

## Laymen's Overseas Service Launched

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Bob Kochitzky is a soft-spoken young Methodist from Jackson, Miss., who believes that "thousands of laymen want to go beyond writing checks" in serving the cause of Christ.

With virtually no resources except his own cheerful faith, he has launched a promising new movement called "Laymen's Overseas Service" LAOS for short.

LAOS offers Protestant laymen an opportunity to serve abroad as short-term missionaries at their own expense.

It started on a very modest scale last summer. Ten volunteers — three men and seven women — went to Bolivia to contribute eight weeks of work to Methodist hospitals and schools. Most of them were teachers, but the group included a carpenter and two secretaries. They not only worked without salary: They also paid their own transportation costs and living expenses.

This year LAOS plans to send at least 50 volunteers to Peru, Honduras, Chile and Bolivia. Many of them will stay for six months or a year. The group includes physicians, dentists, nurses, medical technicians, teachers, a dietitian, a librarian, a stenographer and a bookkeeper. They range in age from 18 to 75.

"Next year," Kochitzky said in an interview, "we hope to send two or three hundred volunteers abroad, and to include

some of the mission fields of Asia and Africa."

He explained that LAOS has concentrated on Latin America so far because "transportation costs are lower."

He said a volunteer from the eastern part of the United States would need about \$900 to underwrite the total cost of a six-months term of service in a Latin American country.

"In some cases, their local churches contribute part of the cost," he said. "But many of them pay all of it out of their own pockets."

About a third of the volunteers to date have been Methodists. The other two-thirds come from Episcopal, Presbyterian, Baptist and other Protestant churches.

"We never accept a volunteer just to swell the total and make the program look bigger," Kochitzky said. "We ask the full-time missionaries in these countries what kind of help they need — what skills and professions. Then we try to find people who have those particular vocations, and who want to give themselves, and not just their money, to the Christian mission."

### Kennedy In Denial Of Johnson Feud

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Attt.

Gen. Robert F. Kennedy insists there is no feud between him and President Johnson, and that their relations always have been friendly.

Kennedy sought Thursday to discount reports that he and Johnson were at odds over efforts by Kennedy's supporters to boom him for the Democratic vice presidential nomination.

The attorney general appealed to Wisconsin backers of a move to get him the vice presidential bid to discontinue their efforts. He repeated his statement that the presidential nominee should select his running mate.

Later, in a talk with a group of Pennsylvania students in his relations with Johnson:

"I have the highest regard for him. Our relations are friendly; they always have been. He has always been kind to me, to my family and to Mrs. Kennedy — both as vice president and since then. I have read these reports about a feud. There is no substance to these reports."

### PLEASANT MILLS METHODIST

Joseph Gibson, pastor

Sunday School at 9:30 A. M.

Divine Worship at 10:30. The

children are invited to stay for the sermonette during the worship service.

### ST. LUKE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Honduras

Robert R. Olson, pastor

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

### WEDNESDAY

7:30 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service

### THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. All day meeting of the Women's Guild

### MONROE METHODIST

Charles E. Elam, pastor

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. Children's Choirs

10:30 a.m. Church school

11:00 Youth Choir

6:30 p.m. MYF

7:30 p.m. Evening Service. Go-

spel team from Taylor U.

### MONDAY

7:30 p.m. Membership - Evan-

gelism Commission.

### TUESDAY

7:30 p.m. Education Commis-

### Wednesday

3:40 p.m. Lenten Youth Prayer

Meeting.

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir.

8:15 p.m. Mid-week service.

Mrs. Glen Stucky leader.

### FRIDAY

7:30 p.m. Missions Commission.

### SATURDAY

10:00 a.m. Membership Train-

ing Class.

### The Gospel Team

that is coming from Taylor

includes the following:

Dave Abbott as the speaker,

Bob Stewart to lead the singing

and Martha Mooney playing the violin.

### Sheppard Bid For Freedom Is Denied

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI) —

The pardon and parole com-

mission today rejected Dr.

Samuel H. Sheppard's bid for

freedom and said it would not

consider his case until he was

eligible for parole this fall.

The action came as a sur-prise, as many principals in

Sheppard's conviction of second

degree murder for the bludgeon

slaying in 1954 of his wife had

recommended he be released

from prison.

The rejection of his appeal

for reconsideration by the com-

mission came as he pressed a

habeas corpus action in U. S.

District Court.

The commission's decision

still left Sheppard's request up

to Gov. James A. Rhodes, who

could act against the parole

commission's recommendation

and grant executive clemency

or immediate parole.

### Habeas Corpus Plea

Should the federal court

agree to hear the habeas corpus

action, the state would

have to prove that Sheppard's

constitutional rights were not

violated in his trial as he

claims.

Sheppard was convicted of

second degree murder for the

fatal beating in their home of

his wife, Marilyn, in the Cleve-

land suburb of Bay Village on

July 4, 1954. He has maintained

his innocence since his arrest

and has filed various appeals in

state and federal courts.

Rhodes, acting on a recom-

mendation by the parole com-

mission in January of 1963,

turned down previous clemen-

tary request by Sheppard.

Sheppard is eligible for parole

after serving a minimum of 10

years of his sentence, less time

off for good behavior. This

would make him eligible for

parole in October.

Write Miss Rubio for details.

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A. A. Fenner, pastor

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with examination of Confirmands,

10:15 a.m. Sunday school and

Bible class

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Sunday school staff

meeting.

TUESDAY:

7:30 p.m. Sunday school teach-

ers meeting with film strip.

WEDNESDAY:

8:00 p.m. Walther Leaguers will

meet.

THURSDAY:

All day quilting of Ladies Aid

with sack lunch.

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7:30 p.m. Lenten service

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