

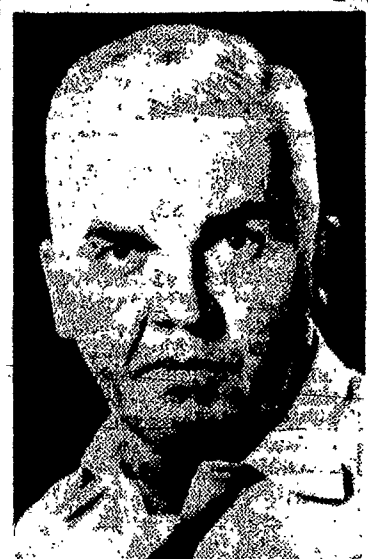
### Scandinavia Bishops Hold First Meeting

COPENHAGEN, Denmark—(AP)—For the first time since the Protestant Reformation, members of the Scandinavian Catholic hierarchy held a meeting here to discuss common Church problems faced in that predominantly Protestant area.

## Two Frank Conboy Plays Given Area Productions

Ithaca — A former Courier-Journal correspondent was among the small group of New York State playwrights whose work was selected for production in the country theater at the New York State Fair, Syracuse, Frank J. Conboy, Geneva correspondent for the Courier-Journal from 1937 to 1940, had the unique honor of seeing two of his plays performed at the Fair.

On Sept. 3, the Utica First Nighters appeared in "The Fibor," which last year won an award for Conboy in the New York State Regional Playwriting Contest. Last Saturday, Sept. 10, a group of LeMoyne College drama students presented his newest play, "The Auction."



FRANK CONBOY

Conboy now lives in Ithaca, where he is employed by the New York State Gas and Electric Company, and is a member of the board of directors and former first vice-president of the Ithaca Community Players.

CONBOY HAS taken a number of prizes in playwriting contests. His plays have been performed by several theater groups, and at theater conferences at Alfred University. He also is the set designer for most of the Ithaca Community Players productions.

A graduate of Notre Dame University, Conboy gained considerable theatrical experience as an Army Air Force officer assigned to the Special Services Division. In this capacity he helped write and produce Air Force entertainments, many starring well known theatrical personalities.

### Bishop Kearney To Offer Nazareth Alumnae Mass

Nazareth College Alumnae Association will open the fall program with its annual Mass and Communion breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 10 a.m.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will celebrate the Mass in the Motherhouse Chapel and will speak at the breakfast immediately following in the college cafeteria.

Members of the college faculty have been invited as guests of the alumnae.

MRS. FRANK A. Eaton, president, will present the program for the coming season. Miss Marie Weidman will preside as toastmistress. Chairman is Miss Mary Wells assisted by Mrs. Will Donahue. Mrs. Thomas Gould and Mrs. Alfred Boylan, decorations; Miss Mary Ann Connor, Mrs. Robert Wegman, arrangements; Mrs. Thomas Lyons, invitations; Mrs. Edward W. Esse, publicity.

Reservations may be placed with Mrs. Karl Meng, Mrs. Francis W. Tubbs, or Mrs. Arthur J. Shaheen.

### Student Traces Family Faith To Xavier

An interesting tie with Catholic India is formed this year at Nazareth College with the entrance of Miss Effie Mascarenhas to the Freshman Nursing Class. Miss Mascarenhas is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. J. Mascarenhas of Mangalore, South India. Her mother is the daughter of Joseph Saldanha, famous Indian poet.

Family of the new Nazareth College student has been Catholic for five centuries, tracing their ancestry to the first converts of St. Francis Xavier in India. An aunt, Miss Mary Agnes Saldanha is at present studying at Syracuse University.

Miss Mascarenhas is a graduate of St. Ann's High School, Mangalore and passed the examination in arts at Nagpur University. For two years she taught English at the Providence Girls' High School in Nagpur and for the past two years has been librarian at Lady Amrithai Daga College for Women, Nagpur.

### Knights' Grow

St. Paul, Minn.—(AP)—Growth of the Knights of Columbus in this State has led to the erection of six new districts, State Deputy Thomas C. Mahon has announced. Some 400 new members and seven new councils were added to K. of C. rolls in the past year, he said.

## Missioner Home After Nine Years In Brazil Describes Church Work

Charges that "Christ in South America is better known as Jesus Christ" were flatly denied this week by the Rev. Raymond Siebert, a Rochester priest just returned from nine years' missionary work in Brazil.

His assignment in southwest Brazil also brought him into personal contact with many refugees who fled from the Peron church persecution in Argentina.

FATHER SIEBERT is a conventional Franciscan priest and is visiting his parents at 809 Meigs St., Rochester. He is known in religious life as Father Herman Siebert.

"Jesus Christ is known, loved and revered by literally millions of Brazilians," said Father Siebert but he admitted that hundreds of additional priests and nuns are needed to provide adequate spiritual care for the people of Brazil. The missionary priest was commenting on a statement made last week by Episcopalian Bishop Louis C. Melcher of Brazil who alleged that the Catholic Church was "a religion of exploitation."

—BRAZIL is a nation larger in size than the United States. Father Siebert explained, with a population of sixty million which is estimated at 95 per cent Catholic. There are 5,000 priests in Brazil, compared with a total of 46,970 priests in the United States.

Father Siebert described the hardships endured by missionaries in Brazil. Poor roads prevent priests from contacting outlying districts. American priests frequently find difficulty adjusting to the Brazilian diet. Limited medical facilities expose missionaries to sickness and disease.

Chronic clergy shortages in Brazil's history has often left towns priestless for years with consequent weakening of faith.

THE ROCHESTER missionary was assigned in 1946 to Sao Luis Gonzaga in southwest Brazil. He supervised the building of a high school for this city of 7,000 population.

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## Rochester Girl Invested

Miss Lucille Seron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Engelbert E. Seron, of Laurelton Road, was invested in the Holy Habit of Carmel, at St. Teresa's Carmelite Monastery in Schenectady on Saturday, Sept. 10.

Rev. Msgr. William C. Keane, pastor of St. Luke's Church performed the ceremony, after a solemn High Mass. Mary Lucetta, recently professed in the Order of Our Lady of Mercy.

After graduating from Our Lady of Mercy High School, Miss Seron was employed as laboratory technician of the Atomic Energy Project at the U-of-R. She will be known in religion as Sister Joseph Mary of Jesus.

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### New Student From India



IN NATIVE garb, Miss Effie Mascarenhas of Mangalore, South India is shown above (left) in the library of Nazareth College, where she is registered as a freshman in the Nursing Class. With Miss Mascarenhas is Miss Judith Keaveny of Pittsburg, Mass., president of the junior class at the college. (Thomas Casey photo)

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