

Nuns Form Education Conference

Three Congregations of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, with Motherhouses in Monroe, Michigan; Immaculata, Pennsylvania; and Scranton, Pennsylvania have formed a new organization to be known as **THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY EDUCATION CONFERENCE**.

The first meeting of the Executive Council of the Conference was held at Our Lady of Grace Convent, Manhasset, New York, August 24-27. Representatives from all areas of education, college, secondary, and elementary, as well as Sister Formation, drew up by-laws for the Conference and set the theme for the first biennial institute. Host for the intra-congregational institute will be Marywood College, Scranton, Pennsylvania, in the summer of 1965.

THE INITIAL planning group which set up the temporary structure of the Conference included: Sister M. Felicitas, Sister M. Saint Mary (Scranton), Sister Boniface, Sister Lalande (Immaculate), Sister Marie Isabel, Sister Thomas Aquinas (Monroe). Other members newly appointed to the Executive Council are Sister Mary Emil, Sister Rose Matthew, Sister Ambrosia, Sister Charles Borromeo, Sister Cassian (Monroe); Sister Mary of Lourdes, Sister Margaret Mary, Sister Marie Paul, Sister Marita James, Sister Sacre Coeur (Immaculate); Sister M. Michel, Sister M. Nazarene, Sister M. Sheila, Sister M. Dermot, Sister M. Eleanora, Sister M. Amata, Sister M. Clotilde (Scranton).

The purpose of the Conference will be to further Catholic education by consolidating the scholarship and professional experience of 2,000 members of the three congregations who teach over 350,000 students.

MERCY SCHOOL OF NURSING ENROLLS 43 IN NEW CLASS

On September 8, 1964, Mercy School of Nursing enrolled 43 new students. The total enrollment this year is 90. Eleven new and part-time instructors joined the Faculty this year. The class schedule for the first quarter went into effect September 10th. Prior to this date the new students participated in an Orientation Program which was a combination of academic and social events, including tours, a Tea, a Hootenanny and Introduction to School Policies.

Sister Mary Elizabeth, Director of Education, announced that applications for next years class are now being received.

Hindu Party Asks Ban on Eucharistic Congress

NEW DELHI, India — (NC) — The official publication of India's right-wing Hindu party has asked the Indian government to halt plans for the 38th International Eucharistic Congress opening in Bombay Nov. 28 in the interests of law and order.

It said foreign Catholics are not welcome in India, where 98% of the population is non-Catholic.

The front-page article appeared in The Organizer, a weekly magazine of the Peoples' League Party, a Hindu-oriented political group which in 1962 polled about 7.5 million votes. In the past the party has opposed granting visas to Christian missionaries.

Under a headline which warns of a "papal invasion in November," the magazine declared: "India has no objection to Christ, but it has every objection to 'Roman' Catholics. India will accept only 'Indian' Catholics. Anything else

will be a menace to the security and integrity of India."

THE ARTICLE quoted what it alleged to be a section of Pope Paul's encyclical Ecclesiam Suam to the effect that Christianity is the one true religion, and it added:

"Opinions and activities like these could provoke reaction among the 98% non-Catholic majority in India. As such it could easily develop into a law and order problem. The government of India would be well advised to ban this invasion of India before feelings get any worse."

The state and federal governments in India have provided financial assistance toward preparations for the Eucharistic Congress. It is not believed the new attack will change the policy, since the ruling Congress party has consistently opposed the Hindu group.

High School in Virginia Bombed

ARLINGTON, Va. — (NC) — A bomb explosion knocked out windows and caused other damage to the Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School here and the adjoining Christian Brothers' residence the night before the school was to open for the fall term. No injuries were reported to any of the 28 Brothers on the school's staff.

One, Brother Eugene Anthony, F.S.C., said he observed two youths leaving the area of the explosion in a yard outside the high school and residence moments before the blast occurred.

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since have alerted all Americans to the danger of Communism and aroused in them concern and determination to combat the party's routine activities," the House committee says. "Most radical movements have a significant unstable element within them — and there is no telling what such elements will do after years of indoctrination in hatred of their Government and its leaders.

"Yet today we see relatively little concern, and little being done, to combat and offset communist agitation-propaganda activities which are boldly designed — as they have been for years — to promote activities bordering on the treasonous."

Dean of Women Named At Sacred Heart College

The appointment of a new Dean of Women heads the list of faculty changes at Sacred Heart Junior College, Belmont. The institution opens the 1964-65 school year with full registration.

The President of Sacred Heart Junior College is Sister M. Stephen with Sister M. Christine as Academic Dean, Sister M. Celestine as Dean of Women and Sister M. Bernard as Treasurer. Sister M. Helen is Librarian assisted by Sister M. Annette.

For the 1964-65 Academic year Departments have been organized under Divisions as follows: Theology and Philosophy; Humanities; Science and Math; Social Sciences; and Community Services.

Sister M. Celestine has been newly appointed to the post of Dean of Women. Mrs. Nora Bridges of Bostic will serve as hostess and will assist the Dean of Women. She has had previous experience as hostess for the Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity at the Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Another new addition to the faculty is Mr. Joseph A. Biter of Loretto, Pa. who will head the Social Sciences Division. He holds a Degree from the University of Missouri.

Mrs. Virginia H. Clemmer will teach a course in study skills. Mrs. Clemmer is from Gastonia and has held various positions in Psychology and Education. Mrs. Clemmer is a Graduate of Indiana University.

The Music Department continues under the direction of Sister M. Cecilia. Teachers for the year include Sister M. Cecilia, Mrs. Marlene Slaten, Mrs. A. P. Pardo, Mrs.



SISTER MARY CELESTINE is the newly appointed Dean of Women at Sacred Heart Junior College in Belmont, N.C. She has been principal of St. Michael's School, Gastonia, and of Sacred Heart Grade School, Belmont; and she has served for the past few years as Principal and Superior of Sacred Heart School in Cutchogue, L.I., New York. Sister holds a degree from Mount Mercy College, Pittsburgh, and has studied at Western Carolina College.

Robert Brooks, the last two named being additions to the faculty this year.

The college glee club will be under the direction of Mrs. Slaten. The College Choir is under the direction of Sister M. Incarnata.

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