

Prelate Warns

# 'Ostrich' Catholics Threaten Peace

By RUSSELL B. SHAW

Washington (NC) — A Catholic bishop has charged that there are "too many ostriches" among U.S. Catholics in regard to "foreign affairs in general and the United Nations in particular."

"In the space age, our policy of neutralism and isolationism is a thing of the past," declared Auxiliary Bishop James H. Griffiths of New York.

Bishop Griffiths, chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on the Pope's Peace Plan, spoke (Oct. 24) at the 32nd annual conference of the Catholic Association for International Peace.

BISHOP GRIFFITHS said that many Americans, including Catholics, are "prone" to think and speak only of the weaknesses of the United Nations.

He contended that the U.N. has helped preserve peace on numerous occasions. He condemned the "bitterness," "acrimony" and "supercilious omniscience" he said

has been displayed by some U.S. Catholic critics of the U.N.

Dealing with specific criticisms of the U.N. that he said some Catholics have voiced, Bishop Griffiths first took up the charge that the international organization is "merely a sounding board for communist propaganda."

He conceded that the communist bloc has used the U.N. as an arena for winning a hearing. But he pointed out that U.N. debates are after all "a two-way street" in which the free world is heard as well.

The Bishop stated that some persons have called the U.N. hostile to religion because neither its charter nor its Universal Declaration of Human Rights contains reference to God.

However, he said, this argument on the part of Americans makes little impression on non-Christian foreigners who realize that neither the U.S. Constitu-

tion nor the Bill of Rights refer to God either.

Bishop Griffiths declared that it is hard to reconcile Catholic isolationism with the "sheer internationalism" of such worldwide relief programs as that conducted by Catholic Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Emphasizing that it is not possible "to secede from the universal solidarity of the human race," Bishop Griffiths cited the frequent statements of modern popes urging greater union among nations and the establishment of international organizations to promote unity and to safeguard world peace.

Religious Education

New Delhi (NC) — The Indian government has named a committee to study the desirability of religious and moral instruction in the country's educational institutions.



Who better than nurses can observe Nurse Week? — so four St. Joseph Hospital nurses in Elmira typify four phases of study and work as "angels of mercy." From left, Joyce Marcello, Nazareth College sophomore; Judith Sherman, senior student at the hospital; Mrs. Teresa Fitzgerald, R.N., hospital staff nurse, and Barbara Marshall, a freshman student from Penn Yan.

## Invitation To Be A Nurse

(The following article by Sister M. Ligouri of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, is published in observance of New York State Nurses' Week, Oct. 25 to 31.)

Why is it when most five-year old girls are asked about their plans for the future their answer is nearly always "I want to be a nurse?"

For many of these five-year-olds, vocational impulses change before high school is reached, but for many thousands nursing is the number one choice for a lifetime of professional and dedicated service to the ill and infirm.

In these days of tremendous population growth and startling discoveries in the field of medicine, the challenges and opportunities increase daily in this profession founded by Florence Nightingale, heroine of the Crimean War.

NEW EDUCATIONAL opportunities for professional training are being opened each year, and even though New York State has nearly 220,000 licensed and actively registered professional nurses at this time, there is still a dire shortage of professional staff nurses in hospital service, particularly in the major cities of our state.

Writing recently for a professional journal, Dorothy McMullan, director of the school of nursing at Russell Sage College in Troy, cited nursing as one of the most exciting careers due to the variety of opportunities available to the graduates of professional nursing programs.

Commenting that the opportunities are limitless whether one chooses to remain at home or seek new fields, Miss McMullan pointed to opportunities in hospital nursing, public health, schools, industry, armed forces,

Each program must be registered with the state and prepares the student to take the state licensing examination which allows her or him to practice in the state as a professional nurse with the legal title of Registered Nurse.

The most familiar type of nursing program is the hospital school of nursing where nearly 85 per cent of all student nurses in the United States are enrolled. Usually the program is three years in length and the student graduates with a diploma in nursing.

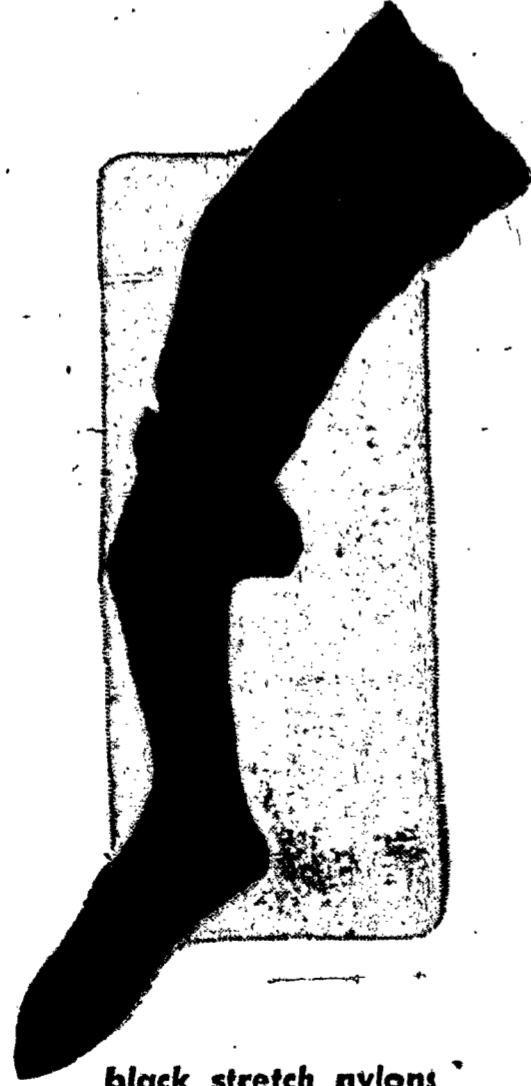
The second type of program is the four or five year collegiate program which awards a baccalaureate degree. The program is planned in its entirety by the university or college offering the program, and the facilities of hospitals and community agencies are used for clinical practice and experience.

The third and newest type of training program is the two-year program initiated within the last decade in community and junior colleges. Here, the student receives an associate degree after completing two years of work, about one-half in the general education curriculum of the college, and the remaining half in professional education conducted by the college through utilization of community hospital facilities.

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## Atonement Friars Mark Anniversary

Garrison (RNS) — Celebrations here will mark the 50th anniversary of the reception of the Society of the Atonement, formerly belonging to the Anglican communion, into the Catholic Church at Graymoor, Garrison.

A Solemn Mass of thanksgiving tomorrow will be offered in St. John's church by the Very Rev. Augustus DeLaurier, S.A., Superior General of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, as the Society is commonly known.

The Golden Jubilee is a climax to annual community feasts commemorating the acceptance by St. Pius X in 1909 of Father Paul James Francis, S.A., founder of the Society, and 15 followers. The group included Mother Lurana Mary Francis, S.A., the foundress of the Atonement Sisters.

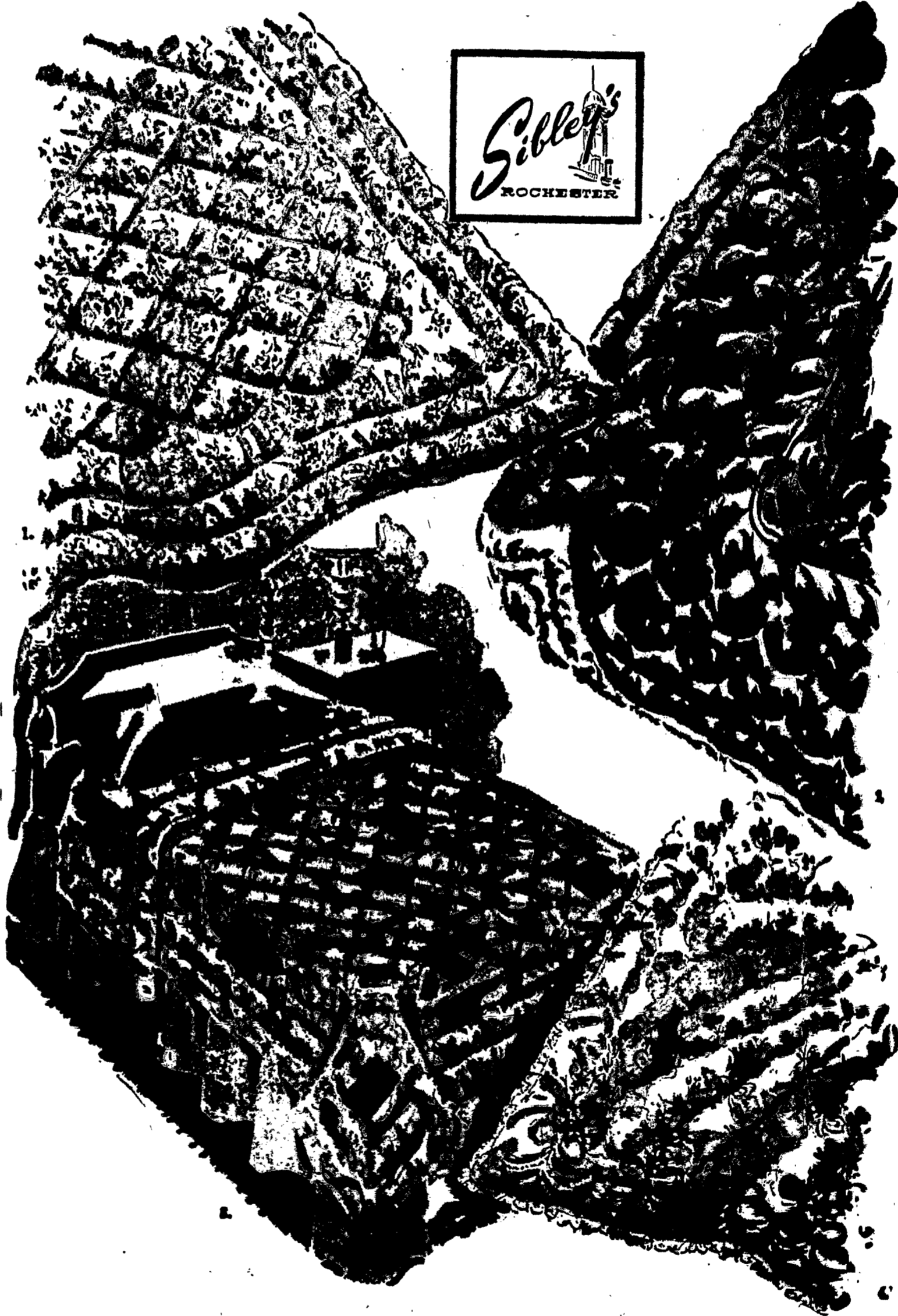
Today, the Society of the Atonement numbers some 300 friars and nearly 400 sisters who work in the United States, Canada, Japan, Ireland, Italy and England.

The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement sponsor the annual Chair of Unity Octave which was inaugurated in 1908 by Father Francis. Catholics observe the opening day of the period as the Feast of St. Peter's Chair, and the closing day as the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. During the observance Catholics across the country and throughout the world pray for Christian unity.

## Iraq College Still Open

Baghdad (NC) — Despite the political unrest which has plagued this country the Jesuit-run Baghdad College has enrolled 748 students for the current term — one of the highest enrollments in its history.

The school body is composed of 41 per cent Catholics, 40 per cent Moslems, 18 per cent Christians other than Catholics, and 1 per cent Jews.



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