



Bible Class in Indian Language

Although many elderly persons who have immigrated to the United States spend a lifetime without learning English, Mrs. Stephen Jajola found a different problem with the youngsters in her Bible classes at the Isleta Indian Reservation in New Mexico. Discovering that they were forgetting their Indian dialect, Mrs. Jajola decided to teach her class at the Isleta Southern Baptist Church in their native language. (RNS)

Apollo 13 Crew: We Pray More

By JUDY EDINGER

Washington—(NC) — Have the prayer habits of the astronauts who came close to losing their lives in space changed since they came back alive?

"Increased," was the one-word answer given by Capt. James A. Lovell Jr. to a question during a National Press Club luncheon here (April 30).

Lovell and John L. Swigert Jr. were guest speakers at the luncheon; Fred W. Haise Jr. was still "grounded by his doctor" because of an infection, although he was originally scheduled to appear with the others.

The astronauts responded to written questions submitted by newsmen.

Swigert read the first series of questions, ending with the one about a change in prayer habits, which brought laughter from the audience.

Solemn-faced Swigert said: "There is no doubt in my mind that—I didn't know at the time, but looking back—it really united the world" in prayer. "I think it's the good thing that came out of this flight." It also united this nation "in a way that was good," he added.

"I don't think I would want to do it again that way," he continued. Laughter from the audience brought a smile to the astronaut's face.

Becoming serious again, he said it would be hard to say which was responsible for their safe return — prayers or the good work of the ground crew.

He concluded it was a combination of both. Lovell leaned over and declared: "Increased!"

The general tone of the occasion was light when Lovell was asked whether his commander (Mrs. Lovell) would let him fly again. He said: "I argue with her about that but I'm not getting very far. Maybe you can all help me out."

A question about whether there will ever be a woman on the moon, was turned over by Lovell to Swigert, a bachelor. "I hope so," he declared, flashing a wide grin.

Pope Canonizes Educator, Friend Of Working Man

Pope Paul VI last week canonized Father Leonardo Murialdo, a 19th-century Italian pioneer in educating young boys of poor families and forming employment offices and labor unions. The Saint founded the congregation of St. Joseph in Turin in 1873. Today it has 850 priests and brothers in Europe, Latin America and the United States.

Pope Paul used the occasion of the canonization to talk about social action. "We must understand," he said, "the social problems which are hidden by the application of science and technology but which demand understanding and a solution for the new life of society."

Fr. McKenzie To Become Diocesan Priest

Notre Dame, Ind. —(NC)— Father John L. McKenzie, S.J., noted scripture scholar and a member of the theology department at Notre Dame University here, has announced he will become a diocesan priest after being a Jesuit for 41 years.

Father McKenzie said he has not lived in a Jesuit community since 1965, when he left Loyola University in Chicago. He plans to leave Notre Dame, where he has taught for four years, this fall, to take a similar post at DePaul University in Chicago.

He said he applied for release from the Jesuit order five years ago, but his request went unanswered.

Last fall, he said, he received a letter from Father Pedro Arrupe, S.J., general of the order in Rome, criticizing Father McKenzie's comments in the September-October issue of Critic magazine. Father McKenzie had criticized Pope Paul's statement attributing a decline in religious vocations partly to a desire for soft living.

"Come off it, Your Holiness," the theologian had said, "You can read lessons to no one about soft living."

Father McKenzie said his superior called his remarks unworthy of a Jesuit since the order makes a special vow to the Pope. Father McKenzie then reminded Father Arrupe of his long-standing request to leave the order and received the petition for release, which he signed last month. His request has not yet been granted.

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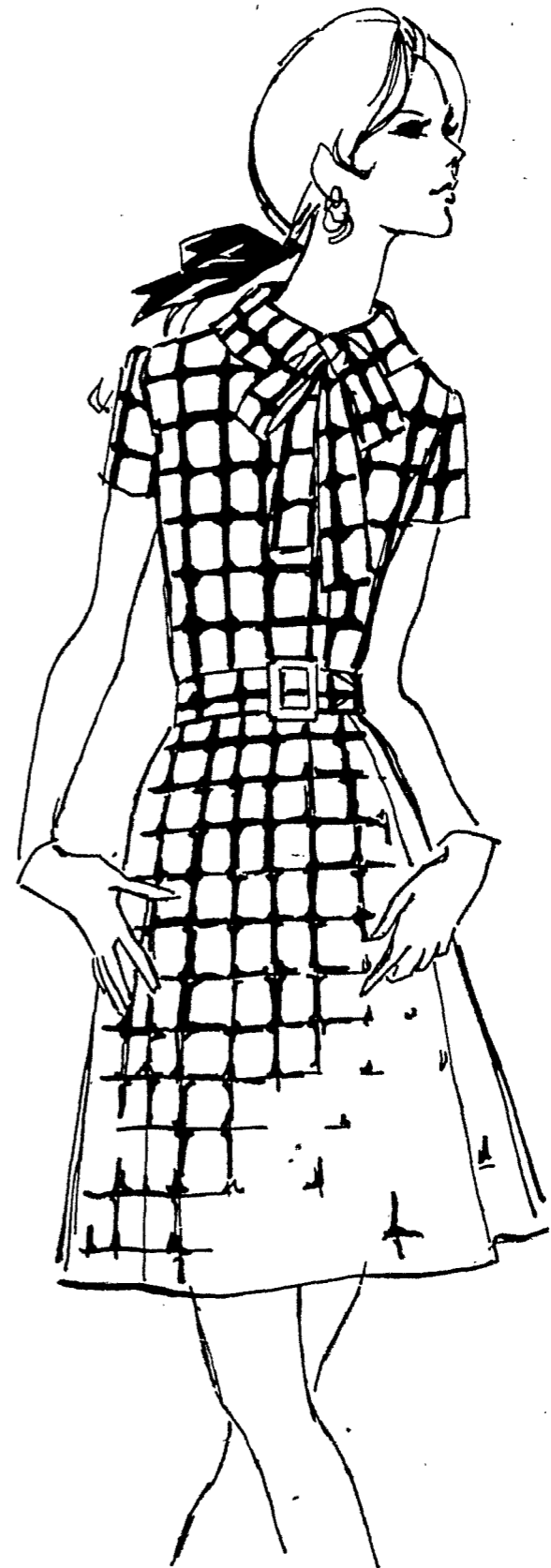
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