



RED CARPET FOR CLARK—Rolling out the red carpet in Tokyo to greet Gen. Mark Clark (right), new Far East supreme commander, are U. S. Ambassador to Japan Robert D. Murphy (left), Japanese Atty. Gen. Chashi (back to camera) and Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway (second from right). Gen. Ridgway will succeed Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as Allied supreme commander for Europe June 1.

'Old-Time Religion' Returning To Nation With New-Time Twist

Editor's Note: This is the second of a series on the religious revival in the United States.

By H. D. GUIGG
New York—(U.P.)—"That old-time religion" seems to be back with a new-time twist.

Americans are giving more to church and charity, paying more attention to preachers, leaning more on the Scriptures and religious themes than ever before.

"There are evidences," one Bible publisher said, "that laymen are more interested in religion than they have been in a generation."

Church Outgrew Country

In that generation—1926 to 1950—the church outgrew the country two to one. A recent survey by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. shows that the Roman Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant faiths as a whole increased during those 24 years from 53,397,575 to 85,319,274—a 59.8 per cent gain while U. S. population increased 28.6 per cent.

Religious-affiliated Americans now constitute 57 per cent of the country's population. The National Council says: "So far as can be gathered from statistics, this is the highest percentage in U. S. history."

Contributions Gain

The council figures Protestant contributions last year exceeded \$1 billion—a 150 per cent gain in 10 years. It's estimated that Catholic and Jewish contributions accounted for another billion.

A Wall Street Journal survey disclosed Americans giving to charity at the greatest rate in history. A decade ago charity giving totaled \$1.5 billion; last year, \$4.2 billion—a 180 per cent gain during a time when national income rose only 160 per cent.

But the big religious upswing seems to have been in the last three years. The director of the CBS network "Church of the Air" said: "Three years ago I used to tell the ministers they could expect 200 to 300 letters in response to a sermon—nowadays it's anywhere from 600 to 1,200."

The Catholic Church, which for years has provided such radio-standbys as "The Catholic Hour," now has 12 local radio and five television shows in the New York archdiocese alone.

Three months ago, Catholic Bishop Fulton J. Sheen went on television for an every-Tuesday-night lecture. His competition, on opposite networks, seemed formidable—comedian Milton Berle and singer Frank Sinatra. But he was an instant hit, his response mail averaging 4,500 letters a week and one week hitting 7,800.

The Protestant Broadcasting and Film Commission, which coordinates the Protestant programs, reports that in 1950 there were 250,000 requests from listeners for copies of radio sermons. In 1951, that figure jumped to 720,000. The minister on one of the big Sunday programs said:

My mail used to arrive in parcels; now they bring it in large cartons." The commission last year produced 1,058 radio and television programs nationally, including Dr. Ralph W. Sockman on "National Radio Pulpit," Dr. John S. Bonnell on "National Vespers," and Dr. Norman Vincent Peale on "The Art of Living."

But its programs also include television puppets enacting Biblical stories; children's programs showing Christian life as an exciting adventure; a radio edition of the Bible in which Scripture is read with music and sound effects, and a television show that picks up services in churches from Maine to California and brings them to the living room.

Schuchards Return From Trip to Funeral

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schuchard, 101 Geneva street, have returned from The Dalles, Ore., where they were called by the sudden death of Mrs. Schuchard's mother, Mrs. Inez Brobert, 63, a frequent Medford visitor who worked in the city as a nurse at various different times.

Mrs. Brobert was one of the pioneer residents of Bend, Ore., and had resided in The Dalles for 15 years. She was a life-time member of the WCTU and belonged to the Neighbors of Woodcraft, Rebekahs and the Oregon State Grange.

Medford survivors besides her daughter and son-in-law are several grandchildren.

STOLEN MONEY RETURNED

Berkeley, Calif. — (U.P.) — Miss Alice Doran, who told police that a purse-snatcher grabbed her handbag containing \$11,700 April 26, reported that someone rang her doorbell Wednesday and left a bulky envelope containing the entire amount.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at noon, Saturdays.

Ballot Title for Measure To Strip Milk Act Finished

Salem — (U.P.) — Attorney General George Neuner said Wednesday he has completed the ballot title for an initiative measure to strip the state milk control administrator of authority to establish minimum prices for retail sale of milk.

Under the measure, for which preliminary petitions have been filed, the administrator could establish minimum prices to producers, but not to consumers.

Replaces Previous
The revised measure was filed by the Affiliated Milk committee of Oregon and replaces one filed April 20. The administrator would be appointed by the governor instead of the milk control board, as at present.

If 28, 386 registered voters sign the petitions by July 3, the measure will be voted on at the November general election.

SEAMEN KILLED

Buenos Aires — (U.P.) — A boiler room explosion has killed six crewmen of the Argentine freighter Rio Santa Cruz in the South Atlantic off the Patagonian coast, it was reported Thursday. An undisclosed number of other crewmen were injured.

VANDENBERG IMPROVES

Washington — (U.P.) — Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Air Force chief of staff, was reported in satisfactory condition Thursday following a serious abdominal operation.

IN PLAY

Eugene — Phillip L. Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd L. Sanders, 6 Groveland avenue, Medford, is appearing in the

children's theater production of "Nicomachus", to be given in four showings in the University theater this week. Sanders is a sophomore in speech.

Louis B. Humphreys, former Medford resident, died May 5 in Berkeley, Calif., friends here said today. Humphreys was employed by the California Oregon

Power company and as an architect here before moving to California about 14 years ago. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Ed Barnett, Los Altos, Calif.

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