

U.S.A. to Japan and Back

Doll Exchange Draws Two Nations Together

By JOAN SMITH

Dolls as tokens of friendship have been crossing the Pacific Ocean between the U.S. and Japan for five decades. The custom, through a series of coincidences, not only has touched Our Lady of Mercy elementary school in Greece, and Good Shepherd parish in Henrietta, but has drawn in Mayor Thomas Ryan's office as well.

On Friday, Aug. 27 Mrs. Ayako Isimaru from Japan met with and presented gifts to the Mayor and two students from Our Lady of Mercy school, Renee Hokula and Karen Farrell.

It seems that last spring Mrs. Marcia Hokula purchased a bicentennial doll and upon hearing about the exchange custom and thinking it would be a fine gesture during America's 200th birthday to send the doll, investigated. She put the project into the capable hands of Mrs. Helen Smythe, fifth grade teacher at Our Lady of Mercy and

the doll was sent as a gift from her class to Kofu, Japan. In return, Mrs. Smythe's class became the proud recipients of a lovely "dragonfly doll" made of elegant china.

In the meantime, Mr. and Mrs. John Lynd of Good Shepherd parish board members of the Rochester International Friendship Committee, while honeymooning in Japan discovered the bicentennial doll on display in the Kofu mayor's office. Upon learning of Mrs. Isimaru's work with a friendship committee in Kofu and of her planned trip to North America it was arranged to have her visit Rochester.

Mrs. Isimaru, a health teacher in Japan on her way to a World Health

Organization conference in Ottawa, Canada, was delighted to meet her new friends and present them gifts.

The Mayor received a "dragonfly doll" which according to Mrs. Smythe is a symbol of a popular Japanese child's song about children who search for dragonflies in the evening. Renee and Karen were surprised to receive lovely oriental bookmarks from Mrs. Isimaru.

"It's like dropping a pebble in a pond of friendship," declared Mrs. Beverly Kovall, director of the Rochester International Friendship Committee, in describing the continuing cultural interest the exchange of dolls symbolizes.

School Administrators Discuss Court Rulings

Sister Roberta Tierney, superintendent of diocesan schools, Timothy Leahy, deputy superintendent, and diocesan secondary school administrators recently met to discuss the June federal district court ruling, which rendered unconstitutional the 1974 law that guaranteed funds to private schools for the cost of rendering mandatory State services. The purpose of the meeting was not only to express concerns as a diocesan group regarding the ruling, but also to establish recommendations that will be presented at the September meeting of the New York State

Council of Catholic Superintendents.

The diocesan group feels strongly that positive action must be taken by State Catholic administrators, as a whole. The feeling was voiced that this action must not jeopardize students, but must emphasize the importance of organizing and taking a forceful position against the continued financial discrimination against non-public school students.

It is hoped that definite action steps based upon these recommendations will be adopted at State level.

GOP Plank On Abortion Is Praised

Washington, D.C. [RNS] — The Republican party platform's "recognition of the value of life" in its abortion plank was described as "timely and important" by the president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and U.S. Catholic Conference.

Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin of Cincinnati said in a statement released by the USCC here that the Catholic bishops are pleased that the Republican party went on record "to support the efforts being made to amend the constitution to restore protection of the right to life for unborn children."

"Its recognition of the value of life and its protest of the recent Supreme Court abortion decision denying to parents their right to guide their minor children are timely and important," he added. "It acknowledges respect for life of the unborn and also supports the integrity of the family."

The archbishop said the Republican Party's encouragement of the "continuation of public dialogue on abortion will help promote a greater understanding of the present situation of abortion on demand that permits the destruction of more than one million unborn children each year."

Archbishop Bernardin, who strongly criticized the Democratic party's rejection of support for a human life amendment, said the Republican action will stress the need for enactment of a constitutional remedy to restore and protect the most basic of rights — the right to life of the most helpless in our society, the unborn.

"It is hoped that the American people — regardless of their political affiliation — will urge all candidates for political office to commit themselves to moving with all deliberate speed toward the passage of a constitutional amendment protecting the right to life," he stated.

MEDIA EXCHANGE

The Courier-Journal was sent this week to all parish houses in the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester. Catholic rectories will receive the Episcopalian publication, Diocese, which comes out six times a year.

The exchange, to continue for a year, will promote a sharing of information begun at the recent Ecumenical Clergy Conference, the Pastoral Office noted.

Fr. Daniel Tormey Gets State Post

Father Daniel B. Tormey, assistant director of the Office of Human Development for the past two years, has been named Catholic chaplain for the Elmira Reception Center, the Pastoral Office announced yesterday. The state appointment is effective Sept. 15.

Father Tormey will fill a vacancy caused by the death last May of Father Michael Reagan.

He is experienced in the work, having served five years as chaplain

at Rochester General Hospital, and also is familiar with the Spanish language from his two years at the diocesan mission in La Paz, Bolivia, the announcement noted.

The new chaplain is a native of Rochester, and a graduate of the diocesan seminaries. He was ordained in June, 1955, and served assistantships at St. Francis de Sales, Geneva; St. Francis of Assisi, Auburn, and St. John the Evangelist, Greece. Father Richard Tormey, pastor of St. Stephen's, Geneva, is his brother.

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- 70 Tornado, rtg, grey, 68,079 miles, no. 4085... \$1000
- 74 Pontiac Gran Safari SW, hit front, motor no good, red, 46,703 miles, no. 4061... \$1000
- 73 Torino SW, rtg, blue, 42,749 miles, no. 4008... \$ 800
- 73 Ford SW, rtg, blue, 22,760 miles, no. 3987... \$ 950
- 73 Buick Lesabre, rtg, green, 51,359 miles, no. 3924... \$2000
- 74 Audi Fox, rollover, blue, 26,115 miles, no. 3433... \$1200
- 72 Buick Lesabre, 4 door hardtop, rtg, red and white, 101,518 miles, no. 4254... \$ 675
- 73 Plymouth SW, rtg, brown, 68,278 miles, no. 4255... \$ 925
- 73 Ford Tow Truck, blue and white, 82,254 miles, no. 4256... \$ 450
- 73 Chevy, blue, 60,331 miles, no. 4261... \$1350
- 70 Duster, blue, rtg, 55,136 miles, no. 4263... \$ 675
- 72 Toyota Corina Mark II, sta. wagon with air, rtg, brown, 44,620 miles... \$ 400
- 69 Cutlass Supreme, ac, rtg, yellow, 75,067 miles, no. 4268... \$ 300
- 70 Pontiac Cat., rtg, white and black, 56,423 miles, no. 4269... \$ 400
- 72 Olds 98, 4 dr hardtop, yellow, ac, rtg, 75,335 miles, no. 4270... \$ 800
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