

# THE WEEK'S NEWS IN REVIEW

## A Kind of Pilgrimage

Actress Ingrid Bergman, twice winner of an "Oscar," went to a U.S. Army chapel in Taiwan in early January to hear the tape-recorded voice of the late Miss Gladys Aylward, a British missionary whom she portrayed in "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness," filmed 11 years ago. Miss Aylward had died in Taipei at the age of 67.

A novel by British writer Alan Burgess described how the petite British missionary traveled alone from London via Siberia to a remote mountain city in China to devote her life to missionary work and to providing homes for Chinese orphans. The novel was made into a movie.

Miss Aylward, who later became a Chinese citizen, went to Taiwan in 1957 and had cared for more than 500 homeless children until the day she died in early January.

## India: Bigger Role for Laity

India's Roman Catholic Bishops concluded their general meeting in Cochin with an appeal to priests and laity to join the hierarchy in efforts to make the Church "more of God and more in the world."

The plea was made in a message at the end of a 10-day conference described as "the most important" session in the history of the Catholic Bishops Conference of India.

The bishops stressed their commitment to lay participation in the affairs of the Church. "In imitation of the Master Whom we serve, we wish to exercise our authority as to involve in our consultations, deliberations, and implementa-

tions, a large number of competent lay men and women, side by side with priests and religious."

Attended by the country's two cardinals and some 75 archbishops, bishops and noted priests, the assembly was the third in a series of national conferences since 1966 aimed at modernizing the Church.

## There's Nothing Surer

According to the International Labor Office, the rich nations are still getting richer while the poor get even poorer.

The 1969 Year Book of Labor Statistics reported that threats of unemployment in industrialized countries "receded and a revival of prosperity was noted." At the same time in developing countries, "workers remained at a low standard of living which fell increasingly behind."

Unemployment figures rose in 10 countries reporting, including Burma, Chile, India and Sierra Leone. Consumer prices also rose by more than 15 per cent in Brazil, Chile, South Korea, South Vietnam, Uruguay, Colombia, the Congo (Kinshasa), Iraq, Ireland, Liberia, Niger, Nigeria, Uganda, Portugal and Sudan.

## 'Denver 14' Acquitted

A jury of three men and three women acquitted a group of civil rights demonstrators of charges pressed by the State of Colorado.

The group, which called itself "The Denver 14," and included two priests and one nun, stipulated at the outset

of their week-long trial that they assembled on the rostrum of the Colorado Senate last May 7 to confront the senators on the "killing" of several bills in committee which would have aided the poor of the state.

The prosecution charged that the group assembled for an illegal purpose and obstructed state officers in the performance of their duties. The defense made strong note that the Colorado Constitution exceeded the Federal Constitution in that it provided for citizens to "remonstrate" against their government.

The nun is Sister Patricia Seal of the Sisters of Loretto; and the priests are Father Craig Hart, of the archdiocese and Father Lawrence Jenco of the Servites of Mary.

## Amish Win Skirmish

The Amish residents of Indiana have gained at least a temporary respite in their battle with state authorities here over displaying "slow-moving-vehicle" emblems on their buggies.

State Police Supt. Robert K. Konkle said he issued an order to state troopers to hold up enforcement of the state law among the Amish until further notice.

Several Amish have been jailed for failure to display the signs which they regard as "a mark of the devil," and many have left the state rather than heed the law.

Former Gov. Roger Branigan also suspended enforcement of the law against the Amish, who believe that the bright orange triangles which reflect light to warn oncoming vehicles are a form of "worldly" brilliance.

## A Closeup Look at TV Work

New Orleans — (NC) — Twenty-five U.S. bishops spent a week here, seeking to find out why television is "where it's at, baby," and exploring the "hot" medium.

A cooperative venture by Loyola University, the U.S. Catholic Conference's department of communications, and the three commercial television stations in New Orleans, the seminar gave the bishops and opportunity to delve into all forms of communications media.

Television was the main emphasis of the seminar, because as one bishop phrased it, "there is more control over the written word in the form of a press release or a statement to all news media. But in television, once you open your mouth and say something, it's been said and that's that," he added.

Working on both sides of the coin, the bishops learned how to act and react before a television camera, portraying a cool image as well as how they can most effectively make use of the visual media in their work in their own dioceses.

The bishops learned firsthand how a television station operates. They studied how to read from a teleprompter with emphasis on how to look natural and relaxed while doing it; how to field controversial questions on panel shows, and how to be at ease in a press conference with questions flying thick and fast on all sides.

Young or old, each bishop got his turn before the camera, and before his peers, to

be viewed, reviewed, and discussed.

The bishops found that low, unemphasized delivery did no better than a studious, slow voice in trying to deliver the message. The emphasis on naturalness was always stressed, and the bishops worked on this before the cameras often during the week.

On the other emphasis of the workshop, how best to use television in their work, the bishops subjected the television station personnel to questions about getting the best air time for the Church.

Public service announcements were discussed thoroughly—how to make the announcements, how they are used, and how to get them on

## TV Like Confessional, Douglas Tells Prelates

New Orleans — (RNS) — "The special one-to-one relationship allows you to be as intimate in the TV studio as you are with a penitent in the confessional," television star Mike Douglas told some 30 United States archbishops and bishops here.

"After listening to a couple of thousand sermons in my lifetime, I feel I'm finally being given equal time," quipped the congenial Douglas.

After presenting ideas on how bishops and the Church can use the television me-

the air.

The stress by station personnel was laid on the fact that television is a visual medium, and to project the message, it should be primarily visual.

The reactions of the bishops ranged from a cautious "it's interesting" to enthusiasm over learning about the whole new medium of communications being opened to them.

The reactions of the men conducting the course were just as enthusiastic.

"These men are open to ideas and suggestions and are really applying themselves to learning as much as they can this week," said one group's moderator.



A ST. PATRICK'S 'FIRST'

The Rev. M. L. Wilson, pastor of the Convent Avenue Baptist Church in Harlem, becomes the first Negro Protestant to preach in St. Patrick's Catholic Cathedral during a special ecumenical service to open the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Mr. Wilson is also president of the Council of Churches of the City of New York and board chairman of the National Committee of Black Churches. (RNS)

## REFUGEE AID

Athens — (RNS) — The Holy Synod of the Greek Orthodox Church has established a committee to assist Biafran refugees in Eastern Nigeria, Archbishop Ieronymos announced here.

The Archbishop of Athens and All Greece appealed to the Greek people to help the victims of the Nigerian war by sending their donations to the special committee.

## Lay-Edited Magazine To Replace 'Ave Maria'

Notre Dame, Ind. — (RNS) — Ave Maria, the 105-year-old Catholic weekly, will be replaced on March 28 by a new magazine which will be news oriented, ecumenical in interest and have a completely lay editorial staff.

The replacement will be called A.D. 1970, according to Father John Reedy, C.S.C., editor of Ave Maria for the past 17 years, and the name will change annually to indicate the year. It will be edited by Joseph McLellan. Father Reedy will remain as publisher of Ave Maria Press.

A.D. 1970 will be designed to "serve information needs which are not presently being served by any other weekly publication."

McLellan, who has been planning A.D. 1970 since last October, is a former staff member of Religious News Service in New York. Before that he was with The Pilot, archdiocesan paper in Boston.

Joining McLellan is Thomas E. Blackburn, formerly of the National Catholic Reporter. Blackburn has edited the Marquette Magazine in Evansville, Ind., and Detroit.

The new weekly will be aimed largely at a college educated readership in the 25 to 40 age range. It will begin with a nucleus of subscribers from the Ave Maria list.

## School Costs Soar In Buffalo Diocese

Buffalo — (RNS) — Operating costs for elementary schools in the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo have risen 300 per cent in the past 10 years while contributions from parishioners have increased only 15 per cent during the same time, it was announced here.

Accompanying these statistics was a statement by the diocesan chancery office which said that the 80,000 students in parochial elementary schools are educated at an annual schools-tax saving to New York State of more than \$80 million per year.

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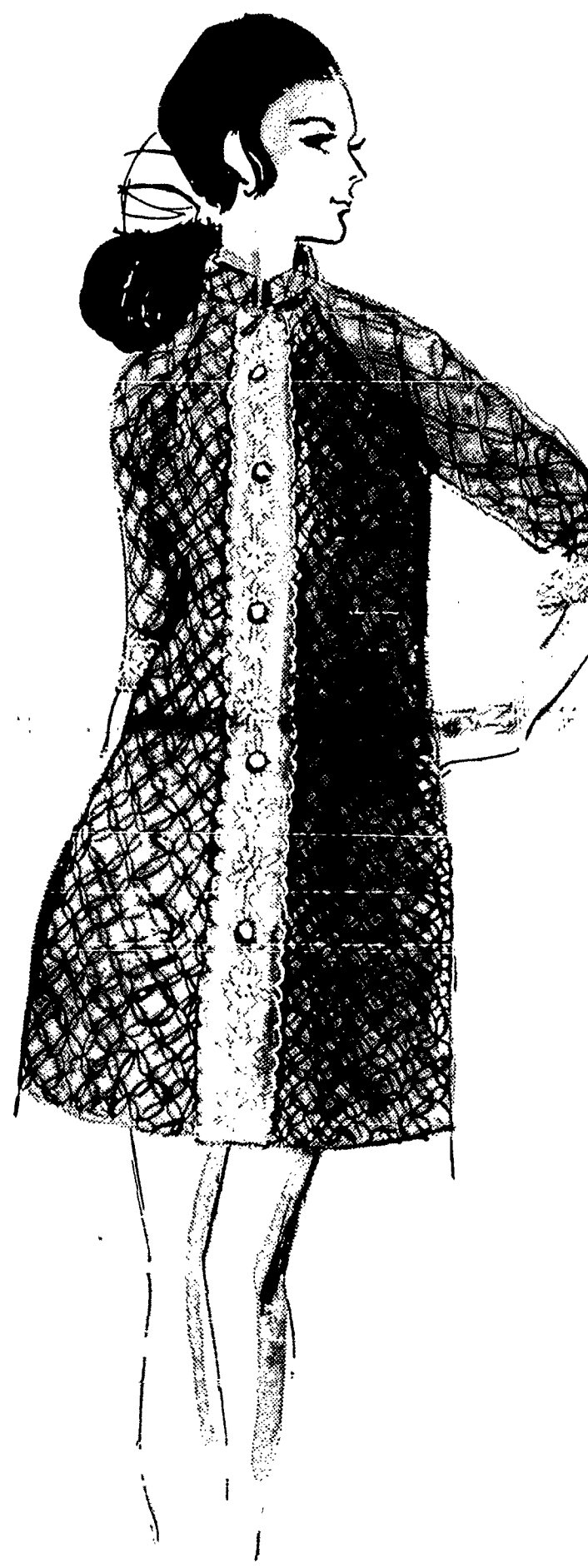
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