

Circulation Tops 67,000

Subscriptions to the Courier Journal reached a new record high total this week—67,164.

Sacred Heart Cathedral counted the most subscribers in a single parish, 1,885.

Greatest gain was recorded in St. Ambrose parish, up 209 to a total of 1,581.

Other parishes with significantly high totals are: St. Alphonsus, Auburn, 1,459; St. Mary's, Camanadiga, 1,412; St. Patrick's, Elmhurst, 1,301; and St. Stephen's, Geneva, 1,247.

Loyalty Pledge To Sukarno

Kotabaru — (RNS) — The Dutch-born Roman Catholic bishops of West Java pledged loyalty to President Achmed Sukarno of Indonesia as his government formally took control of this territory that once constituted Netherlands New Guinea and had been under United Nations administration since last year.

In a pastoral letter read in all Catholic churches, they urged the faithful to approach the new government in the same spirit of loyalty and kindness.

At the same time, they voiced hope that the Indonesian Republic would govern the new territory "in accordance with the character and specific needs of this country and its people."



Silver Tea To Be Held

ST. AUGUSTINE Mothers Club will hold a silver tea May 25 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the school hall. In charge of the event are From left, Mrs. Adrian Hanns, publicity; Mrs. Kenneth McCarty, refreshments; and Mrs. Anthony DiChesere, chairman.

TT on the Label

Rosary in Shirt Factory

Massive, Italy — (NC) — Probably one of the shirts you wear was made while the seam-

stress was saying the Rosary.

More than 1,000 shirts a day, depending on the design, leave the shirt factory here managed by the Salesian Sisters. Most of them say they like it, but many of them are exported for one of the leading brands in the United States.

The building looks like a factory, but the brick drawing out a look, characteristic of a factory, is relieved by a few small, square windows. That's what it was meant to be.

Back in the days of Fascist Italy it was a silk mill. With the coming of war, it became a barracks. In the postwar era, it was a school for Salesian Sisters and the girls they cared for until they were sent to the front.

The ownership of the building passed to the community and then to private industrialists who converted it into a shirt factory. The Sisters and the girls stayed on. After two years, in 1948, the Sisters were invited to manage the factory. They accepted an experimental basis.

The Sisters were satisfied; the industrialists were more than satisfied. Today the place literally hums with activity, with 16-Salesian, 100-girl students and 200 factory workers. The girls' school and shirt factory are separate, but under the same roof.

The factory employs girls and women ranging in age from 14 to 60 years. They work an eight-hour day: 8 to 12 and 2 to 8 o'clock.

After they punch a time clock, they go to their places

on the assembly line. While everyone is settling into place and waiting for the assembly belt to start, about three minutes are taken for brief morning prayers, led by one of the workers on a loudspeaker system.

The monotony of assembly work is broken by a regular program on the loudspeaker system. From 9:15 to 9:30 the news of the day is read. From 11:00 to 11:30 a chapter of some popular novel is read. The noonday break is from 12 to 2:00, there is a music program from 2:00 to 3:30 followed by recitation of the Rosary.

Once a week the local pastor gives a catechetical lecture over the loudspeaker system. Days a week all the workers make a retreat continuing their work uninterrupted, but attending chapel exercises before and after work with retreat conferences given on the loudspeaker system.

On Sundays and holidays there are soccer, an occasional stage play performed by the school girls and organized athletics, chiefly basketball.

The school takes in girls from the whole area. It offers a four-year high school course and a professional training course in needlework and shirt-making.

The shirts that go out from here bear many labels, but they can generally be identified as coming from here by a "TT" that appears somewhere on the trade mark.

The Salesian Sisters are, of course, known as "The T.T. Sisters."

Vietnam Refugees Ordained Priests

Saigon — (NC) — Sixteen young men who came to refuge from north Vietnam nearly nine years ago were among the 20 ordained to the priesthood here on April 22.

They had entered preparatory seminary in the north as boys, when the communists took Vietnam were waging the eight-year war against French Union forces. Seminary life was not always tranquil then. Sometimes mortar fire thudded in the distance and machinegun chattered, while the boys tried to study Latin grammar.

A ceasefire came with the Geneva agreements of July, 1954, but the north was handed over to the communists. Already the bishops foresaw that under communist rule these young students would have little hope of reaching the priesthood. So, in the summer of 1954, ahead of the mass flight of refugees, junior seminarians were evacuated to the south.

"I came south with the others from the Hanoi 'little seminary' in July, 1954," said newly ordained Father Joseph Nguyen van Kabin, a native of Langson, near the Chinese border. "About a month later, my father and mother and three sisters came, with most of my village. An American ship brought them."

He is an only son, but his parents, though facing the hardships of a new life as refugees, did not take him from the seminary. They and their neighbors made a village for themselves in Phuoc Ly, about 25 miles from Saigon. They built a church and set about making a living by fishing and farming.

They were some of the more than 600,000 Catholics who fled from the north for freedom to practice their faith and to save their children's faith.

for his ordination. His father died in 1962, and his mother the year after.

His sisters and his refugee friends from the old home village were in the crowd of celebrants to see him ordained. On Good Shepherd Sunday, April 22, he celebrated his first Mass in their church in Phuoc Ly.

U.S. Sends 700 To L. America

Washington — (NC) — The number of U.S. priests and nuns serving in Latin America rose from 2,536 in August, 1961, to 3,205 in January, 1962, an increase of nearly 700 in a year and a half.

This figure has been cited by a representative of the U.S. bishops as showing "substantial progress" toward meeting the Holy See's appeal for stepped-up assignment of U.S. priests and religious to Latin America.

Although "the actual contribution to date is modest," Archbishop Joseph T. McGucken of San Francisco said in a letter to Pope John XXIII, "preparations for more substantial assignments of personnel are clearly evident."

August, 1961, was chosen as one of the two dates bracketing the survey because it was then that the Holy See made its appeal for a "fifth" of U.S. religious order priests and religious as the ideal to be achieved for Latin America. The request was made by a Vatican spokesman during a joint meeting at the University of Notre Dame of the Conference of Major Bishops of the Americas.

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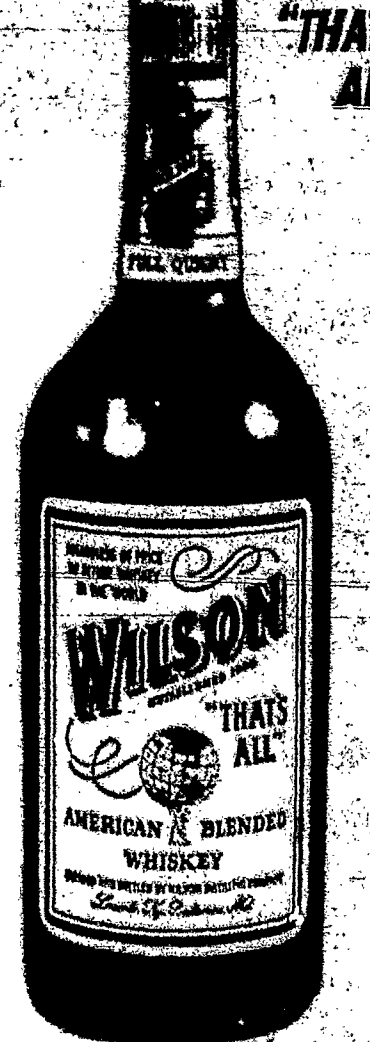
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