

FATHER JOSEPH MORRELL

Ft. Harrison chaplain ending Army service

By BERNICE O'CONNOR

Father Joseph J. Morrell has rattled 450 miles down the Burma Road in an Army jeep, Mass kit and holy oils in hand. He has seen the terrible despair in Germany in the months after World War II, the rubble of its cities and the shame of its people indelibly impressed in his memory. In Korea, after an uneasy truce, he has ministered to the men who still guard the front lines.

Father Morrell is also Col. Joseph J. Morrell, a U.S. Army chaplain since 1943. He has been stationed at Indianapolis' Ft. Benjamin Harrison, "a very pleasant assignment," for the past two years and will retire from the Army at the end of this month.

We talked with Father Morrell one morning recently in his small office off the vestibule of the Fort's Catholic chapel. A tall, white-haired, handsome man in Army khaki, he cheerfully reminisced on the events of a career which has taken him from parish duties in Rolla, Missouri, to the world's trouble zones.

"Oh, a chaplain's life isn't every priest's cup of tea," he readily admitted. "Loneliness plagues many chaplains, at times stationed many miles from any other priests. There is also a great need for flexibility," Father Morrell explained—the knack of getting along with all kinds of individuals in a variety of situations. And the chaplain must be willing to accept his role as a cog in a vast machine that machine being the United States Army—in place of enjoying the deference extended to most pastors.

WAR-TIME preparation at Harvard University's chaplain's school, assignments at a half-dozen U.S. Army installations, two separate tours of duty in Germany, service in the China-Burma-India war zone, and assignments in Korea and at the Panama Canal Zone have made his 23 years as a chaplain pass



UP FOR RETIREMENT—Father (Colonel) Joseph Morrell, Catholic chaplain at Fort Benjamin Harrison for the past two years, is retiring from Army service at the end of November.

quickly. He will report for further duty to his home diocese, Jefferson City, Missouri, when his Army career ends.

The Canal Zone was one of his favorite spots. Father Morrell said, "because I liked the climate and the scenery." Other posts recall painful memories: the bamboo hospital at the foothills of the Himalayas, packed with war-ravaged Chinese; Heidelberg and Stuttgart in a defeated Germany where "nobody had ever really been a Nazi and the war was all Hitler's fault," according to the apologetic Germans.

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A special collection for the support of the Catholic University of America will be taken up in all Archdiocesan parishes on Sunday, Nov. 27.

Archbishop Schulte will confirm adults of the Archdiocese during the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Dec. 4, in St. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Unconfirmed adults should contact their parish priest for necessary information.

The Chancery Office

THERE are some similarities, and many differences, between a chaplain's working schedule and that of a parish priest. Father Morrell said. Counseling occupies much of a chaplain's time, with marriage and dependency problems foremost. There is a steady stream of paper work, mainly correspondence with the home parishes of servicemen.

"I have no parish school to administer, however," the chaplain said, "and the Army takes care of the physical upkeep of my chapel." Father Morrell

explained that collections taken up at Mass are used to buy vestments, altar linens, pamphlets, or other strictly religious articles.

About 1,500 Catholic men and their families comprise the Ft. Harrison "parish" although several hundred of these live off the post. There are three Sunday Masses in the white frame chapel, and a daily Mass at 11:30 a.m. Officers and enlisted men serve as commentators and ushers each Sunday.

Children living at the Fort attend school at Christ the King, St. Lawrence, or one of the public schools in the vicinity.

"We have a Sunday instruction class taught by two officers for high school pupils attending public schools," Father Morrell said, "and some of our children are also enrolled in the Saturday religion classes at St. Simon's School."

Catholic wives and mothers at the Fort have organized a Women's Guild, which meets each First Friday for Mass and a social hour. The Holy Name Society at the Fort involves the entire family—once a month Holy Name members, wives, and children enjoy a family breakfast and program following Sunday Mass.

THE RICHNESS of the chaplain's experiences carried our interview far afield. Eumenism is a popular subject, and in this area Father Morrell may be classified as a "moderate hopeful." He agrees that good will is growing among the faiths, but he also cautions that "we should be on our guard at all times to make sure that good will among the various faiths flourishes and doesn't wither on the vine."

Our conversation touched down on the relaxation of some church regulations, "which really started in the Armed Forces, you know," the chaplain reminded us, "as far as the afternoon and evening Mass privileges and the easing of the fast and abstinence rules."

One question remained. How did a chaplain, after more than 20 years in the Army, feel about the well-publicized draft card burners and others who try to escape military service? Father Morrell remarked quietly:

"For the record, I can only say that the type of young man I meet is very proud to be doing his duty to his country."

Bishops look to the future as historic meeting ends

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WASHINGTON — "It should not be concluded that our work is done. It is only beginning."

This was the reflection of the U.S. Bishops' first elected leader, Archbishop John F. Dearden of Detroit, as the curtain closed on the first assembly of the hierarchy since Vatican Council II.

New in procedure, new in its openness and new in its intention to relate directly to the life and problems, the five-day Bishops' Conference moved a variety of ways, including these:

- Decided that as of the first week of Advent, beginning November 27, individual Catholics must accept the responsibility of how they will observe the penitential and liturgical year. The obligation under pain of sin to abstain from meat on Fridays was lifted outside of Lent. But the obligation remained and was given what was called "special force" on each Friday of Lent and Ash Wednesday—although Catholics were recognized as having a "freedom in conscience" to excuse themselves for a serious reason.

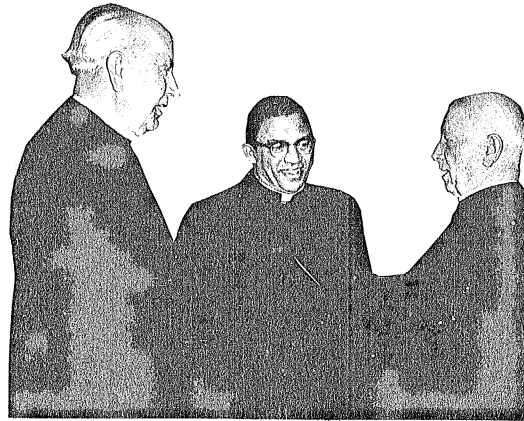
- Issued on its concluding day a statement on peace which included direct references to the Vietnam war. The Bishops found it "reasonable to argue that our presence in Vietnam is justified," but said it is the duty of everyone to "search for other alternatives."

- Called in another statement for better efforts to conquer the angry beasts of racial discrimination and poverty. It was announced Cardinal McIntyre made the motion to adopt the statement and it was approved unanimously.

- Set another full meeting of the hierarchy in Chicago during the week of April 10, 1967. Because they are due back in Washington in November, 1967, it will be the first time the hierarchy will hold a plenary session twice in a calendar year. Archbishop Dearden predicted this pattern will hold "for some time."

- Discovered, according to members of the press panel and other bishops, a new freedom and broader participation in the annual meeting because of revised machinery and election by secret ballot of their own leaders and of prelates who will direct the organizations and committees which serve the hierarchy. In the past, the senior U.S. cardinal presided at the session and officers of organizations were drawn largely from a slate prepared by officials of the old National Catholic Welfare Conference, now known as the U.S. Catholic Conference, Inc.

- Voted to ask the Holy See to permit use of the vernacular throughout the Canon of the Mass and in rites of ordination and episcopal consecration. They also will seek permission from Rome to establish a clear



AT BISHOPS' MEETING—Archbishop Schulte is shown above at the left in an informal discussion at last week's historic meeting of the U.S. hierarchy in Washington. With him are Aux. Bishop Harold Perry, S.V.D., of New Orleans, and Archbishop Karl Alter, of Cincinnati.

channel through which requests for experimentation with the rite of the Mass can be funneled from an individual bishop to the Bishops' Committee on Eccumenical and Interreligious Affairs. A spokesman said it is hoped that the talks with non-Christian religions can be conducted in concert with other Christian communities.

- Expanded the year-old involvement of the hierarchy in dialogues by giving the Bishops' Committee on Eccumenical Affairs authorization to handle talks not only with other Christians but with Jews, other non-Christians and non-believers. The committee was renamed the Bishops' Committee on Eccumenical and Interreligious Affairs. A spokesman said it is hoped that the talks with non-Christian religions can be conducted in concert with other Christian communities.

- Established two new and potentially very influential committees: one on theology and the other on canon law. The former already has been assigned a job, preparing a reply in the name of the Hierarchy to the recent demand by the Doctrinal Congregation in Rome that national hierarchies take note of its charges of world-wide misinterpretations of Catholic doctrine in 10 areas. The canonical committee will represent the Bishops' point of view on revision of church law, a project now under way in Rome.

ALTHOUGH held in a guard-ed auditorium at the Catholic University of America, the Bishops' meeting was dramatically different from the past when the hierarchy generally met at the university without notice, conducted its business and left the capital before official announcements of its actions were made.

This year—and at least the same is expected to be true in (Continued on page 9)

Calls for revolution in theology training

WASHINGTON — There is need for a "thoroughgoing revolution" in theological education which is being starved when compared with other professional training in this country, the dean of Harvard University's divinity school underscored here.

Large foundations as well as the churches have failed to support innovation in theological schools, Dean Samuel H. Miller said in an address at a luncheon in the Cosmos Club here.

Dean Miller stressed that the greater emphasis today in professional studies is being placed on training in the field of science.

"WHAT IS MORE surprising is the might of the wealthiest institution in our society, namely, the church," Dean Miller recounted. "In 1956, 49% of all philanthropy in America was given for religiously oriented

Marian will host parley on studies of the Middle East

Marian College will host a two-day Middle East Conference (Dec. 23) designed to help colleges and universities introduce Middle East studies in their undergraduate curriculum. Forty faculty members are expected from several Indiana colleges and universities.

Sponsored by the Indiana Non-West Studies Program, the conference will include two Marian College faculty members among eight Middle East specialists.

Speakers scheduled are: Rev. Dr. Charles Frazee, associate professor of history at Marian; Dr. Gilbert Tutung, associate professor of English at Marian; Dr. William Polk, chairman of Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Chicago; Dr. Wadie Jwaideh, chairman of the Department of Near East Languages at Indiana University; Dr. Vincente Cantarino, Hispano-Arabic studies at I.U.; Dr. G.L. Tikku, modern Persian literature at I.U.; Dr. Henry Fischel, modern Hebrew literature at I.U.; and Dr. Carl Brown, of Princeton University's Department of History.

Dean Miller said that despite "the extraordinary religious vitality of our times" the changes to meet the new need have been slow because of "the inertia of our society to provide financial resources for innovation comparable to those now entrusted to institutions of scientific education."

He said theological schools are living today as science did in the Victorian era "when experimental scientists lived the ascetic life of saints and burned their furniture for fuel."

The conference will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, with a dinner in the college dining hall.

Delegates to seven-Confere departments include:

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Urges peace step

CHICAGO — Methodist bishops, calling for a stop to escalation of the war in Vietnam, have suggested a "world consultation" of religious leaders to help end the conflict there.

St. Meinrad sets 'peace fast'

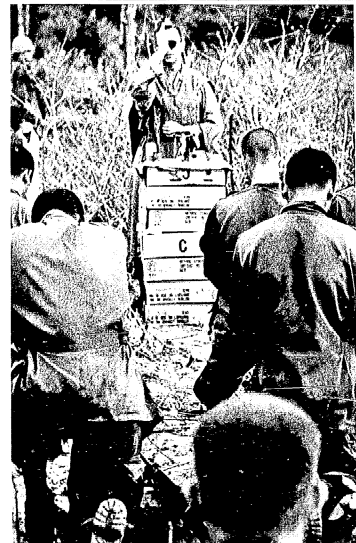
ST. MEINRAD, Ind.—Seminary students attending St. Meinrad College of Liberal Arts and the school of Theology here staged a voluntary "fast for peace" Monday evening, Nov. 21.

A consecrated Mass was held in the student chapel at 6:15 p.m. Money contributed during a collection will be forwarded to Vietnam for the relief of civilians afflicted by the war.

In a student statement seminarians said: "We have talked and talked, close to the point of verbosity. The time is at hand to generate the quiet enthusiasm of which we are capable; to listen to our stomachs growl and see our cigarette money disappear. If it is too much to ask that we share in this momentary suffering of thousands, then perhaps our 4D (draft) classification has lost its force."



HONORED—Chaplain Morrell is shown above receiving a scroll from Brigadier General L. B. Markey, Commanding General of the Finance Center, for his work with the Fort Benjamin Harrison First Friday Club. The scroll was presented by the General, who is honorary president of the Club, at a special recognition luncheon held early in November.



MASS IN THE JUNGLE—Improvisation is often necessary to conduct religious services in the Vietnam war zone. Above, Father Charles W. Waters, of Jersey City, uses a stack of "CCC" ration boxes as an altar in celebrating Mass for a group of U.S. paratroopers in a jungle clearing 50 miles north of Saigon. (RNS photos)

CCD graduation slated Sunday

INDIANAPOLIS—Archbishop Schulte will present certificates to graduates of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine course Sunday, Nov. 27, at St. Patrick's Church. The class was conducted during the past 10 weeks at Our Lady of Grace Convent, Beech Grove, by Sister M. Evelyn, O.S.B., and Father Patrick Kelly.

Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m. Sunday at St. Patrick's Church. More than 400 adults completed the course and will receive certificates.