

# Laos Town Target Of Red Drive

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Thakhek, Laos — (NC) — This little riverside town has become a prime target of communist Pathet Lao forces and a pivotal point of the Laotian crisis.

When I arrived here (April 18), the streets were almost deserted and most shops were shuttered. The communists were then reportedly only 15 or 20 miles to the east. Most of the population had fled, some across the Mekong river to Thailand. Ferryboats crowded with refugees had increased the fare fourfold.

ONLY ONE missionary departed. Told by his superiors to go, Father Odillon Malaval, M.E.P., aged 88, crossed the river from Laos where he had spent 62 years. The "younger" priests, from Father Albert Lacombe, aged 82 here since 1907, down to men a few years ordained, remain headed by Bishop Jean Arnaud, M.E.P., Vicar Apostolic of Thakhek. The Bishop was a prisoner of the communist Vietnam more than eight months in 1954. He was busy confirming out in a country village the day I reached Thakhek.

The Pathet Lao drive towards Thakhek threatened to bring communist forces to the Mekong river, frontier of Thailand. It also threatened to divide Laos completely about level with communist North Vietnam's lower border.

This would express communist defiance of the non-communist world more forcibly than any other recent development in Laos.

Laotian soldiers and civilians here insist there are about 2,000 North Vietnam troops, including some of the Thai race, with the Pathet Lao east of here.

THE DEFENSE stiffened after the first few days. People were gradually returning now. More shops were reopening.

A ceasefire would freeze the opposing forces in their existing positions. Hence the Pathet Lao advance toward Thakhek while the Russians were stalling on ceasefire proposals leaves a situation that will not pass with this tense week.

# 80th Birthday Marked In Geneva For Businessman

Geneva — Darryl Chacchia, prominent retired businessman, celebrated his 80th birthday at a family party at his home, 52 Genesee St.

Mr. Chacchia conducted a real estate insurance business here for a number of years. He was born in Biccari, Italy, province of Foggia, on April 20, 1881. He came to this country in 1901 and was married to Rosemary Viglione on Dec. 3, 1905, in St. Francis de Sales Church, in St. Francis de Sales.

The ceremony was performed by the late Rev. William A. McDonald, then pastor of the church. Mr. Chacchia acted as city interpreter for 18 years as Ontario County Court interpreter for 20 years. He conducted a real estate and insurance agency, and since his retirement about five years ago, the business D. Chacchia and Son, Inc., has been operated by his son, S. Danny Chacchia, and his daughter, Miss Edith Chacchia.

Mr. and Mrs. Chacchia have two sons, M. Maurice Chacchia, Ontario County District Attorney, S. Danny Chacchia, and four daughters, Mrs. Armand Felicetti, Mrs. Anthony Quarataro, Mrs. Joseph Crupi, and Miss Edith Chacchia.

# Students Visit Buffalo Convent

The students of the senior school of the Academy of the Sacred Heart traveled by motorcade on April 26, to visit the new convent of the Sacred Heart which will be opened in Buffalo in September.

The Society of the Sacred Heart opened a house in Buffalo in 1850, the first in this part of the world. But after several years of many trials, including cholera epidemics, it was decided to transfer the school to Rochester in 1855. Rochester was then in the Buffalo diocese. After an absence of 105 years, they are returning to open a school next September with 5th, 6th, 7th, and 9th classes for the first year.

# Ex-Genovan Named To Sibley's Post

Geneva — Appointment of Robert Marion of Rochester, formerly of Geneva, as buyer of Sibley's Five Garden Stores was announced by Arthur O'Brien, president of Sibley, Lindsay and Curr Company of Rochester. Marion was graduated from Geneva High School in 1952. He received his A.S. and B.S. degrees from Rochester Institute of Technology in 1959 and also studied at the University of Rochester.

Following graduation he served in various departments throughout the store in junior executive capacities. He is a member of Rochester Junior Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion.



SPRING SALE conducted by the Sisters of Mercy will be held May 11. Looking over some of the sale items are from left, Mother Bride; Mrs. Walter B. Hickey, chairman, and Mother Antonia.



# The Date Book

## Cabrini Circle

Ham supper for the scholarship fund will be conducted by Mother Cabrini Circle, Wednesday, May 3, at Montgomery Center, 192 Clarissa St. Serving will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Donation, \$1.65. Children's portions served, seventy-five cents. Reservations appreciated but not necessary may be made with Mrs. Harriet Schuyler, ID 6-6255 or Mr. James A. Rains, CO. 6-8492.

## Pius XII K. of C.

Pope Pius XII Council, Knights of Columbus in Irondequoit will conduct Annual Spring Dance, Saturday, April 29, at Rochester Yacht Club. Dancing begins at 9 p.m. with a buffet lunch around midnight. Deputy Grand Knight Burke Atkinson is chairman.

## St. Rose Grads

Plans for a June luncheon were made at meeting of Rochester Chapter of College of St. Rose Alumnae, April 27, at home of Miss Kay Behringer, 32 Vick Park. B. Mrs. Arthur Connor, president, will receive report of nominating committee under chairmanship of Mrs. John Velle. After business meeting Miss Behringer showed slides of trip to western United States.

## Help Society

Perpetual Help Society benefit card party, Wednesday, May 3, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Hospital. Mrs. William Woodside, chairman.

## Capri Dance

Open House Dance will be conducted by Capri Club of Rochester, composed of unmarried adult Catholics in Columbus Civic Center ballroom from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30. Len Hawley's orchestra will play. Refreshments. All adult Catholics invited. Miss Marion Goschke and Paul Schriber will head hostess and host committee.

## Mission Guild

Catholic Mission Guild Annual dinner, May 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Roosevelt, 267 Oxford St. Mrs. Herman Loxford, chairman; Miss Ruth Martin, co-chairman; Mrs. W. J. Wakefield, toastmistress; Mrs. Walter Seleski, Mrs. Frank Brown, publicity; reservations, Mrs. John Duckett, RE. 5-2964 to be made by May 3. Installation of officers by Mrs. Joseph Ritz, honorary president; Rev. Elmer W. Heindl, spiritual advisor. New officers: Mrs. John Duckett, president; Mrs. Frank Ruckert, Mrs. Frank Kiley, Mrs. Walter Seleski, Mrs. Frank Brown, vice presidents; Mrs. George Gleichauf, recording secretary; Mrs. Gilbert Ernst, financial secretary; Miss Ruth Martin, treasurer; Mrs. Alfred Croft, board chairman.

## Scotland Guild

Rev. Richard Roth, S.A., of Graymoor, moderator will celebrate the annual Mass, May 7, at Our Lady of Victory Church at 8:30 a.m. It will be announced at St. Margaret of Scotland Guild, May 1 in the meeting rooms, Ridge Road W. at 8 p.m. Breakfast after the May 7 Mass will be served at Treadway Inn, East Ave. Pipe Major Joseph Nicol will entertain on the bagpipes and will accompany several small Scotch Dancers, children of members. Friends may make reservations with members. The Guild will conduct a Rummage Sale, Friday, May 5, at 200 Main St. West. Donations will be accepted at the store Thursday, May 4, after 6 p.m. or will be picked up by members.

## AOH Invitation

Joint Initiation for Divisions 2 and 7, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Sunday, April 30, at the home, 49 Alexander St., is scheduled after Monroe County Board meeting reported many

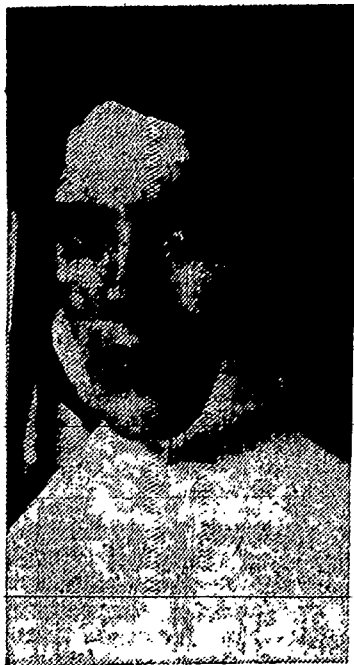
applications on hand. State Treasurer Walter Anderson will attend the ceremony. Lunch will be served by Ladies Auxiliary members, County President Mrs. Ann Shannon, chairman. Activities will start at approximately 4 p.m.

## Webster LCBA

Annual Mothers and Daughters banquet Tuesday, May 2, at 8:30 p.m. in Holy Trinity School Hall, Webster. Young folks will furnish a program of dances and music. Adult members invited to bring their daughters, even though the children may not be members. Juvenile members are welcome to bring mother to supper even if she doesn't belong. Committee furnishes some of the meal and will charge a small collection to cover the costs. Dishes are solicited to pass and complete menu. Reservations are being taken by Chairman Mary Morse, Webster 633-M.

## Staff Auxiliary

St. Mary's Staff Auxiliary will entertain the house staff at the annual Dinner Dance at Locust Hill Country Club. Mrs. Maurice J. Gormican and Mrs. Anthony Saell are co-chairmen. Mrs. Edward J. Schnorr and Mrs. Donald Koerner have charge of reservations.



SISTER JOSEPH EILEEN

## Awarded Grant

A Fellowship to Loyola University in Chicago has been awarded to Sister Joseph Eileen, S.S.J., who will begin work on her Doctorate degree in History at Loyola in September, according to the Rev. Stephen Dollard, S.J., Dean of the Graduate School. Sister Joseph Eileen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royal M. Conheady of 140 Curtis Street. She did her undergraduate and graduate work at Nazareth College of Rochester and is a member of Pi Gamma Mu. She has been a member of the History department at Saint Agnes High School since 1954.

## Students March For Faith

Siena, Italy — (RNS)—Five thousand Roman Catholic Christianization of modern civilization. The movement has its headquarters in Assisi, the historic city of St. Francis.

Greeting the marchers in the cathedral was Giacomo Cardinal Lercaro, Archbishop of Bologna, who told them they should "follow the same road of intellectual movement founded of faith throughout your lives, in 1939 by Don Giovanni Rossi so that you may ever be urged to help bring about the re-

on to greater acts of devotion."

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# Annual Sale Planned By Sisters Of Mercy

The Sisters of Mercy spring sale will be conducted Friday, May 11, in the gymnasium of Our Lady of Mercy High School. Sponsored by the Mercy Guild, the affair is open to the public from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 11 p.m.

Mrs. Walter B. Hickey, chairman, is assisted by Mrs. Justin Williams, president of the Mercy Guild, and Mrs. Harold Winfish, first vice-president.

A homemade baked goods sale will be one of the major attractions, featuring homemade bread from the convent kitchens among other varieties. The home economics class will conduct a candy sales, specializing in homemade fudge.

Twenty booths will vend a variety of ware including: fancy goods, children's and babies' outfits, religious articles, original stationery and cards designed by the Sisters of Mercy, home furnishings, aprons, handkerchiefs, flowers and plants, toys, and mystery packages. A variety of skill games will provide amusement for children. Refreshments will be served.

Mother Mary Bride is coordinator of the project. Proceeds will be used to help defray the cost of the new Catherine McAuley College building, according to Mother Mary Magdalene, mother general of the Sisters of Mercy.

Communism Course schools in New York State to Albany, N.Y. — (NC) — Gov. offer a course in "Communism Nelson Rockefeller has signed, and its Methods and Destructive into law a bill permitting high effects."

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