

Courier-Journal - Friday, Jan. 10, 1969

Mrs. Sue Borman, wife of the commander of the Apollo 8 moon flight, leaves St. Christopher Episcopal Church in League City, Tex., after attending Christmas services. She is holding tapes of her husband's greeting from space which were played for the congregation. (RNS)



Father Larry Carney, C.S.B., former Aquinas Institute teacher, greets Astronaut William Anders in Houston, Tex., after Mass on the Sunday following the Apollo 8 splashdown. Father Carney teaches at the Basilians' St. Thomas High School in Houston. (RNS)

and strong."

Jown to Earth about Keligion

Houston - (RNS) - The space flight of Apollo 8 was described here by a NASA of-

ficial as "the triumph of the squares the guys with com-puters and slide rules who ead the Bible on Christmas the moon-orbiting flight ---by receiving Holy Commun-

Whether squares or not, it generally agreed here that the three astronauts and their families are sincerely dedicated Christians who take prayer seriously.

Col. Frank Borman, who Col. Borman's pastor, the Rev. James C. Buchner of St. commanded the flight, is an Episcopal lay reader. It was Christopher church, League he who decided to read the Genesis account of Creation as the astronauts' Christmas greeting to the people of Earth.

Frank about going out of Just seven minutes after town so much, telling him he was doing it just to avoid the splashdown in the Pacific Ocean the family of Ma jor Bill Anders, a Catholic, taking a turn at the services. gathered for a Mass of thanksgiving in their home, offered by a family friend, Fa-

ther Dennis Berry. The third member of the

Apollo 8. crew, Navy Capt. James Lovell, is a regular mmunicant in the Episco-

pal church of St. John in L. Mrs. Borman interpreted her husband's action as an attempt to remind people of Mrs. Lovell had begun the their unity. day of her husband's return "Frank wanted people to the same way she had startunderstand that this is the ed the day when he left on

good earth," she said. "When they read the Book of Genesis, it was their message to ion at an Episcopal church. the peoples of the world. They wanted to bring people The Rev. Donald R. Raish,

her rector, described the together." Lovells as a family whose faith "is extremely personal After the safe return of

the astronauts she exclaimed, "Oh to have all our prayers answered so completely. Look at all the prayers around the world that pulled this thing through."

City, Texas, explained why the astronaut read the Bible. The wives of the three "The other eight lay readspace pilots had gathered toers," he said, "were kidding gether-after-the-safe-return of their husbands to say pray-

friends.'

ers of thanksgiving. "Giving thanks is a course from which we never gradunv-way?

they reassured us. I really

"Then someone suggested, ate." Mrs. Valerie Anders Frank, why not take part insaid. the Christmas eve_service "We weren't really worand say something on radio when you come out of lunar obit?' So he did." ried," she added, "we had people around who knew what they were talking about and

According to Mr. Buchmer, the Genesis account "was completely Frank's idea. He wanted to give people some rough idea of how the earth looked to God at the time of.

creation."

Orthodox Leader Hits Ban on Collections

Brooklyn-(RNS)-An Amer Father Schneiria said that ican Orthodox leader said here the concept that collections durthat a decision by the Primate ing the service are degrading of Greece to exclude collections is "unhistorical unliturgical and from worship services "smells probably heretical in its imof the ancient heresies that re plications."

fused to recognize the human nature of our Lord or the true D'Youville Student

nature of man.""

Father P.W.S. Schneirla, get conference of Orthodox Bishops Makes Who's Who Conference of Orthodox Bishops

in the Americas, responded to Betavla --- Miss Sandra a mid-December report that Archbishop Ieronymos of Ath-Putnam, a senior majoring 1 French at D'Youville College Buffalo, is included in the 1968 edition of Who's Who Among ens and All Greece had banned offering plates effective Jan. 1 Students in American Univer-

The implication was that colections in church were degradsities and Colleges. ng to the religious service.

She is the daughter of Mr. Father Schneirla, a clergy and Mrs. Robert M. Putnam, 15

man of the Syrian Orthodox Woodrow Rd., Batavia. Church in America and pastor The annual directory's listing Brooklyn, told his congreation of campus leaders from more that Archbishop leronymous than 1,000 of the nation's instiheads a state Church "and he tutions of higher learning car is a prelate favored by the ries the names of those actdemic standing, service to the present Greek regime, so we

may assume that the Church of community, leadership in critical and fu-Greece is well supported. ture potential are considered "For this we may be grateful, above average.

but contributing during the ser-

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT vice is not degrading; it is an act of worship as much as sing-CONFERENCE SUBJECT ing, censing, lighting candles or

praying." Washington, D.C. - (RNS) - A three-day institute of Ne supported his position by citing the practices of the Or planning for priestly retire thodox, Roman Catholic, An-ment will be held in New Orglican and Protestant rituals. |leans Jan. 20-22, the National

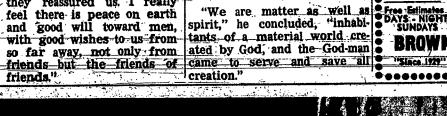
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