

The Week's News In Review

Priest Expelled from Brazil

SAO PAULO, Brazil — (NC) — Father Jan Honoré Talpe, 35, a Belgian priest teaching physics at the Sao Paulo State University, has been expelled by Brazil's military regime on charges of "subversive activities" among workers of the neighboring industrial complex of Osasco.

He is the 11th foreign priest to be expelled under similar charges since August of 1968.

Among the priests expelled are three Americans: Fathers Darrell Ruppier O.M.I. and Peter Grams, O.M.I., who worked in Recife, and Father James Murray, a priest from the diocese of Providence, who worked at Santarem.

Agnelo Cardinal Rossi of Sao Paulo visited Father Talpe in detention, and later said in a public statement that the priest had shown loyalty to his Church mission and had acted under his own responsibility. The cardinal praised "the apostolic spirit" of Father Talpe.

But the statement and news of the expulsion had little play in the press, now under strict censorship banning all mention of members of the Church engaged in social action.

Church Involvement Opposed

NEW YORK — (RNS) — A majority of American adults disapprove of church involvement in social and political issues, a survey released here shows.

This apparent contradiction was among the findings of a National Council of Churches sponsored survey conducted by the National Opinion Research Center (NORC).

A representative sampling (1,481 persons) of the adult population was asked: In general, do you approve or disapprove of the churches becoming involved in social and political issues such as the urban crisis, Vietnam and civil rights?

However, 58.5 per cent of those polled disapproved of Church involvement in social issues and only 36.7 per cent favored such action by the churches.

In addition to fostering the Christian ecumenical movement in many ecumenical and educational activities, the NCC does at times speak, through its representative units,



Sister Carmela Marie Christiano, 42, holds two of her charges in the children's emergency shelter in the Medical Center in Jersey City, N.J. A member of the Sisters of Charity, the nun was fired from the \$7,500 a year post "without any explanation." Sister has been working with the children since last January in an effort to clean up poor conditions in the shelter which a state agency described as reminiscent of "Oliver Twist." Volunteers who had worked with the nun launched a protest demanding that the Jersey City mayor reinstate her. (RNS).

on social and political issues. It has supported civil rights, maintained an urban crisis priority program and opposed the Vietnam war.

Religious affiliations of the persons polled were as follows (in per cent): 70.8 Protestant; 22.6 Roman Catholic and 2.1 Jewish. 3.5 listed other or none for religious affiliation.

Movies

Here is a list of motion pictures currently playing in Rochester area theaters and the ratings given them by the National Catholic Office of Motion Pictures.

With the Catholic Office ratings, we include the ratings of the Motion Picture Association: G, general; M, mature audiences; R, restricted (persons under 16 admitted only when accompanied by parents or adult guardian); X, persons under 16 not admitted.

Cinema — "Goodbye, Columbus" (Adults, with reservations). R.

Loew's — "Last Summer" (Adults, with reservations). R.

Monroe — "Funny Girl" (Adults and Adolescents). G.

Panorama — "Ben Hur" (General).

Paramount — "Spirits of the Dead" (No Rating). R.

Regent — "Staircase" (No Rating). R.

Riviera — "Krakatoa, East of Java" (Adults and Adolescents). G.

Stoneridge — "Three Into Two Won't Go" (Objectionable). R.

Studio 2 — "Can Hieronymus Merkin Forget Mercy Humppe and Find True Happiness?" (Condemned). X.

Statton — "Number One" (No Rating). M.

Towne I — "Me, Natalie" (Adults). M.

Towne II — "Popi" (Adults and Adolescents). G.

Waring — "The Southern Star" (Objectionable). M.

CRS 1968-69 Aid To Vietnamese Totals \$16.3 Million

By FR. PATRICK BURKE (NC News Service)

Salmon—Food, clothing services and cash estimated to have a total value of \$16,382,767 were made available to the people of South Vietnam through the U.S. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in the year ending June 30, 1969.

The overseas relief agency of the Catholic Church in the U.S. made available to the needy of Vietnam almost 106 million pounds of food alone, donated by the U.S. government. The distribution was part of the Food-for-Freedom program. The foods were valued at \$8 million.

CRS has been active in Vietnam since 1954. It is the largest foreign voluntary agency in Vietnam and the one with the longest continuous service to the poor here.

It carries out its activities in cooperation with Caritas-Vietnam, the relief agency of the Vietnamese Catholic bishops, and works closely with the Vietnamese ministry of health, social welfare and relief.

The total number of recipients for the various foods came to more than a million. They included 107,000 in families, 55,000 in institutions and 250,000 in Food-for-Work projects. Also included were 325,000 displaced persons such as widows, orphans and refugees serviced through distribution points at churches, pagodas, hospitals, private farms and athletic fields.

Besides the distribution of U.S. government surplus foods, CRS distributed almost 2.5 million pounds of clothing, shoes, blankets and other bedding materials collected from American Catholics in the Catholic Bishops' Thank-giving Clothing Campaign.

Much of the clothing was remade into apparel suitable for a tropical climate by young men and women organized into tailor training schools. The sewing machines for these schools were obtained by CRS from donors in the United States and other relief agencies in Vietnam.

Besides the clothing, almost 100,000 pounds of medicines and medical supplies valued at \$122,000 were distributed to hospitals, dispensaries, out-patient clinics, refugee camps, medical civic action projects, orphanages and leprosariums around the country.

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FR. CLIFFORD KING DIES

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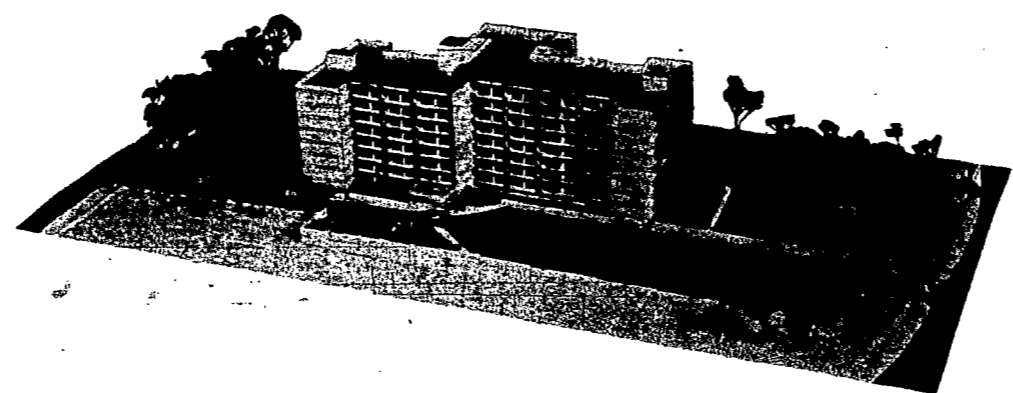
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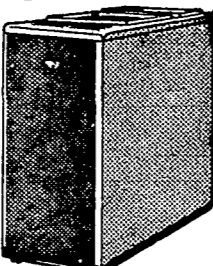
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