

Black Week End

By MARY TILLY DALY

All America recently underwent a week of mass shock, a week of mass grief with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Writing this column out of Washington during that "Black Week End" we should like to recount some reactions in the Capital City, reactions that never appeared on television screens, were not recorded in newspapers or on radio.

They reflect the mood of people, particularly young people who live work and study in the shadow of our Nation's Capitol. The mood, of course, and the reactions, were not unlike those experienced by people everywhere. But, at an eyewitness, this reporter found them humanly poignant and inspiring.

An example—a visit to the campus of the Catholic University of America in Washington early Friday afternoon, Nov. 22.

LUNCH TIME on Friday, every Friday, even though the lunch be fishy, inspires an exhilarated, almost gaily atmosphere on campus. It's "GIGGLES." "Gee, I'm Glad It's Friday!" On that particular Friday, the atmosphere was, at times, gay and relaxed. "After-class let's go swimming," one of the girls planned with her roommate. "Then we can put up our hair for tonight's dance."

Others were making preparations for "Shmoos Field Day" on Saturday when they would entertain a group of children from Children's Village. White costumed "shmoos" were running about campus, drumming up enthusiasm.

Gradually, the GIGGLES died down as clusters of students gathered around car radios, before the television set in the Social Center. Like cities everywhere on that memorable Friday, they were shocked and unbelieving. "Oh, no, he can't be seriously injured. It just isn't possible—nowadays, with all those security precautions!"

Wider and wider grew the circles of students pale face young men, sturdy Christian Brothers, boys and girls carrying books, their faces solemn.

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WE HAVE seen the vast Shrine crowded for occasions such as Christmas midnight Mass and Easter, but never more crowded than the impromptu gathering that Friday afternoon. There was Standing Room Only by the time one of the priests started prayers for the dead and the Rosary. The two late afternoon Masses and the seven on Saturday were also for the President. Also a series of Masses on Sunday.

CU's response was the same as that of other groups: churches filled, and not only Catholic churches—Protestant and Jewish as well, with one of the larger synagogues opening up extended rooms ordinarily used only for the High Holy Days.

The same spirit of sadness and sympathy among "the little people" was evident the next day and the next and the next—Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

In the final tribute paid President Kennedy on Monday, students of Catholic University, taking part in one of the great funeral processions ever staged on this earth, joined with the presidents, premiers, a king and queen, princes and rulers of nations around the world in following the last long trek carrying the remains of the slain President to Arlington National Cemetery.

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Dorothy Tarby Wedding Held

Miss Dorothy Ann Tarby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Tarby of 265 Owasco Rd., Auburn, and Charles W. Phillips Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Phillips of 3 Vanderburgh Ave., Auburn, were married Thanksgiving Day in St. Mary's Church by the Rev. Msgr. James D. Cullen, pastor.

Mrs. Eugene Tarby, was matron of honor and Miss Kathryn Cunningham was attendant.

Joseph Ashley was best man and Thomas G. Tarby, usher. Cheryl Tarby, niece of the bride, was flower girl.

Episcopal Nun At Maryknoll

Maryknoll — (RNS) — Roman Catholic Maryknoll Sisters here have an affectionate place in their hearts for a little Protestant Episcopal nun who studied with them.

They gave the nun, Sister Elizabeth of the Order of St. Helena, a warm send-off when she left the Maryknoll Sisters Motherhouse for her first foreign mission assignment in Africa.

Sister Elizabeth, the first Episcopalian nun to study with the Catholic order, had been taking classes here in anthropology and linguistics.

Seneca Falls Drive Report

Seneca Falls — Six thousand pounds of used clothing, bedding, etc. were contributed by St. Patrick's Parish to the Bishop's Clothing Drive during Thanksgiving week.

Mrs. Carmine Martello was chairman assisted by Mesdames Fred Martella, Lena Kipp, Mary Bellardino and Rose Capello. This group of women sorted, packed and prepared the clothing for shipment for 12 years.

Cartons for the shipment were donated by Geb and Southern Varn Co. and Sam Van Dine Trucking firm took care of the transportation. Balls of these companies have contributed their services for the same number of years.

Miss Christine A. Seibold was maid of honor for her sister and bridesmaids were Miss Margaret R. Carey and Mrs. Kent DeHond.

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"What is wanted," the paper said, "is a clear declaration that the Pope's pilgrimage is purely religious and non-political. Are there political motives behind the Pope's visit to the cradle of religions in the Middle East? Does the Pope intend to visit Israel despite its aggressive record which threatens peace held sacred by all religions?"

Al Gumbouria, another Cairo daily, carried an open letter to Pope Paul, saying that the Holy Land is "not in Israel, but in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and the Valley of the Jordan," a territory "protected by the Arabs, who preserve its holiness, significance and sublime character."

"If you want to become acquainted with the problems in the Holy Land," it told the Pope, "then ask us, not our enemies. Your holiness is too dear to us, to your own people and to history, to set foot in a state which was established in crime, and lived on blood, thrived on martyrdom and used the worst kinds of terror in modern history."

Sharon Quigley Wedding Held

Corning — John L. Slowinski and his bride, the former Sharon Rae Quigley, who were married Nov. 23, are residing on Main St., Campbell, after a honeymoon in New Jersey.

Mrs. Slowinski is the daughter of Mrs. Beatrice Spaulding of Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slowinski of 44 Coddington Ave., Hope Lawn, N.J., are parents of the bridegroom.

The marriage took place in St. Stanislaus Church, Bradford, the Rev. Stanislaus H. Blaszczewski performing the double ring ceremony.

Howard L. Sutherland of Campbell, gave the bride in marriage.

Miss Theresa Russo of Campbell, was maid of honor. Miss Helen Slowinski of Hope Lawn, sister of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid.

Stanley Strepeck of Corning, cousin of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were Walter Balcer of Savona, cousin of the bridegroom, and Lynden Quigley of Honeoye Falls, brother of the bride.

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Uganda Martyrs Saints in 1964?

Washington — (RNS) — A new article in the canonization of the 20 Ugandan Martyrs of Uganda has been overcome. It was introduced last by a Roman Catholic missionary, under the White Fatherhood of Africa.

Father John A. Bell, W.F., said official word had been received from the Vatican's Sacred Congregation of Rites that the canonization had approved. At the same time, he said, the Congregation had approved the canonization of the 20 Ugandan Martyrs.

The Congregation requires proof of two miracles for canonization. This approval means that

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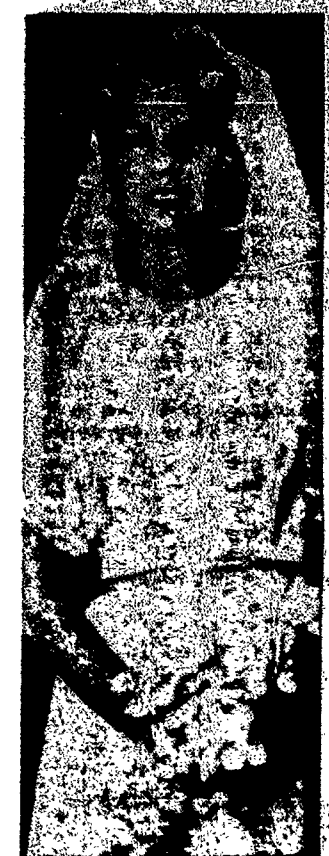
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MRS. EUGENE M. WITTMAN

Couple Wed In Africa

St. Joseph de Medina Church at Dakar, Senegal, West Africa, was the setting for the Oct. 19 wedding of Miss Karen Marie Crouse and Eugene Michael Wittman.

The daughter of Mrs. Carl E. Crouse of Bradford, Pa., and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wittman, Spencerport, exchanged vows in a double ring ceremony before Rev. Pere L. Rivoli.

Hyman H. Hoffman of Chicago, a Peace Corps director, escorted the bride.

The attendants were Mrs. Monique Macagge, Thies, Senegal, and Jesse Maddalone, Aspen, Colo. Earl Kigler of Lakeland, Fla., ushered.

The couple will reside at Fumela, Senegal, after a trip along the Ivory Coast and to Ghana.

Wittman was graduated from St. Bonaventure University in 1962 and is serving with the Peace Corps in French West Africa.

Plane Team Set

The two-plane team of Ferrante and Teicher will appear at the Eastman Theatre, in a program titled "Ferrante and Teicher Strike Up The Grands" on Dec. 14 at 8:15 p.m.

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