



'Nuns of the Green Beret'

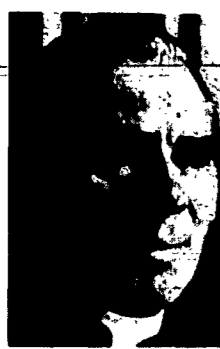
CINCINNATI—(RNS)—Sister Mary Vincent Browne shows the Green Beret given to her by young men of the Army's Sixth Special Forces unit undergoing guerilla training at Fort Bragg, N.C., for service in Vietnam. The nun and other Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati attended Mass at the Fort Bragg chapel along with Special Forces soldiers. The GI's dubbed the Sisters "our praying nuns of the green beret." Sister Mary Vincent, now stationed at a parochial school in Kenton, Ohio, plans to organize a Little League of Special Forces among her third grade pupils to develop physical fitness, pray for soldiers in Vietnam and write to members of the Special Forces. The nuns were in North Carolina to take part in an English Institute at Fayetteville State College.

Priest Dies, Red Victim

Hong Kong—(NC)—News of the death of Chinese Father John Kay Wei Chung in a hard labor camp to which he was sentenced in December, 1955, was revealed here by the Jesuit Fathers. Father Chung was ordained in Swatow in 1943. He had received a degree in education at the Jesuit conducted Aurora University in Shanghai and had also studied law there. Although no other details are available, according to a Swatow report received here at the time, he probably was one of four unnamed priests arrested in December, 1955, for counter-revolutionary activities and accused of "sabotaging agrarian reforms" and of keeping young people from joining the Red youth organization.

GOD LOVE YOU

Most Reverend
Fulton J. Sheen



When Our Blessed Lord sat down at the table the night of the Last Supper, the Apostles fought with one another to have first place. Our Lord reproaching them by example, arose from the table, girded himself with a towel, washed their feet and wiped them. It is interesting that, though the Apostles fought for chairs, not one of them fought for the towel. Honor is desired by all, service by the few. Yet He Who was Lord and Master did the humble work of a slave and in the end He chose the most difficult of all work, bearing the Cross of our sins. By this act Our Lord made authority and superiority inseparable from service. That is why He said that "Not everyone who says 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven."

We do not save ourselves alone, but only in the context of suffering humanity. As Catholics you already have over 300,000 missionaries in the poor countries of the world. You have 150,000 schools for children and 5,000 orphanages. You help to support 400 leprosaria as well as 26,000 hospitals and dispensaries. Can you not give up a dessert, a cocktail or the equivalent of any luxury just to serve those who are helping to save the world? Our national office has hundreds, millions of towels — towels for the sick, the ignorant, the slum dwellers, but we have few willing hands. Would you like to do a little washing for us?

Or maybe you would like to turn your blessings into a noble service by taking out an Annuity which will pay you returns during life, reduce your taxes and at death the principal will go to the Holy Father for the poor of the world. If you want to help everyone, everywhere, then have your alms distributed by the Holy Father who knows where the need is greatest. Write to me, including the date of your birth. God Love You!

GOD LOVE YOU to G.J.M. "Enclosed you will find a check for \$15 which represents dessert, tips partial stock dividends and other small sacrifices made in honor of Christ for the poor of the world." . . . to Jeanne M. for \$250. "I am only 11 but it won't hurt to send half of what I've saved to the Missions." . . . to Mr. and Mrs. J.T. for \$100. " . . . the sum of the gifts given to us for our Golden Wedding anniversary."

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Hanoi Catholics Retain Faith

Saigon — (NC) — A good proportion of Vietnamese Catholics in Hanoi city are maintaining the practice of their religion in spite of the open antireligious attitude of the government of North Vietnam.

Recent travellers coming through Laos and Cambodia from the North Vietnamese capital reported they saw "a good crowd" attending Sunday Mass in Hanoi's Catholic cathedral.

Estimating the congregation to number 600, they said they were struck by the number of young men and women attending Mass.

But despite the surface tolerance in Hanoi city, which is visited by many foreigners, the North Vietnamese government policy remains firmly antireligious.

All Catholics schools are closed.

The Vietnamese superior of a community of Sisters was in prison at last word 10 months ago. Father John B. Vinh, pastor of the Hanoi cathedral parish, is now in prison. Father Quynh from Haiphong was arrested and jailed in that city. Some think he may have died in prison from one 'and a half to

two years ago. When first arrested he was given 18 months sentence which was later extended indefinitely when he refused to conform.

In 1959 the Holy See appointed a Vietnamese priest to be bishop of Thanh Hoa diocese and again in 1960 appointed another to be the new bishop of Long Son diocese. The North Vietnamese government has not allowed either of these two priests to be consecrated bishops.

A Vietnamese Redemptorist, Brother Clement, went shopping one day several years ago and has not been heard from since. He was arrested and his present whereabouts are unknown.

In 1964 there were about 300 Vietnamese priests still in North Vietnam. No one knows for certain to what extent they are allowed to exercise their ministry, if at all.

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God's World

Sacred Cow Stereotype

By DENNIS J. GEANEY, O.S.A.

A group of men are seated in a private hotel dining room honoring a celebrity. The drinks and food are prepared and served exquisitely and to the distinctive taste of each. The conversation is scintillating. The door opens and scents of perfume envelop the room. Entering in a gay array, is the hotel prostitute. She is a professional selling her wares in hotel lobbies or working as a call girl through the agency of a bell boy.

If one looks upon her face intently, he will see a tranquility and peace that was never there before. There is no titillating nervous laugh, but a calm that is deep and intent. She does not seem to sense there is anyone else in the room but the honored guest. Everyone else at the table is so caught off guard, embarrassed, and angry that there is a profound personal change in the woman they recognized as a sex vendor.

There is an exchange of glances between her and the honored guest. There is a profound non-verbal communication between her and the honored guest as their eyes meet. The words he speaks to her are few as she touches him. It is a moving scene, but the men observing this exchange are so trapped in their own feelings that they cannot grasp what is really happening between the two.

The men see her as a cheap prostitute who has interferred with their meeting. But, they are more shocked at the honored guest's warm acceptance of her. And, the host does not hesitate to express his feelings verbally. "Why do you permit this scene?"

The honored guest replies that they have no sensitivities. He is telling them that they are less than human and cannot sense this woman's need for acceptance and understanding. On his books she is not a prostitute but a person who needs true love, the kind of love that is not purchased or expressed sexually. The men hear him but do not understand. His attitudes towards people are always misunderstood. This is nothing new. It was a good evening for him.

One person grasped his concern as he reached out to meet someone longing to give up her self-destructive profession and become alive to her potentialities. Through his words and glances she was no longer a prostitute, but a person with the capacity for human growth.

Dear Reader, do you understand what I have been trying to do in telling this story? I have been imaginatively trying to re-construct Luke 7: 36-50, the story of the penitent woman, Simon, the pharisee, was a respectable man in his community, so I choose the hotel dining room.

A person with more imagination than I could reconstruct in modern imagery, the pool of tears, the washing of feet, the wiping with her hair, and the anointing. It was literally a touching scene.

How did you react to it as you read it? If you are a male, did you react with anger toward the honored guest, Jesus. Were you angry with Jesus because he let her approach him? Or, were you filled with compassion? If you are a wife, did you react as though your husband was at the table and this cheap floozy was trying to come between you and a happy home?

Or, did you reserve judgment as you read, looking for clues to see what kind of person she really was? I was trying to give you a kind of Rorschach-test.

What I am trying to do is to point up the pitfalls of the stereotyping trap into which we all fall. We are always pigeon holding people, putting them into straight jackets and ex-

pecting a certain kind of conduct from them. The policeman, the clergyman, the bus driver, the salesman, the suburbanite, the Negro, the Puerto Rican, the wealthy, the A.D.C. mother, the Democrat, the Republican, the Birchite, the left-winger, and the politician are not persons but types.

Like the circus man, we hold up the hoop and expect them to jump through it. We fight to keep our stereotypes neat and definable. They are our sacred cows which cannot be touched.

How can we get out of this bind and treat each person as a human being who wants to become more himself each day, who is looking for the bread of acceptance from us each day for his daily nourishment? There is no magic formula.

I must become more secure as a person so that the conduct of others does not threaten my existence as were the men in the home of Simon, the Pharisee. I must become more sensitive to the people around me. I must catch their feelings on my radar and really go out to them. If I do, I will become vulnerable and get hurt. Indeed, this is the message of the Cross.

Priests' Senate

Boston — (RNS) — Cardinal Cushing announced that a senate of priests is being formed in the archdiocese as an official communications channel between the clergy and bishops.

Pacifism Trend Gains In France

Paris — (NC) — French Catholics are extremely sensitive to the horror of war since the Oct. 4, 1965, speech of Pope Paul at the United Nations, a survey reported here.

The papal speech seemed to define lines for French Christians that had never before been sharply drawn, commented the survey, which was published in Le Monde, Paris daily. Even so, French pacifists differ widely as to the basis for and degree of their pacifism. But the basic issue is a moral conviction that war is evil, the survey continued.

It added that in analyzing French Catholic opinion on the war, a special place must be given to Pax Christi, international Catholic peace organization, because of its relation to the French hierarchy. After asking in an April article in the Pax Christi journal why the words and prayers of Pope Paul were not repeated by millions of Christians, author Jean Hau added: "Do you say that we have to wrestle against communism and its extension? And do you honestly believe that we can wrestle against communism with bombs and napalm?"

The weekly newspaper, France Catholique, has committed itself to a long-term search for peace, based on the inspiration of Pope Paul, it was reported. Adopting a moderate position, the paper seeks peace gestures not only from the Americans, but from all involved in the fighting. It accepts the American escalation as a result of Viet Cong escalation, not as a manifestation of an American desire for a big war.

Veterans Back School Prayer, Vietnam War

Miami Beach — (RNS) — The Catholic War Veterans called on Congress to approve the Dirksen amendment permitting voluntary prayers in public schools.

The veterans supported U.S. military policies in Vietnam and said they were opposed to any change in the national stand toward Communist China, including any move to admit the Asian country into the United Nations.

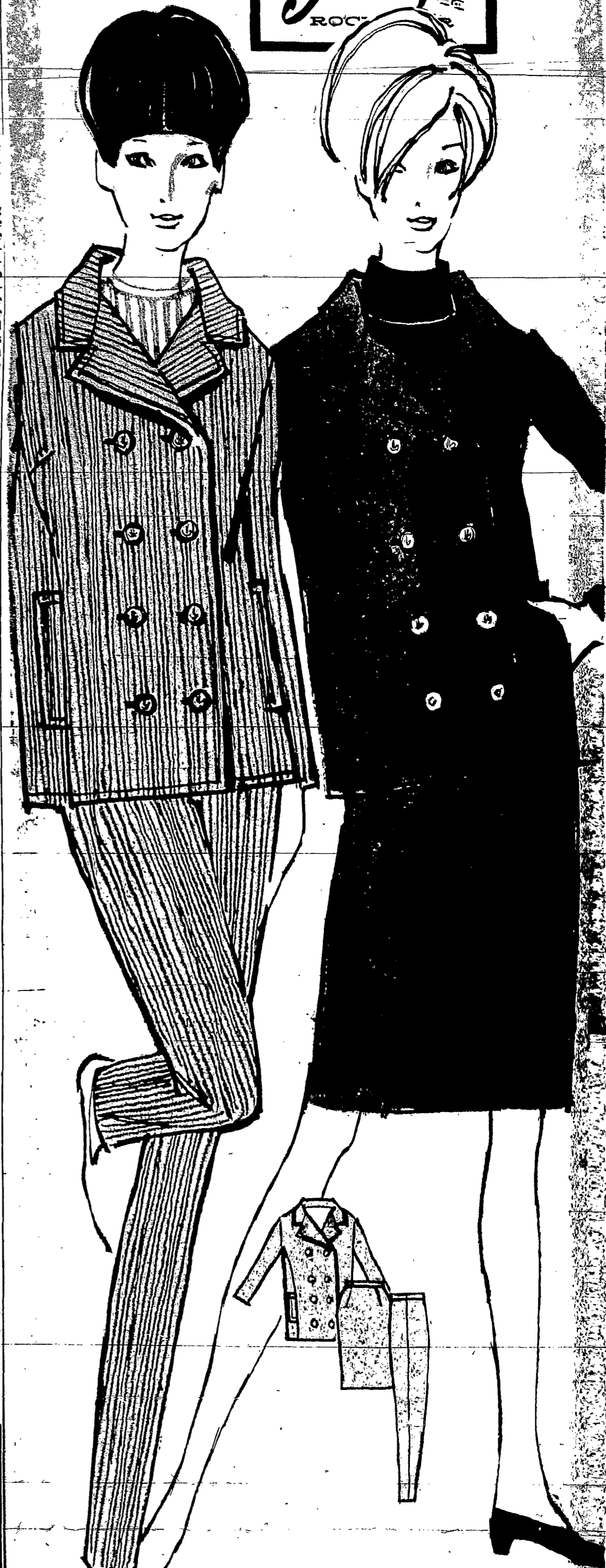
Another resolution called for greater efforts to educate the public in Americanism through more frequent use of the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Priest Senate In Texas

San Antonio — (NC) — A senate of 12 priests, to be elected by their "brothers and peers" will be formed this fall in the San Antonio archdiocese. Archbishop Robert E. Lucey announced.

The senate, with four other committees to be formed, will assist the archbishop in implementing the decrees of Vatican Council II.

Forming a commission for this purpose will be chairmen and co-chairmen of the committee on the liturgy, ecumenism, the lay apostolate, and priestly formation (seminaries) and the senate of priests.



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