

Rep. Bentley Assails Visas For Clergy

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—A strong protest against admission of 11 Czech and Hungarian churchmen for the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches Aug. 15-31 at Evanston, Ill., was made here by Rep. Alvin M. Bentley (Rep.-Mich.).

Mr. Bentley called them 11 "false churchmen." He said their admission would give the Communists a propaganda victory and dishearten members of the Czech and Hungarian resistance movements.

He served notice that a subcommittee which he heads would hold hearings in New York, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Washington during the Evanston sessions and probably would disclose the "Communist collaboration" record of some of the 11 Iron Curtain delegates.

REP. BENTLEY said Protestant, Catholic and Jewish refugee clergymen from Hungary would be put on the stand. He said he thought some of them would make statements on "individuals who will be in Evanston."

Mr. Bentley personally presented a 1,500-word protest to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, who recommended admission of the churchmen. He then inserted the full text in the Congressional Record.

He said he was not worried that the 11 would represent any risk to the security of the United States from the standpoint of espionage or sabotage.

"Neither am I concerned," he said, "over their possible influence upon the majority of delegates."

"What does cause me grave anxiety is the effect this will have upon the peoples now living in Communist slavery. I fear the shock to these people and to the cause of anti-Communism everywhere behind the Iron Curtain will be tremendous."

HE SAID THE Hungarian delegates were "thoroughgoing collaborators with Soviet Communism" and added that he assumed the same was true of the Czechs.

Mr. Bentley took note of the State Department's expressed hope that the church gatherings might have a beneficial effect on these delegates and perhaps lend a spiritual strengthening to

Accident Bars 'Little Mo' In Bid For Tennis Title

San Diego, Calif.—(NC)—Maureen Connolly is "cheerful and resting comfortably" at Mercy Hospital here following three-hour surgery on her fractured right leg, which was injured in a freak accident (July 20).

The 19-year-old tennis queen was thrown to the ground when her favorite horse, Colonel Meriboy, shied at the approach of a cement truck.

SHE RECEIVED Holy Communion the day after the surgery and later talked cheerfully to visitors. She didn't seem particularly saddened at the prospect of missing the chance to win her fourth straight U.S. Singles Championship at Forest Hills, N.Y., late next month. Doctor said she will hardly be able to get around when the tournament starts on August 28.

Quick action of a passing motorist—a nurse at Mercy Hospital—reportedly saved "Little Mo" from bleeding to death. A tourniquet made of diapers was applied to a severe laceration the size of a walnut. Leg muscles were torn but Maureen should be able to return to the tennis wars within a few months, her doctor reported.

Maureen will be a patient for a week at Mercy Hospital where she was born Sept. 17, 1935.



MAUREEN CONNOLLY

Catholic Accountants Eye National Guild

New York—(NC)—A group of Catholic accountants are exploring the possibilities of welding independent diocesan guilds of accountants into a national organization. The group plans to discuss the proposed organization with Catholic delegates attending the annual meeting of the American Institute of Accountants, here October 16 to 21.

Diocesan guilds of accountants have been formed in Brooklyn, New York, Denver, Detroit and Boston. Present total membership is estimated at \$25. Also, arrangements for the formation of guilds are being made in the Archdioceses of Newark and Los Angeles. Information concerning the guild movement may be obtained from the Catholic Accountants Guild, 935 Putnam Avenue, Brooklyn 21, New York.

Children Lead Drive Against Bad Comics

Canton, O.—(NC)—Children of the Canton area will lead a drive against crime and horror comics. They will be asked to turn in all bad comics they obtain to the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Obscene Publications, and in exchange will be rewarded with good ones or regular editions of good books.

Catholic Indians Number Nearly One Out Of Three

Washington—(NC)—More than 100,000 of the 343,410 Indians in the U.S. are Catholics, "The Indian Sentinel" reported here.

The publication of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions said figure represents Indians still living on reservations and that figures are not available for all Catholic Indians. The number has doubled in the past 50 years, the magazine reported.

THE CATHOLIC Indians are now better instructed and more attention is given to their religious needs because of an increasing number of missionary workers, chapels and schools, it was reported.

The magazine said that, far from dying out, the Indian population has shown a steady increase since 1880, especially in the larger tribes. The Indians live on about 80 reservations held in trust for them by the government.

ON THE WHOLE, "The Indian Sentinel" said, the Indians are losing their language and customs in favor of white ways of living. On many reservations, it said, young Indians scarcely understand the language of their ancestors spoken by the older Indians.

The Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions which cares for the spiritual welfare of the Indians is headed by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman with Archbishop Francis F. Keough of Baltimore and Archbishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Philadelphia, as members.

Catholic Worker Groups Unite

Maine, Germany—(NC)—A confederation of German Catholic worker movements has been formed here, representing more than 200,000 workers.

The confederation was formed of the Union of Southern German Workers, the West German Catholic Worker and Youth Association and the Catholic Workers' Union of the Berlin diocese, which will also represent Catholic workers in the Soviet zone of Germany. The confederation will be headed by Joseph Gockeln, assembly president of Nordrhein-Westfalen.

VISITING ITALIAN CARDINAL



New York—His Eminence Valerio Cardinal Valeri of Rome, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Religious (center), is greeted upon his arrival here from Italy by Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York. Looking on is Captain Piero Calami, master of the Italian liner on which the Cardinal arrived. Cardinal Valeri was enroute to Montreal, Canada, to preside at a Regional Conference on Religious Orders. (RNS Photo)

Religion Part Of Army Says Chaplain Chief

Washington—(NC)—Religion is a part of Army life and there is "nothing inherent in Army life to discourage participation in religious activities," the Army Chief of Chaplains emphasized here.

Msgr. (Maj. Gen.) Patrick A. Ryan called the moral tone of the Army good. He said "impressive" chapel attendance figures tell only a part of the story of the Army's program of religious training and character development.

"There is no need," he said, "for any young man or woman on duty with the Army to forego any of the religious activities he or she enjoyed in civilian life. These activities are available, and the Army encourages participation."

He said that Armed forces personnel have responded enthusiastically and on a voluntary basis to the religious opportunities in the service.

Msgr. Ryan pointed to projects and religious programs initiated by the men themselves on many bases and to the Army's establishment of a new retreat house in Germany where groups of various faiths schedule retreats.

He cited chapel attendance statistics for the month of April which showed 1,518,700 persons at religious services conducted by Army chaplains and 214,702 at services conducted by visiting clergymen. In the same month, he said, 785,000 persons attended character guidance discussion periods and 22,800 participated in religious education programs.

Iowa Seminary
Dubuque, Ia.—(NC)—Fourteen seminarians will be raised to the diaconate at a special outdoor evening Mass during a two-day dedication ceremony of Mount Saint Bernard Seminary here on September 12.

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Eucharistic Year Opens In Brazil

Rio De Janeiro, Brazil—(NC)—A Eucharistic Year was opened here with 200,000 faithful attending a Holy Hour at Maracanã Stadium. The Eucharistic Year is in preparation for the 37th International Eucharistic Congress scheduled for July 17 to 24, 1955.

CATHOLICS, COMING from about 100 nearby parishes, filled the stadium hours before the Holy Hour began. Detachments of army and navy personnel, policemen and firemen, formed a large cross before the altar. As the mayor raised the Brazilian national flag and Archbishop Carlo Chiarlo, Papal Nuncio to Brazil, raised the papal colors, the huge congregation sang the recently published hymn of the Eucharistic Congress.

"The King of Kings" approached, a voice called out over loud-speakers as the Blessed Eucharist was carried into the stadium by Jaime Cardinal de Barros Camara, Archbishop of Rio.

PLACING THE Host in a seven-foot monstrance, the Cardinal knelt at the foot of the altar and prayed: "Today in all the churches and chapels of Brazil, our thoughts go out to Thee, Our Lord, truly present here in the Blessed Sacrament." At the same time, the other 116 dioceses of Brazil were holding similar devotions to open the Eucharistic Year.

Eddie Fisher Hosts On Family Theater

Hollywood—(NC)—Singer Eddie Fisher and actress Marilyn Erskine will take part in a Family Theater broadcast on Wednesday, August 4, over the Mutual network from 9:30 to 10 p.m., EDT.

The popular singer will act as host on the program while Miss Erskine will play the leading role in a story, "Welcome Home," which concerns the marriage of a girl who grew up an orphan.

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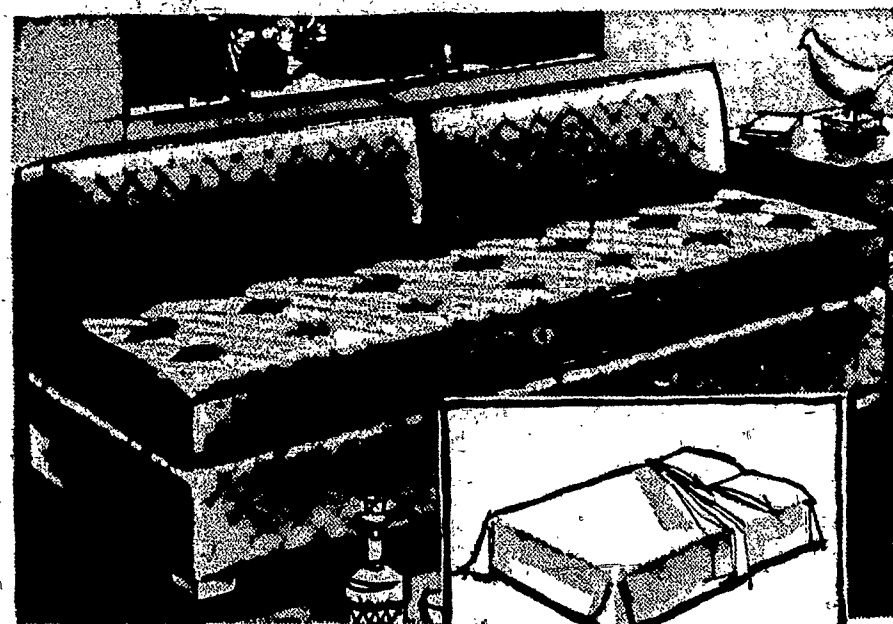
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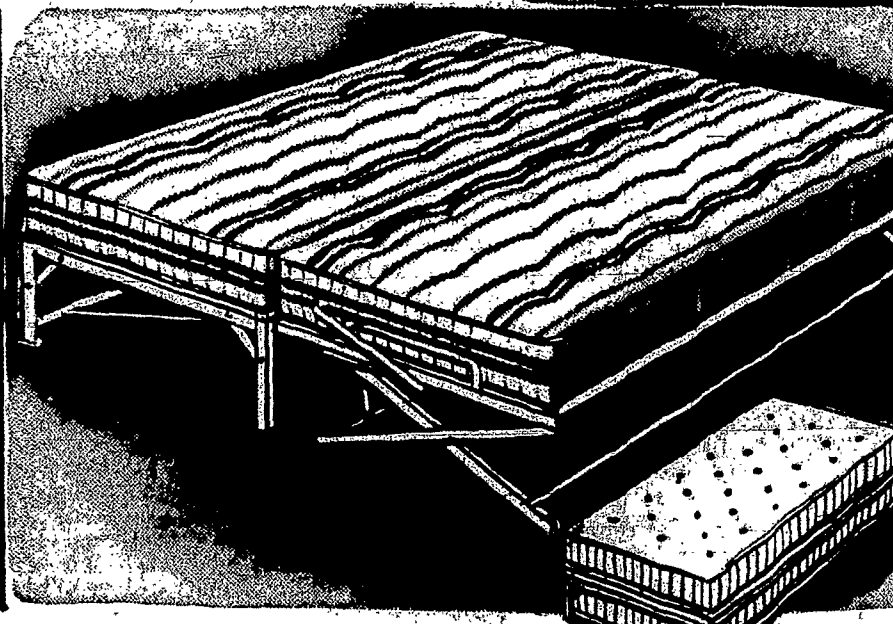
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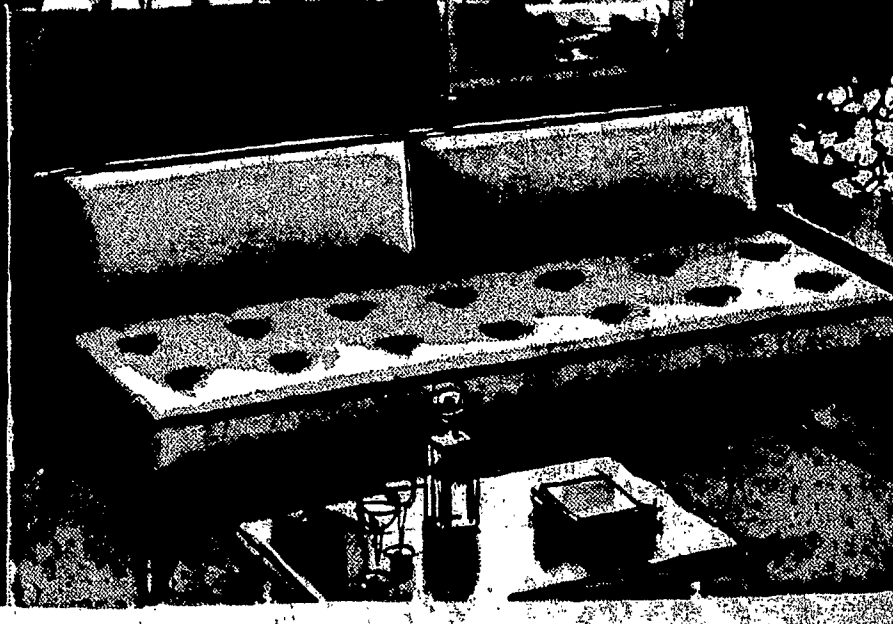
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