



Communist Paper

Hangs 'Spy' Label On Peace Corps

An indirect tribute to the efforts of American Peace Corps volunteers in Panama was paid by a Communist paper there which devotes much space to undermining the visitors' work.

"The paper called us 'agents of the C.I.A.' and 'American spies,'" recalled a young Rochester woman, Kathy Chapman, home now after a 2-year stint with the Peace Corps in Panama. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chapman of 296 Wyndham Road, in St. Ambrose parish.

The editor of the Communist weekly in Santiago, nearest of Panamanian city to her, was Chinese, "well-educated, articulate and eager to discredit the Peace Corps," she went on.

Anti-American feeling, centering on control of the Canal Zone in Panama, is fairly strong, Kathy felt, but found mostly in the cities. In the little town of Rio de Jesus, population 800, where she spent 15 months, she found the people most friendly.

(Editor's Note: On Sept. 25, U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson stated that a new treaty would be offered to Panama recognizing Panama's sovereignty over the area of the present Canal Zone, and giving Panama a share in the management and profits of the Canal.)

Even when "Go home, Yankee" riots erupted in the Canal Zone area, Kathy's neighbors assured her that she had nothing to fear in Rio de Jesus.

Being able to make good friends with the village people was one of the nicest things about her stay, Kathy told the Courier-Journal recently.

A rigorous and intense training program ushered the Nazareth College graduate, '63, into the Peace Corps. Three weeks in Puerto Rico "to toughen us up physically and build up morale," were the prelude to 13 weeks of schooling at St. Louis University in St. Louis.

She was impressed with the calibre of her fellow-trainees. Of her 31-member training group, most, like her, were recent college graduates, while two were middle-aged.

"They mentioned various reasons for joining the Peace Corps," she recalled. "Some wanted to know more about some foreign land, some were drawn by a spirit of adventure, but basically they were impelled by some humane motive—a desire to help others, to help shape a better world."

Asked about the criticism that Catholic colleges had not been contributing proportionate numbers to the Peace Corps, Kathy said it wasn't evident from her observations.

Almost one-fourth of her fellow-trainees were Catholic college products. In fact, she remarked, participation of Catholics in the Peace Corps seemed to be very healthy. Of the 60 P.C. (Peace Corps) workers in Panama while she was there, about 40% were Catholics, "but perhaps this was because so many of us had indicated preference for Latin America," she said.

The formidable title of the project that Kathy worked on was, "Rural Community Development and Public Health." Basically this covered any improvement in environmental sanitation, she explained.

"Our approach was very informal, very low-key. We accepted any invitation to talk to local groups, and of course, exchanged views in casual conversation," Kathy stated.

She had a fine opportunity for an overall appraisal of the Peace Corps in Panama, when asked by her superior to spend her last three months on an evaluation of the Peace Corps project there.

"This was an eye-opener," she said, "because when you're located in a little village you see only your own efforts, which can look pretty small. But that 3-month tour took me all over Panama, so I could see what all the other P.C. people were doing."

"Some were in agricultural projects, some teaching and some helping organize cooperatives. I met another Rochesterian, Barry Burnett, who was

helping develop a fishermen's co-op. When I saw the complete picture, I was very much impressed," she commented.

By American standards, life in the boondocks of Panama was a bit rough, but Peace Corps volunteers expect this, and Kathy was soon used to washing her clothes in the river, doing without a refrigerator, etc.

BIGGEST HARDSHIP: "If it doesn't sound too intellectual," she smiled, "I missed the stimulating conversation of college days and the P.C. training period. In fact, one thing noticeable about our occasional P.C. get-togethers was that we all wanted to get down to serious talk. We didn't want to waste time with a lot of chit-chat."

Having completed her 2-year tour of duty in July, Kathy is returning to school again, heading for a Master's degree in Education at the University of Rochester.

She passed on a comment that some astute observer had made about the Peace Corps—that while its immediate effect as a symbol of American good-neighbor spirit was important, it might well have its greatest impact 20 years from now.

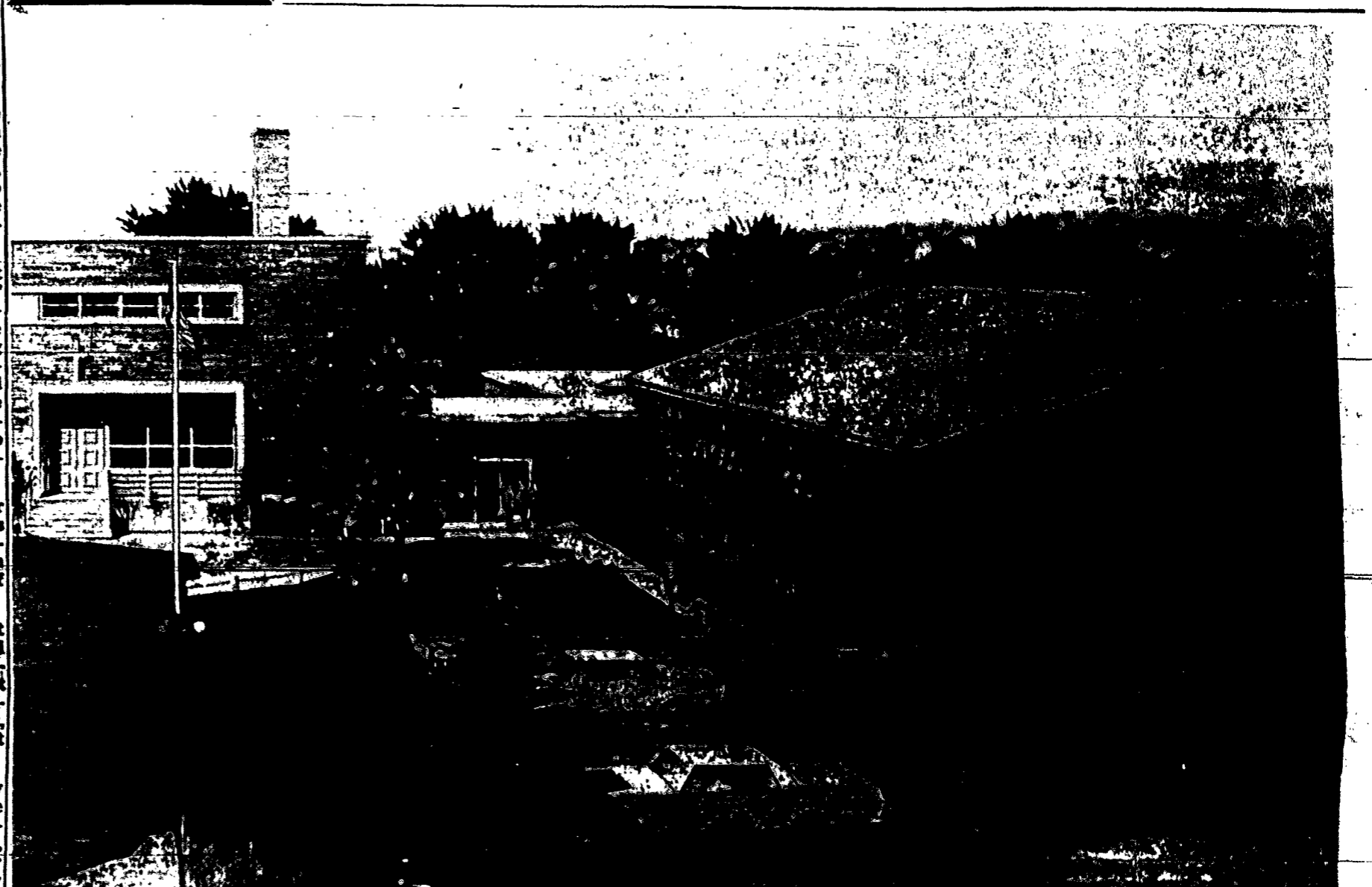
"That could well be," Kathy Chapman agreed. "When Peace Corps grads begin to reach influential positions in politics, government, business or other careers they will settle on, they should be a very strong force for good in their respective fields."

Amen! —Faber Robert Kanka

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Open House At Seminaries

OPEN HOUSE was held last Sunday at the three seminaries of the Rochester Diocese. At St. Bernard's Seminary, Lake Ave., Monsignor Wilfred T. Craugh welcomes the family of a seminarian. Father Joseph L. Hogan, rector of the new Becket Hall, East Ave., is shown with seminarians Tim Durkin, Gerald McInerney and Peter Schuster. Beagle named "Becket" is the seminary mascot. St. Andrew seminarians Bill Ziellinski and Charles Di Salvo look over trophies of past glory with Monsignor Richard M. Quinn. Sermons in parish churches this Sunday will explain the new 4-4-4 arrangement begun in September for students preparing for the priesthood.



Architect's drawing of new parish hall planned at St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn.

St. Alphonsus Plans New Parish Hall

A parish hall will be built on Church property east of the grade school and to the rear of the St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn, according to a statement issued by Father John M. Merklinger, pastor.

Father Merklinger said that a campaign to raise \$250,000 over a three year period, to help finance the construction of the center, provide improved facilities in the school and meet parish obligations, will be conducted by the men of the parish under the direction of Clarence W. Nolan, general chairman and Harold J. Weaver, assistant.

More than 500 men are expected to call on the 1,800 parishioners on the two successive

Sundays of solicitation, Oct. 24 and Oct. 31. The first solicitation will be supervised by William D. Ganey and his assistant, William Riley. The second will be directed by Dr. David Nagle and Rocco Malvaso will assist him.

Part of the campaign money raised will be forwarded to Rochester to meet the diocesan assessment for the seminary-college fund. Approximately \$70,000 will be allocated for this purpose over a three year period.

The proposed new building will be a modern, one story, rectangular design 184' x 60', of brick, block and reinforced concrete. The south end will house a large hall, 82' x 54 feet, which can be used as a gymnasium and for many parish functions. It will accommodate 600 people and will connect to the grade school by a 25 foot breezeway leading to the school kitchen. A gable roof with a 12 foot pitch will be erected over the south end.

The northern section will have a flat topped, tar and gravel roof and will be separated from the hall by a 12 foot corridor. It will contain a 26 by 60 foot recreation room and a spacious meeting room 30' x 30'. Locker rooms, shower stalls and rest rooms for boys and girls will be part of this section.

Heat will be provided by a circulating hot water system activated by a boiler in the grade school and pumped to the new

Center. Ventilators will distribute heat and cool air when necessary to provide proper room temperature. Lighting will be provided by fluorescent light fixtures which will be installed in the main hall, the corridors and other rooms.

Construction will begin in the Spring, Father Merklinger said. Foley Associates Inc., a Catholic Fund Raising organization of Rochester, New York is assisting in the direction of the campaign.

Named CWV Chaplain

Father Frederic P. Gehring, C.M., famed "Guadalcanal Padre" is the new national chaplain of the Catholic War Veterans. Father Gehring is known in this diocese having come here on many occasions.

As a young Vincentian priest he came to Rochester with Father Frederick McGuire, C.M., executive secretary of the Mission Secretariate in Washington. Later as experienced missionaries to China, both priests visited here in the cause of their missions.

Father Gehring as a Navy Chaplain was assigned to Sampson Naval Training Station and spoke to the First Friday Luncheon Club in Rochester. He also helped organize telephone operators under devotion to "Our Lady of the Bell," in Elmira.

A native of Brooklyn, he was the first Navy chaplain to receive the Legion of Mary medal in World War II and also won the Presidential Unit



FATHER GEHRING
Citation for heroic rescue work behind enemy lines.

On-the-Spot Report on Pope

Courier readers will get an on-the-spot report of Pope Paul's visit to New York City next Monday from seminarian Paul Ryan of St. Rita's parish, West Webster.

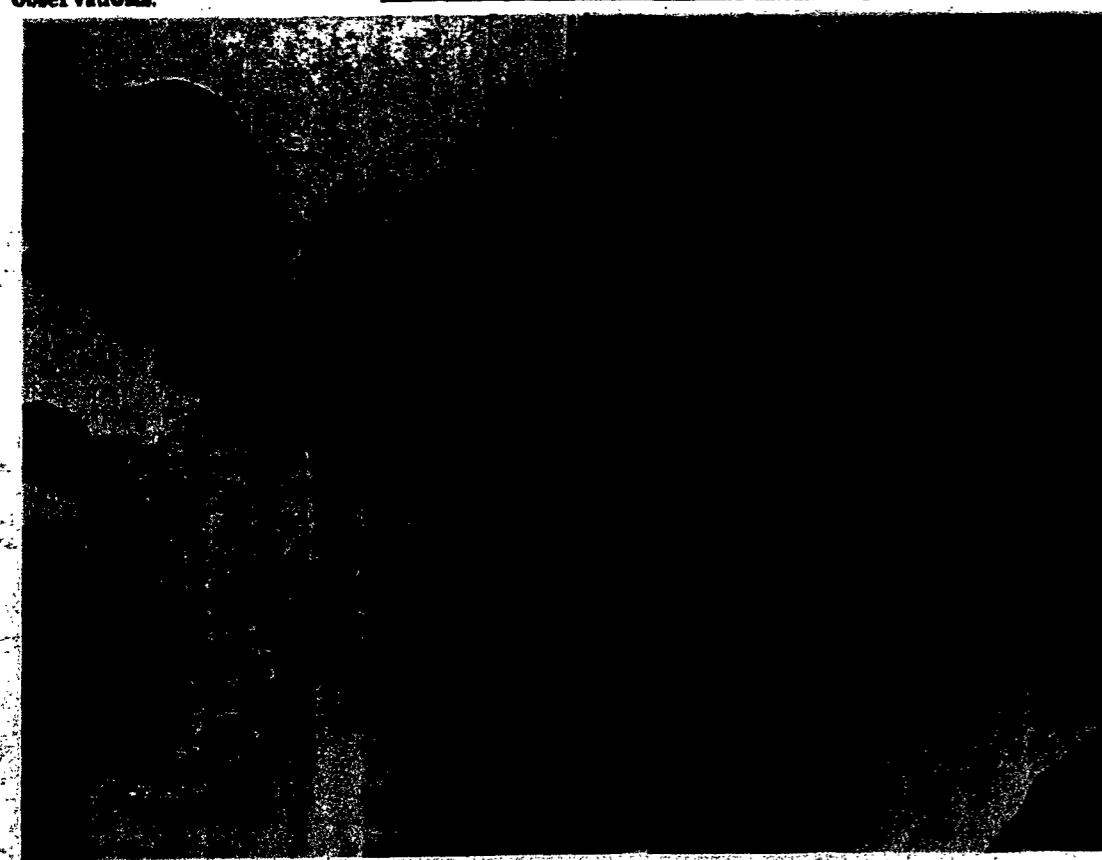
The young student will follow the Pope in his day-long trip to the United States for KCOY-TV and radio station of Santa Maria, California.

He will write a special article and provide pictures for next week's Courier.

Forty Hours

Devotions of Forty Hours in Diocese of Rochester Churches follow:

- Sunday, Oct. 3 — Holy Cross, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rochester; St. Mary, Casan-daigne; St. Mary, Our Mother, Horseheads; St. Patrick, Mt. Morris; St. Mary of the Lake, Ontario; St. Mary, Rex-ville, (St. Joachim, Canisteo, concurrent Eucharistic Tri-duum); St. Rita, West Webster.



BACK FROM PEACE CORPS after two years in Panama is Kathy Chapman, left, displaying a souvenir she bought, to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chapman. The design is actually from Ecuador, not Panama.

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