

Kinks In TV Mass

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THE THREE chapel-camera men will continuously train a variety of lenses (one is a 17 inch telephoto) and other employ a zoomer effect on the ceremonies proceeding in the sanctuary. These men wear head telephones and receive a stream of quiet instructions and cues from the director in the van outside the building.

In the vestry off the sanctuary the audio engineer will control the dial which regulates the four microphones around the altar. Beside him sits a priest-commentator watching a monitor screen and speaking a quiet explanation of the liturgy to accompany the pictures which the viewers are getting at home.

Despite the technical problems involved, the TV Mass is reverently presented. "The cameras and cables and mikes are so placed that no one at the altar or in the pews will be distracted," Father Tormey said. "We even have the cameramen in the sanctuary wear a capstock to help the devotional atmosphere."

WRO-TV will use 12 men behind the scenes to televise this Mass. It takes the crew two full working days to install equipment, carry the Mass for one hour and dismantle equipment.

Teamwork in the sanctuary and around it, plus detailed planning by all hands, and the best efforts of choir, preacher, altar boys and celebrant, have one aim, Father Tormey declared, "to give honor to God and to bring the spirit of the Christmas liturgy to the homes."

No Decision On 1960 Secret

FATHER — (NC) — The Bishop entrusted with the sealed letter containing the third part of the Blessed Virgin's Fatima message said here that nothing is yet settled regarding the opening of the secret.

Bishop Jose Pereira Venancio of Leiria, whose diocese includes Fatima, noted that Sister Lucy — the sole survivor of the three children who witnessed the apparitions at Fatima in 1917 — has stated that the sealed message is not to be opened before 1960.

The Bishop said that any decision on opening the envelope containing the message — understood to be kept in the Bishop's safe — will probably not be made before the end of the year.

Anybody For Christmas In Spain?

MADRID — (RNS) — A spokesman for the Catholic People's Party movement in Spain has urged Spanish families to invite foreign residents into their homes "to share the warmth of the Christmas festivities."

Father Vicente Serrano, ecclesiastical commentator to the movement, recalled that Father Christ had first made his appeal in 1957, stressing that it does not matter whether the foreigner's skin is yellow or black.

However, the priest, in an interview published in "Ya" Spain's leading Catholic daily, commented that many Spanish families appear to be a little selfish in their celebrations.

"I hope," he added, "that this year more charity will be shown to the lonely foreigner."

St. Patrick's In The Morning

HARTFORD — (NO) — Bishop-designate Vincent J. Hines announced here that his consecration and enthronement as Bishop of Norwich will take place in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Norwich, on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1960.

India

Bright New Day For Faith

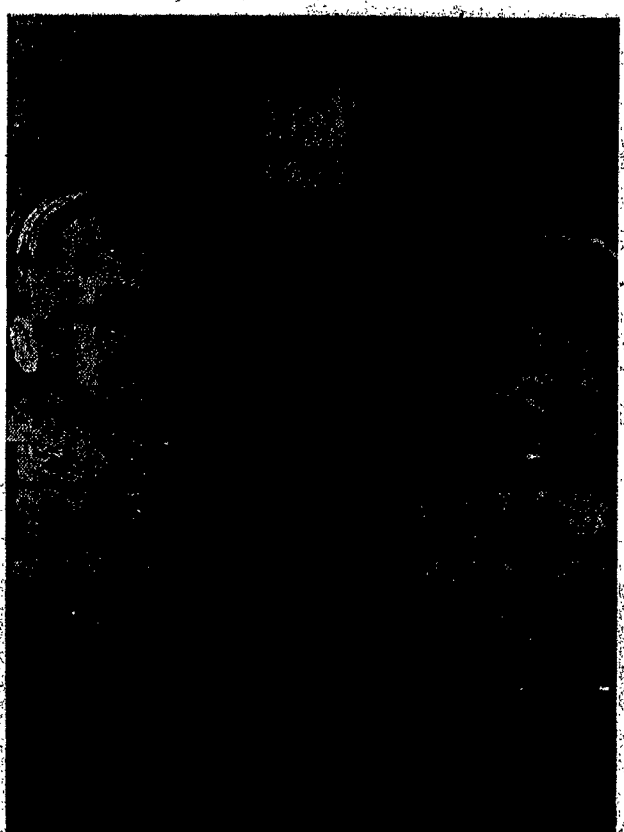
WEST BATAVIA — (NC) — The Church in India faces "the dawn of a bright new day," said a Jesuit missionary when he spent 32 years in that country.

Speaking to theology students at West Batavia College Jesuit seminary here, Father John J. Brennan, S.J., declared:

"Never before in the 400 years of Jesuit missionary activity in India has the field been so ripe for the harvest." RECENTLY returned from the Patna mission conducted by the Jesuits of the Chicago Province, Father Brennan, who was stationed at Kirt Raj (Christ the King) High School, cited the following "recent developments" as the basis of his optimistic view.

• Church leadership is passing more into the hands of native Indians. "In 1957," he noted, "only eight of the 40 Catholic Bishops of India were Indian; today, 40 out of 55 are Indian."

• Native vocations among the clergy are increasing. "The South Indian state of Kerala alone sends 400 missionaries yearly to churches



In Footsteps Of St. Nicholas

WASHINGTON — (RNS) — Apostolic Delegate Egidio Vignone, who is titular Archbishop of Myra (where St. Nicholas was a bishop), brings gifts to children at St. Ann's Orphan Home in Washington, D.C. The archbishop made the trip on the Feastday of St. Nicholas, who is patron of all children and one of the most popular saints in Christendom. In many countries he is traditionally pictured as "Santa Claus."

Tricks' Net UNICEF Aid

UNITED NATIONS — (RNS) — A check for \$200,000, representing part of the money collected on Halloween by more than two million American children participating in the "Trick or Treat" program for the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, was received here by UNICEF's executive director, Maurice Pate.

State Ponders Movie Control
ALBANY — (RNS) — A bill setting up a review system for motion pictures to determine which are suitable for children under 16 was drafted here for the 1960 legislature.

The Constitution of India, drawn up in 1947, recognizes "the right to practice, profess, own, manage, operate, maintain, and govern religious institutions to establish and operate schools." Moreover, it safeguards the right of religious minorities to establish and operate schools of their own, he said.

The caste system, "a great obstacle to conversion," is beginning to crumble. "In north India," said Father Brennan, "Christianity could make headway for the most part only with the lower castes, so it became chiefly associated with the ignorant and the outcast, making it an object of scorn for the intelligent and influential."

Influential Indians are attaching greater value to the institutions and the teachings of the Church. "Our schools," said the missionary, "are recognized as among the best in the country."
Father Brennan pointed out that Catholic schools "are educating many boys from the influential families of India."
"While comparatively few of these boys are converted in school, they are carrying away with them a sound Christian moral training and an appreciation for the Church which will greatly influence their activities and judgments as the leaders of the country in the future," he said.

Newsweek Survey Shows

Time For Catholic In White House

NEW YORK — (RNS) — If Catholic is nominated for President, the average Catholic would not vote for him unless he is convinced that the nominee is the candidate best qualified for the office, according to a nationwide Newsweek survey.

Made by the magazine's "Lifening Post," the survey also discloses that the composite Catholic voter:

• "Would like to see a Catholic run, and win, mainly to wipe out the shibboleth that no Catholic can be elected President."

• "Deeply wishes that the religious issue could be kept out of the campaign, but knows it's impossible."

• "Feels that there is far less anti-Catholicism today than in 1924 (when Al Smith ran for President), nevertheless he is frankly worried about the extent of religious bitterness that may be engendered, and sees signs of it now in the birth control issue."

• "Sometimes wonders if it might not be better to postpone a showdown for a few more years, but on balance, he would prefer to face the issue now."

• "Is worried, too, by the possibility that if a Catholic is elected any mistake he makes in the White House will be blamed on his religion, or on the Pope."

• "Sees no conflict between a President's being a loyal American and a good Catholic."

NEWSWEEK said that the Catholic views expressed across the country varied in emphasis depending on regional background, on whether the person interviewed was a priest or layman, and on local politics.

"While few would say so on the record," the magazine said, "the proportion of professional politicians who look with disfavor upon Kennedy (Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts) or any other Catholic running

in 1960, is far higher than among the rank and file.

"Primarily, of course, they want to win the Presidency, and many of them doubt that a Catholic can make it. But they are equally worried about the effect a Catholic candidate would have on their own state tickets, particularly where other Catholics are running for top state posts."

Among Catholic clergymen, Newsweek said, the question becomes an extremely delicate

one, "and most higher members of the Church hierarchy were unwilling to discuss it."

"Their attitude, in general, is that the Church should remain completely outside the political arena," the publication stated.

It quoted Bishop Coleman F. Carroll of Miami as putting it: "Religion should not enter the matter."

Newsweek said a "considerable number of priests expressed uneasiness as to a Catholic's candidacy and some frankly

hoped it wouldn't happen."

In sections of the country, New England offers the least rocky path to a Catholic Presidential candidate, the survey reveals. In the South, Catholics constitute a small percentage of the population and their political role is small. In much of the Midwest, the Catholic issue is strictly "a political one," and in the West the question of a Catholic's candidacy comes closer to being "academic," than it does in any other part of the

country.

It would appear, however, that the choices before the church schools are to remain private schools and get no state aid, to become public schools for Liberty of Education is and sell their buildings and

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The priest hurried to the spot on his motorcycle where a rioting crowd had attacked the British District Commissioner and members of his staff and

went alone and unarmed to assist the rioters. The mob, still in a dangerous mood, was looking for a burning government building after having forced the government officials to leave the island.

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School Aid Fight Smoulders On

Paris — (RNS) — In spite of the Cabinet's approval of the principle of state aid for France's private schools, the majority of which are Roman Catholic, the quarrel between the partisans of secular education and those of religious education is far from over.

The Cabinet itself only agreed on principles in order to preserve the unity of the government. It remains divided on how the projected new law for support of the private schools will be applied.

AS DETAILS of the draft law will not be debated in the Cabinet until after President Charles de Gaulle returns from his visit to Senegal, the passage is held between anti-clericals and clerical continues among parliamentarians, the political parties and the public.

Catholics are dissatisfied because the amount of state aid to the private schools has not been defined, because they fear that this is simply an interim step leading to the eventual nationalization of the church schools, and because the words "religious liberty" have not been included in the guarantee in the preamble to its proposed law.

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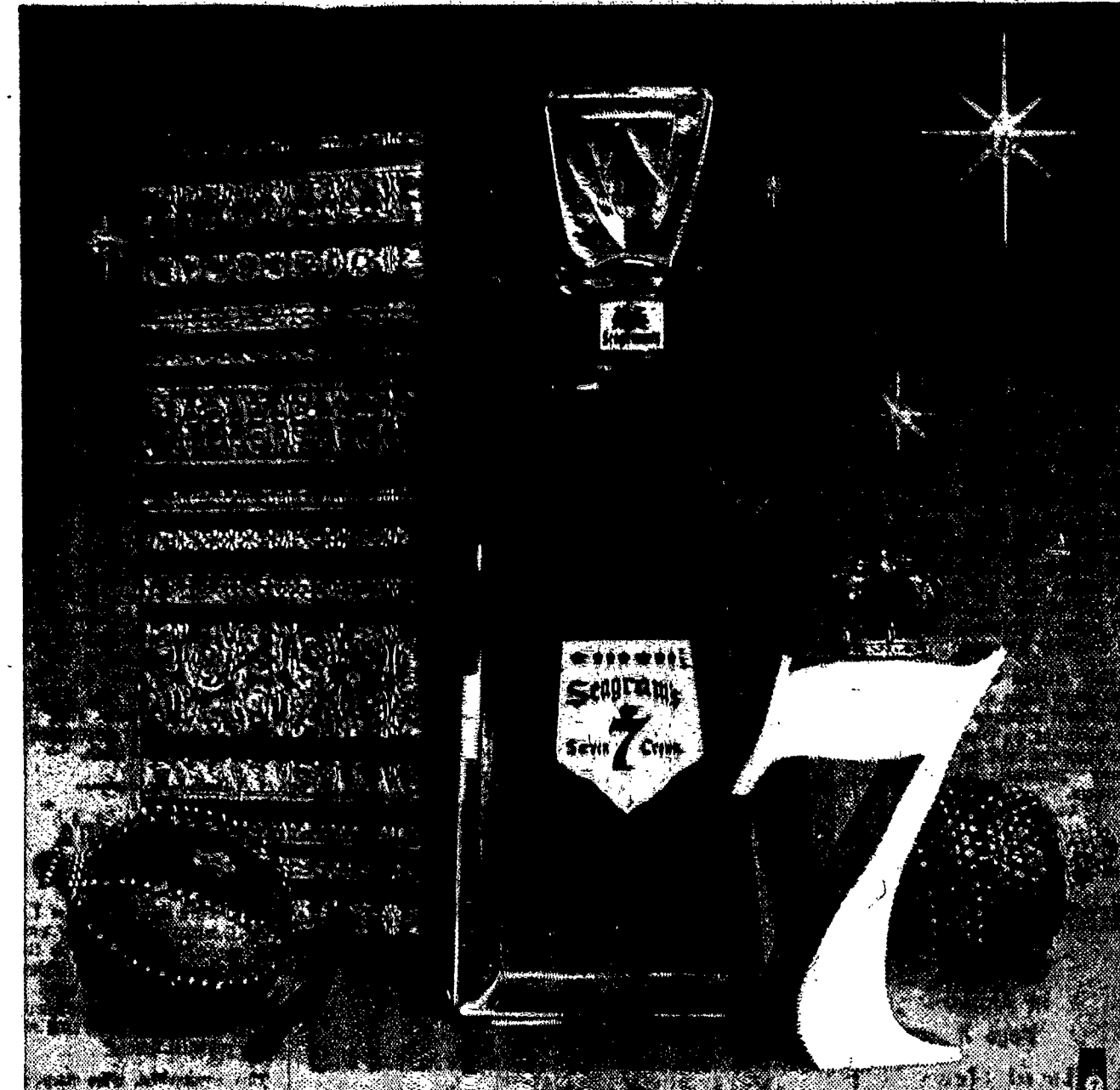
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