



Jesuit Alumni Plan Dance

ANNUAL JESUIT ALUMNI dance will be held Friday, Dec. 28 from 9:30 p.m. till 1:30 a.m. at Brooklea Country Club. William J. Brown, Fred Krenzer and Don Savage are shown discussing plans for the event.

One in Six is One of Us

Washington — (RNS) — Every sixth person in the world is a Roman Catholic, it was reported here. The percentage of Catholics in the world declined from 18.3 to 18.2 per cent. There are now 558,000,000 Catholics in the world — an increase of eight million in last year, according to data compiled by the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade. The world's population now stands at over three billion. Despite the numerical increase of Catholics, the total is proportionately smaller than the general population nearly everywhere, so that the per-

centage of Catholics in the world declined from 18.3 to 18.2 per cent. The "most Catholic" country is tiny Andorra, between France and Spain. All 6,000 residents are Catholic. Greenland, on the other hand, has only seven Catholics. Western and southern Europe lead with 191 million Catholics; North America, 51 million; Middle America, 45.4 million; Southeast Asia, 25.4 million; West Indies, 15.2 million; and Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, 11.3 million.

Liturgy Revisions May Change Cathedral Design

San Francisco — (NC) — The Archbishop of San Francisco said here that possible liturgical changes approved by the Second Vatican Council may influence the design of the archdiocese's new cathedral.

Archbishop Joseph T. McGucken told a press conference that possible liturgical changes could bring the people into closer relationship with the altar, with more dialogue between priest and people and more use of the vernacular.

Liturgy revisions could result in more simplicity and less emphasis on what the Archbishop called "religious gadgets." Increased amount of Scriptural readings at the Mass — possibly by a layman — may influence the structure of sanctuaries.

The possibility that Holy Communion will be received in a standing position could result in the removal of altar rails, he said.

Polish Throgs Welcome Prelates From Council

Warsaw — (RNS) — An enthusiastic and at times an almost riotous welcome was given members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy as they arrived here by train from Rome.

Six thousand Catholics were at the railroad terminal to greet Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, Primate of Poland, and other prelates returning from the first session of the Second Vatican Council. The size of the crowd was particularly noteworthy because no prior notice had been given of the day or time the bishops would arrive.

Cardinal Wyszyński was accidentally roughed up as the crowds surged forward.

He called for attention and laughed: "God save me from my friends."

As the train pulled into the station, the crowd sang a variety of patriotic songs and religious hymns. Greetings were shouted to the cardinal and the bishops as they stepped to the platform.

To Attend Meet

A Nazareth College faculty member will attend the national convention of the Modern Language Association of America.

Mrs. Virginia Otto, Associate Professor of Spanish and French, will attend the assembly in Washington, D.C. December 26-28.

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Father Ray Minder's Report for November



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- Highest Amount of Cash to Date— Sacred Heart Cathedral
- Highest Percentage of Total Cash to Total Pledged Amount— St. Joseph (Rochester)
- Highest Percentage of Cash for Month to Total Amount Pledged— St. Stanislaus
- Congratulations to St. Cecilia parish for pledged amount paid in full.

Bridge To Cuba?

Empty Island in a Week

Denver — (NC) — "If we could build a bridge to Cuba, the island would be almost empty within a week."

This assessment was offered here by Hugh McLoone, director of the Catholic Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference in Miami.

Orthodox May Attend Sept. Council

New York — (RNS) — Archbishop Iakovos, primate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, said that the door is not entirely closed on the possibility that Orthodox bodies besides the Russian Orthodox Church will have observers at the next Second Vatican Council session.

The archbishop said in an interview here that "at this moment" he could see no change in the refusal of Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras to send delegate-observers to the Roman Catholic Council, but he hinted that there could be some change in the future.

If there are Orthodox observers, Archbishop Iakovos said that not more than five should go (representing the five Patriarchs of Constantinople, Alexandria, Jerusalem, Antioch, and Moscow) and that "all of these must represent the Orthodox Church in its totality."

Archbishop Iakovos revealed that he was to have gone to the Vatican Council as representative of the Ecumenical Patriarch. But the day before the Council opened both Patriarch Athenagoras and Archbishop Chrysostomos of Athens announced that they would not send delegate-observers.

Of the major Orthodox Church, only the Russian Orthodox sent delegate-observers to the Council.

'Dialogue' With Dinner

Newport, R. I. — (NC) — Some 50 Newport priests and Protestant ministers attended a dinner and fellowship hour in the Catholic Information Center here.

The affair was believed to be the first social gathering of Catholic and Protestant clergy in Rhode Island. The Protestant ministers were the guests of the Newport Catholic clergy.

The gathering was said to have been prompted by interest in the Second Vatican Council and the ecumenical movement.

Father James A. FitzSimon, pastor of St. Augustin's church, welcomed the group. The Rev. Robert Ford Ballard, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, responded.

10 or 12 other persons. Many of the refugees are living in tents.

McLoone praised the resettlement program of the Archdiocese of Denver as one of the most energetic in the nation. Msgr. Elmer J. Kolka, archdiocesan director of Catholic Charities, heads the local resettlement program.

Sponsoring a Cuban family for resettlement outside the Miami area, McLoone pointed out, involves an outlay of love and service, not of money.

"This means," McLoone pointed out, "that 2,000 Cubans will be descending on Miami every week. The number we are able to resettle averages only about 500 a week."

The Cubans already in the Miami area, he said, are living under subhuman conditions. They are lucky if they are jammed into an apartment with

Father Nicolas Barras, the monastery's prior, received the President and his party.



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