

Many Financing Plans Available to Help Home Owner Pay Fix-Up Costs

Home modernization and improvement projects planned for 1960 should be based on sound individual family financial plans, according to a report by the Federal Housing Administration. The report states that the success of such projects depends on the homeowner's ability to pay for them. It suggests that homeowners should consider the following factors: the cost of the project, the homeowner's income, the homeowner's credit record, and the homeowner's ability to pay for the project. The report also suggests that homeowners should consider the following financing plans: the Federal Housing Administration's Home Improvement Loan Program, the Federal Housing Administration's Home Improvement Grant Program, the Federal Housing Administration's Home Improvement Insurance Program, and the Federal Housing Administration's Home Improvement Savings Program.

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Pope Hails New Capital

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII, in a special message, hailed the inauguration of the new Brazilian capital of Brasilia in the heart of the Latin American, Portuguese-speaking nation. Describing the event as "a milestone in an already glorious history," he invoked God to make Brazil "an ever stronger, greater and freer nation, fortified by the light of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church against whatever might weaken it or detract from its greatness."

THE BATHROOM, often the most neglected room in the house when it comes to improvement, offers wonderful opportunities for modernization, with new, colorful fixtures, the newest plywood for the walls, or tile on floors and walls. Fixtures for 1960 are streamlined, decorative and colorful, with trim, easy-to-care-for virtues.

Missioner Says 'Patience' To U.S. Newsmen

By CARL A. BALCERAK
Caracas, Venezuela — (NC) — "Patience, patience," an American missionary counseled U.S. newsmen stranded in Caracas by engine trouble and a revolution. "When you're in Latin America anything may happen and you have to be patient at all times," was the calm advice given to the journalists by Father James Shannon, C.S.S.R., one of 33 Redemptorist priests stationed in Manao, Brazil.

Father Shannon was on the REAL Brazilian International airlines flight scheduled to take the journalists to the April 21 dedication of Brasilia as Brazil's new capital. But the plane developed engine trouble in Caracas and the newsmen were stranded in this city when Venezuela's short-lived revolution began early on April 20.

THE REBELLION started when some 400 troops took over Bolivar's garrison at San Cristobal about 800 miles from here. The rebels also seized two airports. The insurgents were led by Gen. Jesus Maria Castro Leon, a former Venezuelan defense minister. He was an original instigator of the revolution that ousted the dictatorial regime of President Marcos Perez Jimenez in January, 1958.

The revolt was brought under control within a day, but during that day the situation in Caracas was tense, although there were no incidents. Soldiers and civilians carrying machine guns or rifles guarded downtown buildings but did not interfere with passersby. A general strike, called by union leaders to show labor support for the government of President Romulo Betancourt, virtually shut down essential services.

First class hotels were crowded with travelers stranded by restrictions on travel, and service was hampered by the strike. During the uprising the U.S. newsmen and missionary had to face their own little crises. Father Shannon, a missionary in Brazil for three years, was returning to Manao after a three-month vacation in his home town, Oconomowoc, Wis. He was unable to get his Mass articles and traveling bag.

Most of the journalists, including six women, who had sent their extra clothing and toilet articles on to Rio de Janeiro, started a minor cooperative effort to share various articles. I lent Father Shannon my shaving equipment.

Bishop Condemns Synagogue Outrage

Fort Wayne, Ind. — (NC) — Bishop Leo A. Pursley of Fort Wayne expressed "indignation" and "outrage" over the desecration of a Jewish synagogue by vandals who painted swastikas on the building.

The vandals also broke into Enal Jacob Temple and stole an estimated \$300 from an offering box and merchandise from a gift shop. The incident occurred sometime during the night of Good Friday (Apr. 15).

In a statement issued the next day, Bishop Pursley recalled the prayers offered in Catholic churches on Good Friday for the Jewish people, and said: "IT WOULD BE rank hypocrisy to offer such a prayer and not deplore with indignation and a sense of outrage the incident... concerning the local Jewish synagogue. I do not know what has inspired this vicious and cowardly attack but I wish to condemn it publicly in the strongest possible terms."

Council Slates Traveling Forums

New York — (RNS) — Forums on race relations for all interested organizations and parishes throughout the metropolitan area were announced as a new program of the New York Catholic Interracial Council.

THE COUNCIL said that experts and officials in the field of human relations will be available to travel to various parts of the metropolitan area for participation in panels or speaking engagements.

In addition, the speaker declared his intention of turning the long-standing Thursday forums into "forums on the road." Thus, they would no longer be limited to the Council's headquarters here.

Tension In Philippines Traced To Communists

Philadelpia, Pa. — (RNS) — Communists are being smuggled into the Philippine islands to stir up dissension among Christians and Moslems, according to Catholic Bishop Francis J. McSorley, Vicar Apostolic of Jolo, Sulu Philippines.

Addressing the 12th annual dinner of the Philadelphia Holy Name Union, the prelate said he based his statement on intelligence reports.

Looking over the assembly of 1,500 men, the Philadelphia-born bishop observed that those gathered were equivalent to one-fourth of the Catholics in his vicariate, who are spread over 487 tiny islands in the southern Philippines.

REFERRING TO THE Communist's, he said, "They may think they are getting soft, but our missionaries prove the contrary." He coupled this statement with an observation on the need for missionaries, which he said would not be as great if well-meaning parents did not try to detract their children from religious vocations.

Bishop McSorley, who is on tour of the United States, emphasized that missions "need personnel, prayer and money — all of which must come from dedicated and sacrificing parishioners here at home."

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