

Castro, Symbol To Young

Aurora, Ill. (NC)—A fresh viewpoint on the sway Cuba's Premier Fidel Castro exercises among Latin Americans was disclosed here by a priest-educator who spent the last five years in the Dominican Republic.

Sacred Heart Missionary Father Joseph M. Blanch, 36, spoke particularly of the Castro influence apparent in the Dominican Republic, but indicated the influence has spread among other Latin Americans.

"There are two very strong and very contrary feelings," Father Blanch said. "Simply, there are those who are against him and those who are sympathetic. I think age has something to say. The younger people are very sympathetic toward Castro; the others, those over 30 are against him."

"These sympathetic attitudes do not take into account Castro's point of view, whether he is a communist or not, but are spontaneous reactions to what he is doing or claims to be doing."

"Castro is awakening in the people a desire for social reform. They think he is doing something for the Cubans; that he has done something to reform the economic structure of Cuba and is working for the poor class," the Spanish-born missionary said.

On the other hand, Father Blanch continued, the people "think of Americans more as capitalists who want to take advantage of the natural resources of the Dominican Republic." He said their information about the United States is meager. The Voice of America radio program comes on the air late at night and seldom is heard by many of the people, while little information about the U.S. appears in the Spanish-language magazines and newspapers.

The Peace Corps volunteers are doing "a marvelous job," he said. They "awake the personal abilities of the people and are working with the low class, the poor, so there people receive them well," the missionary said.

CYO Boys' Swim Team

The Catholic Youth Organization will hold try-outs this Saturday, July 10, at 1 p.m. for a Boys' Swim Team. Boys must be between 7 and 14 and of average swimming ability. Those interested may call Mr. Gary L. Breton, 454-2030.



Golden Rose Given Fatima

Fatima—Fernando Cardinal Cento, the Grand Penitentiary (right), presents, on behalf of Pope Paul VI, the Golden Rose to the famed shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. The ornament, in the form of a spray of roses and decorated with gems, is accepted by Bishop Jose Pereira Venancio of Leiria, Portugal. Presentation was made at ceremonies, attended by about 500,000 persons, marking the 48th anniversary of the first of several reported apparitions of the Virgin Mary to three shepherd children between May 13 and Oct. 13, 1917. Blessed by the Pope, the Golden Rose is usually given in appreciation of services to the Church by cities, countries or sovereigns.

Don't Be Afraid To Speak, Pope Paul Tells Women

Vatican City (NC)—Don't be afraid to speak of the moral law in conversations, Pope Paul VI counseled an Italian Catholic women's group.

Speaking of women's role in today's world, the Pontiff encouraged his audience "not to blush, not to be afraid to speak of moral values and imperatives as if mention of the concepts and realities they evoke were to exclude you from modern conversations."

"Those persons who remain silent about these values and imperatives are the ones who deny them or have lost them, those who dare to violate them or who do not realize that the highest expressions of the spirit, such as truth, justice, liberty, honesty, goodness, courage and heroism, are in the moral order," the Pope said.

Pope Paul spoke after a Mass celebrated in St. Peter's basilica

GI's Attend Lourdes Rites

Lourdes (RNS)—American soldiers serving in Europe were among an estimated 40,000 participants who gathered at this famed Marian Shrine for the eighth international military pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Greeted by Bernard Cardinal Alfrink, Archbishop of Utrecht, Holland, and a group of military chaplains were soldiers from France, West Germany, England, Austria, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Belgium, Luxembourg, Finland, Switzerland, the Ivory Coast and the Philippine Islands.

The main religious celebrations of the pilgrimage ended with a Eucharistic procession, followed by the blessing of the sick in Rosary Square. The rites, including a Mass celebrated by Bishop Pierre M. Theas of Lourdes, were broadcast over Eurovision to most European countries.

Zone D, Area of Terror

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mounted in the two open doorways.

Before coming to Vietnam, Pilot Foley had flown very different missions. He had been one of the White House helicopter pilots and had flown President Eisenhower and President Kennedy.

All the dangers in Vietnam did not come from enemy gunfire.

Up in Central Vietnam a helicopter was flying a pig to some outpost that was in need of pork. During the flight the pig broke loose, charged the two pilots from behind and then dashed through one of the open doorways. The "chopper" shook, the pilots were shaken, that much pork failed to arrive, but the ship survived.

While we talked outside Ben Cat town, artillery began to pound from fairly near. On our grassy landing field we could only listen and guess.

Going on patrols in Zone D is a hazardous operation, one of the advisers told us. "Spike traps and electrically detonated mines are a big problem."

The communists know the mazes of Zone D by heart.

"They know their way in the forest by night as well as by day," said a former prisoner of theirs, who had been marched through the jungle. It was noticeable, however, that no one

group of Viet Cong took the prisoner all the way. The leaders took care that as few as possible of their men would know the final place of captivity.

In villages in the heart of the zone, the Viet Cong held parades, staged propaganda theatrical displays and gave lectures. After the lectures they would recruit village youths. In the speeches they did not mention communism by name but much was said in praise of Cuba and other communist-ruled countries.

In another part of Zone D an American officer was telling of villagers who came and went to market.

"The security forces arrested

a motherly type woman near here," he said. "In her bag she had five grenades, which she was on her way to deliver to her husband in a place south of Saigon. One was a captured American grenade, two were French and two were made in Hanoi, dated July, 1962. Her husband had left the north in August, 1962, she said."

In a raid the Vietnamese national forces just missed capturing a local Viet Cong leader. In his haste to escape he left behind an unfinished letter to a doctor in Saigon, listing medicines the Viet Cong needed. Was the doctor a sympathizer of the Viet Cong? Not necessarily. They may have given him the choice of supplying the medicines or having his parents

St. Joseph's leper hospital and home, Ben San, in Zone D. The Viet Cong raided it three times, taking away medicines needed by the lepers.

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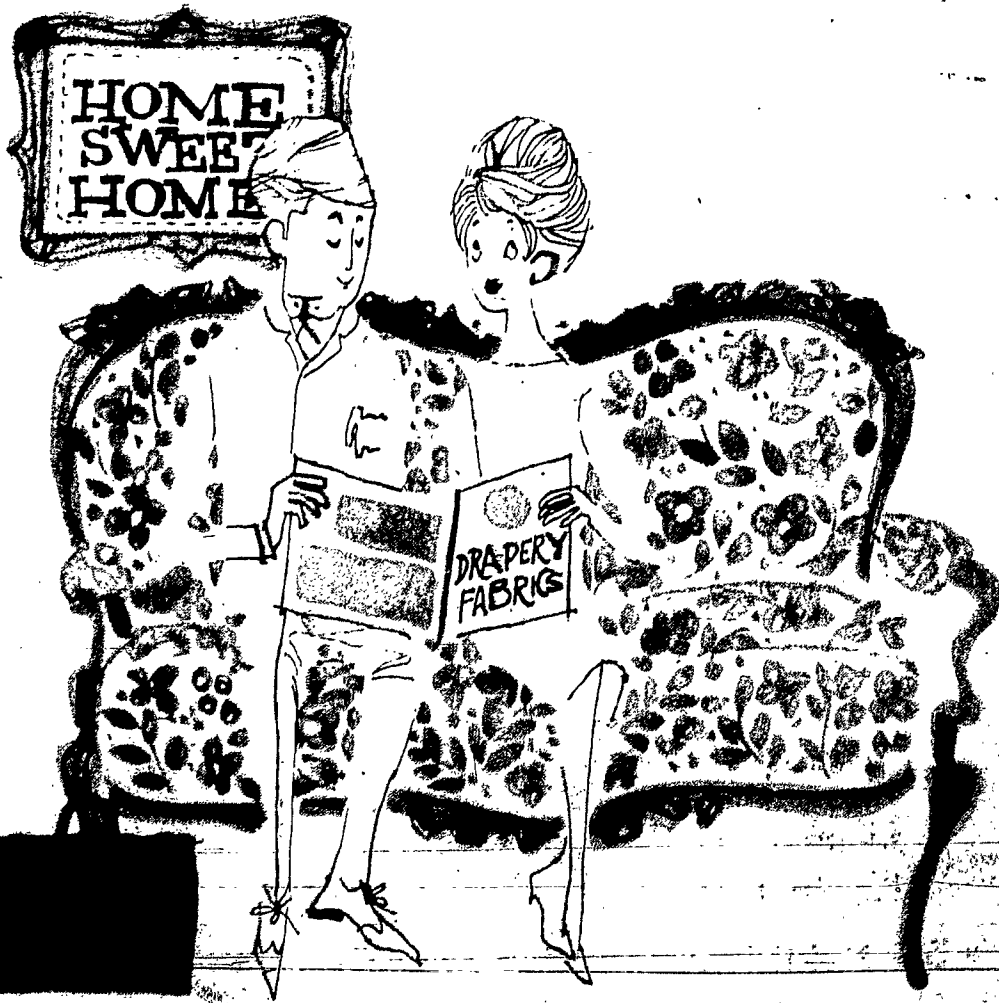
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