

NCCW Leader Recounts Trip By Air To Chilean Congress

How two of their national officers flew to Santiago for the Chilean Eucharistic Congress is told to members of the Rochester Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women in a letter from one of them sent in lieu of Christmas greetings.

The letter from Miss Margaret T. Lynch, executive secretary, interestingly relating their experiences follows:

"Greetings!
"May you have a very Happy Christmas!"

"Permit me to send you this very informal letter instead of a Christmas card."

"The trip to South America was entirely delightful. Fortunately, we were back in the United States a full week before the tragedy in Hawaii."

"As you already know, three of us—Mrs. McCollum, the National President, Miss McKiever, of the N. C. W. C. Press, and I—represented the National Council of Catholic Women at the Eucharistic Congress in Santiago, Chile, November 8 to 9."

"We went by plane both ways and were gone just one month. Because of difficulty in arranging reservations, we left the United States at Brownsville, Texas. This route takes one over Central America."

"On the afternoon of November 2, we arrived in Mexico City to spend the night. This day is kept sacredly as the 'Day of the Dead,' and the trips to the Shrine of Guadalupe and the beautiful old Cathedral were of unusual interest, because of the vast crowds."

"We found time to drive to the principal points of interest in and near the city, and left very early the next morning, as is the Pan-American way. The Pan-American Airlines do not fly by night. This is a matter of safety. Flying high over the lofty ridges of the Andes is an intricate task and the rules are very strict."

"Our pilot told us that, all the Pan-Am pilots experienced flying during World War I. He also told us that frequently, when clouds of fog obscure the vision, they fly as high as 12,000 feet a few days before he had gone up to 22,000 feet."

"Mrs. Banning's description in Solid gives a fine word-picture and is an exaggeration of the thrill the flyer feels at these heights."

"Our other over-night stops were at San Jose, Costa Rica; Guayaquil and Arica, then to Santiago. The daytime stops, too, were very interesting. For from fifteen to thirty minutes, while the refueling is in process, all passengers go to the airport, where information and usually a treat of some kind await them—an interesting change from the high elevations."

"The South Americans 'say it with flowers' or with some welcome treat, such as coffee or fruit juice."

"The Eucharistic Congress was very impressive; all of the ceremonies were in the out-of-doors and each was attended by countless thousands. 'North Americans Catholics' were greeted warmly and given preference on all occasions."

"The Children's Mass at the Stadium, with more than 100,000 communicants; the Midnight Mass for the men; the special Mass with all the soldiers, sailors and aviators in uniform; and the final procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets are vivid memories."

"We spent six happy days in Chile. Interspersed with the religious exercises were meetings; we attended those of the women. The social functions included a reception given by the Cardinal Legate at a palace turned over to him by the city authorities; a reception at the Colombian Embassy; a visit to the palace of the President of Chile, who has since died; and always a delightful tea at least one each day."

"Our visit to Lima was limited to less than three days, but we were amazed that the Papal Nuncio called upon us at our hotel. We found we had many friends in common. He visited with us for over an hour and invited us to visit him at his home."

"I was a delegate to the President of the National Council of Peruvian Catholic Action for Women; and at the home of Victor Belandier, famous Peruvian, we were introduced to the President of Peru. A trip to the Shrine of St. Rosa was one of our annual interests."

We spent some time in the garden where she planted her flowers and built with her own hands the little chapel where she so frequently prayed.

"The Country Clubs in these South American countries are beautiful beyond description. The flowers, radiant in color and profuse in quantity and variety, were to us almost amazing."

"It was my privilege to visit the Schools of Social Service in each of the three principal countries which we visited—Chile, Peru and Colombia—and to convey to the Directors the good wishes of our N. C. W. C. faculty. All of the Directors of the Schools had visited our own School in Washington and were greatly interested in our return visit. Rosa Galvez, a graduate of N. C. W. C. met us at Guatemala, with a spiritual bouquet and beautiful flowers."

"From Lima we flew to Cali, Colombia, the land where orchids are as easily obtained as are roses in June here. On the plane enroute to Cali we met two famous golfers—Sam Snead, the 'Country Boy' from Virginia, and his Texas partner. They were just returning victorious from an international tournament in Rio de Janeiro."

"After Cali we spent four days in Bogota, that beautiful and famous city, 8000 feet above sea level. Perhaps the crowning visit was in Medellin, for here, in this unusual section of Colombia, we saw again, in their beautiful home, a charming couple, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Collins, who, in spite of being North Americans, are a vital influence in the life of the city of Medellin."

"Then on to Barranquilla, where after a night in the elaborate new hotel we took the Clipper for Kingston, Jamaica. Miss McKiever remained over for four days to visit her young brother, who is stationed at the Marine base there, but Mrs. McCollum and I, after the usual half hour at the airport, waved good-bye, and flying over the Central Cuba, reached Miami, to be welcomed by hosts of warm friends. Despite the dark clouds of actual war and our present dismal forebodings, may we not hope that during this blessed season the Christ Child will hear our earnest prayers and grant us an early peace?"

Maternity Guild Invites Interested Persons To Meeting

St. Gerard Maternity Guild will hold its monthly meeting on each fourth Wednesday of the month in St. Joseph's School basement hall.

Anyone interested in the Guild or who would care to become acquainted with it will be welcome. The committee in charge states that many persons inquire about the Guild as they do not know what it is all about. "Come to the meetings and we shall be glad to give any information regarding the Guild," the Committee states.

Mrs. Mary Klos is president and will welcome anyone desiring to become a sustaining member or otherwise.

Altar Group Lists Bridge on Jan. 8

St. Margaret Mary's Altar Society will hold a luncheon and bridge at Locust Hill on Jan. 8. Mrs. Vincent Hudson is general chairman. Mrs. Charles Gertner and Mrs. Joseph Ringstein are in charge of reservations. Mrs. Walter Fritz, transportation, and Mrs. George Bryan and Mrs. Carl Wattell, hostesses.

ONE AMERICAN NUN AT FAR MANCHUKUO POST

PUTNAM, Conn. — Only one American Sister is among the Daughters of the Holy Ghost stationed at Sikouan, Kirin, Manchukuo. It is stated at the provincial house of the Sisters here. No word has been received from this mission for three months. The mother Superior at Sikouan and six of the nuns stationed there are natives of Brittany, France. The only other Sister is a Canadian.

Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good.

Auxiliary Head



Mrs. Mark W. Merrill, of Scituate, Mass., who heads the American Legion Auxiliary's 525,000 women during the year 1941-42. Serving with the Naval Intelligence Service in the World War, she has been active in the Auxiliary ever since its founding. She now directs the organization's defense activities in the present war (N.C.W.C.)

Rochester Diocesan Council

N. C. C. W.

536 Columbus Civic Centre

The beautiful Crib erected in the New York Central Station under the auspices of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women continues to attract the attention of great numbers of those traveling during the holidays.

We trust that our sponsoring last week of Mr. Tom Grierson's rendering of Christmas anthems and other appropriate music served to gladden the homecoming and helped to comfort the leave-takings of many, particularly our boys in service.

The Chaplains' Aid Association is asking our help to "Make the Rosary our Special Chain of Defense."

The supply of rosaries has almost reached the vanishing point and the furnishing of thousands of rosaries for the Catholic boys in service by the Chaplains has become a real problem.

Our help is urgently asked in securing rosaries. Many of you have surplus rosaries that you can spare. Ask your friends for them, and bring or send them to either our diocesan or deanery president, N.C.C.W., who will gladly forward them to the Chaplains' Aid Association. The presidents' addresses are:

- Miss Cecilia M. Yawman, 80 Chestnut Street, Rochester, N. Y.
- Mrs. M. H. Keogh, 191 Linden Street, Rochester, N. Y.
- Mrs. J. C. O'Toole, 5 Baker Ave., Auburn, N. Y.
- Mrs. Fred DeMuth, 162 Pearl Street, Corning, N. Y.
- Miss Mary A. Newsome, 807 No. Main Street, Elmira, N. Y.
- Mrs. Joseph W. McElroy, 161 Hamilton Street, Geneva, N. Y.

The following Greeting comes from the office of the National Conference of Jews and Christians: "At this Feast of Lights and Christmas season may 'The Lord bless thee and keep thee; The Lord make His Face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee; The Lord turn His Face unto thee and give thee peace. The Season's lights will kindle while our Nation is at war. It is our task to keep alive the spirit of understanding and interdependence among all our citizens, both now and in the post-war period. The heat of battle today provides a glorious opportunity. We can, and we will, deepen the habit of friendly cooperation among Catholics, Protestants, and Jews, and make it abiding." Everett R. Chisby.

LET US PRAY
Lord Jesus Christ, King of Glory, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the punishments of evil and from the deep pit. Sacrifices and prayers of praise we offer to Thee, O Lord; do Thou receive them for those souls whom we commemorate this day. O Lord, make them pass from death to life.

Do not withhold him from doing good who is able; if thou art able, do good thyself, also.

Legion of Mary Entertains At County Institutions

The Praesidium of the Legion of Mary, under the direction of the Curia Officers, held an enjoyable Christmas party at the Monroe County Home, East Henrietta Rd., Saturday evening, Dec. 20, at 7 P. M.

Two large Christmas trees were

trimmed by the Legion of Mary members and Santa Claus presented a gift and a specially wrapped Christmas cookie to each guest present. Entertainment was furnished by the Girls' Choir of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart under the direction of the organist.

On Monday, Dec. 22, at 1 P. M., the same group presented gifts and fruit to each patient at the Monroe County Hospital under the direction of the head nurse, Miss Anderson.

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HAPPY New Year from Fine Arts Furniture and Upholstering Co. 351 Goodman St. N. Every thing needed for the home, at prices to suit our pocketbooks, plus the best in workmanship, will be found at this fine shop. Their upholstery is par excellence. Ask about their interesting budget plan.



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Best New Year's Wishes from DeNur Centers, Inc., 487 Main St. E. ... 504 Main St. W. ... 1460 Lake Ave.

HAPPY New Year Greetings... from Smith Ceramic Studios... 903 Monroe Ave. Beautiful gifts for weddings, showers, bridge parties, are found at Smith's Studios. See their enjoyable selections. Lamps are shown in their exclusive lamp department.

QUAINTANCE Shops... 1996-98 Monroe Ave. send best wishes to everyone in this New Year. Their Toys Toggery is a joy to shop in. A world of happiness awaits us in selecting gifts in the gift shop. Showers, bridge parties, and for that day of days, "the wedding."

MR. George T. Boucher... Florist... 422 Main St. East, opp. Eastman Theatre. For the New Year's thought, send flowers, a gift always warmly received. For every occasion Boucher's artistic creations, are a joy to behold. Weddings in the offing... Mr. John Vollmer will be happy to assist you with details. Stone 96.

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