

Radio Teaches ABC's In Brazil

Washington — (NC) — Radio stations are a key factor in combating the widespread illiteracy in Brazil, the head of a Catholic radio station in that country said here.

"Educational programs on the radio are becoming increasingly important in the lives of the millions in Brazil who cannot read or write," said Valdir Alves Coelho, director-president of Radio Planalto, Catholic radio station in Carpinia, about 20 miles from Recife, Brazil.

Mr. Coelho, who is in this country to learn about the operation of small television stations, said that in northeastern Brazil 70 per cent of the population, about 10 million, are illiterate.

"In the state of Pernambuco and in Pernambuco — where Recife is located — Radio Planalto has a possible audience of 1,400,000 people who cannot read or write," he stated. "To these people the radio is a much more important instrument than the press."

"Five years ago," he continued, "there were about five Catholic radio stations in Brazil. Now there are 60, and 10 more in the planning stage. Altogether there are 700 radio stations in the country and 18 television stations."

Asked how Radio Planalto reaches the people, Mr. Coelho replied, "Musically."

"Our audience is a simple people, most of them illiterate," he explained. "They want to be entertained."

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

"Blessed souls, which is greater, the gift or the altar that consecrates the gift?" (Matt. 23:19)

These words of Our Lord are not often quoted. He uttered them as He drew near to the Hour of His Cross. Having begun His Public life with the eight Beatitudes or Blessings, He now ends it with the eight denunciations or woes to the Scribes and Pharisees.

Our Lord was here referring to the Book of Exodus which describes how the altar, dedicated with great ceremony, became the center of sacrificial worship. It was the holy altar which made the gift sacred, not the other way around. The Pharisees contended that the gift was more worthy than the altar of God which sanctified the gift.

Bread and wine are not holy in themselves being served on countless tables of the world. But bread and wine on the altar not only become sanctified through the words of the priest, they become the Body and Blood of Christ.

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Thus it will be the altar that will sanctify your gift. This is the best way to make a convert of one of your family — by making possible the conversion of others. You cannot give to a nobler charity anywhere.

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BIG MAN ON CAMPUS

BOOK SHELF

Nun's Retreat

By SISTER MARGARET TERESA
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Retreat Notes for Religious, by Edward Leen, C. S. S. P. Kennedy '59 (Mercer '59, Dublin, My Last Retreat), 142 pp.

Of special interest to Retreatants lay or religious is this series of 24 conferences delivered by the celebrated Father Leen in August, 1944. At the close of the following October he was ill. In November he died, having "announced with certainty his forthcoming death in the manner of a man giving notice of a business engagement."

NOTES TAKEN DOWN by a listener have an unavoidable dryness and jerkiness; an author's own style has all sorts of possible substitutions for voice, smile, eyes, gesture, inflection. But Father Leen's thoughts are so direct and basic that they cut right through the dryness. They are sometimes so sublime that the dryness flames. They rise again and again in the mind like aspirations.

Father Leen wanted everybody's business engagement, day after day, to be with God. An urgent, single-minded jumping to God in all events, on all occasions, an effort to do everything not for our own pride but for His pleasure, a life really handed over, really lived as a member of His Body — this is the strong aim of each conference.

The author puts no one on the back for making a Retreat for living a good life for giving one's life to God — on the contrary, each of these accomplishments calls for more accomplishment. Father Leen holds out no respite, no comfort except that of the Comforter, the Dulce Retegium, the Holy Ghost.

A Retreat must here and now be just one thing, a real beginning. THE "STORY" of a professional man in the world is typical. "His history was most peculiar. He had reached the age of thirty-five, was an ordinary good practicing Catholic. He fell ill, and from the symptoms he felt he was seriously ill. His doctor sent him to London to Harley Street. Here a doctor examined him but then sent him on to another doctor.

After this second examination the doctor went out to ring up the first doctor, and by mistake left the door of the telephone booth open. The man overheard the conversation and gathered from it that his condition was serious, and that he had only a short time to live. He did not pretend, but took the instructions given him and returned home. On the way, he began to think seriously on

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Bishops Reply To Queries On Council

Vatican City — (RNS) — Ninety-four per cent of Europe's Roman Catholic bishops have already replied to a circular letter sent out by Domenico Cardinal Tardini, Vatican Secretary of State, asking for advice and suggestions regarding the coming Ecumenical Council, the cardinal's office reported.

It said replies from other world regions amount to 82 per cent from Central America, 89 per cent from Africa, 88 per cent from North America, 89 per cent from Asia, 83 per cent from Latin America, and 71 per cent from Oceania and the South Pacific.

So far Germany is the only country where prelates and various ecclesiastical institutions have replied 100 per cent to Cardinal Tardini's letters.

Germany is followed by Spain, with a 98.4 per cent response; France with a 96.5 per cent; Italy with 94, and the United States, India and Argentina with 90, 84.1 and 82.3 per cent, respectively.

Cardinal Tardini received a collective reply from all the West German bishops making suggestions for the Council. Other replies are coming in from many distant arches and from Iron Curtain countries.

First Negro Passionist

Louisville, Ky. — (NC) — The first Negro priest in the history of the U. S. Passionist Fathers was ordained here by Bishop Cuthbert O'Garra, C.P.S., Bishop of Xuanling, China.

He is Father Jerome Brooks, C.P. A native of Houston, Texas, he will offer his first Solemn Mass there on June 28. Father Brooks was ordained June 16 at the major seminary of western province of the Passionist seminary in Los Angeles.

Church Rises From War Ruins

Warsaw — (RNS) — Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, Primate of Poland, officiated at the solemn rededication of St. John's Cathedral here which was destroyed during the war but later rebuilt.

Catechism In Color With Music To Learn By

New York — (RNS) — The Baltimore Catechism, a doctrinal primer used by generations of American Catholics, has been dramatized in the form of colored filmstrips with accompanying dialogue and music.

PRODUCED under the sponsorship of the Very Rev. John A. Flynn, C.M., president of St. John's University here, the filmstrip series was ten years in preparation and involved an outlay of \$300,000. It will be known as the St. John's Catechism.

Bishop Charles P. Green of Alexandria, La., national episcopal chairman of the Conference of Christian Doctrine, hailed the filmstrips' completion as "a significant milestone in the 75-year history of the Baltimore Catechism."

He predicted that the filmstrips "will contribute in a major way to the fuller understanding of Catholic teachings among both young and old for many years to come."

Designed as an "aid" for religious and lay catechists, the filmstrips portray Catholic doctrine in relation to home and school activities that children readily comprehend. The series also will be translated into Spanish and French.

Traffic Priest

One of the busiest men in Munich these days is Father Franz von Talenbach, S.J., who is in charge of technical aspects of rail and automobile traffic for the 27th International Eucharistic Congress, to be held from July 31 to August 7.

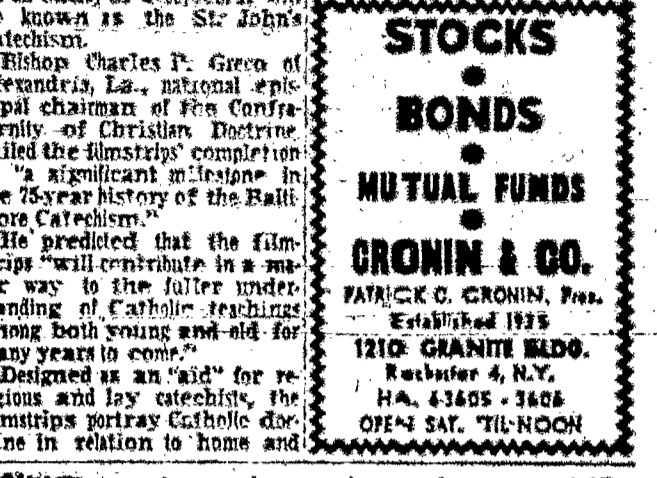
Missioners Ask More Vernacular

At the same time, the Ordinaries set in motion a plan to study the various Catholic rites and a way to adapting them to local customs. They announced that a special commission is being set up to make the translation and to study the question of adapting the various rites.

Many missionaries have long held that the use of the vernacular language in church ceremonies and the adaptation for "Christianizing" certain local observances would aid both in making the teachings of the Church more readily acceptable to pagans, and in intensifying the religious life of Catholics.

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