

'Not Easy To Find' Mass In Moscow, Says Congressman

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East St. Louis, Ill.—(NC)—Attending Mass in Moscow is not the easiest thing in the world, according to an Illinois Congressman.

Rep. Melvin E. Price of East St. Louis made this observation in an interview here after returning from a four-week trip during which he visited atomic power installations in England, Sweden, Denmark and the Soviet Union.

A member of the House of Representatives since 1944, Mr. Price belongs to Sacred Heart parish here. In the nation's capital, he is a member of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy and chairman of the subcommittee on research and development.

Traveling with other committee members, Mr. Price attended the grant a visa to a visit to the International Atomic Energy Commission in Vienna and ended his trip with a five-day visit to Moscow as a guest of the Soviet government.

RELATING TO HIS impressions, Mr. Price said that a visit to Moscow leaves with no doubts as to the status of religion there. He told how he and Rep. James T. Patterson of Connecticut set about finding a Catholic church where they could attend Sunday Mass.

A clerk at the tourist bureau assured them that there was Mass at St. Louis de France Church. An embassy car took them there. As they approached the building, Mr. Price related, it seemed abandoned.

"We felt this was the wrong place. It was deserted. A high fence surrounded it and the entrance gates were closed. A chain looped around a post and fastened with a padlock," he said.

"Just as we were about to leave, we noticed an elderly Russian woman approach the gate, which stood ajar just enough to permit a person to slip through."

THE CONGRESSMEN took an indication that they had come to the right place and also slipped through the gate.

Inside, a Russian priest offered an 8:30 a.m. Mass, according to Mr. Price. The tourist representative had told the Russian legislators that the Russian was merely "filling in" until an American priest arrived at the U.S. embassy.

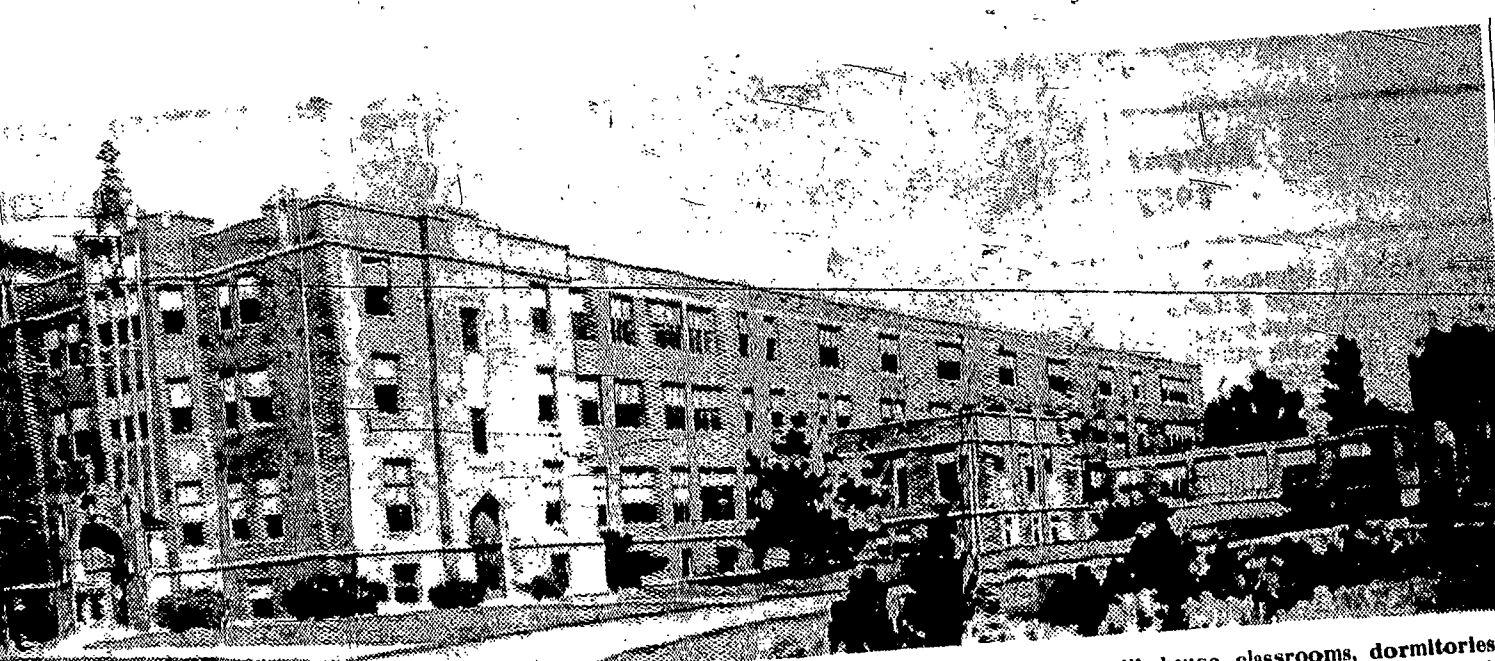
Father Louis F. Dion, A.A. was appointed in December, 1953, to replace Father George Blisson, A.A., as chaplain to the Catholics of the U.S. embassy in Moscow. Father Dion was issued a visa at the office by the Soviet Russian embassy in Washington.

Mr. Price said he had the impression that these were the only churches open in Moscow and that they were permitted to operate simply to give some substance to the Soviet claim of religious tolerance.

INQUIRIES INTO the status of the Russian Orthodox church brought him visits to the more pretentious of the Orthodox churches in Moscow disclosed that they had been relegated to the status of museums.

After 40 years under the communist rule, according to Mr. Price, the Russian people show little interest in religion and are scornful when questioned on the topic.

One young lady, an employee of the tourist bureau, told Mr. Price, "I'm an atheist."



PROPOSED NEW SISTER TEACHERS' COLLEGE—Architect's rendering of the proposed new building for Catholic Sisters of the Mercy order, to be completed in 1959. The three-story building, which will house classrooms, dormitories, library and remedial teaching laboratory, is now under construction in the Mercy Motherhouse, conducted in a single basement room in the Mercy Motherhouse, and must erect a separate building by 1959 to receive a permanent charter from the state.

Bishop Kearney Opens McAuley College Campaign

Solicitation of special gifts toward construction of a new building for the Sisters of Mercy teacher-training college on Blossom Road was launched Tuesday at a committee dinner at which His Excellency, Bishop Kearney was principal speaker.

Today's necessity to take steps toward the construction of the new building was stressed at the dinner, which was held at the Holy High School gymnasium and attended by 100 members of the general committee and more than 100 special gifts of the general committee.

ESTIMATED COST of the new building, which will be a most modern structure, is \$2,500,000. To be started in spring 1959, the project will require a total of \$1,200,000.

The estimated cost of \$2,500,000 includes the purchase of the site, the construction of the building, the purchase of equipment, and the cost of the land.

THE SISTERS' APPEAL, Bishop Kearney said, is a call to the people of this city to help in the construction of a new building for the Sisters of Mercy teacher-training college on Blossom Road.

The Sisters of Mercy have been in the city for over 100 years. They have built many schools and churches, and they have always been a part of the life of the city.

TOASTMASTER was William Miller, after the invocation, the Rev. Stuart Heary, pastor of St. James Church, also presided.

Members of the Legion Auxilium prepared and served the dinner.

Former Minister Starts Texas Catholic Newspaper

Austin, Tex.—(NC)—First issue of the Lone Star Catholic, weekly newspaper for the Diocese of Austin, circulated today in 35,000 copies, according to Dale Francis, editor of the new publication.

Before his conversion to the Catholic Church, Mr. Francis was a Methodist minister.

Indian Bishops Hit Parenthood Policy

Bangalore, India.—(RNS)—A sharp condemnation of the Indian government's policy of encouraging "family planning" was issued here by the Standing Committee of the Catholic Bishops' Conference.

The prelates said that "the deliberate destruction of potential life is a crime only next to murder."

National KC Leader Hails Waverly Unit

Waverly—(Catholic) Congratulations of the National Knights of Columbus were extended to the Waverly unit for their recent success in raising money for the construction of a new building for the Marine Corps.

The unit, under the leadership of Cpl. Jack Schamel, has raised over \$10,000 in the past few months.

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ocean newspapers, which has headquarters in Huntington, Ind., the Lone Star Catholic was founded by Mr. Francis with the approval of Bishop Louis J. Reicher of Austin.

Mr. Francis, who is a weekly columnist for Our Sunday Visitor, will be assisted by his wife, Barbara, as associate editor.

MR. FRANCIS has served in the Bureau of Information, National Catholic Welfare Conference, Washington, and as editor of the North Carolina Catholic newspaper of the Diocese of Raleigh, N.C.

The paper's circulation also includes 12,000 one-year subscriptions which are sent to Protestant ministers in the U.S. and Canada under Operation Understanding, a project begun by Mr. Francis.

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Attacking the use of contraceptives, the Bishops said that "the limitation of families by means of 'unnatural devices' was an offense against the laws of nature and of God, defeating as it does the primary ends of the holy state of matrimony."

The Bishops added that the use of contraceptives not only "poisons the springs of family life but promotes selfishness and leads to social and economic disorders."

The Indian government has been promoting planned parenthood in a number of areas on an experimental basis.

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EVERY CATHOLIC KNOWS THAT WHEN he receives the Eucharist he communes with the life of Christ. But how many Catholics know that in the Eucharist they also have communion with the death of Christ. St. John tells us about the Eucharist being "the Bread of Life"; but St. Paul completes the picture: "So it is the Lord's death that you are heralding, whenever you eat this Bread and drink this Cup until He comes."

IT IS THE RISEN BODY of the Glorious Life of Christ which burns within us as we leave the Communion rail. But how then does Communion announce His Death to our lives. As we live to Christ we the application of His Death to our lives. Christ is not only the Victim offering His Death Life for us in the Mass He is also the Victim which is given for in reparation for our sins. "This is My Body which is given for you." This is My Blood which is being shed for you," He told His Apostles.

ON THE ONE HAND, THEREFORE, WE SEEK to increase our intimacy with His Life; on the other we multiply sacrifices that we may better have the "fellowship with His Cross." It takes the application of His Death or Sacrifice to our lives to bring His Eucharistic Life to the two billion pagans in the world. Every newly erected tabernacle in Papua, Tonga, Uganda, Burma where His Life becomes present involves some self-denial on our part in San Francisco, Wilmington, Newark, Chicago or Denver.

THE REASON THE CHURCH DEMANDS fasting before Communion is to make sure that we have at least that minimum of incorporation to His Death before we receive His Life. In the happiest moments, a soul can know in this life, after Communion, make a practical resolution to die to some little luxury for the sake of the Missions. Send the money which represents that "death" to the Holy Father. You do just that whenever you give to his Pontifical Mission Organizations such as the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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