

Balancing the Books

At Home Abroad -- I

By Father John S. Kennedy

To be in England in 1970 means, for any traveler with a sense of Christian history, to go to Canterbury. For it is precisely 800 years since St. Thomas a Becket was murdered there.

The first sight of the great cathedral is stunning. One sees the facade of golden stone head-on, rising protectively above the town, which seems to huddle about it, and it connotes strength and permanence.

The vast, marvelously proportioned interior of the cathedral is bright, the windows being in some instances old, in some new, a mixture of colored glass and plain. The ambulatory takes one up and up, by steps well worn over the centuries of pilgrimage. There is more than one level of sanctuary, and on the highest, near the back wall is the stone chair which has been the seat of the archbishops for time untold.

Just before it is the place where Becket's tomb once stood. Now one finds there only empty space, because Henry VIII, in the 16th Century, caused the shrine to be pillaged and the remains of Becket, martyred under Henry II in the 12th Century, to be desecrated and scattered.

Now, in 1970, Becket is being handsomely celebrated in Canterbury. Commemorative events will continue to the end of the year. Some are of an ecumenical character, including a lengthy meeting of churchmen and scholars from many countries, among them American Catholic representatives.

If it is the Becket anniversary which brings these and others to Canterbury just now,

what will impress them more than the few reminders of him will be the evidences of Catholic beginnings in this storied see.

Near the cathedral, for example, are the excavations of St. Augustine's Abbey, built in the 7th Century. These ruins have been carefully unearthed, but the task is still far from completion. However, enough is now exposed to give one a clear idea of the proportions and the parts of a major monastic foundation which was built less than a century after Augustine, first archbishop of Canterbury, set foot on English soil, in Kent, in 597.

We made expeditions to other English cathedral towns, Salisbury, for example, and Winchester. The first took us past Rummymede and through the Camelot country. There is no doubt about the reality of Magna Charta, much about the reality of King Arthur. But archeologists believe they have come upon traces of Camelot, and passing the places where their digging proceeds, one is persuaded, by landscape and air that Knights of the Round Table surely rode down these country roads, under these magnificent trees.

Salisbury is approached, and the prodigious spire first sighted, across the sweep of Salisbury Plain. Looking beyond thriving crops interspersed with vivid poppies, one spies in the distance the sacred mound of old Sarum. Later the spire comes in view, and as one walks toward the cathedral and around it, it is always the spire which rivets one's attention, now seen straight up, now framed in the arches of a cloister, now through broadly spreading trees thought to be

between 600 and 700 years old.

While Salisbury cathedral is splendid and majestic, Winchester, in Alfred's city, captures the heart. It is massive, and its tower is squat, but the cathedral interior has a lighting effect, lifting the spirit, and the wonderful details which one discovers bit by bit enhance that effect. Aspiration and architectural and artistic genius are here ideally wed in a silent but perennial shout of joy.

250 Hear Dolci

At U of R Sunday

Better than 250 people crowded into the Wells-Browne Room at the U of R's Rush-Rhees Memorial Library, Sunday night to hear Danilo Dolci, a Sicilian social activist and non-violent revolutionary.

Mayor Stephen May presented Dolci with the Keys to the City of Rochester.

Also present at the brief talk given by Dolci were Jerre Mangione, Rochester-born author, who has done extensive biographical work on Dolci, Gap Mangione, Rochester musician, and Mrs. Harper Sibley, Jr.

Dolci's talk, in slow, measured Sicilian, dealt with transforming essentially feudal societies into democratic communities.

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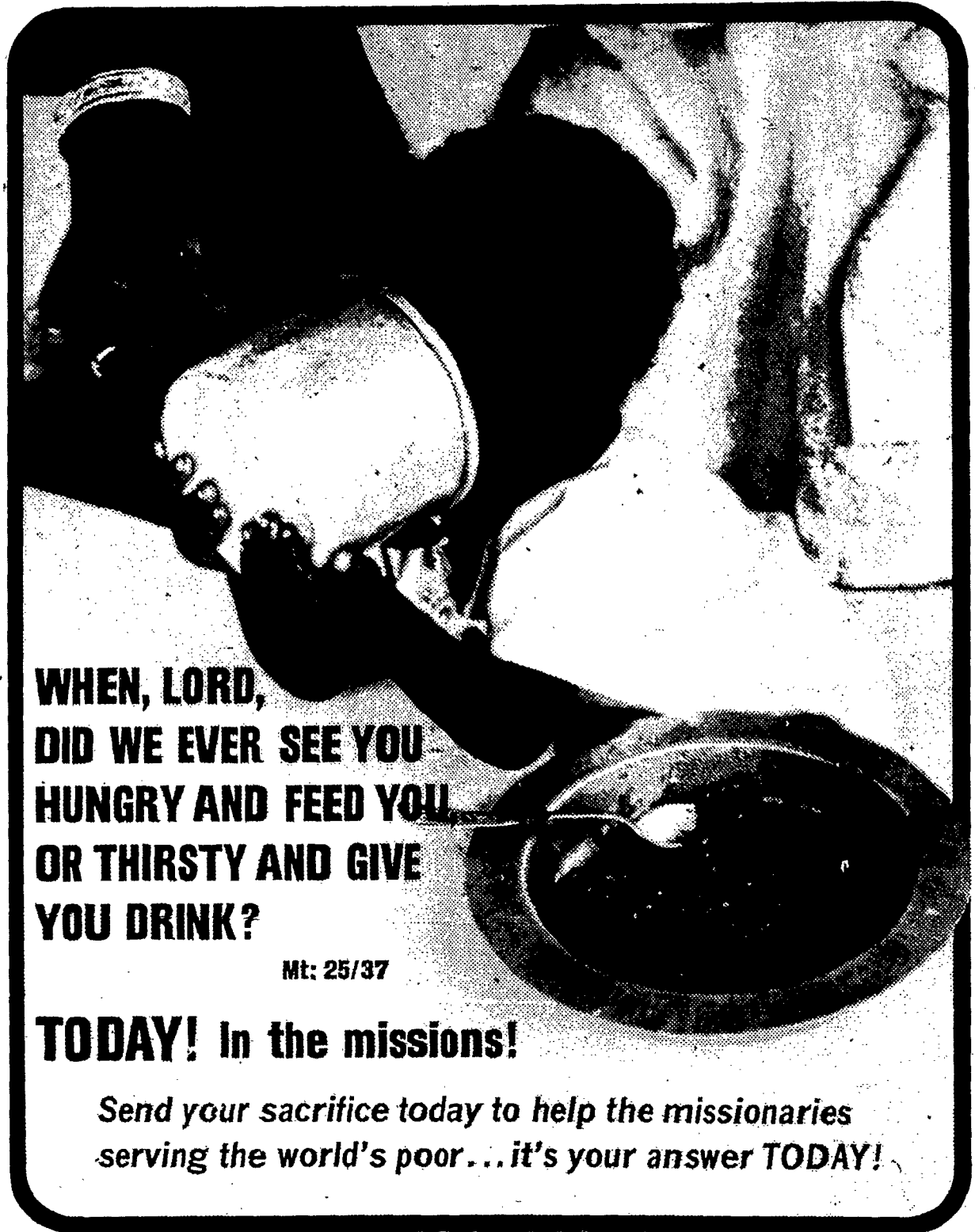
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