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The New Look

Two of the 12 religious orders in Maine have new habits this year. Sister Mary Rachael, Auburn, a Franciscan Sister, left, wears a brown dress and a head piece that no longer hides the face. Sister Mary St. Laura, Millinocket, a Holy Rosary Sister, wears a gray dress and jacket and a head piece that exposes hair for the first time. Both orders used to wear traditional habit including a large white starched collar and head pieces that covered most of the face. The sisters were in Portland attending the 13th annual Catholic Teachers Association convention. (By Staff Photographer Elwell)

Priest Blames Loss Of Student Faith On Rigid Teaching

By CHARLES C. SUTTON
Education Reporter

The loss of faith among Catholic college students was blamed Friday on the rigid religious indoctrination given in parochial elementary and secondary schools.

The Rev. Henry P. Ouellette, head of the Department of Phychology at Emmanuel College, Boston said the "unquestioning obedience" required in many parochial schools also is preventing the schools from turning out the creative apostolic leaders.

Father Ouellette said pupils should be given more freedom — especially in the course on religion. He said pupils should have the freedom "to question anything and everything" and the questioning should start as soon as the children enter school.

Father Ouellette's remarks were made at the final session of the Catholic Teachers Association convention at City Hall.

He said if pupils were given freedom at a younger age to reason and make their own decisions it would cut down on their demands when they become adolescents.

"Why not let them select their own seats?" he asked. "Why can't they be allowed to get between classes on their own as long as they get there on time?"

He said he knew of one school where complete silence was demanded of the pupils from 8:45 to noon. "I consider that a sin against humanity," he added.

Father Ouellette discussed at length why so many schools are autocratic and regimented.

One reason, he said, was because religious teachers live a completely different way of life than their pupils.

He also said there is a misconception about education — that it is to teach the children what they shouldn't do.

The priest also blamed the authoritarian approach on teachers and principals who have the need to dominate others. But he warned such domination, especially in religious instruction, will turn out "holy robots and sanctimonious jellyfish" who have little value in the sight of man or of God.

The 800 teachers attending the session also were asked to take the initiative in developing closer relations with the public schools.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Armand E. Cyr, diocesan superintendent said the public schools and agencies will have the burden of the responsibility in handling new federal aid programs and that parochial school officials should do all they can to help.

He described the upcoming aid to both public and private schools as a major breakthrough.

Msgr. Cyr also called on all elementary schools to start building up central libraries in anticipation of federal aid. "And I don't want any kept under lock and key," he added.

He said principals should take the lead in developing staff-time or shared services programs with the public schools.

He also announced that a diocesan commission has been formed to develop a program to train teachers of religion.

"There is no reason why we shouldn't have teachers of religion as we do for other courses," he added.

Steel Strike Threat 'Overcome'

LBJ Makes Announcement In Hastily Arranged Talk

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson announced Friday night that steel negotiators "have reached essential agreement" on a new contract that would erase the threat of a nationwide strike.

Johnson, who made the announcement in a hastily arranged radio-television address, said the grim threat of a steel walkout "has been met and overcome."

The President who persuaded to move their talks to Washing- industry and union negotiators ton last Monday and postpone a scheduled strike, did not disclose the basic terms of the settlement but said:

"The settlement is a fair one. It issquarelywithin the limits set by the national wage-price guideposts which are designed would damageour prosperity, It is also within the guiding spirit of free collective bargaining."

Barely three hours before making the announcement, Johnson had sent Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz and Secretary of Commerce John T. Connor to present to the 10 negotiators specific administration suggestions aimed at compromising their differences and reaching an agreement.

Like the White House, negotiators refused to disclose the wage figure in the tentative agreement. But government sources said it is within the administration's noninflationary guidelines and is based squarely on Johnson's compromise proposal submitted by Wirtz and Connor.

nformed sources said also the question of prices did not enter into the talks, but that no wave of price increases is expected.

Such increases occurred after the 1962 settlement and led President John F. Kennedy to use the power of the government to roll back the price hikes.

Sources said the President's proposal covered about seven points at issue in the negotiations, but no details were announced.

One source said it had been hoped to reach an agreement without an administration proposal, and that the parties almost made it. But Johnson finally felt it necessary to suggest the compromise.

"It was as hard a three days of bargaining as I've ever seen," said one knowledgable administration source.

Johnson's proposal was de-

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Settlement And Smiles

President Johnson talks with someone on the sidelines as he gets in a three-way handshake with I. W. Abel, left, president of the United Steelworkers, and R. Conrad Cooper, right, chief negotiator for 10 major steel companies Friday. The President had just finished announcing a settlement in the steel strike. (AP Wirephoto)

B52s Taking Heavy Toll Of Cong Forces

SAIGON (UPI) — The United States Friday finally came up with some clear-cut evidence that bombing raids by B52s from Guam are taking their toll on the Communist Viet Cong. A spokesman said the latest B52 attack dealt a severe blow to the Communist war effort near Saigon.

U. S. troop strength meanwhile soared toward the 100,000 level with the arrival of another 1,400 Marines equipped with helicopters at the Chu Lai airfield.

A Vietnamese government unit moved into the Ho Bo woods area blasted Thursday by the eight-jet B52 bombers of the Strategic Air Command (SAC), the 17th such raid of the war.

They said they found 90 Viet Cong bodies and reported other dead and wounded were carried away, but a U.S. official would not confirm the report. The Vietnamese Rangers uncovered huge quantities of supplies and ammunition left behind by the fleeing Viet Cong.

Included was 126,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, 205 81 millimeter mortar rounds, ten 60 millimeter mortar rounds two cases of m79 ammunition, 100 rifle grenades and assorted other grenades and ammunition, machineguns and rifles.

A clothing supply dump netted an estimated 1,000 black Viet Cong uniforms. U. S. officials confirmed the finds.

A U.S. Army UH1B helicopter flying into the region less than 30 miles north of Saigon was shot down seven miles from the landing zone.

A spokesman said the helicopter crashed upside down in flames with "heavy" casualties. There was no word whether it was ferrying Vietnamese troops or the number aboard. It normally would have four American crewmen. There were no Vietnamese casualties in the mop-up operation following the B52 attack.

The arrival of the Leather-

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Betsy May Head For Carolinas

MIAMI (UPI) — Hurricane Betsy pointed 125 mile an hour winds toward the distant Georgia-South Carolina coast Friday but weathermen said the slow-moving storm need not disrupt Labor Day weekend plans.

"However, persons planning outings on exposed beaches north of Cape Kennedy should arrange to carry radios in order to keep in touch with the latest advisories," the weather bureau warned.

Southeast Florida below Cape Kennedy received an all - clear report Friday when Betsy held to a northwesterly course that was by-passing a string of U.S. missile tracking stations in the eastern Bahamas Islands.

The danger to north Florida's east coast was also lessening every hour the hurricane held to its path.

At 2 p.m. EST (3 p.m. EDT), a weather bureau plane found Betsy's center "eye" about 400 miles east of Miami near latitude 26.4 north, longitude 73.9 west. It was moving toward the northwest at 10 m.p.h.

"The northwesterly course is expected to change to a more

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Today's Chuckle

Adolescence is when children start bringing up their parents.

Indian, Pakistani Jet Aircraft Tangle Amid Signs Full-Scale War May Occur

United Press International

Indian and Pakistani jet planes tangled in the skies over disputed Kashmir for the third consecutive day Friday amid ominous signs that the undeclared border war might blow up into full-scale hostilities between the two feuding nations.

Indian Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri warned Indians to expect air raids by Pakistani Air Force planes and said the nation "has to prepare itself for hard days ahead." Pakistani Foreign Minister Z. A. Bhutto in a nationwide speech said "this is the day of reckoning."

In the air war Friday India claimed its first kills of the three days of dog fights which spilled across the international border. It said its British-made fighters shot down one Pakistani F86 Sabrejet and that ground fire downed another. Pakistan reported three Indian planes shot down, for a total of seven since Wednesday.

The counsellor of the Chinese Communist Embassy in Karachi said Peking was prepared to provide technical aid to Pakistan if requested and said economic assistance would be forthcoming soon. Chinese Communist Premier Chou En Lai met with the Pakistani ambassador in Peking during the day.

New Delhi reported Pakistani roop movements on both sides of India which separates east and west Pakistan. The war also was taking on religious overtones between the Hindu Indians and Moslem Pakistanis.

The situation was so serious President Johnson let it be known he viewed the fighting with "serious concern." World leaders appealed to India and Pakistan to heed U.N. Secretary General Thant's call for an immediate ceasefire.

In a nationwide broadcast, his first since Pakistani forces crossed the ceasefire line two days ago, Shastri warned the nation "may have to suffer damage from air raids." He ordered civil defense measures put into effect in New Delhi and in Punjab state which adjoins Pakistan. He said the precautions would be extended to other areas if the situation warranted. Air raid sirens wailed

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India Says Ike's Promise U.S. Arms Won't Be Used Against Them Violated

WASHINGTON (UPI)—India protested to the United States that Pakistan has been using U.S. military aid equipment in Kashmir in violation of 1954 assurances by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Indian Ambassador B. K. Nehru made the protest in a 35-minute meeting with Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

Nehru told newsmen that Pakistan has been using Patton tanks and F86 aircraft, obtained under U.S. aid, against Indian forces in the Kashmir fighting. He said this was "contrary" to assurances President Eisenhower had given the Indian government in 1954 when U.S. military aid to Pakistan began.

The ambassador brought with him the text of a letter dated Feb. 24, 1954, from Eisenhower to then Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru outlining U.S. plans for military aid to Pakistan.

The letter said that "if any of our aid to any country, including Pakistan, is misused and directed against another in aggression, I will undertake immediately, in accordance with my constitutional authority, appropriate action both within and without the United Nations to thwart such aggression."

The 1954 U.S. military aid agreement stipulated that Pakistan would use the assistance "exclusively to maintain its internal security, its legitimate self-defense, or to permit it to participate in the defense of the area or in United Nations collective security arrangements and measures, and Pakistan will not undertake any act of aggression against any other nation."

The State Department, reluctant to be drawn into such a knotty legal question, said merely that it was continuing to try to learn the facts concerning any use of U.S. military aid equipment.

Protests U.S. Arms

India's Ambassador B. K. Nehru, right, talks with newsmen Friday at the State Department in Washington. At his side is Purnendu Kumar Banerjee, minister at the Indian Embassy in Washington. (AP Wirephoto)

Maine 'Pike, Highways Swarming With Holiday Weekend Travelers

Heavy traffic clogged Maine highways Friday night as the long Labor Day weekend got under way.

Warm weather and clear skies were predicted to hold through Sunday. The weatherman said temperatures would hit the high 70s Saturday and the 80s Sunday.

A spokesman at the Kittery tollhouse of the Maine Turnpike reported "very heavy" southbound traffic Friday night.

One gatekeeper estimated the flow at 1,500 cars an hour, compared to 400 to 500 cars southbound.

He said it would probably also be heavy Saturday morning, slack off for the weekend and then pick up in the Monday night rush home.

State Police reported no serious accidents Friday afternoon or evening.

The only shadow cast on what looks like a sunny weekend will be the presence of 600 National Guardsmen in Saco in case there are riots at York County beaches.

A riot last Labor Day at Hampton Beach, N.H., and rumors that Maine might be a teen-age trouble spot this year, prompted the precautions.

The troops, from National Guard units in Waterville, Lewiston, Auburn, Bath, Brunswick, Norway, Rumford and Skowhegan, will encamp at the Saco Armory beginning at noon Saturday.

They will be backed up by a reserve of 100 state troopers and 300 guardsmen from South Portland, Sanford, Saco and Westbrook on standby alert.

Helicopters will patrol the coastline looking for signs of trouble.

Guardsmen and troopers maintained a similar alert over the Fourth of July weekend, when rumors abounded about outbreaks at Old Orchard Beach, Wells and York. Nothing, however, materialized.

All banks, private and governmental offices along with most retail stores will be closed Monday.

State police will also be mobilized for duty along the state's highways.

Both the bus and airplane business was booming Friday night.

A Trailways ticket clerk in Portland said "everything we own is on the highways." He

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Prayer For Today

O Thou God of glory and of life, we thank Thee for each day that we can live. Bless the labor of our hands, our minds, our hearts. Help us to appreciate each day's toil. Make us mindful of the value Thou hast placed upon our lives. Thou didst send Thy Son to join the burden bearers of the earth so that we might labor not for that which perisheth but for that which leads to life eternal in the benediction of Thy love. Amen.

—Bernard E. Michel, Westbrook, Me., minister, Ebenezer Mennonite Church.

Death Toll May Reach 60 As Italian Floods Continue

ROME (AP) — Rain drenched flood-stricken Italy for the third straight day Friday. Officials feared the nation's death toll from flood and landslide might reach 60.

The skies opened up on other parts of Europe also. Austria counted four deaths from flood, burst dams and landslides. Hard rains swept northern Spain, parts of France, most of Germany, Switzerland and western Yugoslavia.

No relief was in sight for the next 24 hours in Italian flood disaster areas covering a tenth of Italy's total territory.

Rome was almost entirely cut off from the earth by road and rail, and most of the tourist-crowded city was expected to be without drinking water until at least next Tuesday.

The known dead in Italy amounted to 31. About 41 were missing.

Tens of thousands were homeless. Damage to buildings and crops ran into uncounted millions of dollars.

The weather bureau, which predicted more rain in most of the sodden peninsula, said Italy already has had 70 per cent of its usual total rainfall for September.

In the coastal lowlands west of Rome floodwaters covered part of Rome's Leonardo da Vinci International Airport. Planes were landing a half hour to an hour late.

Hardly any trains were reaching Rome from the north. Both main troublines were cut, and trains were being funneled into the city over a single-track stretch of secondary line.

All five of Rome's great highways to the north were flooded out or cut by landslides or washed-out bridges.

The new, multimillion dollar Autostrada del Sole — the Highway to the Sun — which is this country's fastest north-south roadway — was completely washed out and not expected to reopen for perhaps a week.

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The Weather

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PERSONALLY and with a platoon of allies, President Johnson turned on all the persuasive powers of his personality and his office in a wide-open drive for a pair of long-sought goals. Page 2.

NEGRO PUPILS register at three formerly all-white schools in Selma, birthplace of 1965 civil rights struggle; police are on the alert and integration is carried out peacefully. Page 6.

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