



**A Kick Out of Life**

Father Juan Manuel Basurco plays two rather contrasting roles in life. The 24-year-old priest is a member of the Motrico Football Club for which he will play six more games before going to Ecuador

as a missionary. In the photo at left, Father Basurco is shown during the celebration of his First Mass. (RNS)

**Spain and the Basque Issue**

**Priests, Advice Rejected, Quit Social Panel**

Bilbao, Spain — (NC) — Tension in the Basque region of Spain has a new dimension. One bishop refused to attend a reception for Generalissimo Francisco Franco, another issued strict outlines for sermons by priests, and independent Catholic and pro-government publications are engaged in a dispute over how to report these events.

Bishop Lorenzo Bereciartua y Balerdi of San Sebastian, a summer resort in northern Spain, broke a long tradition by failing to join the local reception committee when Franco arrived in the city at the end of the summer season.

The government has suspended key civil rights in Gulpuzcoa province — in which the San Sebastian diocese is located — in its fight against what it calls a terrorist organization. Bishop Bereciartua protested in a recent pastoral letter that priests were being arrested and harassed, all in violation of the Spanish concordat with the Holy See.

In the diocese of Bilbao, Bishop Pablo Gurpide Beope, a non-Basque, has issued an outline for Sunday sermons and warned his priests to stick to it.

"To follow this outline is mandatory for all priests, diocesan and religious," his order read. "To deviate from it means serious disobedience to a superior authority who has special reasons for his decision."

He added that, because of "certain anarchical preaching in the past," many souls were suffering anguish.

His sermon restrictions came on the heels of the resignation of the priests who make up the Commission

on Social Pastoral Action. The group, appointed by Bishop Gurpide, was engaged in attempts to mediate between him and a large number of Basque priests on pastoral issues stemming from the critical political situation.

Upon returning from sick leave, Bishop Gurpide publicly dismissed the commission's recommendations.

The apostolic nuncio to Spain, Archbishop Luigi Dadaglio, is in Rome on a consultation.

When the Madrid daily Nuevo Diario, published by members of Opus Dei, an apostolic association, of priests and lay — failed to mention the local reaction to Franco's visit to San Sebastian, the pro-government paper Arriba accused the daily of "censoring the clamorous reception," and of distorting reports by the official Spanish news agency, Cifra.

"Nuevo Diario showed it wanted to deprive its readers of their right to know how the people of San Sebastian welcomed the chief of state," Arriba claimed. Then it asked who was behind such policy, and what interests were making up for the financial deficit of the publication.

Nuevo Diario answered by redressing the same words to Arriba. Both papers are reported to be operating at a deficit. On the other hand, Nuevo Diario admitted that Franco had a good reception at the summer resort.

There have been earlier instances of open hostility between Opus Dei militants and the press of the Palange, Spain's only legal political party. Some of the Catholic-oriented publications and news agencies have been fined under current strict press regulations.

**Amish Run Afoul of Law**

Paoli, Ind. — (RNS) — Indiana State Police have begun filing stiffer charges against Amish residents here who refuse to display bright orange and red slow-moving vehicle emblems on the rear of their horse-drawn buggies.

Several Amish farmers, citing their belief in complete simplicity and the shunning of any form of decoration, have already been fined and sometimes jailed for refusing to display the emblem.

Now, Paoli City Judge Rhys Rhodes has asked State Police to start filing heavier charges, and one of the Amish has been charged with reckless driving, in addition to the charge of

refusing to display the emblem. Maximum sentence could be six months in jail and a \$500 fine on the new charges.

Henry R. Miller, bishop of the Paoli area Amish, said he had proposed using a neutral color reflector tape on the buggies instead of the gaudy emblem but Indiana officials have advised the Amish to obey the state law.

**Jesuits List Changes in N.Y. State**

New York — (NC) — The Jesuits' time-honored St. Andrew-on-Hudson novitiate near Poughkeepsie, N.Y., will be moved to a residence near Le Moyne College in Syracuse by September 1969.

Following the same timetable, students now studying at Loyola Seminary, Shrub Oak, N.Y., will continue undergraduate work at Fordham University here in their own religious community building.

The changes are being made in conjunction with a New York province program, decided upon after three years of study, which affects all Jesuits in the province and covers the span from their entrance into the society through their retirement, Father Robert A. Mitchell, S.J., provincial, declared.

The New York province includes New York and northern New Jersey. There are 1,400 Jesuits in the province, which operates four institutions of higher learning, eight high schools, (including McQuaid in Rochester), five parishes and ten retreat houses.

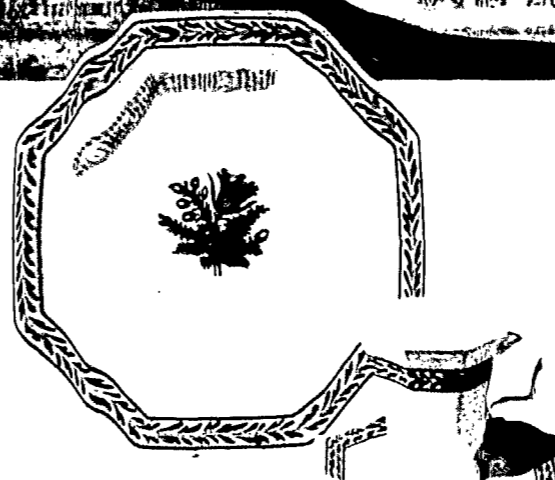
"Of primary importance," Father Mitchell said, "is our determination to renew ourselves as religious. Only if this prerequisite is fulfilled can we be effective instruments of service in Christian witness and work for the Church and for society."

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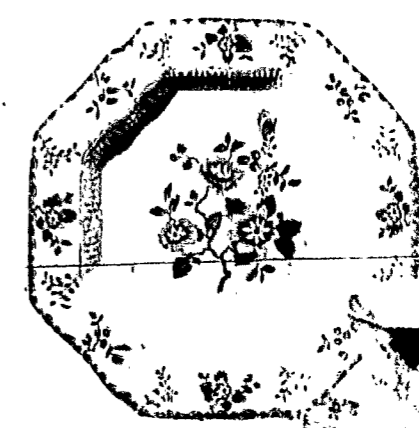
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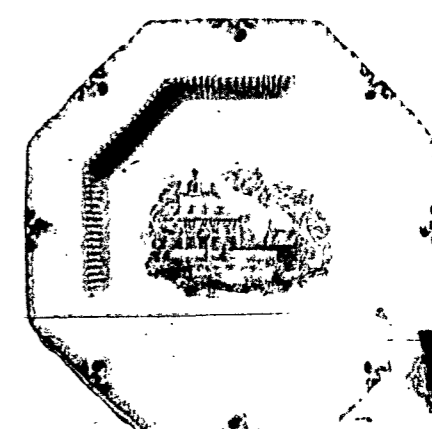
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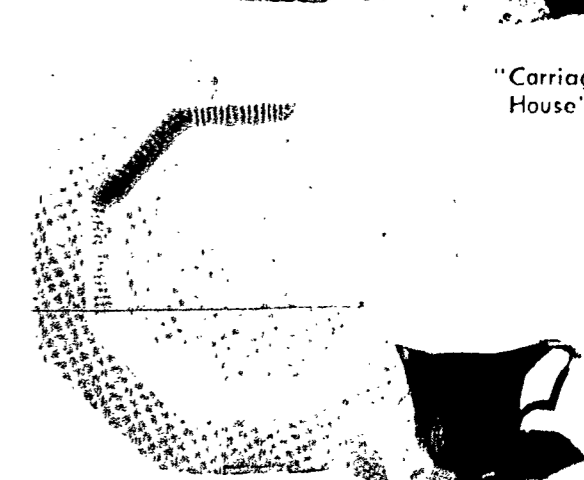


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**Teachers In N.Y. Strike**

Some 15,000 striking teachers ring City Hall in New York City on Sept. 16. The protest demonstration was staged as Albert Shanker, president of the United Federation of Teachers, rejected a proposal by the Board of Education to end a dispute. The strike, which then entered its second week, had closed the public schools to nearly 1,110,000 pupils. (RNS)