

# Rochester Padre at Work in La Paz, Bolivia



**TRIPLETS ON THEIR BACKS**, the women set out for the clinic with Father Deckman and the mission doctor. Birth of triplets is a rarity in Bolivia.

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women, their derby hats at jaunty angle, slung the babies on their backs and set off in the rain with the priest and doctor. A policeman hailed a cab.

paring the babies for the incubator. Pete and I looked at the birth certificates, and there we learned that our three new friends were not Faith, Hope and Charity. The parents had chosen the names Christina, Barbara and Maruja, which means "Mary."

las, the kindly bishop of early Christian history who, according to some accounts, befriended three young girls with a gift of money for their dowries. "You did more than that," I exclaimed.

When he said "we," he was referring to organized efforts by the 15 dioceses and prelatures with some 1,250,000 Catholics in the sparsely populated rain forests of Brazil. These efforts are centered in Manaus, the city of the rubber bonanza of bygone days.

As we wound our way down the tortuous streets, honking at every corner, I began to wonder if we would make it to the hospital. You see, in La Paz there are no stop signs, so the first car that honks its horn goes through, safely if the other driver has good hearing.

## Amazon Area

# The Church As Developer

By JAIME FONSECA (NC News Service)

Washington—The Church in Brazil, committed to aid development of the huge Amazon basin, needs a special kind of assistance.

Scholarships are the main thrust of the "Amazon" program, says George, U.S.S.R., who calls Chicago his home but has worked 15 years in Brazil.

"Our key to the job is education of the 'sertanejo,' the new farmer-rancher pioneer who has been fighting jungle and river for generations to habitate new lands," he said.

generation, with little traditional ballast, and therefore wide open to change, willing to learn and work hard," the missionary added.

"The Church has a ready-made channel for fostering these new attitudes, and that is their own spiritual values.

"A case in point. Even in a religious atmosphere of much ignorance, a good deal of subjective ideas, and of uneven work of the Church, there are many living-Christian-communists by plain laymen. They listen to the radio schools (the Church has five stations with some 500 community centers) and on Sundays to the Mass, when they call 'priestless Mass. When once in a while the priest does come to them, they are related; they also show sound basic attitudes—in morals and religion," he said.

The plan includes efforts at fostering unity within the Church, better methods of evangelizing and preaching, as well as tagging catechism to local renewal, ecumenical movement and socio-economic development.

"We need trained people, leaders. For instance, we have opened a regional institute of theology which, among other things, will do direct research on the 'caboclo' values and attitudes. This is important, for the number of these primitive homesteaders make up 77% of our population. Knowing them well and their reaction to development will give us tools to prepare teachers, technicians and leaders," Father George said.

## Experts Urge U.S. Aid, But Not Interference

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in what he called a mood of "deep pessimism" regarding future United States-Latin American relations.

He expressed doubt whether the United States "which so effectively, if often unconsciously, has worked to undermine the old Latin American order" can "usefully assist in the process of building a new one."

He cited the great cultural gap between North and Latin America and the great cultural differences among Latin American countries of different nations and different economic groups.

Calling for the United States to increasingly "back away from Latin America" in favor of letting Latin Americans make their own decisions, Dr. Plank said: "That Latin America can use our technical and financial resources is not in question; of course it can. I am not persuaded, however, that the Latin Americans need—or even particularly want—our patronizing concern, our unwanted interference in areas where our ignorance is exceeded only by our assurance."

Father Bonpane defended his suspended colleagues before the forum and denied alleged communist control of leftist guerrilla movements in Guatemala.

According to Father Bonpane, the violence which has kept Guatemala in a constant state of terror for the past year and a half has been staged chiefly by the right wing rather than the left.

He described the situation as one in which the government concerns itself with only 2% of the people and the other 98% are hungry, sick and homeless. It is one, he said, in which for many the only hope of change.

In his discussion of educational needs in a developing Latin America, Dr. Tarso also cited the need for U.S. financial and technical aid without policy dictation.

Speaking of the need for vast qualitative and quantitative improvements in Latin American education, he stressed that "no country can delegate to another the charge of educating its people."

In summarizing forum workshops, Dr. Kennedy said participants had shared "strong feelings" in most areas even if they did not reach a clear, majority consensus.

They shared Dr. Plank's pessimism as to future cooperation. He said the work groups there are still areas for cooperation. He said the work groups believed that future aid to Latin America in this cooperation must reflect Latin American needs and not U.S. interests.

In this regard, he said, forum participants asked that the United States continue aid to Latin America but discontinue all efforts to "impose on others the American way."

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Theology Faculties at Universities

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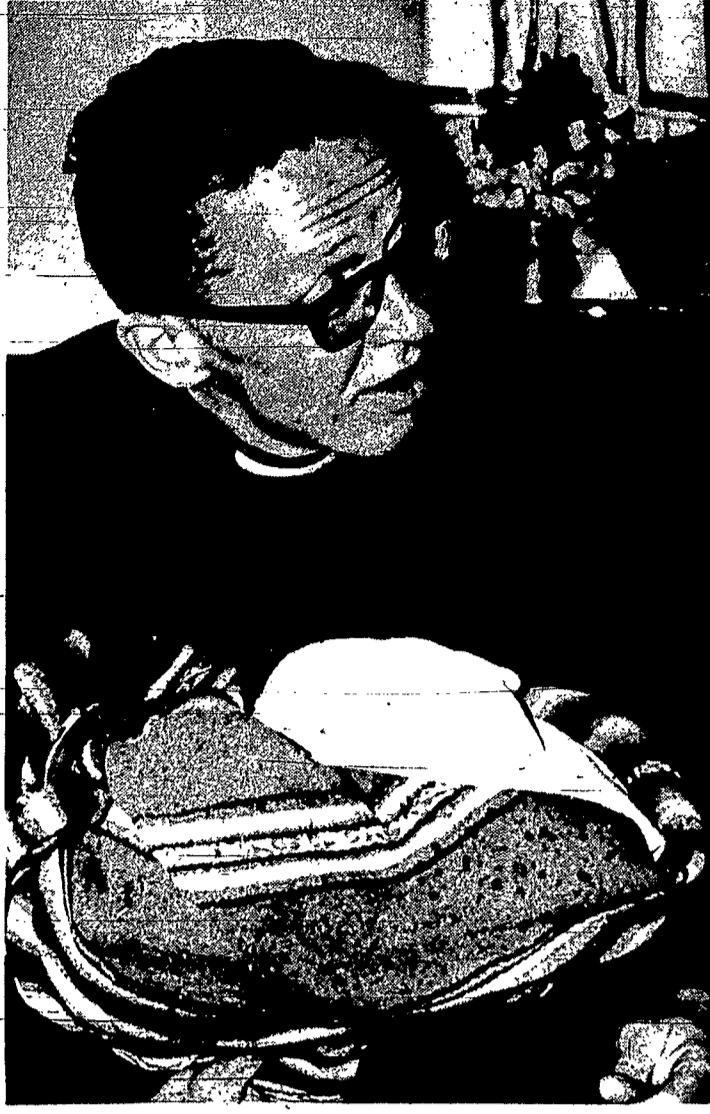
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**THAT'S A BABY** on Father Peter Deckman's lap one of the triplets brought to the Rochester priest's mission in La Paz, Bolivia.

## 'Mission to the Poorest' Active in Ceylon Slums

Colombo, Ceylon — Crows of living in the area is so low had almost pecked to death a baby abandoned in a dustbin in Mutwal, one of Colombo's suburbs, when the child was rescued by social workers.

The social workers who saved the baby are members of the Mission to the Poorest, part of the Regina Mundi Society, an organization started five years ago by an English Christian Brother, Brother Lionel, F.S.C.

The Mission to the Poorest works among the people of Mutwal, one of the most crowded and most poverty-stricken areas in Ceylon. The standard

of living in the area is so low had almost pecked to death a baby abandoned in a dustbin in Mutwal, one of Colombo's suburbs, when the child was rescued by social workers.

The Society aims at the rehabilitation of the poor. Besides giving food and clothing to those in immediate need of those things, the Society provides the free services of a doctor and of a lawyer, who aids the poor in litigation with landlords.

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**Press Congress Set for Berlin**

Paris—(NC)—The seventh world congress of the International Union of the Catholic Press (ICPU) will be held in Berlin from July 1 to 5, 1968, the secretariat of the ICPU announced here.

The theme of the congress will be "The Press in a Changing World."

Among the speakers will be Franziskus Cardinal Koenig of Vienna and Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, Baptist, director of the Association Press of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). Both will speak on renewal of the press to Church renewal.

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**All Who Aid**

Vatikan City—(RNS)—Pope here to "the authorities, the who have done their utmost to the victims of earthquakes"

Addressing a crowd in window of his study, the Pope suffered in the destruction of

"We are thinking," he said, survivors in their grief and of everything... Let us put a picture of devastated areas a comforting sight of all who have

**Cheers and J**

London—(NC)—When Ramsey of Canterbury arrived cathedral to pray with John unity, some Protestants out "Blasphemy!" About 50 hymns were kept at a distance by

When Cardinal Heenan's foot of the sanctuary steps, a came from the packed cong

**Aged Prelate**

Valletta, Malta—(RNS)—of Malta, was applauded by denied rumors that he plan

He said that he had of Pope Paul. He quoted the Po you are and we will give yo

**Urges Nigeria**

Lagos, Nigeria—(NC)—M of Rome's Irish College and congregation here that the since May, 1967, could be ha

"We are not here," Ms relief mission, "to say that or wrong. What we do say is solved—by honorable—negot come together and talk; that

**Pay War Victim**

Bonn, Germany—(NC)—tion Camp Committee and Christi, international Catholic the government to give final inmates of German concentr

**More India M**

Guaahati, Assam—(RNS)—sionaries remaining in the M leave the State of Assam with American Baptists and Welsh hospital work, it was annou

Government policy exclu areas. They will be permi India. The Mizo Hills have b activity by tribesmen seekin sionaries have frequently be rebels. A number of Roma already been expelled.

**Family Plan**

New Delhi, India—(NC) family planning minister has in the government's birth c

At a family planning Narain Sinha warned birth "force, compulsion or undec menting the program. Sinh and motivation of the peo planning a mass movement.

**"Renewal" W**

Rome—(NC)—Italy's letter urging the nation's p not to be afraid of the th conciliar Church.

The letter stressed that and theologians to refer the of God "so that it can be in of new situations in which itself."