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**At Our House Lent--St. Mark Style**

By MARY TINLEY DALY

The perennial question has come up at our house: "What's the deal for Lent?" Also the perennial joke on Mary, "Giving up sauerkraut again this year, Mary?" Sauerkraut loathes, she solemnly foreswore it a few years ago.

Now that Mary is nine years of age, she seems to know what Lent means because she answered seriously, "No, this year I'm going to eat double portions of sauerkraut and half portions of the Mary Daly hot dogs that go with it."

"She's sure following the Gospel according to Saint Mark," said Pat.

"How's that?" the rest of us unscriptural-minded asked.

"Well, St. Mark was talking about means to the spiritual life of Christ and said, 'If any man will follow Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.' The denying part is the hot dogs and the cross is the double portion of sauerkraut."

"YOU CAN SAY that again!" sighed Mary. "Makes my mouth pucker just thinking about it."

Mary doesn't know it, but there are going to be very few sauerkraut-and-hot-dog dinners served at our house during Lent. After all, there's no use making it too much of a burden.

"Think I'll give up ice cream and comics and movies and candy and cake," declared Marie. "After all, Saint Mark ought to be sort of a patron saint of mine."

Whew! Such penance, how-

**CATHOLIC KOREAN IN U. S.**



At the headquarters of the National Council of Catholic Women, in Washington, Miss Soon Kyung Pang (right), president of the Federation of Korean Catholic Young Women's Clubs, confers with the Council's executive secretary, Miss Ruth Craven, aided by Sister Gerard, M.M., of Catholic University of America, an interpreter. Miss Pang is one of six school teachers from Korea visiting educational institutions in the United States. Sister Gerard, a native of Boston, was stationed in Manchuria.

**Women's Viewpoint**

**Switch Back to Switches**

By MARIE WEIDMAN

Lay your Junior G-Man pistol down, Little Cuthbert. Mommy is only telling you that it isn't nice to set little girls on fire. Now, here's a dollar, run down to the Bijou and see that exciting new Humphrey Bogart picture.

Yes, sit thru two shows if you really want to. Sure, hurry on down n. Cuthbert, and don't forget to take your little death ray machine with you to settle that movie uasher who put you out last week just before the Donald Duck cartoon.

Exactly what factors in our culture are responsible for the untrammelled and generally undisciplined state of our children is difficult to say. The combined onslaughts of radio mystery thrillers, commercials and soap operas might seem to be enough to unnerve any young mind.

THE REALISM of the well acted radio detective serial of soap opera, one supposes, must be a kind of artistic achievement in some lower order of creative effort. But the strangled gurglings of the victims, the light-flipped monotony of omniscient detectives and the shrilling of unappealing females is hardly fitting material on which children's imaginations can grow and develop.

In the simple manner of childhood they accept wholeheartedly what is presented to them, especially on a larger-than-life scale and it is the general idea of violence, license and brutality they carry from these presentations that remains with them.

If by chance the little folk miss an ether wave sort of Sam Spade, the Shadow or Mister X, they can catch up on their weekly ration of romance and gore by sitting thru a week-end of a couple of high-octane movies.

Between excursions to the popcorn machine in the lobby, the kids manage to absorb enough of plots and character-

**Teen Talks**  
**Gentle Art of 'No-ing'**

By NORMA DE PREZ

As the saying goes, in Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love. If that certain young man in your life hasn't been thinking about it all winter long, he may weaken on or about the twenty-first.

When Romeo hears the first robin, doesn't he check out sport coat and decides that it is mild enough to put the top down on his brother's convertible. The Junior Julietts may find that it is time to

Norma DePrez put up the "no parking" signs. Thus, the subject for this week is on saying "no" to boyfriends.

YOU HAD a wonderful evening. Your school team won the semi-final play-offs and the sock hop afterward was more fun than the proverbial barrel of monkey's. It was your first date with Dave but there was hardly an awkward moment all evening.

He is personality personified. After hamburgers and chatter, the caravan headed homeward. You deposited the gang at their respective abodes and started home.

But wait, you're going in the wrong direction. "Can't let all this moonlight go to waste," comments Dave. "Wonder how it looks from the top of Lookout Point." Oh, no, you sigh, he can't be another Freddy Fast. So with this in mind, you blink away the stardust from your eyes and decide from here on in it's your lookout.

But to say "no" with a gentle firmness is an art and one that you haven't quite mastered. The trouble is that you find yourself beginning to like Dave, he's fun to be with and you are hoping that he will ask you out again. But parking—that is definitely out. It's just not your kind of sport.

YOU CAN SAY 'no' without making him turn a bruised magenta or causing him to feel as though he has just been caught with his hand in the cookie jar. The raised eyebrow, take-me-home-this-instant attitude will probably be effective but there are smarter and smoother ways to get your point across.

A gentle hint will do the trick and you won't have to trip over your soap box dropping it. Just about it if you will. Tell him that your dad doesn't appreciate the dawn's early light or that you are the Cinderella type whose endearing charms vanish at midnight.

Be firm about taking the. Regardless of what the heavier thinkers say about poor Mom and her terrible ascendancy over her children and family, she had better begin asserting herself again for the sake of our country's future vigor. Meanwhile Pop had better line up a few sturdy switches and a woodshed with plenty of elbow room.

THE FREE AND easy routine for rearing children has received tremendous impetus from high school curriculum planners who allow students to freely choose their subjects. If the discipline of the humanities just will not allow Janie to run about the juke box spots regularly, the humanities must go, and the sweet thing can substitute sewing or home economics.

High school is no longer a mental stimulus, an inviting challenge to young minds to go farther and seek more knowledge; it seems to be, rather, primarily a spot where slick something or others learn new dance steps, how to type and perhaps how to turn a french seam.

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