



SETTING FOR FATIMA WEEK—St. Meinrad's Abbey which lifts its spires amidst trees and fields in southern Indiana, will furnish the setting for Fatima Week, Aug. 14 to 20. The Benedictine Fathers of the abbey are expecting 50,000 persons to pray for peace during the celebration.

St. Meinrad's to Observe Fatima Week; Expects 50,000

By EMMA RIVERS MILNER, Times Church Editor

ST. MEINRAD, July 10.—St. Meinrad's Abbey is preparing for the visit of 50,000 persons from Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Illinois to pray for the peace of the world during Fatima Week, Aug. 14 to 20.

The Rt. Rev. Ignatius Easser, O. S. B., abbot of St. Meinrad's, said that he and 22 committees "are working hard to make the celebration in southwestern Indiana the greatest that ever has taken place in Hoosierdom."

The whole program will center about a statue of the Virgin, carved of cedar in Portugal and sent to "travel" about this continent.

6 Appearances Made

Church records tell of six appearances of the Blessed Virgin in 1917 to three shepherd children in Portugal. In the third apparition, Mary, or Our Lady of Fatima as she is called in this connection, predicted World War II and the rise of Russia.

Our Lady also is said to have promised to convert Russia and avert the catastrophe of a world dominated by Communism if her religious instructions were obeyed.

However, if the religious practices which she urged were not observed, the Virgin predicted that the "scourge of communism would fall upon every continent of the world."

Thus a main objective of all the devout and colorful expressions during Fatima Week at St. Meinrad's will not only be to pray for peace but for Russia to turn to God.

Plans 120 Functions

"A total of 120 functions are planned to take place at the abbey between the arrival of the statue by motorcade at 3:30 p. m. Aug. 14 and its departure also by motorcade at noon on Aug. 20," said Father Abbot. "From 4 a. m. until 9 p. m. daily there will be some event happening."

The main feature will be the outdoor mass at 10 a. m. and the outdoor services at 7 p. m. each day. At all of these there will be a talk by some prominent speaker.

"The Most Rev. Paul C. Schmitz, archbishop of Indianapolis, will officiate at the pontifical field mass on the opening day and Abbot Easser, O.S.B., will be the celebrant for the corresponding mass on the first day. The Most Rev. Joseph E. Ritter, archbishop of St. Louis, will have the mass on Aug. 19 when the sick will be blessed.

Purpose of Event

"The whole purpose of this elaborate event is to bring to the people the peace-planet message of the Lady of Fatima who is none other than the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ and the Queen of Peace," Father Abbot continued.

"A chaotic world is on the brink of ruin. A big world war has helped nothing even though many lives and billions of dollars were spent."

"A peace plan from heaven may prove more effective than the enlisting of more millions of men for war."

"We don't want war. We want peace. Fatima has a message for all men."

IU Young Writers' Lectures Listed

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind., July 10.—Registration for the Indiana University Young Writers' Conference will commence at 2 p. m. CST, tomorrow in North Hall Lounge on the IU campus.

Scheduled to lecture and lead round table discussions during the conference, which will continue through next Saturday morning, are John Frederick Nims, of Notre Dame University's English department, who will direct work in poetry; John R. Tunis, who will conduct non-fiction workshops, and Jessamyn West, who will advise writers of fiction.

Stephen Spender, eminent poet, will address a convocation at 8 p. m. Tuesday in the IU auditorium.

Simon Michael Bessie, editor of Harper & Bros., will deliver a special lecture at 3 p. m. next Friday on "The Young Writer and the Publisher."

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Delaware and Walton Streets

Dr. W. A. Schlueter, Minister
Bible School—9:30 A. M.
Morning Worship—10:30 A. M.
Sermon—The Cross for Novelties
Youth Fellowship—8:30 P. M.

ST. JOHN'S

EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED

Leonard and Sanders Sts.

E. A. PEEBENBROOK, Pastor
10:15 A. M.—The Spirit of the World
John 18:6-11

Changes Mind On Child's Gift

MILWAUKEE (UPI)—Mrs. Jack Collier received a letter from Mrs. Nan Armitage of Scotland, a family friend.

Mrs. Armitage said she had intended to send Mrs. Collier's two-year-old daughter, Susan, a book of nursery rhymes bought in Glasgow.

"As a gift from Scotland," she explained.

But, she wrote, she changed her mind after reading the title page of the volume. It said, "published in Milwaukee, Wis."

Some Fun, Washington

OLMPIA, Wash. (UPI)—Washington placed first in the nation

during 1947 in the production of

cherries, dry peas and hops, according to the state agriculture department. The state placed second in production of pears, apricots, fiblets and green peas for processing.

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7:30 P. M.—Sermon: "Light and Life."

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