frank stopped going to his old church, St. Malachy's, the actor's church. He switched to St. Patrick's and would make a grand entrance each Sunday. His old pastor at St. Malachy's sent word to him, asking him to come back. Frank sent word back. Yes, he'd come back, 'if you announce me each Sunday.'"

Patsy nearly became Mrs. Fay at one point.

"He proposed to me," she told O'Brian, "but ten days later he fired me from his show for calling him Frank."

Newsman Finds

Religion Obliterated By Peking Leaders

New York —(RNS)— Red China's drive against religion and religious practices seems to have had a "sweeping effect," according to a U.S. newsman who recently spent three weeks traveling in the east coast areas of China.

Tillman Durdin of The New York Times — the first American journalist to be granted a one-month entrance visa to mainland China since 1950 — said that "old religious practices" were among the "four olds" — old things, ideas, customs, and habits — that were targeted for elimination early in the Cultural Revolution which began in 1966.

The "four olds" had already suffered setbacks in the years of Communist rule preceding the Cultural Revolution, Durdin noted in the Times. But "the Maoist leadership" tried to use the "new revolutionary upsurge" launched in 1966 "to eliminate them completely," he said.

Between 1966 and 1968, Durdin said, what remained of old social practices, such as traditional religious practices and

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Keeping up with the Joneses can be expensive, if the Joneses in question are in the airline business.

The two Boeing 747s recently delivered to Irish International Airlines cost \$46 million, without whitewall tires. And that's the largest overseas purchase Ireland has made in its entire history.

Brig. Gen. Dick Knobloch, USAF (ret.), is now the New York representative of United Aircraft International. He is naturally pleased to see his company's products publicized. This is in sharp contrast to his previous job, that of commanding officer at Andrews Air Force Base, Washington. That's the launching pad for the President's fleet of planes and the port of entry for visiting potentates.

"When Gen. McConnell, my boss, gave me the assignment, he issued only one command to me," Knobloch told me the other day. "He said, 'Dick, I don't want to read anything in the papers about Andrews. Anything!'"

"He was always afraid something would go wrong, with all those VIPs coming and going. So was I."

"Sometimes things did go wrong, however, not that they made the newspapers. When Emperor Haile Selassie visited, his plane was an hour late. One of the State Department types who was on hand to greet him and accompany him in the helicopter to the White House got sore at me for the Emperor being an hour late.

"Where is he?" he demanded. I told him he was somewhere up there in the overcast. He said, "Do you mean to tell me that a foreign plane can enter our airspace and the U.S. Air Force doesn't know where it is?" I said, "No, sir. We know just where all 12 of those planes are — up there. We just don't know which one the Emperor's in."

ditional weddings and funerals were violently attacked and suppressed.

Said Durdin, "Young Red guards invaded homes and shattered family altars that denoted continued Confucian reverence for generations of forebears. The few temples, mosques and churches still used for religious purposes were closed and put to secular use."

"Even those that had been left open for sightseeing purposes, such as the great Buddhist, Lama and Taoist temples of Peking, were barred and their statues, altars and other furnishings were removed."

Durdin remarked that, on the basis of the evidence, "mainly visual," that he was able to gather during his three-week tour of east coast areas, the concerted drive against the "old religious practices" has had "sweeping effect."

"In not a single home seen by the writer," said the Times correspondent, "was there any family altar, any tablets to ancestors or any representation of the old gods formerly worshipped by the Chinese masses."

Lilac Time - A Song Blooms

When "It's Lilac Time in Our City" an amateur composer will step forward and sing a song of that name for the Saturday afternoon crowd in Highland Park.

Mrs. William Creary of Highland Avenue will have the support of John Cummings and the Monroe County Park Band, and all will be working from an arrangement by Don Jones, Eastman School librarian.

Mrs. Creary thus will bring her second song out into the open air. She has recorded "Where is Christ in Christmas?" and that one represents, she says, a personal crusade. It is part of her reaction against the "God is dead" line that "bothered me a lot."

The "strictly non-professional" song-writer is a nurse, trained at St. Mary's Hospital, who has worked in public health and in the Georgetown University Hospital. She is the mother of eight children, of whom are at Mercy High School. Five others are at Our Lady of Lourdes, and the sixth stays home and answers the telephone.

Nazareth Academy's Perosian choir is the sum and substance of Mrs. Creary's musical background, she says, and

"I don't really even play the piano—we haven't one. I just write my songs in my head, while I am working around the house."



Student Officer

Karen Ann Juliano, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony F. Juliano of Canton Street, a sophomore at Cardinal Mooney High School, was elected secretary of the Student Council. She teaches in the CCD program at Holy Apostles Church, and plans to assist in the NIP (Neighborhood Inter-Church Program) this summer.

Bichsel to Speak In Holland

Dr. M. Alfred Bichsel, chairman of the church music department at the Eastman School of Music, has been invited to give the opening lecture at the International Congress for Evangelical Church Music to be held at The Hague, June 1-7.

The general theme of the series of lectures will be "Freedom and Restriction in Church Music Today." Dr. Bichsel will speak on "Freedom and restriction in the Church prior to the Reformation."

Dr. Bichsel will be the only American lecturer at the Congress. An ordained Lutheran clergyman, he holds degrees from Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Union Theological Seminary and the University of Strasbourg, France.

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Aquinas Festival

Plans are being set for the 1971 Aquinas Festival to be staged in back of the Dewey Ave. school June 12 and 13. Making plans are (l. to r.) John Syracuse, Ted Baenziger of Aquinas moderator of the festival and Joseph Fede.

Lancers Get Stadium Use

The Rochester Lancers have a stadium for their game today against Hearts of Scotland, thanks to the Aquinas Board of Trustees. The Rochester soccer club had considered moving to Miami, Fla., unless a suitable place to play had been made available by today.

The Lancers, last year's North American soccer champs, had played at the Aquinas Stadium during the past year, but were going to lose use of it this year. Aquinas had just won an exemption from real property tax for the stadium on condition that no groups that were not tax-exempt (such as the Lancers) staged any games there.

After the Lancers agreed to pay any taxes incurred by the financially troubled school, Father Albert Gaelens, CSB, principal of Aquinas, announced the board of trustees would permit the Lancer games. Board members were polled without meeting, he said, and a subcommittee drew up a contract for signing by the Rochester Soccer Club, Inc.

The trustees' decision followed a special appeal by the

Rochester City Council for "formal action to enable the Rochester Lancers to play their games or exhibitions at Aquinas Stadium for the remainder of the 1971 season." Aquinas is now negotiating sale of the stadium to a Cleveland housing corporation.

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