




They Are Not Forgotten

Art Buckley, Ernest Streppa, Sam Colantoni and Jim O'Connor, the commander of the Catholic War Veterans of Monroe County, observe Veterans Day by placing a wreath at the servicemen's Honor Roll plaque outside the War Memorial. Representatives of all veteran organizations took part in this annual ceremony.

ON THE RIGHT SIDE



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

Holland: About 40 per cent of Holland has canals and dikes, so it is called the Venice of the North. Amsterdam's buildings and canals are interesting; but it also has a section of concentrated immorality probably unsurpassed in the world. Much of the country is given to dairy farms that are as lush as those in beautiful Ireland. After a tour of Amsterdam, some stayed to shop; the rest of us took a bus trip to the country, and stopped at the village of Volendam. I noticed a large Gothic church, and recalling the dubious reputation of Holland's theology, wondered what to expect. The church of St. Vincent is large, spotless, with statues, paintings; and vigil lights aglow. The Altar of Sacrifice is like a large, strong jewel box: not over-ornate and quite beautiful. On the side altar was a Latin Missal with altar cards. Said I: "Why wonder? Why not find out?" So I mugged over to the rectory and met the pastor, Father J. T. Hoogernst, who welcomed me in an orange shirt and slacks, with a big Dutch smile. He invited me upstairs. His study was like our own: with books, papers, and theological magazines neatly scattered around; photos of his parents and friends; and knickknacks on the shelves. He offered me a glass of sherry, and we began.

"In the United States we read that the Church in Holland is very radical." He beamed: "Such is the name. But I think it is no different than the Church throughout the world." "What is your parish like?" "We have two churches to care for, and three priests who live here together. Some priests want to live away from the rectories, but I think we are better off to live together. It gives mutual support, which priests need; and it encourages charity among ourselves. There are small groups of sophisticated Catholics who gather around some priests who have married, usually in the University circles. Of course these are not approved by the bishops. But the ordinary Dutch Catholics do not like this. They like tradition." "What about

Father Schillebeeckx?" Father H. got up and reached for a book on the Life of Christ, in Dutch. "This is his latest book. I am reading it, but do not understand much of it. There is so much demythologizing that there is danger of having nothing left."

I was well impressed by the dedication of this good priest, and by his common sense. His unswerving insistence on definition quite tickled me. For example: "Are your parishioners good Catholics?" "What do you mean by 'good'?" He struck me as one who steers a prudent middle course; and is solidly in the service of the Church and of his people.

Homeward from Amsterdam to Brussels, to London, to Home: The "Grand Tour" and Pilgrimage was a good success. Realizing the strenuousness of the trip, I had said to our people: "If we all return home on speaking terms, it will be a miracle." The miracle did happen. Friendships were formed. Memories are shared. Not a bag was lost. And the States look even better after experiencing the wonders of Europe.

Inflation: Mrs. Thomas McGuire of Good Counsel, after we had been in France, Italy and Switzerland, said: "Father, if you hear me complain about inflation in the States, I wish you would wash out my mouth." Inflation in all countries is dreadful. France is probably the worst; England seemed the most tolerable; Italy in between. In Paris we got a hamburger on half a bun with a glass of wine: \$4. We thought maybe that was because we were foreigners to be milked. So some went to a neighborhood supermarket, and returned dismayed. A cup of coffee in most places was 70 cents to a dollar; a \$5 dinner home would cost from \$8 to \$16. Father Lane took a train from Innsbruck to Frankfurt, and because he uses decaffeinated coffee packets, asked for a pot of hot water. He was surprised to find, included in his lunch bill 75 cents for the pot of hot water! Fortunately, the "Tour Package" included continental breakfast; and one main meal each day excepting in Rome, Paris and London. While the "Included Meal" was no gourmet's delight, it was even the more satisfactory considering the prices of the "unincluded meals." Probably those who live in a country could do better price-wise than we, but even the natives are having a very hard time with inflation. So let us count our blessings. . . . And thus ends the narration of The Courier-sponsored Grand Tour. Hope you enjoyed it.

OLPH Commandery To Note Centenary

The 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Commandery No. 40, Knights of St. John, will be celebrated this weekend at two Masses and a reception and dinner.

Frank Schwalb, commandery president. Among the guests will be the regimental chaplain, Father George Wood, and several

priests formerly connected with the parish. Supreme, state and local officers also are expected to attend the celebration.

A memorial Mass for deceased members is scheduled for 8 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22. On the following morning, at 9:45, a high Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated, with the Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John, serving as escort to Commandery 40 and clergy. A reception will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday at Barry's Party House, with dinner and dancing to follow.

General chairman is John G. Bittner. Listed as honorary chairmen are Msgr. Richard Quinn, pastor; Msgr. Frank Hoefen, pastor emeritus, and

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