



Plan Aid Project in Ireland

Father David Bowman, (left), a Jesuit who is a special assistant to the National Council of Churches president for ecumenical relations, and the Rev. Wesley Baker, associate ecumenical officer for the United Presbyterian Church, check a map of Ireland in Father Bowman's New York office. The two clergymen are coordinating plans for an ecumenical "pilot project" aimed at helping the beleaguered people of Northern Ireland during the Summer months. A minimum of 30 seminarians, 15 Catholics, 15 Protestants, plus some nuns and possibly some college students — will join six programs "run by the Irish" in Northern Ireland and in the Republic of Ireland to the south. The three projects in the north (Ulster) involve supervisory work at a retreat community and a school, plus some construction work in a burned-out district of Belfast. In the South, those volunteering would be staffing recreational and rehabilitation programs set up for persons, mainly women and children, from Northern Ireland.



Spring Concert

Some members of the Mercy orchestra take a rest before practice begins. The orchestra is putting the finishing touches on several selections which will be presented for the general public at Mercy on May 18 at 8 p.m. The Glee Club and Chorus will join with the orchestra in offering this spring concert. The girls are: standing (l to r) Ginger Carges, Kathy Perry, Kathy Dunn, Debbie Woods; Seated Lisel Murray, Anne McGrath, Carol Woods.

Research Proposed By Boys Town Group

Omaha (RNS) — Wide-ranging research into new ways in which Boys Town can serve youth was recommended by a committee representing the Roman Catholic-sponsored institution's board of directors.

One recommendation was that Boys Town, founded in 1917 to serve "homeless and neglected boys, consider extending its field of activities to deal with the problems of girls.

Leo A. Daly, who was the original architect to the late Father Edward J. Flanagan, founder of Boys Town, headed the committee. He said the group was already in the process of considering which universities and consulting firms should be invited to conduct the proposed research.

The committee's report came on the heels of a recent disclosure that Boys Town has a net worth of around \$209 million and that its annual income from interest and donations was more than five times as much as it spends to take care of its boys.

MASS SCHEDULE

Aurora — Union Springs — The following Mass change for St. Patrick and St. Michael's will be in effect for the summer months.

Beginning Saturday, May 13, there will be a 7:30 p.m. Mass at St. Michael's.

Sunday Masses remain at 9:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's and 11 a.m. in St. Michael's.

Abortion Looms In Austrian Law

Vienna — (RNS) — Open conflict between Austria's ruling Socialists and the Roman Catholic Church is developing over proposals to liberalize laws on abortion.

The Church is completely opposed to any reform of the present laws based on the Penal Code of 1787. Under the code, women having abortions are liable to five years imprisonment, although, in practice, most of those who have been prosecuted have been given three-months suspended sentences.

In April, the Socialist Party Congress adopted a resolution which would allow women to make the final decision on whether to have an abortion, after consultation with medical

authorities and social service agencies.

The proposal has the support of Justice Minister Christian Broda, who sees in it the only way of stemming the tide of illegal abortions in Austria, reported to total some 40,000 a year.

Another suggestion from the government would empower doctors alone to decide whether an abortion was warranted on medical, psychological or social grounds.

Both proposals will be subject of Parliamentary debate next Autumn.

Austrian Catholic authorities have warned that they will not ignore the issue.

'Communications Day' Marked by Pontiff

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — "The truly conscientious communicator" serves mankind and the truth in a "supremely honorable" and "thoroughly excellent" way, Pope Paul declared in a message marking World Communications Day, May 14.

Urging "sincerity and diligence" in writers, reporters, editors, information officers and broadcasters, the Pope said the giving of information and news implies much more than observing and reporting, but involves a true burden of responsibility.

Pope Paul's 1,700-word message was released simultaneously here and in Rome and followed the 1972 World Communications Day theme — "The Instruments of Social Communications at the Service of the Truth."

The communications day observance is the Catholic Church's way of calling attention to the role and importance of social communications in the modern world. It is sponsored internationally by the Pontifical Commission on Social Communications, headed by American-born Archbishop Edward Heston, CSC.

Noting that men today "face a virtually ceaseless flood" of news and interpretations, Pope Paul said the rational man will find himself often facing the bewildering question: "How does one recognize the truth?"

But "given the combined dil-

igence and... sincerity of the person who communicates the fact and the person to whom it is communicated," he added, "there is a very good guarantee that 'the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth' will be safely transmitted."

Speaking of religious reporting, the pontiff said the "communicator's duty is all the more onerous, though the dignity of his labor is at the same time immeasurably enhanced."

He asserted that the religious event is "something which bears on the spiritual, which touches on the relationship between man and God" and the communicator evaluates this relationship and sees "where it fits into the mystery of salvation."

Latin Mass Scheduled

A Latin High Mass will mark the Feast of Pentecost, May 21, 4 p.m., at the Cenacle Chapel. The Mass, sponsored by the Eastman School Newman Club, will be celebrated by Msgr. George Cocuzzi, pastor of Holy Family Church. Msgr. Cocuzzi will be assisted by deacons and acolytes from St. Bernard's Seminary.

The Gregorian Chant Choir of the Eastman School of Music, directed by Dr. Erich Schwandt, will sing the traditional plainchant propers, as well as figured music of Josquin.



May Day Committee

A committee of (l-r) Thomasina Deeb, Margaret Sleggs, Mary Fenton and Frank Brown make final plans for the St. Ignatius Loyola Church May Crowning slated for May 22 at 7:30 p.m. CCD children in the first and second grades will process. Intermediate grades will sing and the junior high will form a living rosary.