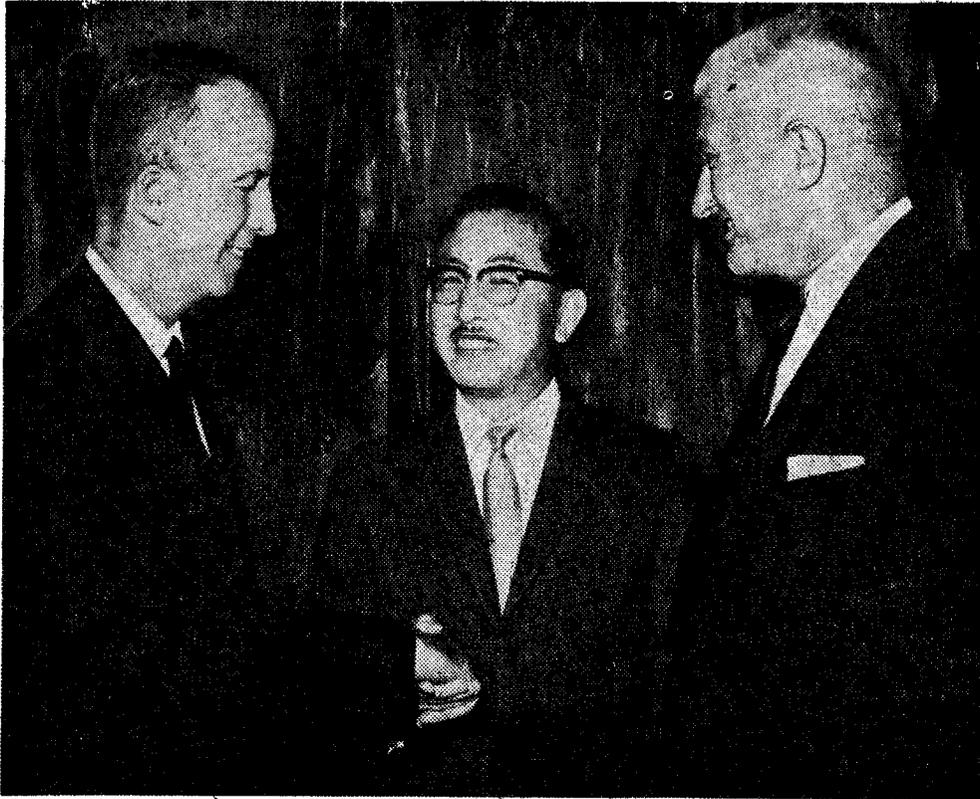


The Washington Post
August 25, 1960



By Norman D. Scoll, Staff Photographer

Benedictine Brother Honored for Rescue Work

Brother Marinus LaRue, left, former captain of the merchant ship Meredith Victory, accepts a meritorious service medal from Secretary of Commerce Frederick H. Mueller, right, as General H. Kwong

Chung, Ambassador from Korea, shakes his hand. The captain and his crew, who received citations of merit, rescued 14,000 Koreans from threatened Communist execution during the Korean War.

The Evening Star
August 25, 1960

Brother Marinus Cited For Hungnam Rescue

Government officials yesterday honored a Benedictine monk for his role in what was described as "one of the greatest marine rescues in the history of the world."

Brother Marinus LaRue, 46, of St. Paul's Abbey in Newton, N. J., was awarded a Meritorious Service Medal, the merchant marine's highest honor, at a ceremony in the National Press Club.

In 1950 Brother Marinus, then Capt. Leonard P. LaRue, was skipper of the SS Meredith Victory, one of the last ships to evacuate refugees from the Korean port of Hungnam.

"Despite imminent danger of artillery and air attack, and while her escape route became more precarious by the hour, the Meredith Victory, her tanks full of jet fuel, held her position in the shell-torn harbor until 14,000 men, women and children had crowded into the ship," Commerce Secretary Mueller said, in presenting a citation to the ship, the crew and Brother Marinus.

The ship sailed through minefields with little food or water on the three-day voyage



BROTHER MARINUS

—Star Staff Photo

to Pusan. Several babies were born during the voyage. There were no doctors aboard, Mr. Mueller recalled.

Brother Marinus left the sea in 1951 and, since 1954, has served in the Benedictine Order in New Jersey.