

At Our House Breaking the Chain

By MARY TINLEY DALY

"Any mail for me?" asked Eileen. Of course there was. She sends in box tops and requests for movie star autographs. Eileen went through her mail. "Why here's a letter asking me to pray for peace!" "Good idea," said the Head of the House absentmindedly. "Look, Daddy," said Eileen, "every day if I pray for peace I'll get a favor — maybe I'll lose my freckles!" "The Head of the House set down his coffee and picked up the letter. "Praying for peace got to do with losing your freckles?" "Mary Daly said over her letter and the Head of the House read it aloud. "Dear Eileen," the letter said. "We are making a Novena for World Peace. It is not hard to say one 'Our Father' and one 'Hail Mary' every day for nine days. I am passing this on to you hoping you will not break it. This was approved by the Sisters of St. Francis and is not a chain letter but a Novena. It was started for the fourth time around the world. Make 4 copies and send them to 4 different people you know. Be sure to mention you sent it to you. This was sent to me by Julia Murphy. Please don't let this die in your home. If you do not wish to forward it to others return it to Sisters of St. Francis, Boston, Mass. The fourth day after you receive this a favor will be granted to you. Thank you, — Peggy Brown." The Head of the House stuffed the letter into his pocket. "I'll tell you more about it tonight, Eileen," he said. "OAH I—I mean may I make the four copies?" Eileen asked that evening. "No, indeed," said the Head of the House. "I asked about it from Church authorities and they say it's a bum steer." "But the Sisters of St. Francis aren't they Church authorities?" And Peggy said they said it was O. K. "That's where Peggy was wrong," explained the Head of the House. "The Sisters of St. Francis have said publicly that they have nothing to do with this. You see, Eileen, there are some people who are what we call religious fanatics. They want people to pray and they think by promising you a favor

Second Christening For Zavada Quads



A second christening for the famous Zavada quadruplets takes place at St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church, Snydertown, Pa., with the Rev. Theodore Rodobay (right) officiating. The first christening occurred soon after birth when it was feared they might not live. Papa Zavada is pictured holding Barbara Rose and Anna Mary and Mama Zavada holds Bernadette and John Michael.

Five Bishops Lead Biggest U.S. to Rome Pilgrimage

Boston — (RNS) Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston, four bishops, 11 monsignors, 45 priests and 600 laymen will take part in the biggest pilgrimage of American Catholics yet to go to Lourdes and Rome. They will leave New York on the Queen Mary on Aug. 14. The pilgrimage will be a demonstration of the loyalty of American Catholics to the Holy Father. Auxiliary Bishop John J. Wright of Boston will present to Pope Pius XII a spiritual bouquet of prayers and religious acts offered for the intention of having the late Pope Pius X canonized a saint. The spiritual bouquet will be contained in a bound white leather volume of 200 pages printed and decorated by the St. Anthony Guild Press. A series of Masses will be celebrated by the American prelates at the Grotto of Lourdes on Aug. 24. From Aug. 28 to Sept. 1, the pilgrims will visit places of religious interest in Rome. Other bishops making the pilgrimage, which is sponsored by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, are Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara of Kansas City, Mo., and Bishop Edward F. Ryan of Burlington, Vt. Polio Closes Churches Asheville, N. C. — (RNS) Church services here, recently banned by local health officials because of a polio epidemic, have been exempted from the quarantine. Bishop Vincent S. Waters of Raleigh, concurred in the plan by granting Catholics permission to stay away.

Sunday, October 24 Set As Mission Day

New York — (NC) — The Holy See has designated October 24 for the world-wide observance of Mission Sunday. It has been announced here by Bishop Thomas J. McDonnell, Auxiliary of New York and national director for The Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Bishop McDonnell pointed out that the day is set aside to raise funds to support missionaries in their posts in all parts of the world. He added: "Because Europe is still destitute as a result of the war and its aftermath, and because large areas of the world are dominated by a godless philosophy, the 25 million Catholics of the United States must shoulder the burden of the missions and take financial responsibility for bringing the world into the Mystical Body of Christ. I urge every Catholic in our country to give his or her wholehearted spiritual and financial help to our missionaries on October 24. The aid thus supplied will accomplish much good, not only for the Church and its people, but for this troubled world as well."

Women's Viewpoint Mike Ran Away

By MARIE WEIDMAN (Catholic Charities)

If that nice looking sixteen year-old Mike tells you he visited New York and Washington last week, he's telling you the truth. You can believe him when he says he saw Mr. Truman, Times Square, Central and Grant's Tomb. But what he won't tell you is how the State of Pennsylvania looks when one crosses it on foot, and how frighteningly empty box cars can be as they lurch along an eternity of tracks. He knows a great deal about the local police habits and methods of railroad detectives, too. Now he knows. In other words, Mike ran away last week. He felt miserable, unwanted, there didn't seem to be much future for him in his foster home, somehow. He figured he had a lot of problems, and as he fingered the bright yellow road map, they grew more and more intolerable. With the lure and magic of the far away beckoning to him, he decided to look for a brighter horizon. Few of the hundreds of run-aways have any money with them; too inspired and dazzled by the brilliance of their plan and their own daring, they rarely consider how they're to eat. Yes, later we learned Mike left town completely equipped with one sandwich and fifty cents.

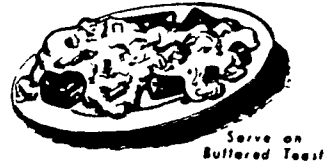


Marie Weidman

ON THE ROAD these boys do manage to reach the destination they set for themselves. Occasionally they eat regularly and may fare rather well. Law enforcement officers in many communities, reluctant to charge these youths with vagrancy, may give them small amounts of money with the proviso they move onward. Motorists often, impressed with the boy's spirit of adventure, daring and independence, encourage them to continue. It appears to be largely a matter of luck and just how much one pair of feet can take, however. Some, long before they arrive at their goals, feel the pinch of hunger and the pain of weariness. Telephone collect for immediate aid. Just a small number are never heard from again; this, however, happens infrequently. Many boys go to the larger cities seeking relatives they think will give them more understanding than they were previously getting. When the boy arrives, they usually wire hastily

a subtle way, of course, that Mike and his friends can really learn a great deal about life on the American continent from movie travelogues, National Geographic, and surprisingly enough, school.

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