



Mid-term examinations kept youngsters glued to books and study this week. The tests in diocesan schools began yesterday and stretch through this coming week. Friday, Jan. 26, will be a holiday. At Aquinas, Thomas Rossi and Gregory Conchelos complete required lab experiments and, at Mercy, Kathy Tieney and Anne Growney find a library nook is a good place to gain needed knowledge.

Cannibalism Stalks Congo

Nineteen Missionaries Brutally Massacred

Savage, primitive cruelty underlines the story of nineteen missionaries massacred in the Congo on New Year's Day. First accounts were sketchy; details are still not complete — the story is probably worse than we can imagine it.

Pope John in his Wednesday noon audience said, "We have returned to the beginnings of mankind with brother killing brother."

He blamed no one. "Our heart is heavy with sorrow but empty of hate. It is filled with charity and pardon."

The victims included 11 European priests, members of the Holy Ghost Fathers. Seven African nuns and an undetermined number of civilians were also reported tortured, machine-gunned and then dismembered — hands cut off, eyes gouged. . . . Parts of the bodies were eaten.

Seminarians forced to witness the carnage were then ordered to throw the remnants of the bodies into the nearby Luabala River.

Scene of the butchery was Kongolo in northern Katanga province and close to the border of Kivu province.

President Moise Tshombe of the secessionist Katanga province claimed U.S. supplied U.N. troops forced him to pull back from Kongolo and first reports said soldiers of the Congo central government were guilty of the massacre. Later accounts, however, said the guilty troops were loyal to leftist Antoine Gizenga, head of another rebel regime at Stanleyville.

In Leopoldville, Congo Premier Cyrille Adoula said he received reports that the priests and nuns were murdered by Gizenga's Stanleyville forces. He also announced Gizenga's ouster as vice-president of the Central Congo government.

Gizenga troops were reported last autumn as involved in the massacre of 13 Italian airmen serving with the U.N. forces.

Religious News Service said a seminarian escaped the Congo slayings to report the story to Bishop Louis Van Steene of Bukavu, a town 25 miles northeast of Kongolo.

He said the troops told the witnesses, "The priests are poisoning the minds of our youth," and then beat them, tormented them and then killed them with automatic weapons.

No names were given but the priests were listed by Vatican officials as Belgian, Dutch and one German. The Kongolo mission was organized by the Holy Ghost Fathers in 1907 and made a diocese in 1959. The order was founded in 1703 with headquarters in Paris and has a territorial province centered in Pittsburgh.

Those who have blamed the United Nations for interfering in the Congo will now probably blame the U.N. for not interfering enough. In mid-December, Pope John stated, "Just as it was about to harvest, from political independence, the long the Negro lies largely in the awaited fruits of comfort and peaceful effort, behold this oppressed land is bathed in blood. . . . We turn prayerfully to those who can and must inter-

vene with unbiased help and bush the army of warriors must with the light of right to aid in re-establishing peace in this country."

Whether the blame for the massacre is pinned finally to Gizenga, Tshombe or Adoula is now quite irrelevant. Stable government in the Congo has ceased to exist and both prayer and political action are needed to establish it lest the terror to the fight. Everywhere in the continue.



Come to Help Us

Ranrahires, Peru — (RNS) — Villagers in the Ranrahires area erect a wooden cross in a plowed field only 500 yards from the site of a massive avalanche that killed 3,000 people. Only 50 of the 500 inhabitants of Ranrahires survived a massive avalanche as it dropped suddenly from Mt. Huascaran, a 22,000-foot extinct volcano, and crashed through other settlements in a valley below. The death toll in the disaster has been placed between 3,000 and 4,000. Mayor Alfonso Caballero of Ranrahires, one of the survivors, made a brief speech at the raising of the cross, calling upon other survivors and "those who want to come to help us" to rebuild the village.

'Vicious Circle' Traps Negroes

Davenport — (RNS) — A Catholic priest called upon Christians here to "break the vicious circle" in employment and housing in which Negroes are trapped.

Father Marvin Mottet, chaplain of the Davenport Catholic Interparish Council, told a Knights of Columbus group:

"WE CONDEMN Negroes for being undereducated or ill-mannered and then we deny them the very means of overcoming these faults: decent housing and equal rights in employment."

Asserting that the future of the Negro lies largely in the hands of whites, Father Mottet pointed out that Negroes constitute a political minority and therefore cannot assure their own rights. "They depend on fair and decent whites, and the trouble is that most of these people have remained silent," he said.

Christians in particular, who have the clear teaching of Christ on loving their neighbors, have the duty to end racial discrimination, the priest added.

Father Mottet said employment is a key area. "Negroes are the last hired and the first fired," he continued. "They are the first affected when automation puts people out of work. Lacking equal opportunity in employment, the priest said, the Negro finds it difficult, if not impossible, to raise his status to the point of challenging other forms of discrimination."

He said that people who practice discrimination are irrational because they refuse to look beyond a person's skin to determine his real abilities or qualities.

"Psychologists say that racial prejudice is in many cases unconscious," he added. "That is why it is difficult to eradicate. We must first admit that we are prejudiced before we can do anything about it."

"Authorities say that the home is the greatest source of racial prejudice. If this is true, parish, Morrisstown.

Peace Corps Best Foreign Aid Program

Chicago — (NC) — The new nations of Africa vitally need educational assistance and economic aid, an African affairs expert said here.

Richard J. Houck, chairman of the DePaul University geography department, warned that when education lags too far behind political independence, "chaos can — and does — result."

Houck praised the U.S. Peace Corps program in his Charles Carroll Forum lecture (Jan. 14). He said spending U.S. funds on such projects "does more good than any other phase of our foreign aid."

Ogdensburg Mission Rite

Ogdensburg — (NC) — A departure ceremony here on January 29 for two priests leaving for missionary work in Peru will be the first such ceremony to be held in the 90-year history of the Ogdensburg diocese.

Bishop James J. Navagh of Ogdensburg will preside at the ceremony in St. Mary's cathedral. The two priests are Father Roger Martin of Sacred Heart parish, Edwards, and Father Paul Hagan of St. John's parish, Morrisstown.

Monuments and Markers for Holy Sepulchre

The February Catholic Digest will soon be available in parish pamphlet racks and at newsstands. A review of the article will be printed in the Courier Journal as soon as the magazine is published.

The City and Diocese of Rochester will be featured in an article in the February edition of the Catholic Digest, the magazine's editors announced this week.

The six page article was written by Dave Warner, sports writer for the Democrat and Chronicle. Besides numerous freelance articles, Warner also authored a book on Terry Brennan of Notre Dame, his alma mater.

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Two Billion Aid For All Colleges Loans to Parish Schools

Catholic colleges are in line to share in a two billion dollar federal aid program but an added two billion, three hundred million dollars will by-pass parochial grade and high schools.

The two massive federal aid to education proposals — lumped together and pigeon-holed by Congress last year — are scheduled for Congressional action at the current session.

Catholic youngsters below the college level still have hope for "back door" government aid, in the form of loans for their schools to build science and health facilities.

Separating the aid-to-all-colleges and aid-to-public-schools only into two separate bills was decided on when Congressional Democratic leaders met with President Kennedy Tuesday morning.

Senate majority leader Mike Mansfield said he expects the Senate to begin action on the college aid proposal the last week in January. The Senate passed the public school aid measure last year.

House Speaker John McCormack said chances for approval of school legislation appeared better by dividing the two proposals. It is logical to move this way, he said, because "from the tactical angle, opposition to the higher education bill is not as strong as to the general education bill."

The administration's college aid bill, introduced last session, is pending in the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee and in the House Rules Committee.

It would make available nearly two billion dollars in five years in matching grants and loans to all colleges — public and private — for construction and for a scholarship program.

McCormack expressed confidence that the Rules Committee would clear the college aid bill for debate.

The Speaker told reporters that the timetable does not mean that there will not be a determined effort for the general education bill.

Asked if President Kennedy agreed to the strategy, he replied that "it was not discussed except in a general way."

The "back door" hope for loans to parochial schools received new life in President Kennedy's State of the Union message to Congress last week. He repeated his plea for federal aid for public school construction and teachers' salaries and said his last year's proposal "offered the minimum amount required by our needs and — in terms of across-the-board aid — the maximum scope permitted by our constitution."

His phrase about "across-the-board aid" hinted a willingness to go along with the U.S. Catholic bishops demand for at least loans for their schools.

Two other federal projects to strengthen the nation's educational life were announced yesterday by Abraham Ribicoff, secretary of the Cabinet Department of Health, Education and Welfare, — one to improve "educational quality" and the other aimed at "reduction of adult illiteracy."

The quality improvement proposal — rumored to be the administration's substitute if Congress again refuses general aid to public schools — calls for authorization of \$20,000,000 in 1963.

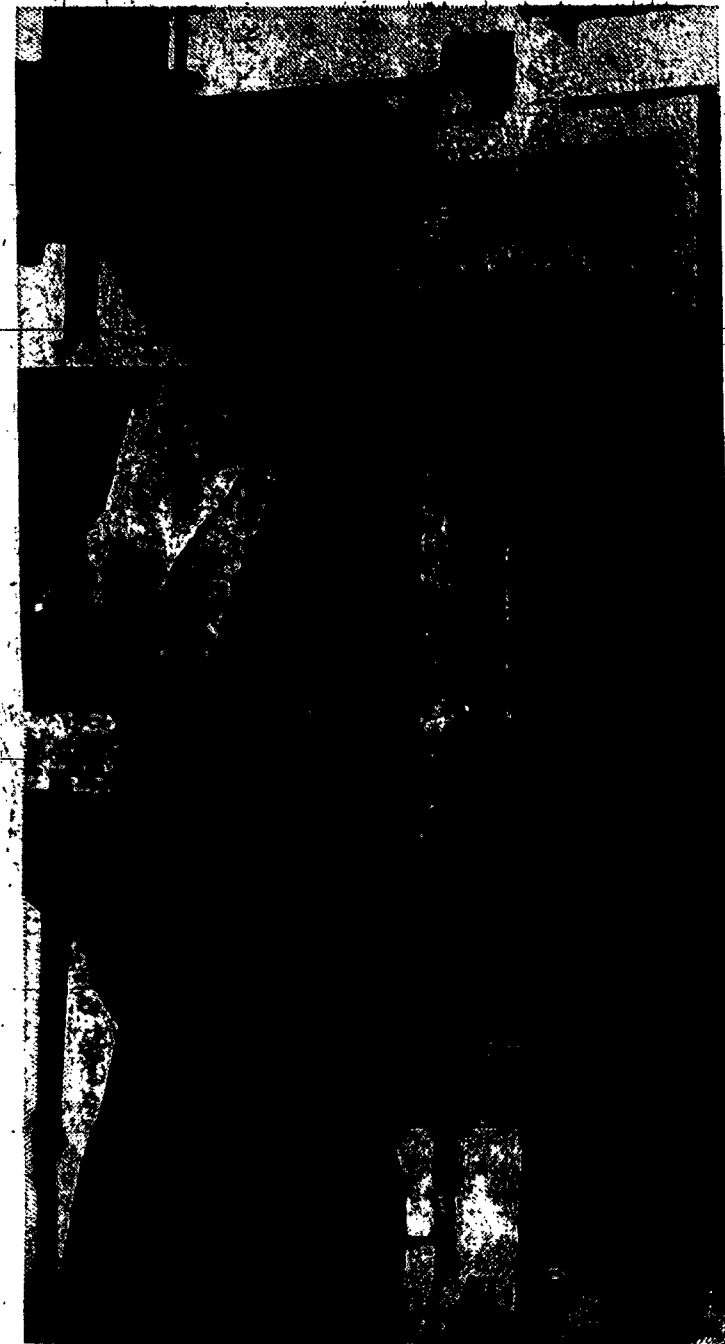
Ribicoff said the proposal would establish study institutes for elementary and secondary school teachers, would provide scholarships for teachers for one year of college-level study, would make grants to colleges and universities to strengthen teacher education programs and would make grants to states "to improve the quality of instruction."

Ribicoff's explanation of the quality improvement proposal drew no distinction between public schools and private schools or their teachers.

He said the adult illiteracy proposal would provide about five and a half million in grants and contracts to develop teaching materials and methods for adult illiterates.

The Secretary also renewed his appeal for passage of federal aid to help construction by medical and/or dental schools, a bill introduced in the past session of Congress and still in committee.

This \$765 million, ten-year program proposed in this bill includes aid for both public and private medical or dental schools.



Wings of Love

Belmont, N.C. — (RNS) — Benedictine Father Martin Hayes combines his hobby of pigeon racing with his duties as a professor of moral theology and business administration at Belmont Abbey College, N.C. A member of the Belmont Abbey community for more than 21 years, he is shown here on his daily visit to Wings of Love, his pigeon loft on the abbey farm. Father Hayes is racing secretary of the Gaston County (N.C.) Homing Pigeon Club.

Automation Less Work, More Sports

Montreal — (NC) — Paul Emile Cardinal Leger predicted "a transformation" of social life in the next ten years, with leisure time activities such as spectator sports becoming increasingly important.

The Archbishop of Montreal addressed 40 leading Montreal professional and amateur athletes who had gathered to recite the Rosary with the Cardinal and receive his blessing.

THEY INCLUDED representatives of the Canadiens, Montreal's National Hockey League team; the Alouettes, Montreal's professional football team; baseball, swimming, track and field, harness racing and other athletes.

Cardinal Leger predicted automation and a work week of four days will be in effect in ten years. He advised parents to prepare themselves for the same use of the extra hours of leisure. He suggested that they should have a hobby and that there be participation in healthy sports.

Leisure, he said, should not be confused with laziness, and sane, healthy recreation should provide a solution to a problem which otherwise could become tragic.

Noting the presence of Jacques Plante, colorful goal tender, and Claude Provost, top scorer, both of the Canadiens, Cardinal Leger recalled how he often uses a hockey game to illustrate his talks to children.

"When a child sees me putting on my episcopal vestments, he often asks me why all this paraphernalia," the Cardinal said. "I never fail to reply that they never see Jacques Plante going into the Canadiens nets only in his shirt sleeves."

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Problems Facing Negro Topic for Tuesday

Four speakers will be featured at the Rochester Catholic Interracial Council meeting at Immaculate Conception school hall Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 8 p.m.

Their topic will be "Problems Confronting the Negro Community in Rochester."

The four speakers will be William Stewart of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children; Edgar Lambert, housing committee chairman of the local NAACP; Miss Margaret Kenny, principal of public school number five, and Miss Mary Hannick, director of the Genesee Settlement House. The public is invited.

Moslem Pressure Fails To Halt Vocations

Khartoum — (NC) — This as Brothers are, however, missionarily Moslem Arab section of the Sudan is contributing its first citizens to Catholic religious life.

Eight young men who have made their solemn profession

THE ACTION of the eight Sudanese in entering the religious life took place against the current background of severe suppression of all non-Moslem religious life throughout the Sudan since its independence in 1956.

Church schools have been confiscated by the government. No new missionaries have been allowed to enter the country, and some of the resident missionaries have been expelled. Contacts by priests with their people are sharply restricted. Parents seeking to have children baptised must get permission from the police, after getting applications that must be signed by the village chief.

This is part of a campaign to link Christianity and its representatives with colonialism. Opposition to this government effort can often mean loss of jobs by Christians.