## Noodles for the Needy of China N.J. Group to Begin

**Catholic Press Features** Denver --- There are worse things than going through life being called "the noodle priest"—like starving to death. So the Rev. John Romaniello, M.M., doesn't mind all the puns about his "using his noodle" to combat hunger, as long as his noodle-making machines keep going.

Father Romaniello, 68-yearold director of Catholic Relief Services in Hong Kong, is on a cross-country tour of the U.S. and Canada, doing anything he can to get more support for his noodle apostolate\_

On leave from the Maryknoll order to work for Catholic Relief Services, Father Romaniello has spent most of his priestly life in China, but it was only 10 years ago that he became the "noodle priest\_"

The U.S. was sending millions of pounds of surplus flour to aid refugees from Communist China who were flooding into Hong Kong at the rate of '100,000 a year. A day or two after his arrival there-as CRS director, Father Romaniello looked on in astonishment as he watched a waif hand over a five-pound bag of flour to a grocer in exchange for a one-pound bag of noodles. He quickly learned that flour --- despite the good intentions of the U.S. -- was useless to the refugees, who had neither the time nor the equipment to convert it into anything edible.

Father Romaniello's next stop was the hut of a noodle maker, where he studied the operation of an old wooden, hand-cranked contraption.

"When I left there I knew that I was going into the moodle business," the priest remarked. "It was the first time I'd ever seen a noodle machine, but I knew we could make a better one.

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Father John Romaniello, Hong Kong's famed "noodle priest," cutting up a new batch before distribution to the poor.

With the aid of one priest each other. It was a wonderwho was an amateur machinist ful time.' and another who was an amateur cook, Father Romaniello went to work. After six weeks of experimenting with various combinations of wheat flour, corn meal and milk, the priests finally did it.

"And then we had noodles," Father Romaniello exclaimed. and they are the easiest food to be assimilated by the body," he replies, adding that noodles. require only water, salt and fire to prepare for eating.

In Hong Kong, his choice of noodles proved specially significant for the mystical Chinese.

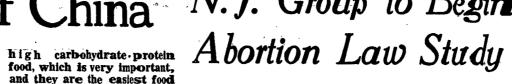
"Noodles have a good symbol in China," Father Romaniello said. "Noodles are a symbol of happiness. They are al-ways eaten at birthday parties or weddings and other happy occasions."

Since it was an Italian, Marco Polo, who discovered macaroni in China and brought it back to Italy, it was only fitting that Father Romaniello should offer noodles to the Chinese.

Born of Italian immigrants and reared in New Ro-chelle, Romaniello took an N.Y., early interest in China and joined the missionary order at nearby Maryknoll, N.Y. He was ordained in 1928 and was assigned to Kwangsi Province in South China, where he served until 1949, when the Communists took over the China mainland. After several years of persecution, he was expelled in 1951. Between 1951 and 1957, he went to Yale, where he studied economics and sociology, and wrote a novel about China, called "Bird of Sorrow."

"The title comes from an old Chinese proverb that goes like this," he said: "You can't stop the bird of sorrow from flying overhead, but you can keep it from nesting in your hair.'

Today, Father Romaniello's drugstores here dropped 20% noodles are being made also after the publication of Pope in Saigon, Taiwan, India, the Paul VI's encyclical, Humanae Philippines, Peru, and other Vitae the newspaper Estado de Sao Paulo reported.



Trenton, N.J. -(NC)- A special legislative commission to study New Jersey's law on abortion and its enforcement will begin work here in late September.

Two assemblymen and five citizens at large - three of them clergymen - had been named earlier. Among the clergymen serving on the panel, which includes law enforcement and medical officials, is Father Thomas F. Dentici, family life director of the Trenton diocese.

The commission is due to report its findings to the legislature by January 1969.

While the commission will organize this month, public hearings will not be held until later in the year.

New Jersey's law prohibiting abortions "without lawful justification" has been under increasing fire in recent years. Dating back to 1871, it has been interpreted by the courts to mean that no abortion may be performed unless the life of the mother is in danger.

The courts, however, have called on the legislature to make the law more specific. A survey of the state's 21 county prosecutors disclosed only one was checking on the legality of abortions performed in hospitals in his area.

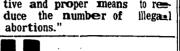
This led state law enforcement officials to draft guidelines governing legal aspects Pill Sales Drop

Sao Paulo, Brazil --- (NC) Sales of birth control pills in

of the question until the legilature takes action. Basically the guidelines leave it up to members of the medical profession to decide whether circumstances require an abortion for therapeutic purposes-

At the time the legislature was considering the resolution calling for a study, the Catholic bishops of New Jersey issued a statement saying abortion is "no solution to social problems."

The bishops said, ho-wever-, they would welcome a study "which would eliminate the ambiguities of the present law, as well as provide comstructive and proper means to re-



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'Kennedy and Sirhan - - Why?'

New York-(RNS)-The first man's action was to save Ameri-1 Dr. Mehdi concludes that if book on Sirhan Bishara Sirhan can lives, the author maintains, there were 5 million Arabs inand the factors which led to Sirhan's act also must be exam-stead of Jews in the United the assassination of Sen. Robert ined in the light of actual cir-States, then every American politician, including Sen. Ken-Kennedy last June will be pub- cumstances of the moment. nedy, would have praised "Arab to create a storm of controversy. As to the possible argument nationalism" instead of "Jewish that Sen. Kennedy might ulti-Zionism." lished soon, and it is bound

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Father Romaniello now has 28 noodle-making machines operating on Hong Kong island, turning out a half-million pounds of noodles per month, enough to help feed countries.

The book, to be released in Los Angeles, where the assassi-nation occurred on June 5 dealer Bishop Sheen to Benation occurred on June 5, deals with the psycho-social and poli-tical forces which allegedly led Sirhan B. Sirhan of Jerusalem Subject of Book with the psycho-social and polito kill the New York senator and aspirant for the the Democratic party's presidential nomi-Wit and Wisdom of Bishop ligion and politics. nation.

Fulton J. Sheen," edited by The author claims that Sir-Bill Adler, has been set for han, an Arab, will not receive a Oct. 27. fair trial in Los Angeles unless

The topics on which the bishop to the Beatles." he is first correctly understood speaks are love, marriage, sex, and adjudged by the American

public at large. He maintains education, God, freedom, the nature of democracy and the that the prospective jurors, "wheever they are and wheever bishop is known for his fresh they might be, are already prej-udiced in favor of Robert Ken-and flowing style, speaking to nedy" about whose wife, Ethel, every man with a true feeling for humanity and with an uni-

and family they are aware. On the other-hand, he continues, these jurors know nothing about Sirhan, his life "and the circumstances which made him a

refugee, destroyed his life and forced him to do what he did." Recalling that Sirhan's note-book carried the notation "June 5th, - Robert Kennedy must die," Dr. Mehdi holds that the date is associated with events in the Middle East a year before. He maintains that on June 5, 1967, Israel launched its "surprise attack" against "Sirhan's people" — a military victory "which was achieved with Presdent Johnson's endorsement and

"factor in Sirhan's dewas a "factor in Sirhan" cision." Dr. Mehdi claims. Dr. Mehdi asserts that Sirhan 1 lb. "depised" President Johnson who was said to have been his 3 lbs. "real target." However, since Sirham was unable to "get his target," he decided to try "the heir apparent" - and Robert Kennedy held that title, he says.

The author denies any assertion or insinuation that Sirhan was imsane.

While saving that Sirhan's act of assassination was "illegal," he argues that Sen. Kennedy's call to send 50 jets to Israel which then might take more Arab territory and kill more of Sirhan's people, was "immoral."

act was immoral only in the seme of the decision of former President Harry S. Truman to drop the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, If President Tru-

## VISIT TO ISTANBUL

Istambul ---- (RNS)--- Metropolitan Nicodim of Leningrad and Novgorod, director of Foreign 303 tim Affairs for the Russian Orthodox Church, will visit Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras, spiritual leader of Eastern Orthodoxy, the Ecumenical Patriarchate announced here.

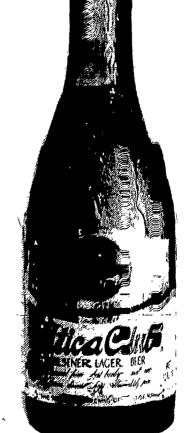
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