



### Pope Asks Quiet for Lad

Rome—(RNS)—As Pope Paul VI gestures for silence, an eight-year-old boy, Stefano Jacolano, welcomes the pontiff on his Lenten visit to the stational Church of St. Barnabas in a densely populated Rome suburb. With the Pope is Luigi Cardinal Taglia, Vicar of Rome. On Sundays of Lent, the Pope visits certain designated Rome churches to join clergy and parishioners at services—an ancient Lenten custom.

### Congo Rebels Hold 7 Nuns

Leopoldville—(RNS)—Rebel forces operating in the eastern part of the Congo are holding seven Roman Catholic Congolese nuns as hostages, according to reports reaching here.

It was said the nuns were seized in Ponthierville several days before when the rebel-held town was attacked by government forces. In retreating, the rebels took the nuns as hostages.

Ponthierville is about 50 miles south of Stanleyville. The rebels, reportedly took the nuns to Muntonge, a small town east of Ponthierville, which remains in rebel hands.

### Jesuit's Caution:

## Don't Myth Too Far

Minneapolis—(RNS)—Both Protestant and Roman Catholic scholars are occupied with the problem of "myth" in the New Testament Gospel as posed by the German Protestant theologian Rudolf Bultmann, a leading Catholic biblical scholar said here.

And almost everyone agrees that Dr. Bultmann has gone too far in his "demythologizing," declared Father R.A.F. McKenzie, S.J., director of the Biblical Institute in Rome

He said the problem in "demythologizing" is to distinguish between the essential message of the Gospels and certain literary aspects of the time.

Form criticism, he noted, has been of great value in analyzing the actual process of composition of the written Gospels.

Father McKenzie lectured at the University of Minnesota Newman Center.

In an interview, he said that one could be disappointed over

the progress in implementing the Second Vatican Council "if you are impatient."

But, he observed, "the Roman Church is pretty slow moving."

He praised the Council's document on The Church in the Modern World, declaring it is "an attempt to speak positively to all men of goodwill and show that the Church is deeply concerned with all men's modern problems."

He said biblical scholars were encouraged by the freedom for research given them by Vatican II's document on Divine Revelation.

"It doesn't favor suspicions and presumes that research will be done to benefit the Church," he declared.

The priest said he did not see a great deal of practical value in having a common Bible for Catholics and Protestants unless "we reach the stage of having common religious services as a regular thing."

Father McKenzie was a lecturer in the University of Minnesota philosophy department during the 1960 Winter quarter. He was then on the faculty of the Jesuit seminary in Toronto, Canada.



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### Three Nurses Join the Navy

Three Niagara University College of Nursing seniors from the Diocese of Rochester are currently in their second semester as newly commissioned officers in the Navy Nurse Corps.

Margaret H. Malan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodwick Malan, Rochester, Kathryn M. Rice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Rice of Rochester and Judith E. Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Powell of Penn Yan received their officer appointments from Lt. Patricia A. Warner, also a Niagara graduate and a native Rochesterian.

Nurse Corps students receive tuition, textbooks, room and board, plus a monthly stipend from the Navy. Six months prior to completion of degree requirements, candidates are commissioned as Naval officers.

Following graduation, the three Niagarans are looking forward to a five week orientation course which is given to all nurses at the Naval schools command at Newport, Rhode Island. At the completion of this temporary duty, they will report for their first hospital assignments at one of the twelve larger

Naval hospitals in the United States.

Lieutenant Warner, a Mercy High School graduate, is the daughter of Mrs. Emily Warner and the late C. Arnold Warner of Rochester. She was one of the first Nurse Corps candidates to graduate from the Navy sponsored program at Niagara.

### Plymouth Gardens Monthly Programs

The Quartets of Buffalo entertained residents of Plymouth Gardens apartments last evening, Thursday, March 17, as one in a series of monthly entertainment programs which has included movies on the Grand Tetons, selections from the Song of Music by Mrs. Florence Ross and a "pink elephant" sale of items contributed by residents. Plymouth Gardens is an apartment at 1400 Plymouth Avenue South, Rochester, for more than 250 senior citizens.

### Red Victim Dies in Italy

Florence—(RNS)—Bishop Alfonso C. M. Ferroni, O.F.M., exiled Bishop of Laohokow in Communist China, died in a hospital here after a long illness. He was 74.

A native of Rignano, in the Florence archdiocese, he was the last European-born Catholic prelate to be released from Communist prison in what his jailors first claimed was "protective custody."

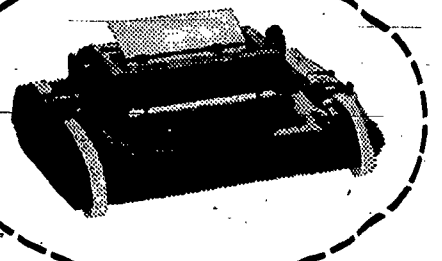
When he was brought to "Freedom Bridge" at Kowloon in mid-September, 1955 by his Communist captors, the then 63-year-old bishop had lost 80 pounds—his normal weight was only 150 pounds. He was so weak from hunger and maltreatment that he had to be carried to a car and rushed to a Hong Kong hospital.

Only after many weeks of convalescence was Bishop Ferroni able to begin his trip back to Italy. His last years were spent at the Convent Il Vivaio at Incisa Valdarno, outside Florence.

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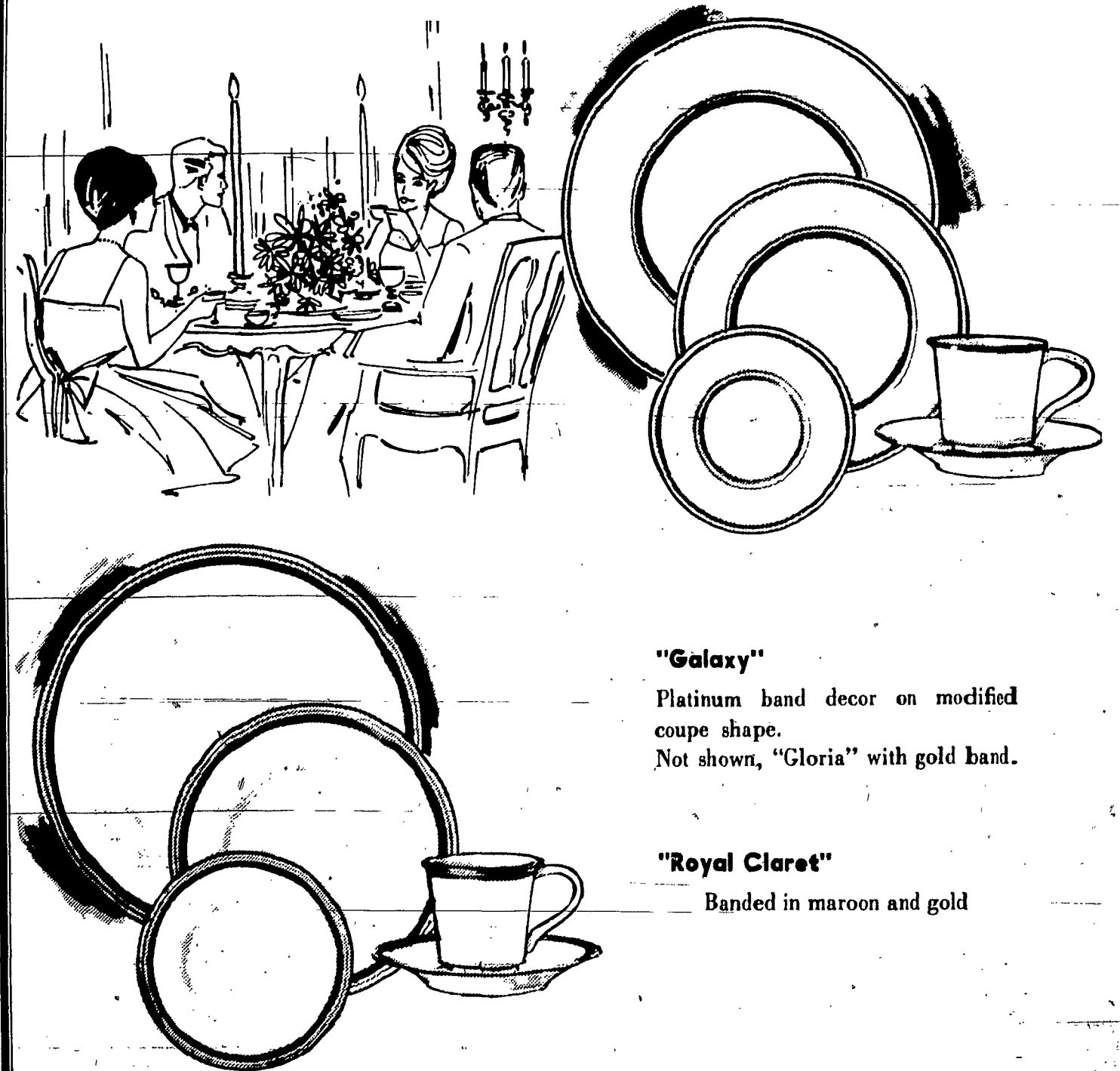
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