

Coordinator Proposed For Refugees

Washington — (NC) — One of the nation's top authorities in immigration affairs advocated before a Senate subcommittee that the President appoint a single coordinator to oversee activities in the "highly specialized field" of refugees.

John E. McCarthy, director, Immigration Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference told the Senate subcommittee on refugees and escapees "the efficiency could be improved, and the cause of our nation and that of the refugee better served, if there was a single coordinator appointed by the President to oversee our nation's activities in this highly specialized field."

The NCWC official emphasized before the group headed by Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts that today "the problems of refugees and refugee assistance are most complex and require direct intervention of many United States government agencies."

McCarthy said these agencies include the Agency for International Development (AID); the Department of State; the Department of Justice; the Department of Health, Education and Welfare; and the Department of Labor.

Sunday Mass On Saturday

Taichung, Taiwan — (NC) — Permission to allow the Catholics in the Taichung diocese to fulfill their Sunday Mass obligation by going to Mass the previous Saturday afternoon has been received from the Doctrinal Congregation, Bishop William F. Kupfer, M.M., has announced.

"The reason for which I requested this concession was to alleviate the scarcity of priests in the diocese and to make it more convenient for our Catholics to fulfill their obligation of attending Mass on Sunday," the New York-born bishop of this central Taiwan diocese explained in a letter to his priests.

Meanwhile, Bishop Kupfer has dispensed the priests of the diocese "who are actively engaged in the ministry of preaching, teaching, or administering the sacraments" from recitation of the Divine Office on Sunday, Saturday, Christmas or the Vigil of Christmas.



At Stadium Where Pope Said Mass

New York—(RNS)—Bishop Charles P. Greco of Alexandria, La., supreme chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, blesses a plaque in Yankee Stadium commemorating the Peace Mass celebrated by Pope Paul VI in the huge baseball field on Oct. 4, 1965. The plaque was donated by the K of C in honor of the historic one-day papal visit to New York. Also participating at the dedication were, from left: James J. Rooney, K of C vice-supreme master; Yankee relief pitcher Steve Hamilton, a K of C member (back); White Sox manager Eddie Stanky, another Knight; Daniel R. Topping Jr., Yankee general manager; and Supreme Knight John W. McDevitt.

Rhythm—Psychological Hazard

St. Meinrad, Ind. — (RNS) — A member of Pope Paul VI's commission on birth control has issued a preliminary report on a survey he conducted which concludes that "the use of rhythm" is productive of serious psychological harm.

Rhythm, other than continence, is the only form of birth control currently permitted by the Roman Catholic Church.

This appraisal was presented by Dr. John R. Cavanagh, a Washington, D.C., psychiatrist and a member of the Pontifical Commission for the Study of the Problems of the Family, Population and Natality. The findings were presented in the August issue of Marriage Magazine, published here.

Dr. Cavanagh, a Knight of St. Gregory, stressed that his approach is that of the clinician, "as one who deals with the individual person and not with abstract principles, as a scientist interested in people." He

also teaches in the School of Sacred Theology at the Catholic University of America and is the editor of The Bulletin of the Guild of Catholic Psychiatrists.

THE SURVEY was undertaken with an article he had written for Marriage in November, 1965, entitled "Is Rhythm Better Than We Think?" It was his opinion, as stated in the earlier article, that the rhythm method had more detractors than supporters because the successful and happy users of the method were not being heard from. More than 2,000 persons replied to the questionnaire which accompanied that article and after viewing some of their replies, Dr. Cavanagh has changed his opinion of the value of the rhythm method.

Dr. Cavanagh concludes that rhythm is harmful to the psychological relationship of the husband and wife because:

"1. It deprives a woman of the conjugal act during the time of her greatest desire, i.e., during the postovulatory and mid-cycle peaks of desire.

"2. This deprivation causes severe frustration in many couples.

"3. If rhythm is used, as it is now recommended for safe use, it allows intercourse on relatively few days a month in most cases. This leads to frustration.

"4. Disagreement over its use and quarrels over its failure cause marital discord.

"5. Such marital disharmony with its attendant symptoms may cause psychic damage to the offspring.

"6. The reputation for high use-failure in rhythm causes a high degree of anxiety in even well-motivated couples.

Of his conclusions, Dr. Cavanagh warns that they "apply to the psychological aspects of the use of rhythm. They are not meant to imply that rhythm may not be biologically effective in the control of conception."

Dr. Cavanagh has based his preliminary report on a personal tabulation of 580 replies. He points out that two aspects of the questionnaire differ from other studies of rhythm: the attitude of "successful"

users of rhythm, and the peak of sexual desire in the woman.

The Washington psychiatrist reports that from the narrative portions in the questionnaires he examined the comments were "far from happy and many of the users did not seem too successful."

The finding on the peak of sexual desire was based on the following question:

It has been said that the woman's greatest sexual desire is at the time of ovulation, during the "unsafe" period for those practicing rhythm. (a) Was this true in your case? (b) If so, was it a source of frustration?

To the first part of the question, in the 580 replies examined, 73 per cent said yes, 8 per cent said no. To the second part of the question, 57 per cent said yes, 11 per cent said sometimes, 20 per cent said no, and 11 per cent gave no answer.

The full amount of replies, over 2,000, has been turned over to the sociology department at the University of Notre Dame where they are in the process of being analyzed and tabulated by computers. Dr. Donald Barrett of the Notre Dame sociology department, and also a member of the Pontifical Commission, is working on the statistical evaluation.

Scholars at Work on Bible in Chinese

Hong Kong — (NC) — Long-established differences between Protestant and Catholic translations of the name of God and other basic names and concepts must be resolved before the goal of a common Bible in Chinese can be achieved.

This was stated here by Franciscan Father Theobald Diederich, chairman of the Hong Kong Ecumenical Council. Father Diederich and two other priests from the Franciscan Studium Biblicum here—Fathers Gabriel Allegro and Marcus Chen—are leaving Hong Kong for Tokyo to take part in a seminar for Catholic and Protestant Bible translators from Japan, Korea and Taiwan.

Father Diederich pointed out that it was in the time of Father Matthew Ricci and other famous Jesuit missionaries of the 16th and 17th centuries that "Catholics formed their theological and catechetical terms and established the Chinese renderings of the titles of the books of the Bible as well as of the biblical names of persons, places and events and so forth."

He continued, "When the first Protestant missionaries entered China at the beginning of the last century—a time when relations between Catholics and Protestants were still very strained—they adopted their own terminology and used a new and general completely different rendering of the names, based on the English Bible translation.

"Thus differences arose even concerning fundamental names and concepts, as for instance the expressions used for God, the Holy Spirit, redemption and sanctification.

"And among the Protestant denominations themselves, again no final agreement could be reached, especially regarding the name of God, so that they had to issue two different editions of the Bible in Chinese—the so-called 'Shang-Ti' edition and the 'Shen' edition."

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Nation's Largest Altar Readied for Polish Rite

Chicago — (NC) — One of the largest outdoor altars ever erected in this country will be used for the religious services marking Poland's millennium of Christianity in Soldier Field here Aug. 28.

Nearly 100 feet in width, 40 feet high, and surmounted by a golden canopy, the altar will stand at the center of the lake front arena.

Architect Chester Tobolski of Deerfield, who designed the altar and its surrounding sanctuary, said that it will be larger than the outdoor altar used by Pope Paul VI when he officiated at services in Yankee stadium in 1964, and even larger than the altar which stood in Soldier Field during the 1926 International Eucharistic Congress.

The altar and sanctuary have been designed so the anticipated 200,000 persons at the celebration may participate in worship as closely as possible, in accordance with the new liturgy outlined by the Second Vatican Council.

Magyar Mass On Radio

Budapest — (RNS) — An estimated two million listeners heard the first radio performance of a new Roman Catholic Mass composed by Zoltan Kodaly, world-famous Hungarian composer.

Approved by the Hungarian Bench of Bishops, the Mass was composed for the new Ordinary of the Mass in Magyar text instead of Latin, and was presented by the Hungarian Radio on its regular "Religious Hour" series. The composer, now in his 84th year, is a Catholic.

The choir was conducted by Ferenc Kosa, choirmaster of the ancient Cathedral of Szekesfehervar, and the organist was Ferenc Gergely of the Franz Liszt Academy of Music. The sermon of the broadcast service was preached by Parish Father Mihaly Medvigy, professor of church music at the Catholic Theological Faculty here.

Fair Bus Law For Ohio

Columbus — (NC) — When Ohio's "fair bus" law takes effect Aug. 15, local school boards will be responsible for transporting public and private school students on an equal basis.

Most parishes already have disposed of their school buses in order "to get the Church out of the transportation business," it was reported. But due to purchasing problems encountered by the state board of education, enough buses to transport all students probably will not be available until the end of October.

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Pope Tells Those Who Suffer

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Castel Gandolfo — (NC) — Pope Paul VI enlarged on yet another aspect of the Church in his weekly general audience as he recalled the visit the previous week by a group of blind deaf-mutes.

"Are not these perhaps also the Church?" he asked. "Are not they the sons of the Church, symbols of the Church, these suffering ones so tried by misfortune, so sustained by their faith, so assisted by charity and consoled by the compassion?"

The visit by the afflicted, all members of an Italian confraternity called the League of the Golden Thread, founded the year before in an Italian diocese, obviously made a deep impression on the Pontiff.

He used it as a starting point for a talk on the value of Christian suffering in the Church according to the teachings of the Second Vatican Council. Most of his recent general audience talks have centered on some aspect of the Church.

"These and many like them offer us a vision of the Suffering Church which we may well say is the true Church of the beatitudes of the Gospels, the Church enduring with patience the drama of history, yearning and weeping for the life promised to those who have carried their cross with Christ."

This suffering, he said, reminds us that total happiness is attained only in eternity, though there can be spiritual happiness here on earth founded in the virtue of hope.

"This means that the Church, that is to say the Christian religion, is not an insurance company against the ills of the present life. Indeed, if we observe carefully, we will see that it is a society in which human sufferings find a preferential welcome.

"The Church is indeed entirely dedicated to relieving the sufferings of men — particularly sin, sorrow, misery, and death. It is compassionate toward every human shortcoming and this is precisely why there is a profound understanding between the Church and the man who suffers. In principle and often in actual practice no philanthropy can compete with charity in solicitude for the needs of man.



Seminary Expanded
Union City — (NC) — St. Michael's Passionist seminary here will be expanded, Father Gerard Rooney, C.P., provincial, announced.

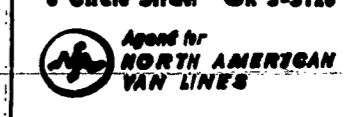
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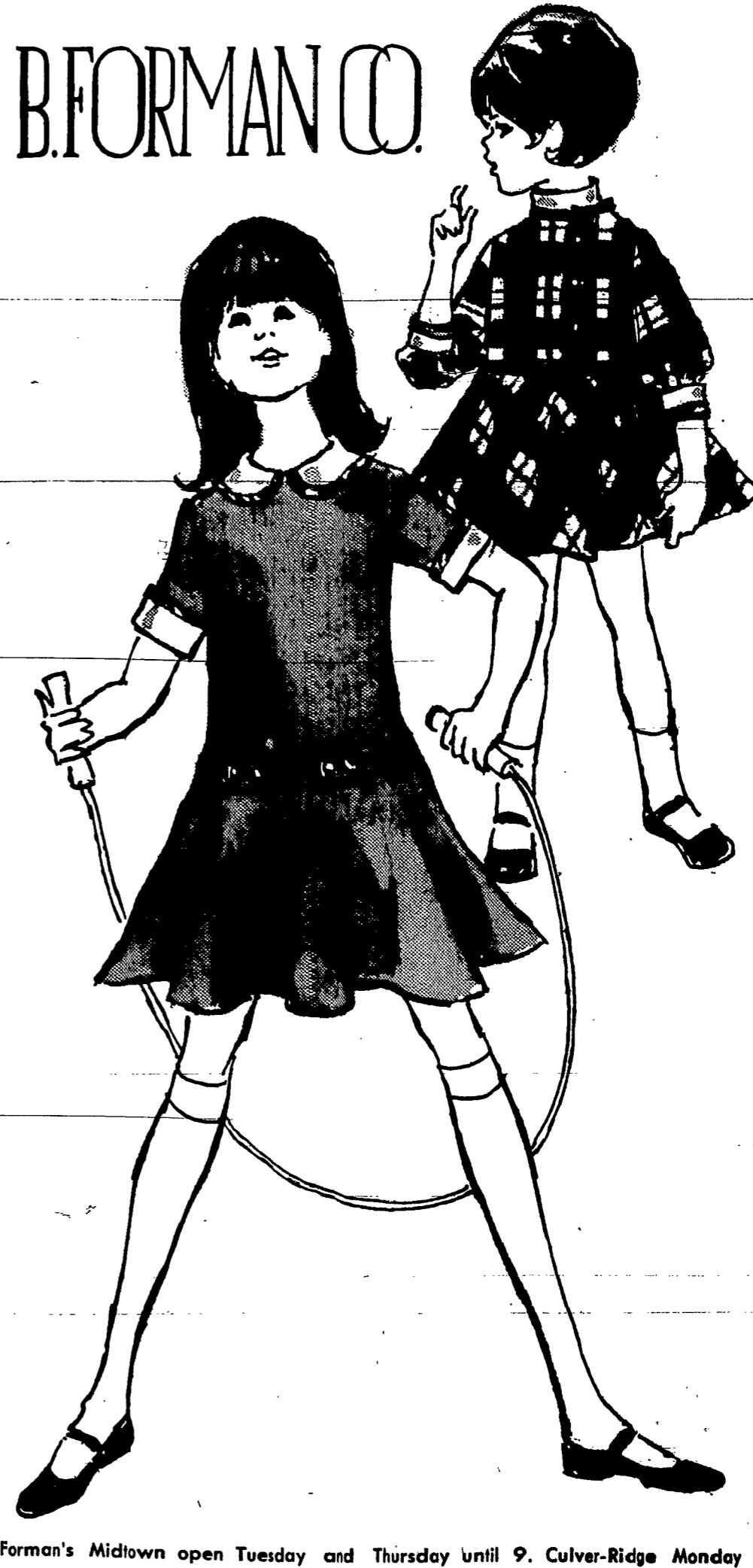
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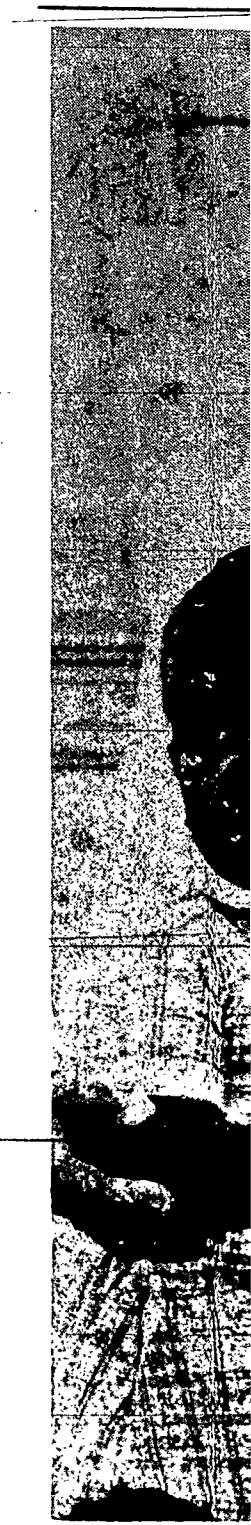
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