

ASTRONAUTS James A. McDivitt (left) and Edward H. White II in a practice session before their (June 3) space flight.

Missioner Gives Report On Castro's Influence

Aurora, Ill. - (NC) - A fresh | ic toward Castro; the others, those viewpoint on the way Cuba's Pre- over 30 are against him." mier Fidel Castro exercises among

here by a priest-educator who spent the last five years in the Dominican Republic.

tro influence apparent in the Do- claims to be doing. minican Republic, but indicated the influence has spread among other Latin Americans.

very contrary feelings," Father Blanch said. "Simply, there are those who are against him and those who are sympathetic. I think age has something to say. The young people are very sympathet.

Belmont Abbey Picks Leaders

student leaders held recently on the campus of Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, five Catholic students were honored.

James Roy King, son of Mr. and Spanish-language magazines and Mrs. L. R. King of Greensboro, newspapers. was elected president of Delta Epsilon Sigma national honor fra-ternity, the Gamma Iota Chapter.

Bruce Philip Wofford of Gas-tonia was elected day hop representative on the Student Council from the rising senior class; Robert Dennis McDonnell of Belmont, secretary of the rising junior class; Francis Joseph Sullivan of Charlotte, day hop representative on the Student Council from the rising junior class; and John Patrick Frazer of Mt. Holly, day hop rep-resentative from the rising sophomore class

The Sacred Heart missionary Latin Americans was disclosed said the sympathy for Castro is not identified with communism.

"These sympathetic attitudes do not take into account Castro's point of view, whether he is a commu-Father Joseph M. Blanch, M.S.C., nist or not, but are spontaneous 36, spoke particularly of the Cas-reactions to what he is doing or

people a desire for social reform. They think he is doing something "There are two very strong and for the Cubans; that he has done

> think of Americans more as capitalists who want to take advantage of the natural resources of

the Dominican Republic." He said their information about the United States is meager. The BELMONT - In the election of Voice of America radio program comes on the air late at night and seldom is heard by many of the people, while little information about the U.S. appears in the

Jersey Native Named General Of Franciscans

Rome - (NC) - A native of New Jersey has been elected the 104th minister general of the Third Order Regular Franciscans.

Father Louis J. Secondo, T.O.R. was chosen to lead the 1.500-member community during the general chapter of the order held in Rome's monastery of SS. Cosmas and Damian.

"CASTRO is awakening in the Jersey City, July 15, 1915, to Italian immigrant parents. He joined the order in 1937 and made his first profession two years later. After philosophy and theology studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. he did graduate studies at Catholic University and at the Pontifi-cal University of St. Thomas in Rome

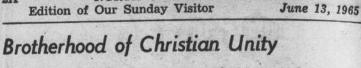
> He has held posts as novice master, as prior at the monastery of St. Bernadine of Siena in Hollidaysburg, Pa., and prior of SS. Cos-mas and Damian monastery here. In 1953 he became definitor general of the order, was procurator general in 1959, and has been professor of ascetical theology at the Pontifical Lateran University.

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Interdenominational **Community Started**

NORTH CAROLINA CATHOLIC

Wien, Mo. — (NC) — An inter-denominational monastic community devoted to prayer and work for the reunion of Christianity has been launched here by a Catholic priest and an Anglican priest.

Known as the Brotherhood of Christian Unity, the new community is "adamantly opposed in principle to any sort of doctrinal or disciplinary compromise," according to a spokesman.

"Each member of the community pledges himself to become the best possible representative of his own Christian tradition."

FOUNDERS OF the new group are Father Joseph W. Starmann, a priest of the Catholic diocese of Jefferson City, Mo., and Father Robert P. Bollman, a priest of the Episcopal diocese of Missouri.

For the past year the two men have been living at St. Mary's Monastery in this tiny hamlet in north-central Missouri. The monastery buildings were relinquished by Franciscans in 1916. Father Starmann has also been designated

pastor of St. Mary's parish. Ordained in 1963, Father Starmann served for a year as a curate at St. Peter's Cathedral in Jefferson City. Father Bollman is a former chaplain at Buffalo University and former curate of St. Philip's church, Buffalo.

THE PROJECT HAS the support of Catholic Bishop Joseph M. Marling, C.PP.S., of Jefferson City and Episcopal Bishop George L. Cadigan of Missouri.

Membership in the community open to members of any Christin denomination.

"We hope eventually to have Orthodox, Lutherans, Reformed and free churchmen," a statemen said. "Membership is open to lait as well as to clergy.

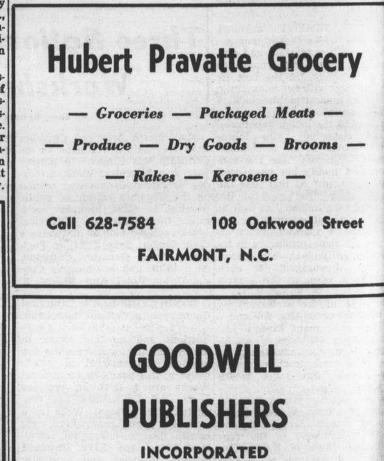
"MEMBERSHIP IN no way com promises any Brother's loyalty an obedience to his own church. The constitution guarantees without qualification the legitimate ca onical authority of the proper e clesiastical superiors of all th brethren.'

The plan for the internal conduct of the community calls for members of the same denomination to join together in the worshi proper to their church, separately from other community members.

However, all members of the community will join in a regular cycle of common prayer for Christian unity. The prayer, in English is centered on a modified form of the traditional monastic office.

PROFESSED MEMBERS are wear the traditional Benedictine habit. The rule places great empha sis on the evangelical counsels of

charity and poverty as well as a prayer and study. The Brotherhood of Christia Unity is presently seeking cand-dates and support, both spiritua and financial. The community hopes eventually to sustain itself by operating a printshop and book by operating a printshop and book bindery, equipment for which was donated by Bishop Marling.







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