

### Awards, Dinner In Seneca Falls

Seneca Falls — St. Patrick's Guild and Altar Society held a luncheon dinner in the school hall Monday, Jan. 15, at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Carmen Martello was chairman.

Charles Ellis showed films of the group's Christmas party. Mrs. Leona Bayer, president, will conduct a business meeting after the film show.

### Knights To Fete Auxiliary Women In Seneca Falls

Seneca Falls — The Knights of Columbus Council 222 will serve an appreciation dinner to the KC Auxiliary in the Council Rooms Saturday, Jan. 20, at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Marie Sassano is chairman.

THE AUXILIARY installed new officers at a banquet in the Gould Hotel Wednesday, Jan. 10. Mrs. Phyllis Cologgi, chairman, and Mrs. Louise Laude, toastmistress introduced the officers: Mrs. Louis DiSarro, president; Mrs. Evelyn Chido, vice president; Mrs. Marie Sassano and Mrs. Jane McGregor, secretaries; Mrs. Ann Moreland, treasurer; Mrs. Eudora Bunce, Mrs. Emily Simone, Mrs. Madeleine Bolick and Mrs. Clara Same, trustees.

### Pope's Gifts For Moslem

Vatican City — (RNS) — Vatican sources disclosed here that Pope John XXIII recently sent three gold medals to Gen. Abdul Karim Kassim, Premier of Iraq, thanking him for his felicitations upon the observance of the Pope's 80th birthday and the 3rd anniversary of his coronation last November.

## Old Customs Die In Japan

By REV. RICHARD AYLWARD Maryknoll Missioner

Kyoto, Japan — Missioners are sometimes accused of importing their own culture, customs and manners into mission lands, but they have no fear of such criticism in Japan. Here it is the reverse, many modern Japanese are reimporting Western customs, while the missioners are trying to preserve Japanese culture.

"The Japanese are accepting almost anything and everything Western from the hot notes of Dixieland Jazz to the cool materialism of Karl Marx. But they are not importing that which formed civilization in the West—Christianity.

Since the end of World War II hundreds of Catholic missioners have entered Japan without effecting anything that even resembles a mass conversion movement.

Today in Japan, a family can sit before a TV set from six to 11 p.m., and while chewing on pieces of salted octopus, watch in succession, The Lone Ranger, The Donna Reed Show, The Red Skelton Show, Shannon, Border Patrol, Leave It To Beaver, The Untouchables and The Loretta Young Show. All these shows have Japanese dubbed in—in a gamut of dialects ranging from Tonto grunting in broken Japanese to Loretta's delivering flawless lines in a melodious voice.

In Japan, the missioner becomes Japanese, loving the rites, customs and manners of his adopted country. Sometimes he is the one who must warn his people not to forget their father's house.

But his warnings fall on deaf ears. The missioner may have adopted the beautiful Japanese custom of bowing but he may have his eye almost knocked out by a Japanese who wants to shake hands—American style.

The missioner intends to heed the warnings of the Holy See and import only the Faith. He is like the products of Japan; the raw materials come from abroad but the shape and form come from the Japanese. The missioner eagerly awaits the day when the tag "Made in Japan" can be put on him and the Church in Japan.

"Tell us of America" said a parishioner to me recently following a prayer meeting in his home.

"No," I said refusing. "I'll tell you of God and his plans for Japan." I think they were more pleased and happier with what I told them.



### Church and State Dead Heat

Buenos Aires — (RNS) — Father Juan Pressas (left) and Mayor Abel Costa of Moron, Argentina, finish a bicycle race around their town's main plaza in a "dead heat." The event was held in connection with a religious celebration.

### Catholic Viewpoint

## World Community

Cincinnati — (NC) — The Vatican has said "yes" to the movement toward world community, but some Catholics say "no."

This is a "surprising" state of affairs, according to Edward J. Kirchner, who represents Pax Romana — international organization of Catholic student and cultural groups — at the United Nations.

Speaking recently to the Cincinnati Medievalists, ex-Naval officer Kirchner declared:

"Catholics should be world-minded... Internationalism as an idea is certainly Catholic."

Despite the "strong affirmative" given by Pope Pius XII to the world community movement, "often individual Catholics have been severe critics of the world view," Kirchner said, "maintaining a negative and isolationist attitude."

"The world is being united into a world community whether we like it or not," he went on.

"If we deliberately withdraw from international organizations and international life, we who possess the truth are contributing to the consequences — a materialistic and communistic community."

Kirchner emphasized that the "world-minded" citizen is completely free to criticize the operation or manner of organization of the world community.

"But some don't even accept the international idea itself, and thus they are opposed to the Church's position," he said.

The Holy See as an institution participates formally in the movement toward world unity, as it has—official relations with the United Nations agencies, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization, the United Nations Economic, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Labor Organization, and others.

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"There are some 300 international, non-governmental organizations accredited to the UN," he continued, "including about 10 that are Catholic." Kirchner is secretary of the Conference of International Non-Governmental Organizations accredited to the UN's Economic and Social Council.

He recalled that when many Catholics opposed the Holy See's participation in UNESCO because it was headed by Julian Huxley, Angelo Cardinal Roncalli, who is now Pope John XXIII, favored participation.

"The Pope's position," said Kirchner, "was that if we withdraw we would be partly responsible for the materialistic character of the organization."

### Philadelphia Laity To 'Participate'

Philadelphia — (NC) — The fullest possible participation of the congregation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the goal expressed by Archbishop John J. Krol in a letter to the clergy, religious, and laity of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Calling for a "conscientious observance" of the Instruction of Pope Pius XII on sacred music and the liturgy (September, 1958), Archbishop Krol laid down a series of 26 directives to be initiated immediately in all places of worship in the archdiocese.

According to the directives, the minimum degree of participation, with the congregation making the simpler liturgical responses, is to be observed at all low and sung Masses.

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The ultimate goal, Archbishop Krol emphasized, "is that indicated by the Supreme Pontiffs, namely, full active participation at all low and sung Masses."



### New Abbey Church Planned

Washington — (RNS) — This is a scale model of the new abbey church which is to be built for St. Anselm's Benedictine Abbey in Washington, D.C. Construction on the \$600,000 structure, designed by Philip Johnson, a noted New York church architect, is slated to begin next year. When completed, the edifice is expected to rank as another major landmark of the nation's capital. The abbey, which belongs to the English Benedictine congregation, was established here in 1924 and operates a prep school for boys which was founded in 1942.

## Design Churches To Help People 'Participate'

Toronto — (RNS) — Protestant and Catholic speakers at the first eastern Canadian Conference on Church Architecture here stressed that churches should be designed to enable congregations to participate more actively in worship services.

The Rev. Edward S. Frey, executive director of the United Lutheran Church in America's Department of Church Architecture, said church worship "is not a solo activity by the priest or minister." He criticized Wagoner of Philadelphia, a churches built "for form rather than for witness of parishioners."

Auxiliary Bishop F. A. Marrocco of Toronto warned that architects must avoid designing churches as "religious supermarkets and spiritual filling stations." Such buildings, the Catholic prelate said, leave the congregation feeling "anonymous, impersonal and religiously asphyxiated."

Attending the two-day meeting were representatives of six major religious bodies: Anglican Church of Canada, Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Roman Catholic Church and the United Church of Canada.

Mr. Frey told the delegates: "It is only right that in public worship laymen and women should be enabled, both by the form of the worship in which they engage and by the architecture and furnishings which support it, to participate fully in the action and not be forced into the passive role of mere observers."

He commended present trends to place the altar, pulpit, communion rail and baptismal font in the midst of the worshippers, instead of above or before them.

Bishop Marrocco also declared that churches should look like "monuments to faith" and still fit into the surrounding architecture. Parish churches, he said, should also reflect the social and economic standards of the worshippers.

## Nun Sees Jewish Mother Baptized Into Faith

Cleveland — (NC) — The prayers of a lifetime were answered for a Notre Dame nun when she witnessed the baptism of her mother, a Jewish convert.

Mrs. Irene Mary Russo was baptized at the Sisters of Notre Dame provincial house in near by Chardon. One of her daughters, Sister M. Regina Rose, a social science teacher at St. Peter High School here, was among many Sisters of the community at the ceremony.

Mrs. Russo was baptized by Father Louis Trivison. She also received her first Holy Communion.

Mrs. Russo, the former Irene Susskind, said she had always admired the Catholic religion but never had taken a deep interest in it. She saw to it that all her children were raised in the Faith.

Also present were Mrs. Russo's husband, Anthony, who was born a Catholic and their three other children, Barbara, who was graduated from Regina High School here; Virginia, a Regina sophomore, and Anthony, a first grader at St. Jerome's School.

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## World's Wealth Adequate

Geneva — (NC) — The present growth is due not only to an increase in the birth rate of Christian Trade Unions but also to better medical care, has asserted that the economic improved hygiene and the spread of preventive medicine, advanced countries are ample to meet the needs of developing countries.

Maurice Bouladoux answered statements to the contrary by Eugene Black, president of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Bouladoux testified before the governing body of the International Labor Organization and is not which quoted Black's opinions in a report on employment policies.

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"Family planning and birth control are a matter of individual conscience, and they cannot be considered as a technical solution to any given economic problem. I cannot accept that suggestions of this kind should be made in an ILO report."

"If there were to present birth control as a practical remedy to underemployment, I would have the impression that the I.L.O. is going beyond its mandate and is not faithful to some of its basic principles such as respect for the human being and the recognition of the human person's rights and dignity," the French labor leader said.

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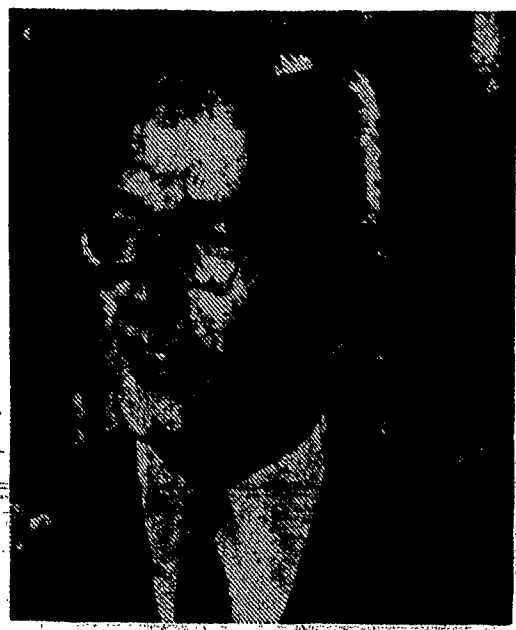
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