

News Reports

'It Pays To Advertize'

The Hague, The Netherlands — (NC) — Father N. van Doornik, a Dutch Missionary of the Sacred Heart announced that the advertising campaign he started in non-Catholic papers three years ago has brought 20,000 letters inquiring about the Catholic Faith.

Columbus Day National Holiday?

Washington — (NC) — New York congressman Victor Anfuso has introduced a bill into Congress to make Columbus Day, October 12, a legal holiday. Columbus Day is already observed as a legal holiday in 26 states, including New York.

Women Oppose 'Equal Rights'

Washington — (NC) — The National Council of Catholic Women has restated its opposition to any so-called women's "equal rights" amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The women's federation cited the Christian concept of the distinct and natural differences between the sexes and the threat that the amendment poses to legal safeguards now protecting women, such as minimum wage laws, alimony and support payments, and widows' allowances.

Dictator Had 'Feet Of Clay'

Buenos Aires — (RNS) — El Pueblo, Roman Catholic daily, joined other papers here in hailing the downfall of dictator President Marcos Perez Jimenez of Venezuela. "A horrible nightmare has ended," El Pueblo said. "A giant with feet of clay has fallen."

Communists Sentence Priest

Vienna — (NC) — A communist court in Czechoslovakia has sentenced Father Jan Dokulil to a 12-year jail term for "illegal" and "anti-state" activities. It was reported. Father Dokulil was charged with having founded a "reactionary, illegal Christian democratic party," according to Czechoslovak newspapers reaching here.

'Virgin Of The Inkpot' Stamp

Brussels — (RNS) — Belgium has issued a postage stamp depicting a famous statue of the Blessed Virgin, known as "The Virgin of the Ink Pot." The Marian statue is on the facade of the Town House of Bruges.

According to ancient legend, a clerk was behind his work and fell asleep one night with exhaustion. When he awoke in the morning he found that the Virgin had finished his work for him in gold letters. He was thus saved from the loss of his right hand, the penalty which would have been imposed for not finishing his work.



Converts Confirmed in Milwaukee

Milwaukee, Wis. — (NC) — More than 400 converts and their sponsors filled St. John's Cathedral here, when Archbishop Albert G. Meyer, of Milwaukee (in center aisle), administered the Sacrament of Confirmation. 259 other converts were confirmed the same day by Auxiliary Bishop Roman Akleiski at Old St. Mary's Church. The 665 adult conversions resulted from the Catholic Census and Information Program conducted in Wisconsin.

London Concert Features French 'Troubadour Priest'

London — (RNS) — Father Aime Duval, S.J., France's famed "troubadour priest," will be a featured performer at a concert here Feb. 10 marking the opening of the centenary year of the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France.

THE CONCERT will take place in the Albert Hall. It will be one of six in other halls throughout Britain in observance of the Marian Year commemorating the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin in St. Bernadette Soubirous in 1858. The other concerts will be at Manchester, Liverpool, New Castle-on-Tyne, Bradford and Birmingham.

Father Duval will sing several songs in English. Bernadette will be featured at all six concerts by well-known guitarists. The Jesuit priest plays the guitar himself as well as the piano and harmonica.

Women's Colleges Get U.S. Loans

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — Federal aid will be given to women's colleges to help finance construction of new dormitories. The aid will be in the form of \$2,000,000 in loans.

A loan of \$200,000 from the Community Facilities Administration of the Housing and Home Finance Agency will assist Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart, Purchase, N. Y. in erecting a new dormitory to cost \$2,000,000. Housing will be provided for 331 students and 12 housemothers.

A loan of \$200,000 from the same agency will aid Immaculate Word College, San Antonio, Tex. in erecting a combined dormitory and student union building which will house 64 students, four sisters, a staff, a bar, book store, lounge and cafeteria seating 300.

Africans Hail U.S. Pianist

Masaka, Uganda — (NC) — A young American Catholic composer and concert pianist has just completed a 10-day concert tour of this British East African protectorate.

Miss Philippa D. Schuyler, 24, of New York, was met on her arrival here by Bishop Joseph Kwanuka of Masaka. After a sell-out concert in the local theater she was accompanied by Bishop Kwanuka on a tour of the bush country.

They visited the Monastery of St. Thomas, where 200 nuns are active in social, religious, and educational work. They also visited the latter in their native land.

Following her visit to the monastery, Miss Schuyler was greeted by 400 tribesmen in native dress.

IN KAMPALA, she performed at the University of Makerere before the largest audience of her career. The concert was sponsored by the Kabaiki-Kabaiki Club, which has a branch in Masaka.

Miss Schuyler is a member of the American Music Teachers Association and the International Music Teachers Association.

Daughter of George S. Schuyler, noted author and journalist, Miss Schuyler began studying music at the age of five with Mother Georgia Stevens at Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart, Purchase, N. Y.

She made her concert debut with the New York Philharmonic at age 11 and played in New York's Town Hall when she was 20.



Masaka, Uganda — (NC) — Philippa Schuyler, young Catholic American concert pianist and composer, chats with Bishop Joseph Kwanuka of Masaka (Uganda, British East Africa) after giving a concert to a sell-out audience. Philippa studied music at Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart, New York, where she was the youngest student ever to enter the Solfage classes, at the age of five.

AFTER LEAVING Uganda, Miss Schuyler was scheduled to give concerts in Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Morocco. Before coming to Uganda she had appeared in Beirut, Lebanon, Khartoum, Sudan, Istanbul, Turkey, and in Ethiopia where she was the Christmas guest of Emperor Haile Selassie.

Catholic Mayoralty Candidate Rebuked

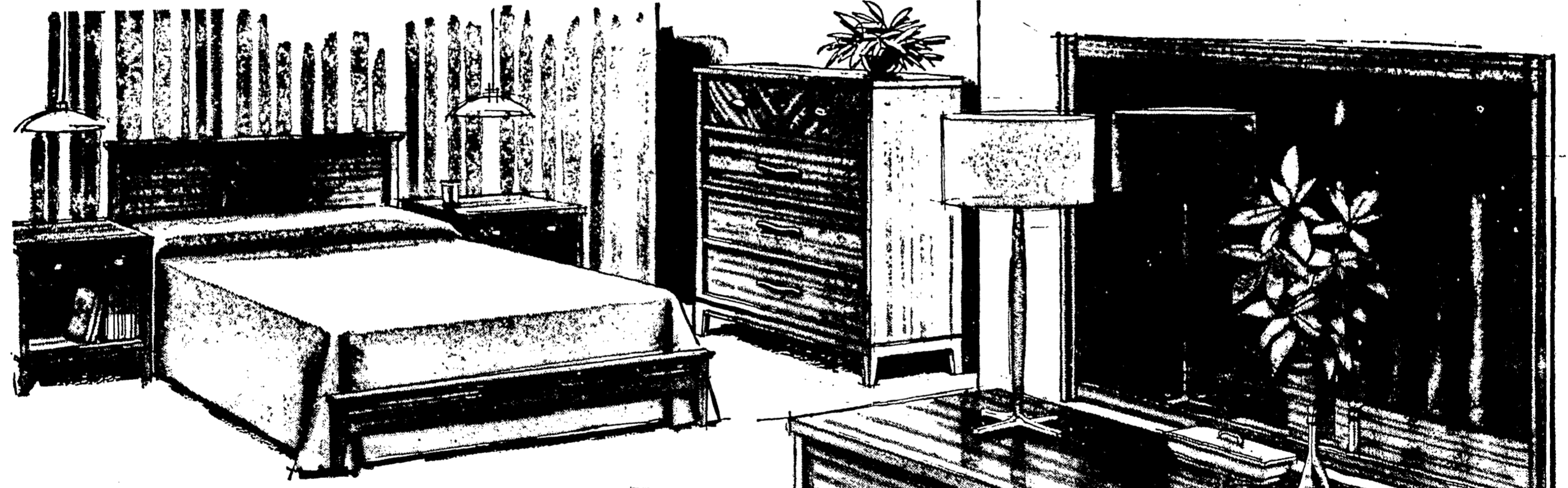
New Orleans, La. — (RNS) — A mayoralty candidate was rebuked here for publicly stating that "as a Catholic" he was opposed to integration.

The Rev. Eugene P. McManus, S.S.J., of the St. Augustine high school faculty declared that Leonard Gunberg's statement, made in a paid political advertisement, was in opposition to the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church.

"Every so often some person publicly professes that he is a Catholic, then makes some very un-Catholic statement, going so far sometimes even to attribute his opinion to the fact that he is a Catholic," Father McManus said. "It is obvious that such people do not speak for the Catholic Church."

The priest cited the Vatican's repeated condemnation of racism. He quoted from an October 7, 1955 edition of Osservatore Romano, official Vatican City newspaper: "Racial exclusiveness is a sin against the nature of Catholicism. It is negation of it and a blasphemy against it."

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