



Bishop Joseph L. Hogan in a visit to our Selma mission was briefed on the work of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Here, Sister Evelyn Connolly, second from left, and Sister Catherine Martin, still active in Selma mission work, brief the Bishop and Father Joseph Reinhart, diocesan mission director, on the varied work of the Selma Sisters.

## Missions All Encompassing

Missions. The word itself conjures up thoughts of dedicated men and women laboring among needy souls in far-off, strange places. As well it should — witness the ongoing work of many of our own diocesans all over the world.

Our diocese, while engaged in the worldwide mission approach, also has operated successfully its own particular missions in South America, thanks to the Sisters of Mercy and Sisters of St. Joseph, and volunteer priests and laymen.

There are other areas to our mission work. When the annual missions appeal takes place in the diocese May 17 and 18, proceeds not only will be earmarked for the foreign missions but also for those in our own backyard, such as the Spanish Apostolate and the Rural Ministry.

Somewhere between these two spheres, geographically speaking,

is the work of our diocesan Sisters of St. Joseph in Selma, Ala.

Sisters from this diocese have been laboring in Selma since 1940, when the first contingent arrived to assist the Edmundite Fathers in their work among the blacks of that southern city. Like all beginnings, the Sisters' was modest — visits to the sick, the poor, distribution of clothing, establishment of some means of recreation.

The work, however, quickly blossomed. Soon there was a kindergarten in one of the rooms of the parish house. Each year another grade was added and finally there it was — St. Elizabeth's School. The school prospered; the Sisters' missionary activities increased; still the greatest project was yet to come.

In Selma there was a hospital owned and operated by a group of white doctors for their black place New Haven, of the same Northern group.

One more thing, as all clubs explained to their quietly suffering public: Ticket prices are increased for playoff hockey. A league rule, you know, and besides, consider the increase in quality of the product. Fourth-place Springfield versus fifth-place New Haven, from the same five-team division. It could happen only in America. The American Hockey League, that is.

### IN THIS CORNER



George Beahon

Contemplate, please, the American Hockey League's blaze of glory finish. Springfield and New Haven for the Calder basin and either \$3,000 or \$4,000 per man for losing and winning shares.

The league was divided into two divisions, five teams each, and when Baltimore failed to finish the course, it was reduced to nine clubs. That meant, cruel as it may seem, that one of the nine clubs would be excluded from the playoffs — the real season. Exit Syracuse, which could not find enough hockey players to fill its uniforms, in a one-game, shotgun "series."

You should know that Providence foiled for six months to finish first in the Northern Division. Then got wiped out in the first round. By fourth-place Springfield.

New Haven, the other finalist, was even more impressive. New Haven finished fifth in its five-team division, beating exactly no other club in its social circle. There you have it, folks, the classic, thrilling head-on playoff finals for the Calder Cup: Fourth and second-last place, Springfield of the Northern Division, against fifth, and last

ABOUT THAT "STIFF" HORSE: You say you bet on a "stiff" in the Kentucky Derby? Have you ever wondered about the origin of the word as used in horse racing? Research provides these words from the pen of a Philadelphia girl who married into a South Carolina racing family way back in 1843. "The horses eat the most dainty food and have to be rubbed with whisky and actually drink it, too. Every day they take exercise they eat twenty eggs." Early in the 1700s a man writing in "The Compleat Horseman" advised this diet for horses: "Give them a pound of fresh butter, which you are to cause him to swallow, with an English quart of claret wine."

Now you know why they started calling horses stiffs.

QUOTE 'N UNQUOTE: Boston Celtics' General Manager Arnold (Red) Auerbach on the three-point field goal used for long-range shots in the American Basketball Association: "If you give three points for a long shot, then you should give only one point for a sneak-away lay-up."

Bill Virdon on Catfish Hunter: "He's been great. If you had 25 guys like him, you wouldn't need a manager." Comic Paul Lynde on a formula for curing a compulsive gambler: "Give him the Atlanta Falcons and four points."

patients. Lacking in administration acumen, the doctors asked the Edmundites to take over the hospital. The priests in turn requested the St. Joseph Sisters to assume the responsibility. History in the making. That was 1944. Sister Louis Bertrand, who died last December, was the first administrator of the institution — Good Samaritan Hospital.

First the hospital. Then a school of nursing (1950). Then a nursing home (1957). A new hospital (1964).

The Sisters of St. Joseph have since turned over the hospital work to the Daughters of Charity but they are still active in school and mission work in Selma.

Bishop John May of Mobile consolidated two parishes, one being St. Elizabeth's, in an effort to bring the Church closer together in Selma, and now the Sisters work at Queen of Peace. There are six of them:

Sister Joan Marshall is principal of the school, with Sister Rose Margaret Marconi and Sister Lorraine Julien on the staff. The parish pastoral assistant is Sister Mary Weaver; Sister Josette Capozzi works with the Rural Ministry, and Sister Catherine Martin, with the Edmundite missions office which has its headquarters in Selma.

Father Joseph Reinhart, director of the diocesan Missions Office, talked about the Sisters' work — "For 35 years the diocese has been giving witness in Selma, Ala., through our Sisters of St. Joseph. Their presence in Selma has done much to bring the love and concern of Christ to the people they have met and worked with. Their work also has produced many vocations."

So when diocesans contribute to the Missions appeal they can be assured that the assistance will be transformed into Christian work where it is needed, both at home and abroad, in cities and non-metropolitan areas, for young and old, black and white.

Father Reinhart explained that "our concern for others is a living, real, practical sign of the vitality of the local Church. It is a sign we are willing to share what we have, knowing that the Lord will never leave us. We only get back what we are willing to send out so if we expect growth here we must help the Church to grow in other areas."

### COMMUNIVERSITY

The Vocations for Social Change office at 713 Monroe is looking for volunteer teachers and coordinators for the summer session of "CommuniversiTY," a free education program. In previous sessions, courses have ranged from the areas of history and art to community issues and mechanical skills. Anyone interested may call 461-2230, or stop at the office.

## Father Lyons To Visit City

Father Dan Lyons, SJ, will be guest on the WHAM "Opinion Program" on Wednesday, May 21. The Ed Hasbrouck "Opinion Program" uses a call-in format on issues of the day. The program follows the 8 p.m. news broadcast and runs to 10 p.m. 1180 on the AM dial.

Father Lyons is nationally known as a columnist and lecturer. The National Catholic Register carries his column. He is associate editor of Twin Circle, and founder of Catholic Broadcasts which is heard in many areas. He co-authored with Dr. Stephan Pan the book "Vietnam Crisis."

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