

How to Beat the Flu

Personal research into the Hong Kong flu by a Courier-Journal staffer may have led to a cure for the epidemic more powerful than any alchemies yet devised by pharmacists for fun and profit.

By JOHN DASH

By Thursday, I decided to buy a quart of that thick green stuff with its own shot glass, the "You're a good person, Mildred" medicine. The stuff looks promising. And it tastes not ill: a bouquet like anisette; a warmth of drambouie; a buzz like a steaming summer's day in the country.

But by Friday morning I had to switch to cough drops. Oh was I sick. Mildred, "You're a thoroughly rotten person."

Pull down the bottle of Vitamin C. Took six. Turned the thermostat up to high; and coughed and gagged through a full day of I love Lucy, Dick Van Dyke, Bewitched, Secret Storm (she wasn't schizophrenic after all), and the Guiding Light.

Saturday I locked myself in the bathroom with a pound of coltsfoot leaves, a Hopi peace pipe, a string of garlic, and a purloined copy of the rite of exorcism. I really really didn't feel very good. At all.

I bought a copy of the New York Times and TV Guide on

Sunday and forced my way through every inch of both. I stayed away from Church to give all the good people there a break.

Oh Monday, Monday. Got up at 2 a.m. and went to work at 7. Believe me, healthy co-workers are a pain. It was then I remembered my father's cure-all.

At noon Monday, I gathered the ingredients. The moon phase and the stars cinched.

High above the city I began my rites. The exotic brews were

mixed. I drew closed the curtains overlooking the great gray towers of Rochester commerce and lit a candle.

In utter silence I quaffed the sweet beverage until I fell into an extraordinary swoon. My senses had dimmed and my soul became nimble. How I flew; and how the elixir purged the vapors of disease from my blood. By Wednesday, my recovery had begun.

My father's recipe: Mix carefully and drink completely one pint of whiskey and one quart of whisky. Amen.

Aquinas Six Off to Good Start

The Aquinas hockey team, undefeated so far, has torn into the Monroe County High School Hockey League where they left off last year. The Little Irish who won the championship last season and went on to defeat Fairport and then Pittsford for the playoff championship, look like they could repeat as champs.

Jim Webster, the new coach, is pleased with the team. "We have lost five starters through graduation, including outstanding goaltender Mark McCaffery," said Webster. "I guess filling the goaltender spot was my biggest concern but Glen Johnson, a junior, and John

Sauers, a senior, are sharing the duties and doing a good job," the coach concluded.

Leading the Little Irish offense attack is all-county Mark Weidimer. Center Mike Fitzpatrick, hard working center, has been playing exceptionally, especially in the McQuaid game when he made his first hat trick of the season (three goals in one game) to lead the Aquinas skaters to their first shut-out over the Black Knights.

Two freshman, Tommy Diritto and Scott Gosert and junior Doug Rude, have so far shown that they can do a good job of defense.

Jesus Is... Hard to Draw

New York (RNS) — "If Jesus gets lonely, he sits on God's lap." That's what John, age 8, who lives in Tallahassee believes.

"Jesus is someone who loves you no matter what," said Judy, age 10. Dennis, also 10, believes "Jesus looks like Billy Gram." And to Peter 7, "Jesus is a lot of things, he is very hard to draw."

Jesus told his disciples, "Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:13).

Lenore Johnson, the author, decided to go to the heirs of the kingdom for subject matter of a project in religion at Florida State University.

The result is "Jesus Is..." a new paperback, containing verbal responses and the drawings of some of the 70 children she interviewed, usually sitting on a front lawn or in a playground.

Her creative and novel project was brought to the attention of Harper & Row, the publisher, by Dr. Robert Spivey, professor of religion at Florida State.

A major in art history, Miss Johnson, a native of Hollywood, Fla., decided that before graduation she should take a course in religion. Miss Johnson said that while she had attended Catholic catechetical classes for a short time as a child she had never read the Bible.

She selected Dr. Spivey's New Testament course. One assignment involved a project related in some manner to the biblical material.

For seven weeks, Miss Johnson went out into the community surrounding Florida State. She talked to children of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish families, to children in materially wealthy and materially poor homes, to white and black children.

She stressed that she was not taking a sociological poll nor looking for religious trends in children. She was talking to individuals. In only a few cases, she noted, did parents object to an interview.

The responses of the young interviewees reflect the entire breadth of contemporary theology. Some are tender: "Jesus came to tell us what God wants us to do — Jesus was special," said Warren, age 8.

Others are almost cynical. Larry, age 9, said, "Jesus was not resurrected because science didn't know how to do that then — if science couldn't do it, then it couldn't happen."

Imaginative is the proper word for most comments:

● Charles, 8: "Jesus lives in a gold cabin with six front doors so a lot of people who need to see him can get in."

● Esther, 8: "I pray to Jesus to end the war and to heal cancer."

● Bev, 9: "If Jesus gets lonely it's because we don't remember him."

Miss Johnson typed the responses and organized them into sections: "Who is Jesus? ... How Do You Know There Is A Jesus? ... Where Do You Find Jesus? ... What Does Jesus Look Like? ... What Does Jesus Do? ... She placed the comment, along with some crayon drawings, into a large photo album and handed it to Dr. Spivey.

The next day she received a call from the professor. Dr. Spivey was so impressed he wanted to send "Jesus Is..." to Harper & Row. He did, and Miss Johnson may be the first student whose first project in religion became a book.

Keeping Tabs

The Catholic Mission Guild will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 513 Monroe.

The Holy Name Men's Club of St. Leo's, Hilton, will meet at 7:45 tonight, Jan. 5. Father Donald McCarthy of Aquinas Institute will conduct church services and address the meeting. New officers beginning their term are Don Yockel, president; Joe Grieb, vice president; Mike Tarkulich, secretary, and Dave Almeter, treasurer.

The Catholic Widowed Parents Club will meet at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7 at St. Theodore's School Hall, 168 Spencerport Road. Dr. Joseph Hauser, associate director of RIT's Reading and Study Clinic will be the principal speaker, emphasizing the humorous side of the parent-child home relationship. Reservations will also be taken for a dance on Jan. 22 at the Maplewood Inn, 3500 East Ave. at 9 p.m. For further information call 244-7027.

Holy Name of Mary Society of St. Stanislaus will hold an Open House at 7:30 p.m. Monday Jan. 10. After the meeting a white

elephant sale will be held. All women of the parish are invited.

Miss Mary Lou Napoleon a member of St. Salome's Women's Club will show her films on the three Canadian shrines she recently visited at the 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, meeting. Mrs. Mary Colavecchi, licensed agent and pilgrimage director for the Trailway Bus Lines, Inc. for the shrines throughout USA and Canada will be the guest interpreter.

St. Philip Neri Women's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25. Fire Prevention in the Home by Lt. Sam Múioio will be the program. Hostess of the evening is Helen Mercurio. The club is also sponsoring an adult bowling party and buffet Saturday, at 8 p.m. Jan. 29, at Empire Lanes. The donation is \$4 per person or \$2.25 for the buffet only. Tickets are available until Jan. 22, from Heldegard Di James, 266-4853; Wendy Simpson, 342-8544, or Donna Sold at St. Philip Neri School. Chairman is Marge Fenicchia.

U.S. - Hungary Talks Omit Matter of Crown

New York (RNS) — A State Department spokesman said in Washington that the Holy Crown of St. Stephen, reputed symbol of Hungarian authority now in U.S. custody, is "not a subject of negotiation" between the U.S. and Hungary.

Commenting on a reported letter from Cardinal Josef Mindszenty, exiled Hungarian Primate, to President Nixon urging that the crown be kept out of the hands of Hungary's Communist government, the spokesman told Religious News Service here that negotiations are being carried on between the U.S. and Hungary on some economic and political issues.

"But," he added, "we are not negotiating the return of the crown."

The crown reportedly dates from the year 1001 when it was

sent by Pope Sylvester II for the coronation of St. Stephen, first king of Hungary. It was taken out of Hungary after World War II by Gen. George Patton for safekeeping.

In the recent letter from Cardinal Mindszenty, as published by the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation in St. Louis and reprinted in Catholic newspapers, the prelate said he heard press reports that the Nixon Administration planned to "hand over the Holy Crown ... to the atheistic, illegal Hungarian regime or to Moscow."

Cardinal Mindszenty said he did not "easily believe these rumors," adding that Mr. Nixon told him in 1970 that he would not hand over "to these followers of Satan our holiest and greatest national relic and pride."



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LIKE A TWO-SIDED MIRROR

An anniversary is like a two-sided mirror. In one side we see the past; in the other side the future; and in both, a reflection of ourselves. This year — 1972 — we are happy to be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. As we begin this anniversary year, we invite you to look with us to the past with gratitude, while always looking to the future with renewed hope and dedication.

Looking into our "two-sided mirror" we can see as far back as 1822 to the traditionally Christian world of Europe, then emerging from 25 years of war and revolution. We see the 19th century mission-Church struggling in the new, and often hostile, lands of Asia, Africa, and in the new world of America.

Into this picture came a young woman, named Pauline Jaricot, living and working among the poor working classes of Lyon, France. Pauline was deeply concerned for the plight of the Church's missionaries, whose service to the world, she realized, was to vital and so needful of help.

Moved by her own strong faith, Pauline gathered a group of ten people together who, in turn, would each seek out ten people. Each "member" pledged to pray daily and sacrifice one franc a week for the poorest missionaries of the world. She called her organization the "Association for the Propagation of the Faith."

We can see through the years that followed, that Pauline's Association rapidly spread throughout France and into all of Europe. We can see the Mission-Church taking on new life among the most undeveloped peoples; we can see the Faith planted and nurtured in the newly settled territories of America, thanks to the support — generation after generation — of members of this Association.

We can see Pauline's dream come true 50 years ago, when in 1872, Pope Pius XI made Pauline's Association his own by raising it to the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith, making it the instrument for the universal Church's Missionary Activity.

Through the years, then, to the present day, we have seen the Church, the missions, and the needs of the world's poor change and grow. We have seen the Catholic Laity become rightfully involved in the life and work of God's People, the Church, and we have seen the members of the society each year giving witness to their Faith in meeting the urgent needs of their own times.

In the future side of our mirror we see millions of people suffering ... we see the Third World of today. We also see more missionaries than ever before, serving in every corner of our world — depending more than ever before, on the love and support of their fellow Christians.

We hope YOU are present this year in our "anniversary mirror," and will make each month a celebration of your faith and love for God ... for others ... for your Church.

Please begin this month by clipping the coupon below and sending your generous "anniversary gift" for your Church's missions today.

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