



A Missionary Tradition

The Very Rev. John J. McCormack, M.M., superior general of Maryknoll, examines the mission crucifixes he will present to the 30 Maryknoll missionaries who will depart for overseas assignments this year. The traditional ceremony is heralded by the ringing of an 118-year-old Oriental bell which once called Buddhist monks to prayer in Japan. (RNS)

Cardinal Beran Dies in Exile

His Last Thoughts of His Homeland

Rome — (NC) — With his last thoughts on Czechoslovakia and the people he loved there, Josef Cardinal Beran, the exiled archbishop of Prague, died in exile in Rome, May 17. The prelate, 80, had been ailing but active for the past year.

Cardinal Beran, throughout the three decades, personified perhaps more than any other single Church figure the shifts and strains of the Church's struggle against totalitarianism in that time.

In World War II, for stirring the moral opposition of an occupied people to Nazi oppression, he was brutalized at Dachau for 3 years. In a brief liberation period at the war's end, he sparred for public allegiance with oncoming Soviet-backed communists. When they maneuvered their way to power, he was publicly hounded in his efforts to exercise Church leadership.

In the '50's, this harassment had changed to imprisonment. He was held in confinement by the Communist government in his own residence for nearly two years. Then he was shuttled from place to place, under



Cardinal Beran with Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of the World Council of Churches during a visit of the prelate to New York City. (RNS)

guard and in isolation from his people for 14 years, until permitted to go to Rome in 1965 to be made a

Cardinal and attend the final session of the Vatican Council.

The Communists refused to let him return to Prague.

Although Cardinal Beran had known he was suffering from an incurable respiratory ailment that could bring death at any moment, he lived the last few months of his life in constant hope and expectations of returning to Prague as archbishop, by permission of Czechoslovakia's communist regime. He had prepared his affairs and his effects so that he could leave for Prague without delay.

In January, the cardinal taking to the radio to appeal to Czechoslovakia's youth to halt a wave of suicides of political protest, said it was impossible for him "for the time being" to return to Czechoslovakia. But he called it his "deepest desire" to return.

The cardinal, who had spent more than 15 years of his life in communist detention, urged the people of Czechoslovakia to forget the past. "Let us not waste our spiritual forces in hatred," he exhorted them.

Let's Review Cuba Policy, Jesuit Magazine Urges

New York — (RNS)—The reasons for "normalizing" U.S. relations with Cuba "are gaining in strength," the Catholic weekly magazine, America, said in an editorial in its May 17 issue.

Under the term, "normalization," the Jesuit-edited publication included both the ending of the present economic boycott of Cuba and the possibility of resuming diplomatic relations.

The editorial agreed that there are still reasons against such policy changes but cited "the economic plight of the Cuban people and the need for the greatest hemispheric unity" as reasons why the U.S. should review its policies.

Pope Indicates Duties of Mass Media

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Vatican City — (RNS) — The men in charge of mass communications media have a responsibility as "educators" to "know and respect the needs of the family," Pope Paul VI said in a message for World Communications Day, Sunday, May 18.

The Pope's message noted that the media are becoming increasingly influential in the lives of men and called for dialogue between representatives of the family and of the media.

"Who," he asked, "can claim today not to be affected by a phenomenon of such world-wide proportions as the ever-growing expansion of the press, radio, motion pictures and television, or by their immense influence on families?"

The media, he said, "have now penetrated into the very heart of the family circle. They influence people's timetables. They change established habits. They form the subject of conversation and stimulate discussions.

"Above all, these media have an impact on the psychology of those who use them. This impact, at times truly profound, is exercised over the emotions and the intellect. It extends to the moral as well as the religious spheres."

Pope Paul called for "a high sense of responsibility" among those active in the media. This, he said, "means in practice that they should exclude on the one side all that can damage the family in its existence, its stability, its order and its happiness for every member of the family. Fundamental values of the family — whether it be eroticism or violence, the defense of divorce or antisocial attitudes among young people — is an attack on genuine human welfare and the good of society."

Card. Heenan Due Here from Latin America

London — Britain's leading prelate, John Cardinal Heenan of Westminster, is expected in Rochester by June 9 after a "personal" tour of Peru and Chile.

Fulfilling a long-standing promise to Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, the cardinal will give two, week-long retreats for the priests of the Rochester Diocese.

Cardinal Heenan was due in Latin America yesterday (May 22).

He intends to spend his time exclusively in parishes and has refused offers from the British embassies to arrange receptions and other official programs. The cardinal made it clear that his visit is purely personal and has insisted that he will spend all his time with priests and people.

For several weeks before he left (May 17), parishes had sent the cardinal money to take to Latin American poor. In addition, various articles from the Westminster cathedral and the archbishop's house here were sold for the same object.

The jeweled crown from a statue of Our Lady in the cathedral was auctioned to raise money for the poor.

Marymount in Bogota To Be Closed in June

Bogota, Colombia — (NC)—Marymount College here, which has been the focus of charges of Marxist influence among its teachers, will close in June.

The decision was made in Rome by the Religious of the Sacred Heart, who operate the college and others like it in various countries throughout the world, including the U.S.

The statement announcing the action referred to a shortage of Religious teachers and the "complex situation" at the school.

A Marymount lay teacher, Miss Carol O'Flynn of New York City, was dismissed from the Marymount faculty early in April as a member of a group said to be using Marxist methods of teaching.

Another member of the same group, a Spaniard, Father Domingo Lain Sanz, was ousted from Colombia at that time on charges of being an agitator. He and Miss O'Flynn, with other priests and six Marymount sisters, were engaged in an educational experiment in a low-income Bogota parish.

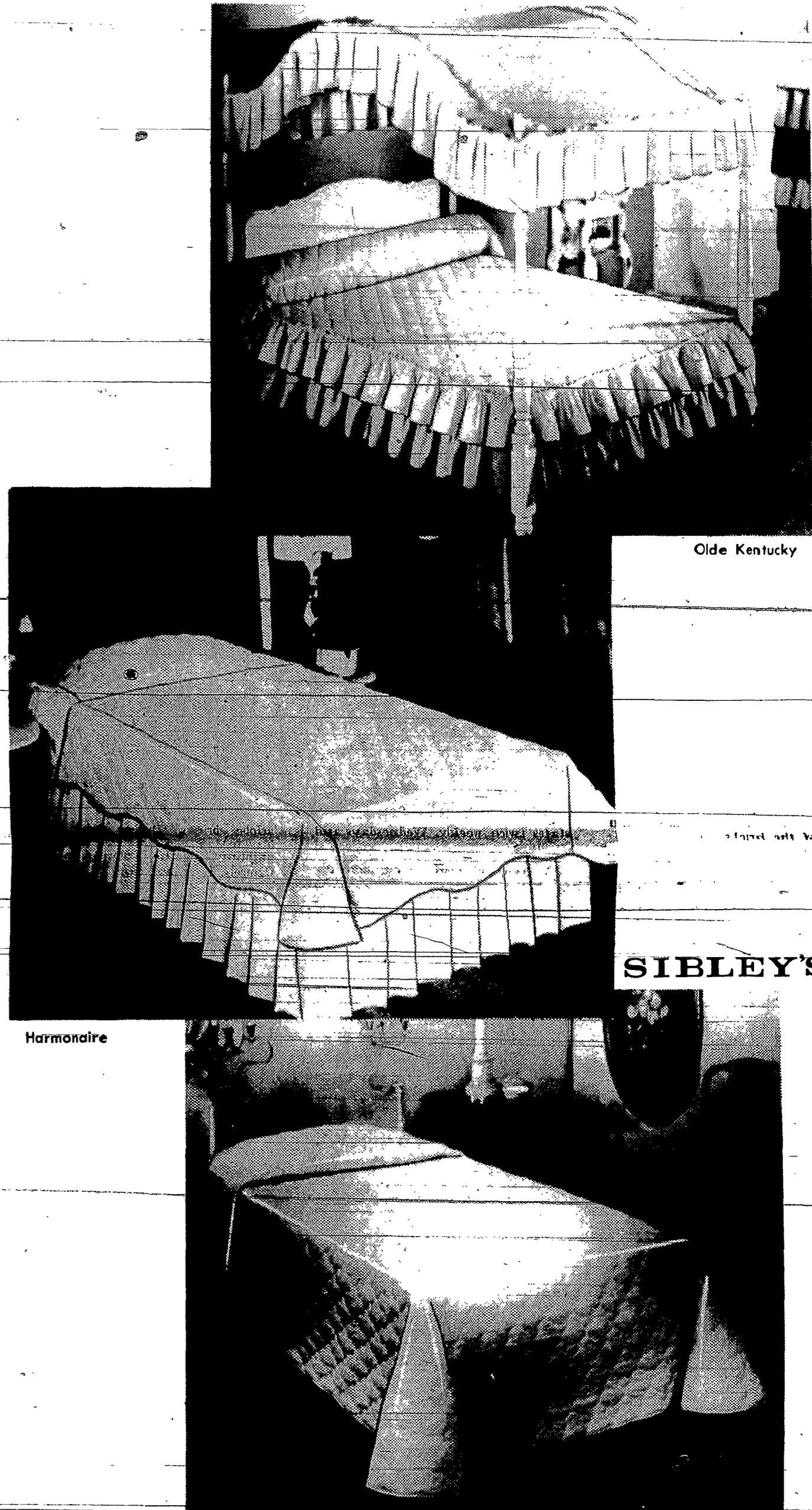
Miss O'Flynn, who has studied at Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart, was engaged in social work being done by the Marymount Sisters in Bogota low-income parishes.

After beginning such activities in one of these parishes she obtained a position as an English instructor on the Marymount faculty meanwhile continuing her parish efforts.

The community said that staffing properly three schools and a mission in Colombia has proved impossible. The complexity of the situation in the school of Bogota makes it very difficult to reorganize the methods of conducting it adequately, and the impossibility of providing a new staff leads to the logical conclusion of withdrawing from Bogota.

Of the 42 Religious of the Sacred Heart in this country, 2 are Colombians. The runs in Bogota will now be reassigned to other institutions.

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