

Meyer Report

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Mrs. Jacob DeVuyst, stated clerk, Rochester Classis, Reformed Church in America.

Rev. J. D. Jackson, president, United Church Ministry.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester.

Rev. A. Claire Potter, conference minister, Genesee Valley Association, United Church of Christ.

Rev. Dan H. Kuhn Jr., minister, Disciples of Christ.

Rev. Hugh Q. Morton, executive, The American Baptist Churches of Monroe Association.

Zionism

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Father Charles Latus, chairman of the diocesan commission for ecumenical and interreligious affairs said that he was "personally deeply saddened at the action of the U.N." He expressed his disappointment that the U.N. as a forum for reconciliation should take such a stand. He said that any Christian who has ever prayed the psalms should recognize the centrality of the land of Israel to the Jewish tradition.

Father Henry Atwell, former executive secretary of Genesee Ecumenical Ministries, defined Zionism as "the legitimate desire of Jews to be like all other people — to have a homeland of their own." He said, "The U.N. vote reveals that too many people just simply hate Jews. And that hate will eventually hurt all of us — especially those who do the hating. Christians, I think, have a firm duty to speak and act for freedom for Jews and for all people. We have too often been quiet bystanders when Jews have been belittled and butchered."

Earlier in the week, the priest said "I do think I understand the distinction between anti-

Semitism and anti-Zionism, but it's a very thin border, because anti-Semitism often leads to anti-Zionism."

"Enlightened Israelis," he said, "see they are going to have to deal with the Palestinian people as a people, without the interference of others, be they Arab, Soviet or American."

Father Atwell said Christians have an urgent role to play as peacemakers. He said the Christian role is "not to be on sides, but to act as reconcilers."

Msgr. John G. Nolan, national secretary of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, an organization which aids Palestinians among other nationalities, would not comment on the political ramifications of the resolution. "The work we do is in a political context of course," he said. "Our role as priests is to speak about issues, but we leave to politicians and diplomats those specific questions they are certainly more competent to deal with. Our concern is with the welfare of people in need, regardless of religion or nationality."

Fr. Schifferli

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Rochester and entered the diocesan seminaries from Blessed Sacrament parish. Ordained Dec. 21, 1940, he was assigned to Holy Redeemer, where he served as assistant pastor for nearly 15 years.

The Irondequoit parish was only four years old when Father Schifferli was appointed pastor. In his 14 years there he has overseen the construction of a convent, two additions to the school and two renovations, the second one completed this fall.

"I should like to put in a word for the good people of Christ the King," the pastor said last week. "They have been most supportive. My best asset has been the people."

Bishop Casey Recovering

Bishop Lawrence B. Casey of Paterson, N.J., who underwent surgery last September at Strong Memorial Hospital is up and around and back to work on a limited basis, according to Gerald Costello, editor of the Beacon, the Paterson diocesan newspaper.

"He's back at the chancery office, he has resumed his weekly column in the Beacon, and is beginning to show up at more and more functions," Costello said. "He is not on a full-time schedule yet but is working toward it. Every indication is that he is fine."

Bishop Casey is a former auxiliary bishop of the Rochester diocese.

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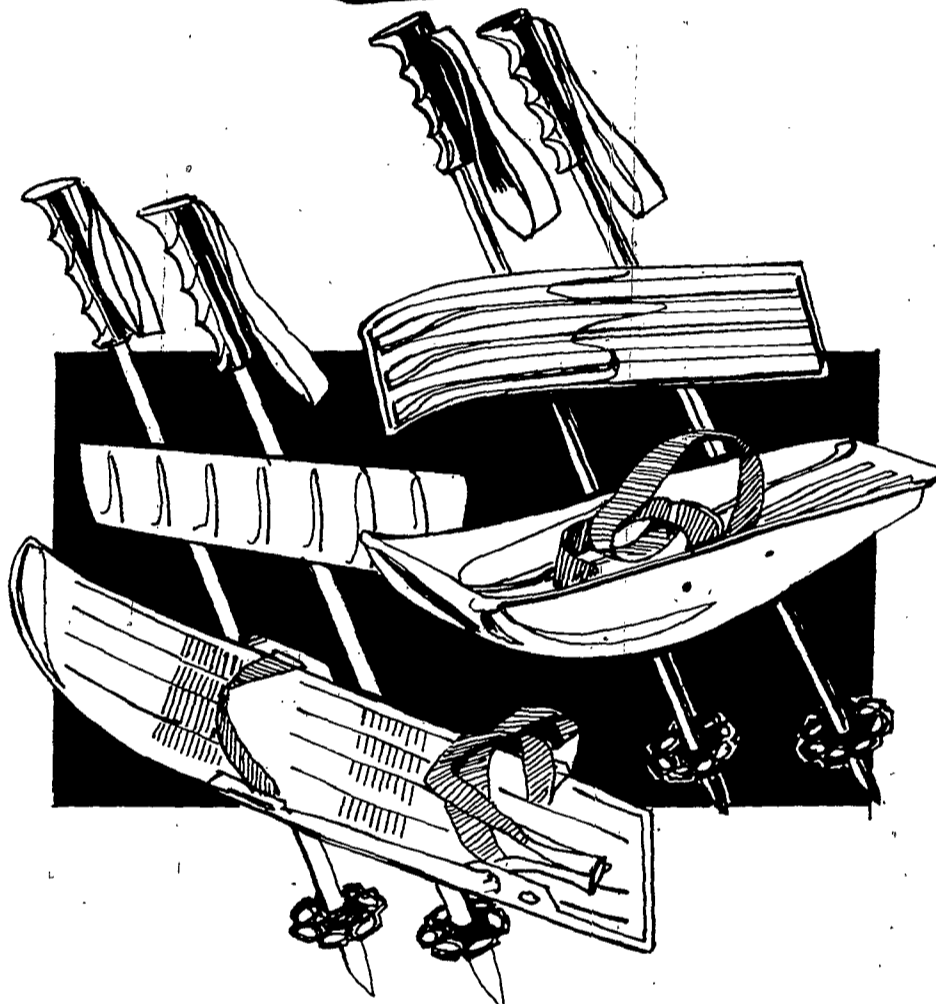
Nov. 25, 1950. Death, as a prisoner of the North Korean Communists, of Bishop Patrick J. Byrne, M.M., Apostolic Delegate to Korea. Patrick Byrne, a Washingtonian, was ordained a priest in 1915, and shortly after joined the Maryknoll Fathers. He pioneered a Maryknoll mission to Korea, 1923-1929; and in 1935 was sent to Japan on a similar mission as a prefect apostolic. During World War II he was held in house captivity in Japan. After the Allied victory in 1945, he played a role second only to General MacArthur in Japanese rehabilitation.

In 1947, Pope Pius XII named him apostolic visitor to Korea, and in 1949 appointed him a bishop and apostolic delegate.

With the Communist takeover in 1950, he and many other missionaries were arrested and constrained to make forced marches. Bishop Byrne, always a man of wit and high spirits, bore patiently with the trials until mistreatment and sickness caused his death.

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