

## Korean Colonel Wins Stay Of Execution, Converted

Seoul — (NC) — A Korean Army colonel, whose execution for allegedly masterminding the January assassination of the Army Counter Intelligence Chief, Lt. Gen. Kim Chang-yong, was postponed in early November, is now reported to have become a Catholic.

Col. Tak Yung Huh was baptized and took the name Matthew in a simple ceremony in Seoul City Prison last summer, shortly before the death sentence was handed down.

Col. Huh's conversion was brought to the notice of the public in an interview in which he stated that he "couldn't believe in suicide" since he is a Catholic.

He was received into the Catholic Church by Father John Pak pastor of Sen-Jong No. 1 in downtown Seoul.

Colonel Huh won his reprieve following new evidence supplied by his wife two days before the execution date. The new evidence has thrown suspicion on a general as the real mastermind of the January assassination.

The case has been reopened and the execution postponed indefinitely.

The case has aroused national interest. It seems to spotlight at least two factions in the army vying for control.

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## Photographer Plans Lay Missionary Role In Africa

Los Angeles — (NC) — Lay missionary with a camera! That's the way the future looks to Paul D. Smith, Los Angeles photographer who has left here for Lagos, Nigeria, and a new life.

Mr. Smith, 30, is the seventh member of the Lay Mission Helpers Association from Los Angeles working alongside missionary priests and Sisters in Africa.

His assignment: to photograph and report central Africa for both the U.S. and the Nigerian Catholic press, to help the missions with camera and typewriter, to help the bishops of Nigeria set up a press department along the lines of the N.C.W.C. News Service. His salary: \$20 a month.

Mr. Smith, a native of Santa Monica, Calif., will be on the scene early next year when Nigeria receives independence as a dominion of the British Commonwealth. He'll report for the Catholic press, and for U.S. secular magazines.

The Californian's main work, however, will be missionary. His superior will be Archbishop Leo Taylor, S.M.A., of Lagos, and his base of operations will be the Nigerian capital.



## College Girls TV Weekly Show

Terre Haute, Ind. — (NC) — An all-college show from script to actual production is the weekly program now entering its third year, which St. Mary-of-the-Woods College televises here each week over WTHI-TV. Pictured above Sister Mary Olive, S.F., director, Miss Lee O'Connor, at left, floor director, and Renee Regnier, have a last minute program check before going on the air.

## Missioner Repairs Radar, Keeps Ship On Course

Tulsa, Okla. — (NC) — A Maryknoll missioner, enroute to Korea, proved he was an expert at radar as well as religion.

Father Thomas E. McKee said in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKee of this city, that he was sailing from San Francisco to Korea when the ship's radar system broke down. No one on the crew could repair it.

## Holy Father Attends Annual Retreat

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Pius XII and the Cardinals and prelates of the Roman Curia began their annual retreat.

The retreat master, who is always a Jesuit, is Father George Lojaco, professor of philosophy and theology at the Jesuit college of Messina, Sicily, the Ignaziana. The retreat exercises are held in a chapel adjacent to the Pope's apartment in the Vatican Palace. All audiences are suspended during the retreat.

## Census Bureau Tests Query On Religion

Milwaukee — (NC) — The reaction to the recent asking by census workers in this area of a question on religious preference was so favorable that it might be included in the 1960 census.

Michael J. Gallo, Census Bureau official explained, however, that the bureau "probably will first test the question further in a nationwide sample survey similar to the one conducted here."

USE OF THE inquiry, "What is your religion?" was ordered by the Census Bureau to help determine if such a question would be resented by many people as an intrusion on their privacy, as some groups had claimed it would be.

In Washington, Census Bureau spokesmen repeated their recent statement that no questions had yet been decided upon for the decennial census and that "at present" there are no plans for a national sample survey on the religion question.

## Catholic Becomes Governor In India

New Delhi — (NC) — A. J. John, a Catholic who formerly was chief minister of Travancore-Cochin State, has been named Governor of the Indian state of Madras.

The first Catholic to become governor of a state of free India, Mr. John has held office in the state legislative assembly since 1952.

## Christmas Office Parties Scored

Minneapolis, Minn. — (RNS) — Catholics should stay away from Yuletide office parties held before Christmas, the Rev. Leonard Cowley, pastor of St. Olaf's Catholic Church declared in a sermon.

Office parties held during Advent, the four weeks before Christmas, Father Cowley said, violate the spirit of the season, which should be one of spiritual preparation for honoring the birth of Christ.

INSTEAD OF the office party, which he described as a "detrimental abuse" of the Christmas spirit, he suggested giving gifts or bonuses or holding the party after Christmas.

The pastor of the city's downtown Catholic parish urged his listeners not to oppose the commercialization of Christmas which has become a national tradition but to spiritualize it instead.

"Buying gifts is a good preparation for Christmas if we make these gifts expressions of love or acts of charity," he declared.

When bringing children downtown to look at the windows and see Santa Claus, Father Cowley said, parents should stop into church for a visit.

"ANYONE WHO would tell a child there is no Santa Claus is a brute," he declared.

Some Christmas reformers are trying to unseat Santa Claus, he said. But the feast of St. Nicholas comes Dec. 6, during Advent, he said, and his spirit pervades the whole season.

St. Nicholas, from whom Santa Claus is derived, loved children and gave gifts, he said.

Chicago Union Offers Scholarships To Loyola

Chicago — (NC) — Sons and daughters of members of a Chicago truckers union will be eligible for 24 annual, full-tuition undergraduate scholarships to Loyola University and Northwestern University next year.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS, being made available by the Chicago Truck Drivers, Chauffeurs and Helpers Union, Local 705 (Ind.), will be split evenly between the two private schools, according to Edward Fenner, executive director of the union. Loyola is conducted by the Jesuit Fathers.

Individual scholarships will be extended in subsequent years if on vocational training.

THE UNIVERSITYS will select those who will receive the awards on the basis of ability, industry, high school records, college entrance tests, recommendations, personality and leadership.

Mr. Fenner said there would be an emphasis on liberal arts and science training rather than on vocational training.

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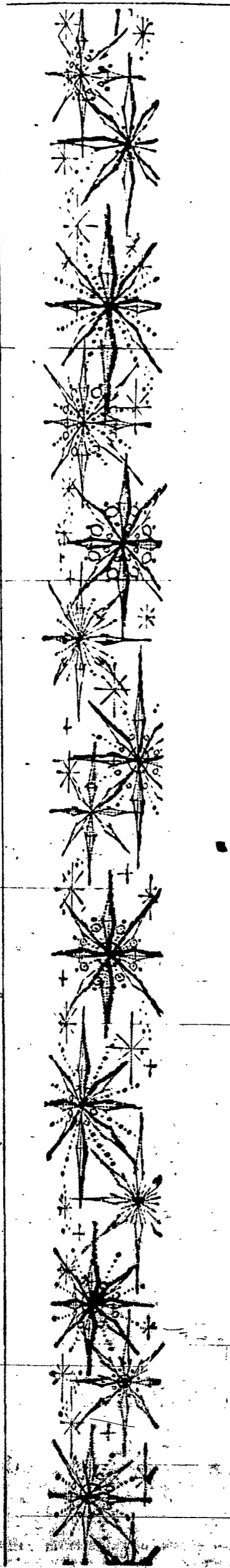
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In the sermon, Archbishop Cushing said Archbishop Molloy's "priestly charity" was the source of "his own inspiration and action (and) the favorite theme of his eloquent preaching and pastoral writing."

"CHRISTIAN CHARITY," said Archbishop Cushing, "motivated his repudiation of isolationism, intolerance and any indifference to the plight or problems of those outside the household of the Faith. That same charity sparked the special solicitude, unhesitating and exemplified by St. Paul, which he had for the spiritual welfare and steady progress of those who share the Faith."

Archbishop Molloy was buried in a crypt on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, N.J.



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