

Archdiocesan Project

Milwaukee to Build School TV Network

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — (RNS) — The Milwaukee Catholic archdiocese will build its own educational television network to link 235 elementary and 25 high schools in a 10-county area of southeastern Wisconsin.

The network is expected to begin operations in the Milwaukee metropolitan area in 1968. It will be completed by 1971. The \$800,000 development will be underwritten by the archdiocese.

Msgr. Edmund J. Goebel, archdiocesan school superintendent, said in announcing the project that the network's potential was a "revolutionary concept of education." It will not replace classroom teachers, however.

THE NETWORK will broadcast on ultra high frequency (UHF) channels allocated by the Federal Communications Commission in 1963 for "instructional television fixed service."

The network will be developed in five phases. Construction of a studio and transmitting tower will be the first phase. A two channel

network for 134 schools in the Milwaukee metropolitan area is expected to be ready by the Fall of 1968. Network facilities and expansion to four stations to reach the other counties will come in the last three phases.

Msgr. Goebel said he expected extensive changes in the archdiocesan curriculum after 1968 so there could be coordination between the television instruction and the teachers' materials in the classroom.

ALL PROGRAMS will be taped and will be about 20 minutes long. Msgr. Goebel said he expected to make extensive use of taped lessons prepared by nationally known educators.



KOREAN COSTUME — Archbishop John B. Sye of Taegu, Korea, has donned a comfortable Korean costume, as he talks over archdiocesan affairs in traditional Oriental cross-legged position with one of the Austrian priests assisting him in his work (NC Photos)

Priest Flees to Russia

MOSCOW — (RNS) — Soviet television interrupted a sports program so that millions of Russians could see and hear Harold M. Koch, an American Roman Catholic priest until he abandoned his post in a Chicago parish three years ago, who has now defected to the Soviet Union.

A day after Tass, the Soviet news agency, had quoted the 34-year-old American as saying he sought asylum here so that he could take "an active part in the struggle against the injustice and cruelty of the Vietnamese war," he appeared on TV screens neatly dressed in a dark business suit, white shirt and dark tie and wearing horn-rimmed glasses which gave him a scholarly appearance.

Father Koch, who came from a Polish-American family, was trained for the priesthood at the Quigley Preparatory Seminary in Chicago and at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Ill.

He was ordained in 1958 and served in five parishes before abandoning his priestly role.

A spokesman for the Chicago chancery office issued a press statement (Sept. 12) that Father Harold M. Koch "served in the Archdiocese of Chicago from 1958-1963," but "when counseled by his superiors to undergo psychiatric treatment, left the archdiocese. He has not been in contact with archdiocesan officials since April, 1963."

A friend described him as "a liberal but definitely not a communist." Since leaving the priesthood, the friend said, Father Koch has been teaching English and engaged in translating.

In Washington, D.C., Marcel Rocca, head of the Institute of Modern Languages, said Father Koch had been hired as a \$7,000-a-year employee for a trial period.

Informal Dress Marks Meeting Of Bishop De Roo

VICTORIA, B.C. — (NC) — Only an episcopal ring distinguished Bishop Remi J. De Roo from the other 20 participants in recent discussions here on a diocesan survey of Catholic opinion.

The bishop, who had invited 15 lay people, three priests, and two nuns to discuss survey results with him was able to convince one of the nuns of his identity only by showing the ring he wore.

During the week-long meeting, Bishop De Roo, a youthful looking 42, joined the discussions wearing slacks and a sport shirt; took his turn carrying coffee and sandwiches to the group; pitched in with the cooking at a barbecue; and joined one of the group breaks to attend a movie at a local theatre.

The bishop also refrained from leading group discussions, reminding the other participants whenever he was asked a question, "I'm here to listen to you."

Correction

Rev. Alphonse Schumacher, a brother of Mother Berchmans Julia, S.N.D., died at his Church in Xenia, Ohio. Sister is stationed at the Catholic School in Chapel Hill, N.C.

This was incorrectly reported on page 2A of last week's edition.

What's Behind Rampage by 'Red Guard'?

By Germaine Swain

HONG KONG — (NC) — Abbott and Costello's classic "Who's on first?" skit is being replayed by China experts trying to figure out the results and motives of the Red Guard rampage and the shift of power in China's Communist party.

Looking back to 1957, observers believe now that the party reforms of that year were the outcome of the fears that a popular revolution would sweep the party leadership. A split had developed between the people and the party, and the party reform was meant to heal the wound.

Whether the Red Guard activity of the last few weeks is an example of a new revolutionary spirit within the party or an antidote for dissatisfaction throughout the country is not yet evident.

Some people believe that the Red Guard was meant as a distraction for the people and a way

of releasing the pent-up energies of young zealots. These observers feel that China's leaders foresaw an outburst of enthusiasm and decided to direct it against non-Chinese and non-communist elements.

Resistance to the Red Guards in some areas indicates that their enthusiasm is not universally admired. Seizing control of party headquarters, the homes of party leaders, and other points of influence, the Red Guards have de-

ported, beaten and sometimes killed those who opposed them. This has only increased resistance, and caused deaths within Red Guard ranks.

Further complicating the situation is Mao Tse-tung's recent curbing of Red Guard activity. Whether it is a direct curbing of Red Guard growing from fear of the Red Guard, or whether it grows from fear of widespread reaction to the Red Guard is unclear.

Certainly the leaders of the party are looking for faithful young replacements. The average age of members of the party's central committee is 64; members of politburo, or party legislature, average 66 years old. Lin Piao, new right-hand man to Mao Tse-tung and youngest member of the party hierarchy, is 58.

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