

Flying Nun

Sister Nancy Egan, first active nun to hold a U.S. military commission, returns her first salute as a lieutenant to T. Sgt. Jimmy Burris at Scott Air Base in Illinois. Sister Nancy, of the Sisters of St. Joseph, will serve in the Air Force Reserve as a flight nurse aboard C9 jet planes, used to airlift military sick and wounded to medical centers, hospitals. (RNS)

Middle Class Challenged

Toledo, Ohio - (NC) - Addressing particularly the middle class, Bishop John A. Donovan of Toledo has called for "instant action" in stemming the worsening "scourge of poverty and racism." "There is an urgency to this challenge I cannot stress too much," he declared at a diocesan Catholic Charities dinner.

The Bishop suggested modernizing St. Matthew's account of the last judgment thus:

I was hungry, and you told me, 'law and order must come first.' I was hungry, and you told me, 'so were my ancestors.' I was hungry, and you talked to me about bootstraps. I was hungry, and you told me to wait."

Editor Scores Farm Union Idea

Los Angeles — (RNS) — Twin Circle—The National Catholic Press, has voiced strong opposition to the Catholic bishop's proposal that all farm workers be unionized.

'The One Great Cry Peace!'

Fatima, Portugal - (RNS)-An appeal for all men to pray for peace in their own hearts, in their homelands and in the entire world was made here at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima by John Cardinal Carberry of St. Louis.

The cardinal's appeal was heard by 500,000 pilgrims from many countries at services commemorating the 53rd anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima as reported by three shepherd children.

The St. Louis prelate, wellknown for his personal devotion to Mary, became the first prelate to offer Mass here and deliver the sermon in English.

He told the crowd that the "essence" of the message given the children by Mary 53 years ago was "peace." And, he continued, "if there is one great cry that arises from a restless and tormented world today, it is the cry of peace."

He said that in honesty "the goal of peace, humanly speaking, seems almost unattainable. Our generation, and indeed the generation before us, has known scarcely a year without the agony of war in some part of the world. Our economy in the main is geared to war. Our prosperity, by a strange and bitter irony, is founded in large measure on the production of armaments.

"Good and sincere men speak of peace and struggle for peace, but there is also selfishness in our human nature which resists the sacrifice of pride that peace would require," Cardinal Car-berry said. "Indeed there are those who speak of democracy, but at the same time practice a ruthless suppression of legitimate human aspirations."

Such conditions, he said, make it evident that "if there is to be peace in the world, peace must first find its way into a sufficient number of individual hearts." This "genuine peace of mind and heart" for each individual is "Our Lady's chief desire," he said.

RABBI AT SEMINARY

Houston-(RNS)-Rabbi Hyman J. Schachtel of Congrega-

tion Beth Israel here will teach Jewish history, philosophy and theology at St. Mary's Catholic

Seminary, beginning next Fall. He is the first Jewish scholar

to be appointed to the faculty of the 100-year-old seminary

that trains priests for the Galveston- Houston diocese.



The proposal was made by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph E. Donnelly of Hartford, Conn., at the recent meeting in San Francisco of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Bishop Donnelly is chairman of a five-man NCCB committee which is seeking to end the California table grape dispute. The NCCB endorsed his view.

Father Daniel Lyons, SJ., Twin Circle's editor, said it is "doubtful" that Catholic bishops in rural areas "who are closest to the financial problems of the small farmers with perishable crops" would endorse such a proposal, or would "want their names used to put all the farm workers of their dioceses under the control of some distant big city labor leader."

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