

Niech bedzie pochwalony Jezus Chrystus!

Friends of Poland in behalf of Father Malinowski I welcome you again to the Polish Hour. Your announcer to-day is a Franciscan missionary, Father Bigosinski. Leaving for a well earned rest, Father Malinowski kindly asked me to substitute for him. Naturally I feel on edge because radio announcing is something new for me. However I will try my best.

Broadcasting for 43 Sundays, Father Malinowski has dedicated many numbers to others but never one to himself. Let us then take this opportunity to dedicate the first Polka on to-day's program to him.

Here's to you Father Malinowski a Polka - "Krakowiak"

For the first time in this hour I am doing

The name of Lieutenant Colonel Francis Gabreski was mentioned on this hour a few times. He was America's top-scoring war pilot, credited with shooting down twenty-eight enemy planes. His home town of Oil City, Pa. was planning a joyous homecoming celebration for him. However while these plans were being made, suddenly from the War Department came news that Gabreski was missing. For the flyer's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Gabryszewski, who retain the original Polish spelling of the surname, the word that their son was missing came only a few days after they had received the glad news that their native city of Lublin, Poland

had been liberated by the Russians. Colonel Gabreski won sixteen decorations including the Polish Cross of Valor. Let us hope and pray that he is alive. He certainly deserves it.

And now another Polka - "The Laughing Polka".

Monsignor Alexander Pitass, pastor of St, Stanislaus Church, Buffalo, New York, for the past 30 years, died last Sunday afternoon at the age of 69. Born in Poland Monsignor Pitass came to the United States as a young man. In 1898 he was sent to Rome to complete his seminary course and where he also received a doctorate in Sacred Theology. Returning to America he was first assigned as a curate to his uncle the Rev. John Pitass, pastor of Stanislaus Church in Buffalo. In 1914 after the death of his uncle, Monsignor Pitass was appointed irremovable pastor of St. Stanislaus Church. Monsignor Pitass was well known for his activities not only in Buffalo but throughout America, especially among the Polish clergy. For his extensive participation in Polish affairs, the Polish Government in 1923 decorated him with the Order "Polonia Restituta." *To the Reverend*

News has reached us of the death of another priest of Polish extraction, The Rev. Ignatius Maternowski who was killed in France

on D. Day. Father Maternowski was a member of the Franciscan Order Minor Conventuals and belonged to the Polish Province of St. Anthony of Padua. Before joining the armed forces Fr. Maternowski was a missionary and I had the honor to work with him on several missions. Becoming a chaplain he volunteered for the paratroop division and in a very short time became a captain. Fr. Maternowski was a native of Holyoke, Mass. He gave up his life for his country at the age of 32.

To Lieutenant Stanislaus Rydzeski previously reported missing and now a prisoner of war we dedicate the following number

Zbior Kujawiakow

A Collection of Kujawiaks.

And now in honor of Miss Valeria Janeczek who celebrates her birthday on Wednesday next a Polka Mickey Myszka Mickey Mouse Polka.

On June the 6th which was D Day our churches were filled with faithful praying for the safety of their loved ones. But since then many have forgotten. For us Americans every day is D Day. Let us keep on praying until final victory is achieved by our armed forces and our boys return safely home.

Are you making the novenna to Our Lady of

Victory every Thursday evening at 7:30 at the Immaculate Conception Church? If not, why not? This novenna is for all our boys in the service. Haven't you someone dear to you who is relying on your prayers? Why not begin this novenna next Thursday evening. Yes you can make it in English for it is conducted both in Polish and in English.

After the next number I shall tell you something concerning the faith of our boys in the service, ~~#####~~ passed on to us by Rev. Edwin Kozak a young Franciscan priest serving as Chaplain with the paratroop division in France. Fr. Kozak is of Polish extraction and hails from Baltimore, Md. While in Italy he was decorated ~~##~~ for bravery by General Clark receiving the Bronze Medal. But first let's have another Polka:

Slodkie Serce ... Sweet heart Polka.

And now I shall read you Father Kozak's letter. Here's what he says:

"People fear that after the war religion will suffer, but from what I have seen and experienced I am of the opinion that it will thrive. To mention one example. While we were in Anzio it was impossible to celebrate Mass during the day. The land is so flat that the enemy sitting in the mountains could see all our movements. Consequently I used the pri-

vilege of celebrating mass after sunset. There under the cover of darkness, men would steal to to the relative security of a farmhouse or barn, where in the pale light of candles they would participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Masss and receive the Sacraments. For many it was the Last Supper before they offered up their young lives, crucified in the stock and barrel of their rifles because of the hatred and false ambitions of men.

To me it was history repeating itself. For it was but a few miles from here that 20 centuries ago the early Christians had to hide from human eyes in order that they might worship their God.

Another instance: One day I was celebrating Mass behind a huge hay stack. Before Mass I warned the men to scatter in case of a shelling or an air ~~#####~~ attack. It happened before Communion. A lone enemy plane slipped out of a low cloud spitting its deadly steel. Came Communion... I expected to find myself alone.. instead as I turned back from the altar I was astonished to find everyone kneeling there as before... all wiating to receive their Lord. Men defying death that they might receive Our Lord. Is there any difference between them and the Christians of old?

So much for Fr. Kozak's letter.

And now let's have an Oberek for a change.

Oberek Srebnych Dzwonow.... Silver Bells Oberek.

It has been reported that Premier Marshal Stalin conferred for 2 and 1/2 hours with Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, leader of the Polish government - in - exile who came to Moscow from London for discussions concerning the Polish - Russian questions.

Although no official statement was yet issued we are hoping that an early agreement may be reached, especially now with the Russian army closing in on Warsaw and another approaching Poland's 5th largest and historic city Krakow.

And now another Polka Automobil

Automobile Polka.

Goodnight Oberek

And so DO WIDZENIA until next Sunday at 5. God bless you and yours. And Bog zaplac for listening.