

Indians 'at Home' with Mormons

'Accidental' Death Doubted

Rumors are spreading in the Portuguese African territory of Angola that a priest originally reported killed in a motorcycle accident actually was murdered. Statements pertaining to the case have been collected by Church officials but no government inquiry has been announced.

Father Lino Guimaraes, a supporter of the Angolan movement for independence from Portugal, had served jail terms and been exiled to Portugal for his activities. He was allowed to return to Angola last October, and was killed on Christmas Day.

New Cathedral in Liberia

President William V. S. Tubman of Liberia, a Methodist, is spearheading a drive for \$75,000 to help construct the new Catholic cathedral here. In a radio appeal the president asked the whole country to support the fund drive for the new \$200,000 building.

In his appeal Tubman said that the Catholic community in Liberia "has rendered great and invaluable services to the nation."

British Clergy to Convene

The first national conference of diocesan clergy of England and Wales will discuss the question: What positive assistance is celibacy to a priest's pastoral care?

Among other topics in the proposed agenda for the June 1-5 meeting are worker-priests, the election of bishops and establishment of a national clergy council.

2 Faiths Plan Ecumenical High School

Staten Island — (RNS) — A Catholic seminary here, which until last Summer trained young men for the Franciscan priesthood, is looking to a rebirth as an "ecumenical high school" — perhaps the first in the U.S.

And both Catholic and Missouri Synod Lutheran leaders are working to buck the tide on two counts.

Not only are they preparing to open a new high school at a time when many private schools are closing down, but they are attempting to found an interdenominational school with administrative and teaching staffs joined in ecumenical fashion.

Father Robert Heffernan, O.F.M. Conv., who is handling the Franciscan end of setting up the school curriculum for next September and the negotiations with Lutherans as well, said that right now "it looks good." He told Religious News Service that in any case, "we will open a new co-educational private day school for 9th to 12th graders next Fall."

Norbert Leeseberg, chairman of the education department at the Lutheran-affiliated Wagner College on Staten Island, is heading an association of three Lutheran congregations interested in the joint venture. The association is now undertaking a feasibility study aimed at developing a level of Lutheran support for the school.

Viscountess Astor Becomes Catholic

London—(RNS)—Viscountess Astor, a former fashion model (Bronwen Pugh) and widow of the third Viscount Astor, became Britain's latest Anglican convert to Roman Catholicism at a ceremony at the Farm Street Jesuit church in London's Mayfair.

Lady Astor, for many years an active Anglican prominent in ecumenical activities in Surrey, is 39.

She was received into Catholicism by Father Thomas Corbishly, who was superior at Farm Street when it was a mission. Among those attending were Gavin and David Astor, Norman St. John-Stevas, Catholic member of Parliament; and Douglas Woodruff, former editor of the weekly Roman Catholic review, The Tablet.



Salt Lake City — (RNS) — Under the Mormon Church's Indian Student Placement Program, thousands of Indian youths, 8 to 18, have left their reservation homes to spend a school year with a Mormon family. Coming from the western U.S. and Canada, the youngsters

gain an education and experience in dealing with the "outside world" that would be virtually impossible on most Indian reservations.

Derl Tortice, a 13-year-old Apache from Arizona now in his fourth year in the program,

lives with the David C. Evans family in Salt Lake City. The family has literally taken the youth into the fold as "one of us." He is shown playing football with his foster brother, Steven Evans, and helping his foster mother, Mrs. David Evans, with the dishes. (RNS)

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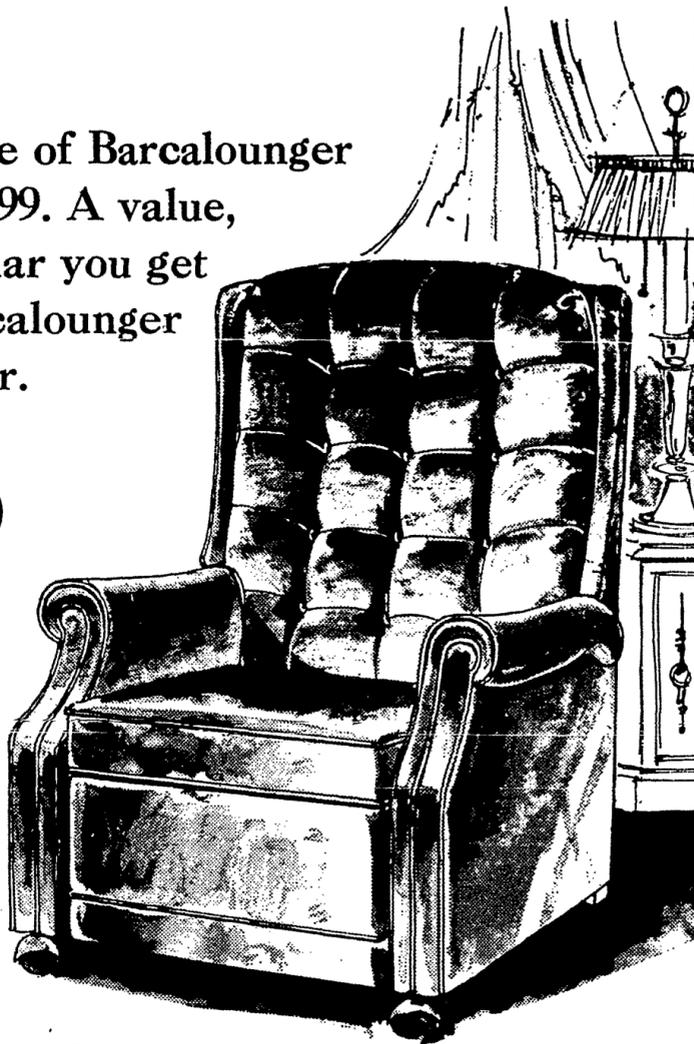
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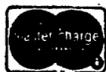
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