

Elmira Priest Reports

**First Independence Day
In New Africa Nation**

A letter to Elmira's Milliken family received during the past few weeks from the explosive area of east Africa throws some interesting and personal side-lights on the boiling situation that makes daily headlines.

THE WRITER is Father Damian Milliken, O.S.B., stationed at St. Benedict's Seminary in Namupa, Tanganyika. Father Milliken is the son of Mrs. Cornelius J. Milliken and the late Mr. Milliken, who was for many years an editor on the Elmira Star Gazette.

Well known in Catholic and civic circles, the Millikens had fourteen children. Besides the Benedictine missionary, two others are in religion—Sister M. Cornelius, R.S.M., of Our Lady of Mercy High School and Sister Mary Rosalia, R.S.M., of St. Andrew's School.

Following are a few excerpts from Father Damian's letter:

"We have celebrated the first Independence Day of Tanganyika, and I can honestly say that it was the quietest day of my life. From all reports I have received there were no disturbances whatever. About the most serious thing that transpired was an arrest in Lindi. A young African was overheard saying to his friend that if he had a gun he would use it on somebody. A member of the Tanu (Tanganyika African National Union) heard him and he was promptly popped into jail.

"The Bishop says that in a certain section of our territory seventy-five per cent of the people do not even know what the Swahili word Uhuru (Independence Day) means.

"The Tanu party that began seven years ago under the leadership of Julius Nyerere has done a good job of grooming the people for a peaceful transition from a British Protectorate to self government. Nyerere is well known for his policy of sending Tanu members to keep the people informed and levelheaded about their responsibility as the guiding element in forming a nation.

"The whole idea of nationalism is as foreign to Africa as wearing shoes. To get the numberless tribes in a territory this size to work for anything together is nothing short of a miracle. Tanu has realized this in seven years. Tribalism tells the people that anything or anybody not associated with it are evil elements to be hated, feared and fought.

"As a leader, Nyerere is a most remarkable man, with a combination of clever politeness and even more notable a deep conscientious conviction that

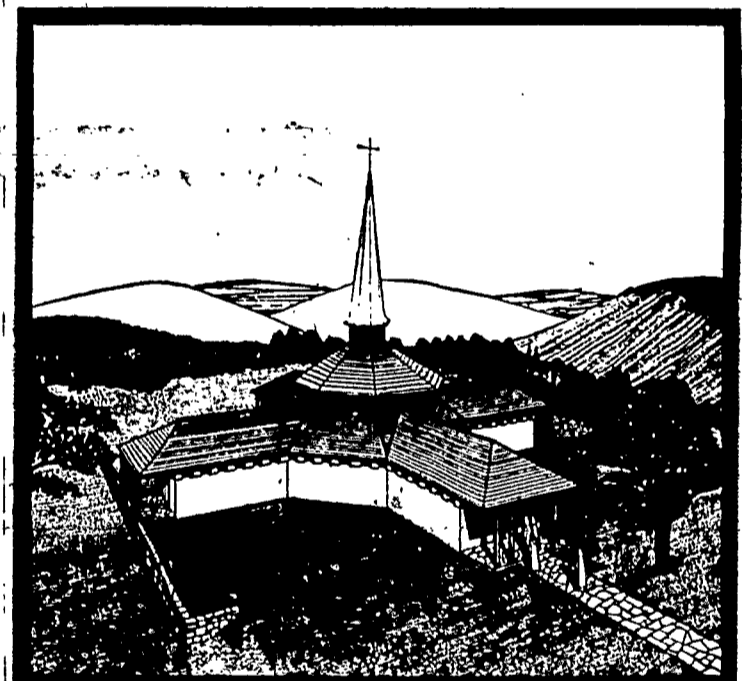


Father Damian and friend

the best thing for Tanganyika is the byword Uhuru na Kazi—to follow Christian principles Independence and Work. Culture no matter what the world children will sometimes call this to us as we pass by, and the people will often use it as a form of greeting.

"He recently threatened to turn in his resignation as party president and prime minister. Bill was even brought to a vote of the elders. One man in the parliament as part of said 'Now we have Uhuru—Tanganyika's new constitution, now we have to work like the This bill would limit citizenship to only black Africans. He was to appalled that such a bill would even reach discussion and came out in defence of whites, Asians and Indians who by birth or flickering in Africa and new choice call Tanganyika home. fires are lighting up a dark continent.

"Nyerere gave the people nationalism, patriotism are



Monastery Chapel Plan

Mount Saviour monastery chapel will be enlarged to form a "Greek cross" according to plans recently announced by the Benedictine monks of Elmira. The chapel now includes the center octagon with one nave. No date had been set for the construction program.

**Retreat League
Growth Stressed**

Importance of a planned program well in advance of a parish retreat to assure a greater retreat movement year in 1962 was stressed by the Rev. Michael Downing, C.S.S.R., rector of Notre Dame Retreat House, Wednesday of last week.

FATHER DOWNING spoke at a meeting at which new officers of the Laymen's Retreat League of the Diocese of Rochester were installed and retiring officers lauded for their efforts during the past two years.

He reported that 3408 men made a closed weekend retreat during 1961 and that 880 men made a retreat for the first time.

Reverend Fathers William J. Amis, C.S.S.R.; William Walsh, C.S.S.R.; James Collins, C.S.S.R. and George Tunney, retiring president also spoke.

Plans for the dialogue Masses opening the retreat year were announced.

Heading the retreat league for the next two years is Peter J. Drago, St. John the Evangelist, Greece as president.

Other officers are: Thomas Hughes, St. Louis, Pittsford; Joseph Mark, St. Andrew; Joseph Mercier, Our Lady of Mercy; Daniel Morgan, Holy Cross; Max Russler, St. Theodore, vice presidents; Edward Mason, St. Monica's, secretary; Leo J. Reger, St. Charles; Borromeo, treasurer; George Tunney, St. Michael's, recording secretary.

Vice presidents carrying over until January 1963 are: Samuel LaMonica, St. Francis; William Morgan, Holy Ghost; John Petrycki, Immaculate Conception, Rochester.

RETIRING OFFICERS are: George Tunney, St. Michael's, past president; J. Norman Burke, Sacred Heart Cathedral; Robert Kalb, Blessed Sacrament; Donald E. Robinson, St. Thomas the Apostle and Ronald

Timmons, Holy Cross; vice president: Urban Kress, St. Andrew's, treasurer.

Regional directors are Joseph Vogel, Auburn; William Cassidy, Corning; Arthur Kieffer, Elmira; James H. Donohue, Genesee; Francis O'Rourke, HammondSport; Lee Grills, Lima; Dr. F. J. Langenstein, Newark and Victor Gessner, Wayland.

**More Than
400 Aided
At Christmas**

Contributions from Courier-Journal readers provided funds and supplies to give more than 400 families some Christmas cheer.

In the Rochester area, 380 families were aided and in the Elmira area, 25 families, as a result of the appeal made in December issues of this paper.

Aiding the Rochester Catholic Charities were these schools which filled a number of food baskets as indicated: Mercy High School, 65; McQuaid Jesuit High School, 50; St. John Fisher College, 20; Nazareth College, 12; St. Andrew's Seminary, 12; St. Ambrose School, 5; Holy Cross School, 4, and St. John the Evangelist, Rochester, 2.

Cash donations were made by Aquinas Institute, Nazareth Academy, the Rochester Council of Knights of Columbus and the St. Thomas More Club.

Many individual donors provided completely prepared food baskets for the needy.

**Rochester Nun Heads
Latin America Mission**

This month four Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, including a Rochesterian, will form the pioneer group of this Congregation America, the first foundation being in Caracas, Venezuela.

These Sisters are: Sister M. Joan, of Rochester, Superior; Sister M. Victoria, of Puerto Rico; Sister M. Martina and Sister M. Clare, both of Baltimore, Md. They are all veterans of many years in Puerto Rico, and fluent in Spanish.

Sister M. Joan, M.H.S.H. is the former Marcella Stroh of Holy Redeemer parish. A sister, Mrs. Robert Scharett is still a parishioner at Holy Redeemer. A brother, Gerald lives in St. Salome's parish and another brother, Frank lives in Fulton, N.Y.

A departure ceremony was held on Sunday, Jan. 7, at the Motherhouse in Baltimore with Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph M. Nelligan, Ecclesiastical Superior of the Congregation, presiding.

THIS NEW foundation is the Mission Helpers' response to the call of Pope John for missionaries in Latin America. The scope of their work there sponsored by Jose Umbria, Cardinal Quintero of Caracas, was detailed in a recent visit to Caracas and to Barcelona, Venezuela.

Vast numbers of children

without religious instruction and families in destitution await the help which the Sisters can give them. To further the Apostolate the Sisters will employ the methods and techniques so successfully developed and used by them throughout the United States and in Puerto Rico.

The plans call for the establishment of centers for the training and spiritual formation of many lay catechists and the development of all phases of the lay Apostolate. Plans also call for the extension of this program in the Barcelona diocese of Venezuela.

In the Rochester Diocese, the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart are stationed at Immaculate Conception parish, Ithaca, and Assumption parish, Fairport.

DAUGHTERS MEETING Daughters of Erin dinner meeting was held Monday, Jan. 15 at Treadway Inn. Rev. Roy B. Morphy, pastor of St. Jerome's Church, East Rochester, and spiritual advisor spoke. Mrs. Fred Schauer was dinner chairman.



RETIRING PRESIDENT George Tunney, second from left, presents a statue of Our Lady of Perpetual Help to new president Peter J. Drago. Statue will be kept in the new president's home during his tenure of office. Looking on are the Rev. Michael Downing, C.S.S.R., rector, left, and the Rev. William Jamison.



NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE staff and officers of the Laymen's Retreat League of the Rochester Diocese.

**Bishop Slated To Speak
At CWV Convention**

Bishop Kearney will be principal speaker at the dinner climaxing the 16th annual convention of Monroe County Catholic War Veterans in East Rochester, Saturday, Jan. 20, according to County Commander Joseph Beauchamp.

Convention business meetings of the veterans and Ladies Auxiliary will be held in St. Jerome's Church Hall, East Rochester commencing at 1:30 p.m. County Commander Beauchamp will preside at the veterans' sessions.

THE CONVENTION dinner dance will be held at the Country House, Linden Ave., East Rochester at 6:30 p.m. The

Arlene Elmiller; CWV State Aide, William Schmitt of Monroe County.

All Catholic war veterans are invited to the convention, Anthony J. Celentani, publicity chairman said.

**Scheduled For
First Saturday**

Bishop Kearney will be speaker at the First Saturday Mass and Breakfast on Feb. 3. Mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Church and breakfast will follow at the Franklin House.

Mrs. Richard Ensmann, president of St. Monica's Rosary Society will act as toastmistress. St. Monica's parish will be host. Reservations should be made with Mrs. William Quinn, Idlewood 6-5665, by Jan. 31.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester: Sunday, Jan. 21 — Carmelite Fathers, Auburn. Friday, Jan. 26 — Nazareth Academy Convent, Rochester.

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