

To Endow Seminaries

La Plata, Argentina (NC)—The prelates of the province of Buenos Aires have congratulated the Governor, Col. Domingo Mercante, for the bill he submitted to the State Legislature which would establish an endowment for seminaries in his territory and fellowships for seminarians to study abroad.

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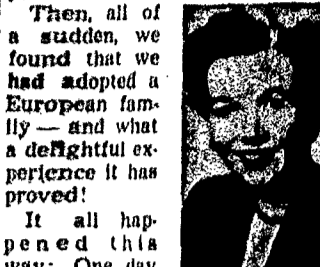
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At Our House The Girls 'Adopt'

By MARY TINLEY DALY

For some time we had heard, vaguely, of the "Adopt a European Family" plan. We had heard, too, that it meant one would have to send four \$10 parcels a year and assume quite a responsibility. Fine, we thought, but not for us — not just now.



Then, all of a sudden, we found that we had adopted a European family — and what a delightful experience it has proved!

It all happened this way: One day last spring Miss Mary Daly when Mary and Marie were walking home from school, a photographer from a local paper asked them to pose with the tulips in the Presbyterian churchyard. Seemed that his paper wanted a picture of the tulips; children add interest to a picture; they were children (the only ones handy), so they were elected.

Next morning when the picture was printed, the Presbyterian minister called our pastor, Monsignor Smyth. The two of them had a good laugh over two little girls in Blessed Sacrament school uniforms in the Presbyterian churchyard. Thus ended the incident, we thought.

BUT THE ending was more far-reaching. Months later the girls received a letter from a little girl in the Russian zone of Germany. She had seen the picture in a newspaper wrapped around a package from the States, and wanted to know would the girls please write to her.

"I lost my parents when I was a baby," little Ise wrote, "and since then have gone through many frightfulness and now we suffer bitterly. Mostly I am cold and hungry."

The girls had never known anyone, personally, who was "cold and hungry." So we wrote to Ise and fixed a box of outgrown clothes and staple foodstuffs. Back came a letter, pathetic in its gratitude, saying that she wanted to share with the girls

"AND WHAT ABOUT people who don't care to adopt families but who would just like to send old clothing?" I asked. "Is that drive over?"

"The need isn't over," the woman in charge said. "And we have facilities to send such clothing immediately to people who can use it. The process is simple. Just make up a package and send it to War Relief Services, N.W. Warehouse, 517 Eleventh Ave., New York 18, N. Y."

"Back to the family adoption plan," I said, "just what is the procedure?"

The woman in charge explained. "Write to the National Council of Catholic Women, 1312 Mass Ave., N.W., Washington 5, D.C. and ask for the name of a certified family. Tell what you would like to do such as send four boxes of food and used clothing a year, ask for a family of a certain size or in a particular country — and we'll send full details."

And you know from your own experience she smiled, that when you hear from your family you'll feel amply repaid for any bother you took to bundle up a few things."

Of course we know, thanks to a photographer and tulips in the Presbyterian churchyard

BLESSING OF THE BELLS



Visiting in his native country, Bishop Otto Kafke of Kimberley, West Australia, consecrated four new bells for the Church of St. Liebfrauen in Darmstadt, Germany. Although the church was completed before the war, it was not until now that the bells could be made at the foundry. (NC Photos.)

Teen Talks I Hereby Resolve

By NORMA DE PREZ

As '48 quietly tiptoes by, to make way for 1949's gay debut, we inevitably turn to a little teen-timer's bookkeeping. Why? Before we ring in the new, complete a formidable list of resolutions, and turn on the new year, we find it necessary to take inventory.

Mmmm now let's see. Of what will this stock-taking consist? In reviewing the past year we find a few things that should be drastically reduced for clearance. On the whole, it was a pretty wonderful year.

RESOLUTION NUMBER TWO prompts us to sound more call again. How about it, fellows, have you been forgetting those little courtesies? A quick check will tell. Do you always open the car door for Susie, when she enters a room, introduce her to your friends, help her on with her coat, greet her parents properly when entering her home?

RESOLUTION NUMBER ONE. Being charitable. No more "meow meetings," cat sessions or call them what you will. There is a gossip on every campus, in every club or cove session, and although nobody loves her, everybody listens to her and as a rule contributes a few choice tidbits.

RESOLUTION NUMBER THREE. I hereby resolve to make an honest effort to insure domestic tranquility. And what does that mean? Keeping our fists clamped on our leashes, whining and whinnying for things you can do without, no periods of pouting or stubborn streaks. Last but not least, how about promising to be gentle with the juniors? Consideration is the byword, and although it is signed just for the family.

RESOLUTION NUMBER FOUR. Alas, Mater Ill, let your dust be down to at least a college yell, and obey at all times any "Do not Park" signs. If you haven't accentuated the positive, you've earned your right to stand up in the bus, struggle into your own coat and open your own doors.

RESOLUTION NUMBER FIVE. Keep these and all others made for 1949 and have a very Happy New Year.

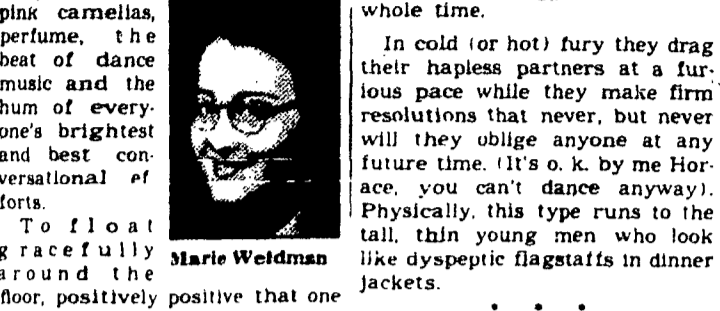
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Women's Viewpoint Schmoon Missed

MARIE WEIDMAN

Now is the open season for sequin trimmings and silver slippers. The swish of satin skirts and the creaking of boiled shirts again proclaim the fact that the Holiday Forman



Dances have begun, indeed, there is nothing so exhilarating as the flurry of attending a formal, complete with pink carnations, perfume, the heat of dance music and the hum of every one's brightest and best conversational efforts.

It is the gentleman who now awaits invitations for everything from straw-berries festivals to scavenger hunts. Let some twenty-first century social historian remark on this modern phenomena of courtship, no one of us has the temerity to venture comment.

There are some among us though, for whom the Victorian outlook dies hard, in other words, there are still some shy shrink young ladies for whom asking a young man to a dance would be anathema. For these antediluvians the fear of rebuff strikes terror in their unprogressive hearts. In addition, past experience with escorts provided by well-meaning friends indicates that we shall not be floating about any holly bearded ball-rooms for quite a time.

The only method the shy use to acquire an escort for any event is to express repeatedly a wishful wish to attend within earshot of solicitous friends. This frequently proves disastrous. One has long memories of miserable, squirming young men who politely nod and smile bravely thru it all.

Escorts can be classified roughly into two categories, the Asbestos Collar Type and the Shmoo Type. The first class feel they've been sold short, betrayed

Braves Home Loss for Faith Tokyo (NC)—It was only after he found the diary of his brother, a soldier killed in action during the war, that a young Mr. X, a catechumen at the Catholic University in Tokyo, learned that his brother had been a Christian — and had been disinherited by his father for that reason. The father is a Buddhist bonze.

Young X is convinced that he, too, will be disinherited if he becomes a Catholic, but he is determined to go through with it for he says he now knows that it is God who created all of us and it is God that all authority, including that of parents, is derived.

THE POPE IS TROUBLED On his way to the Holy Land to establish and administer relief Monsignor McMahon stopped off at Rome to tell the Holy Father of his untiring generosity to this cause, and to ask the blessing of the Vicar of Christ for all our members and benefactors. The Holy Father gladly gave that blessing but he spoke at length of his deep concern for the suffering people of Palestine. He asked that the Catholics of America continue and even increase their gifts that he might answer the hundreds of appeals that come to him from the Holy Land in the name of Christ's Holy Vicar we ask—not a little—but all you can afford for the starving, homeless, helpless, almost hopeless refugees of Palestine.

CONVENT AT ZAHLE Many vocations come to the Sisters of the Basilian Order from Zahle in Lebanon. But many more postulants would come if there were a house of consent in that vicinity. Would you like to sponsor a home for the Sisters? You can be their "Good Angel" by giving twelve hundred dollars. At least help these devout Catholic girls to become sisters by making some donation.

ONE RESOLUTION One resolution you can easily make and keep is to make this world better, happier, holier! How? By helping those who do God's work in God's way — our priests and sisters of the Near East. Give them the means to double and triple the fruits of their labor by membership in our CHRISTOS-TOMS and MARY'S BANK. Monthly dues are one dollar for each.

FOR ADOPTION We have just received from Rome the names of students who need only financial aid to become priests in the Near East. Their preparatory training is finished, but they cannot live at home during seminary days. Will you adopt one or more, and add a priestly son to your family? One hundred dollars a year for six years covers all expenses. Choose either Joseph, Thomas, George, Sebastian or Matthew.

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