

Nazareth Academy Alumnae Christmas Dance Slated

Nazareth Academy Alumnae Association members will hold their annual Christmas Dance, semi-formal, at the Seneca Hotel Ballroom on Friday, Dec. 26, Gene Zacher's orchestra will play from ten until one.

Koran Against Birth Control

(Koraci, Pa.) (NC) — Birth control is against the teaching of Koran, according to The Civil and Military Gazette, Pakistan's largest secular daily. The paper says that the Moslem holy book is replete with observations regarding the sufficiency of nature's resources. It compares the practice of birth control with the practice of hoarding and counsels the sensible development of the earth's resources and avoidance of hoarding practices of all kinds in the proper corrective for food shortage.

Communists Query Indo-China Bishop

(Hanoi, Indo-China) (NC) — Bishop John Baptist Tran Huu Duc, Vicar Apostolic of Vinh, has been sought before a communist tribunal, according to the reports of a French newspaper. Bishop Duc is one of the few bishops in Indo-China where the communists have taken control. Latest reports indicate that Bishop Duc has been imprisoned, but his present whereabouts are not known.

Broadcasters



New President of the Catholic Broadcasters' Association of America is the Rev. M. J. Kullough, (left) moderator at the Catholic Information Center, New York. Vice-president is Jerry Keefe, (right) manager of Chicago's radio station WFIL.

Georgetown Priest Suffers Stroke

Washington (NC) — Father Edmund A. Walsh, S.J., one of the nation's best known priests, is recuperating in Georgetown University Hospital from the effects of a "slight stroke," the university announced. The university said that hospital authorities pronounced Father Walsh's condition as "improving," but would not estimate how long the priest will be hospitalized. The university vice-president and regent of its foreign service school last month was felled at a dinner attended by leaders in national and religious life when he observed his 50th anniversary as a Jesuit.

Reading Parade Marks Christmas Season

Keep Christ in Christmas is the idea of a community parade or reading two years ago by the Reading, Pa. Junior Chamber of Commerce. Last year 5,000 persons participated and more than 20 floats depicted Christmas scenes. Choirs from both Catholic and Protestant churches and 14 bands provided Christmas music. The LaSalle high school band came all the way from Philadelphia. Following the parade carols were sung in the principal public square.

Economy Cut—Taxpayer's

reduction of his own expenditures to provide enough money for increase in government spending.

Priest Proposes Publishing Industry Decency Code

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — A proposal that the publishing industry establish a code of decency in cooperation with religious, educational and civic leaders of America was made here today by a Congressional committee investigating immorality in literature. The suggestion came from the Rev. Thomas J. Fitzgerald, of Chicago, speaking on behalf of the National Organization for Decent Literature and the National Council of Catholic Men. He wanted the committee headed by Rep. E. C. Gathings (D., Ark.) to take "the traffic in immoral material is one of enormous proportions." "THE DAMAGING effect that it has on the morals of American life, particularly on our children, can be amply illustrated," Father Fitzgerald said. "I would like to say in my capacity as a priest and one intimately associated with the problem of objectionable literature, that the damage caused by this evil to the souls of our children and our young men and women is of eternal proportions. No one can accurately estimate the incalculable harm that is being done to American society by the deliberate publication, widespread distribution and open sale in food markets, drug stores, newsstands and many other retail outlets of literature that appeals to the lowest instincts of man." FATHER FITZGERALD has for several years been in charge of reviewing publications of the "pocket-size book" variety to determine whether they conform to the NODL code. He gave the committee a copy of the code, which condemns publications that (1) glorify or condone reprehensible characters or reprehensible acts; (2) contain material offensively "sexy"; (3) feature illicit love; (4) carry indecent or suggestive illustrations; or (5) advertise wares for the prurient-minded. Father Fitzgerald suggested that the publishing industry be invited to police itself by means of a code to which all reputable publishing and distribution companies would agree and help to enforce. HE ALSO proposed that alert and informed public pressure for such a program be created by inviting the heads of national religious organizations, civic clubs, women's groups, parents-teachers associations, girl scouts, boy scouts, and similar groups to view publications that have been submitted to the Congressional committee so that they can learn the realities of the situation.

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