

Missions Face New Blocks In S. Africa

Cape Town—(NC)—The election of Hendrik F. Verwoerd as the Union of South Africa's new Prime Minister presages a period of increased difficulties for Catholic missionary work among the nation's non-white majority.

The new Premier is one of the country's most militant advocates of white supremacy and the government's policy of apartheid, strict racial segregation, which has repeatedly been denounced by South Africa's Catholic bishops.

Since he became Minister of Native Affairs in 1948 the 56-year-old native of the Netherlands has been regarded here as the chief architect of the policies heightening government control over all aspects of the lives of non-whites—the country's 11 million Negroes, Colored (mixed race) and Asians.

The Nationalist party leader introduced the legislation which gradually cut off government subsidies to Catholic and Protestant mission schools for Negroes. Under the Bantu Education Act of 1953 many mission schools have been forced to close, including six run by Catholics. The latter were forced to shut down because they were not granted registration by the Department of Native Affairs.



Bishop Kearney presides at cornerstone rites for the new church of his old parish, St. Francis Xavier, New York City.



Young lassies with smiling Irish eyes find the Bishop a genial companion.

Polio Pilgrim Walks To Lourdes

Lourdes—(NC)—Kurt Allinger, a 27-year-old Austrian polio victim whose crippled feet are supported by special braces, arrived here on a 1,500 mile walking pilgrimage from Vienna.

Mr. Allinger, who walks with great difficulty as a result of the disease he contracted when he was three months old, left his country's capital on April 30 and covered about 15 miles a day on his journey through Austria, Italy and southern France.

Purpose of his pilgrimage was to pray for his parents before the miraculous grotto of Lourdes; both were departed by the Russians in 1945 and he has had no news from them since.

Mr. Allinger plans to make the return trip to Vienna also on foot.

Vatican Cites Abortion Gains

Vatican City—(RNS)—The Vatican Radio declared here that a "great number" of women tourists now travel to Poland solely for the purpose of an abortion because of the legality of such operations in that Communist country.

BOOK SHELF

Trip To Holy Land

By Sister Margaret Teresa, Nazareth College

Once To Sinai, by Hilda F. M. Prescott, Macmillan '58. 310 pp. With maps and illustrations. (Sequel to *Friar Felix At Large or Jerusalem Journey*).

You will never regret traveling with Friar Felix to Mount Sinai and home again. You will only regret that he gets home at last and can tell you no more—though he is generous about that arrival home in his dear Ulmonthe-Danube:

"I had hardly knocked for the first time," he says, "when the Convent door was there, who knew me though the gate, and not with angry barking but with a strange and joyful howling and whining, scratched and bit at the planks as though he would tear them down . . . And when the gate was opened . . . the dog jumped almost to my chest, rejoicing with extraordinary leaping and whirring, and much tail-wagging; then off he rushed through the Convent, making a squeaking through his nose as if he were announcing the coming of his friend."

PERFECT GREETING after a year's absence?

For all of 1493 this delightful Dominican Friar had been away, and in perils in the Moslem-dominated Holy Land—such that St. Paul's were scarcely more desperate.

He had been starved, lost, jacked, frozen, bitten, robbed, left in the lurch with his bundles of vittol, "tinned" within an inch of his pocketbook, innumerable times—but he had been where he wanted to go, had stopped at the wells and towns where Jesus and Mary and Jo-

seph had lingered and passed, and to the mountain whereon God had given the Commandments to Moses, and where Katherine of Alexandria lay buried; he had climbed every attainable peak, watched every sunset, outridden donkeys and camels and stormy seas.

He had kept his vow, kept the Faith—and kept his friends!

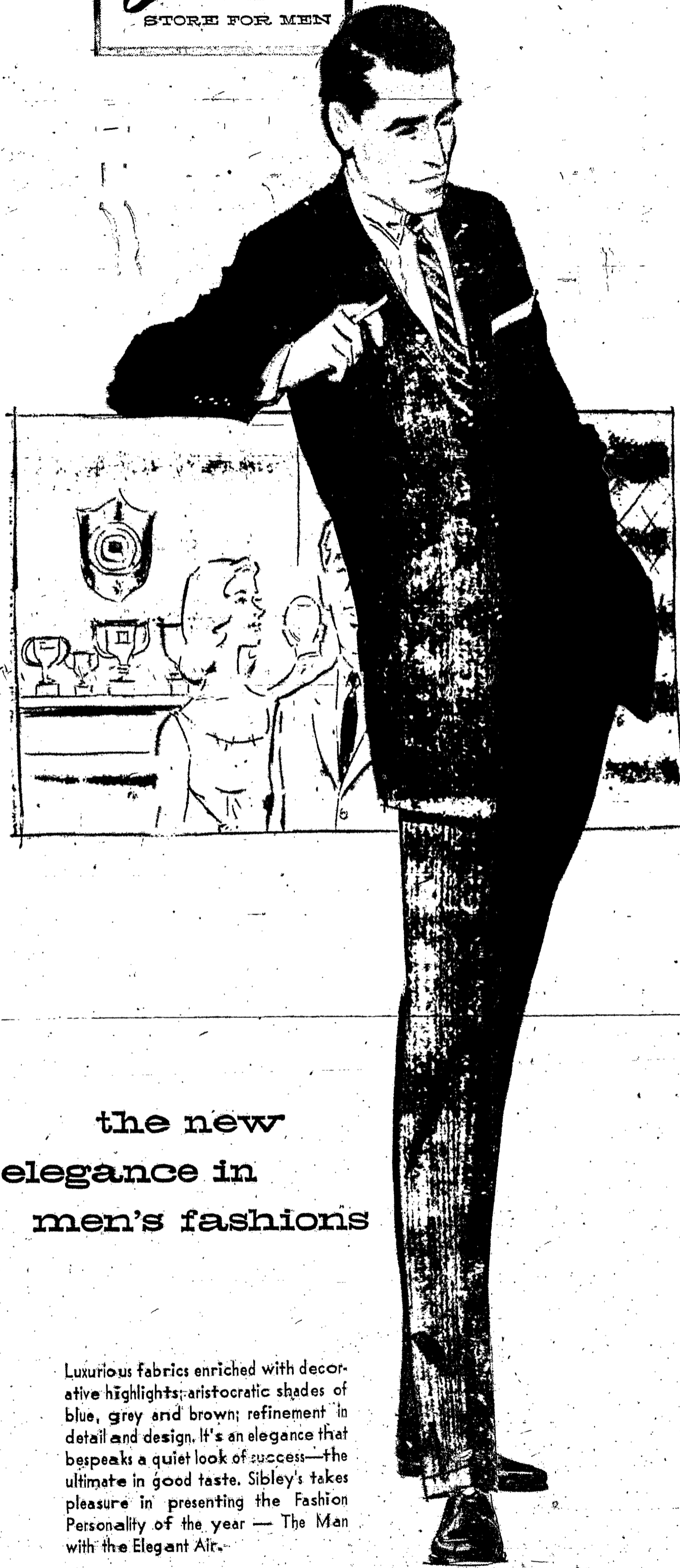
His pilgrim-friends were in three little tourist groups, sometimes separated, often together, and he was welcome to them all, this warm, resourceful, deeply devout and confidently joyous Friar-traveler.

Miss Prescott did not make him up. He is real, every detail is real, every delicious sight of Sinai Monastery, the desert, the gardens of Egypt, the cities of Cairo and Alexandria, the Aegean Isles, the east-coast of the Adriatic, Venice, the Alps, Ulm . . . and every stop of the tourists is packed with adventures.

And—Secret!—this is top scholarship, illuminated by travel. Miss Prescott has dug this out of the Friar's own homely, frequent post-medieval Latin, his highly personalized travelog, the "Evagatorium," and has filled in the gaps with similar details from other authentic travel accounts, no less independently biased in their reticence or expansiveness.



Bishop Kearney climaxes nurse training course at St. Mary's Hospital by celebrating Mass for graduates.



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