



HILL 881, KHE SANH — With a Marine bugler sounding "colors" at morning's first light, the U.S. flag is hoisted atop a 15-foot radio antenna on Hill 881, an outpost near Khe Sanh. At nightfall, the Marines retire that day's flag to send it to the family of a Marine slain on the hill. UPI photo by Dave Powell. (NC Photos)

Editor's Desk

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 tried to keep his class awake on a similar balmy day.

Said the priest to the students, "This is the time of the year when your blood congeals to the seat of your pants and turns to lead."

We hear so much these days about the long hot summer but little thought is given to the long dreary winter which we have just endured.

Now that the psalms are said in English in the daily Office and in the Mass, we are made conscious of the close relationship between the handiwork of the Creator and His divine attributes.

Many of these hymns of praise tell us that Nature does some of the work of lauding His holy name in our behalf.

Last Wednesday recalled a comment of Father Louis Merton, who said that on bright mornings when the exhortator would make his crack-of-dawn rounds, knocking on the various doors of the monks' cells, he would say, "Let us bless the Lord." And, for the occasion, add, "This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice therein."

The first day of spring, 1968, was such a day to our way of thinking.

Sands of Time

Back in 1948, for this week, the first in April, this newspaper was pleased to report that the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Cicognani of Washington accepted an invitation to officiate at the blessing of the Motor Mission Unit in May during an NCCLA Convention in Wilmington. The newspaper also said that the Mission Society of the Diocese of Winona, Wisconsin, would donate the Ford Mercury

Sedan tow car for the trailer chapel, equipped with special heavy duty transmission. . . . Jim Farley, popular Democratic Party leader, would be honorary chairman of a benefit bridge party held in April at Pennsylvania Hotel in New York City to help defray the cost of the trailer chapel. . . . Father Michael A. Begley is seeking information regarding the possible placement and job opportunities for Displaced Persons seeking admission into the United States. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Minos Register and five children were received into the Church at Sacred Heart Church, Whiteville.

SSCA Set

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outstanding priests and laity from throughout the country, faculty members chosen for their successful work with teen-agers.

THE COST of attending the SSCA session is \$45 per student, with special rates for 11 or more.

The SSCA is intended to train a much-needed militant Catholic laity capable of leading others in the work of the Church.

The movement started in 1931 when the late Father Daniel Lord, impressed with the need for training lay leaders, launched a leadership training school.

THE SSCA combines the elements of an education, a retreat and a vacation into five days of intensive activity.

The student receives instruction to increase his faith, to inspire and motivate him to a fuller Catholic and apostolic life.

The SSCA session at Hendersonville is the only one held in the Southeast. The traveling school faculty is under the direction of Father John Campbell, S.J., of St. Louis, Mo.

A New Approach

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is a tremendous number of Catholics who want to do something about the problems of the ghetto, but who have no vehicle."

I CAN is open to non-Catholics, but its name and thrust is Catholic, he said.

Action being strongly considered now includes:

1—Formation or cooperation in formation of a ghetto bank, credit union or savings and loan association.

2—Study of welfare legislation

to recommend possible changes to government. Also, the coordination of social agencies dealing with multi-problem families.

3—Coffee-klatch sessions with suburbanites on ghetto problems and responsibilities of whites.

4—Coordination of diverse tutorial programs to insure quality and efficiency.

A BREAKDOWN of I CAN membership shows it is half laymen, half Religious; about 1/16 Negro and the rest, generally well-to-do whites.

It is led by Father Sweeney; Msgr. Paul M. Valente, a ghetto pastor; Franciscan Sister M. Angela, president, Rosary Hill College for women; Richard F. Griffin, an attorney, and John R. Nichter, a chemical engineer. A 44-member steering committee includes bankers, presidents of each area Catholic college, lawyers, judges and an editor from one of the daily newspapers.

OEO Agency Elects Priest

Waynesville — Father Joseph F. Bumann, pastor of St. John's parish was unanimously elected "at-large" member of the board of directors of Mountain Projects, Inc., at their regular monthly meeting held in the Saunook Office Building in February.

Mountain Projects, Inc., is the agency of the Office of Economic Opportunity for Haywood and Jackson Counties.

Father Frank Korzinek of St. Mary's parish, Sylva, and former member of the board of directors, was among the guests attending the meeting.

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