

CHURCH

L.T. Buich, Fisher. Monday, July 5, 1965.

At Geneva - in Switzerland - an announcement today that the Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches - will shortly make their first official contact in centuries.

The Vatican and the Lutheran world federation - said to have named seven members each - to a joint working commission; which will meet "in the near future" - to discuss the issues that may lead to a future dialogue between the two christian religions. The Vatican has already undertaken a similar dialogue - with the Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox churches - represented by the World Council of Churches.

One American - named to the Commission. He's Doctor Warren Quanbeck - a professor at the ^{Lutheran} ~~the~~ Theological School - ^{at} Saint Paul, Minnesota.

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MOUNTAINEERS

High atop a wind-swept pass in the Colorado Rockies -- the remnants of America's famed Tenth Mountain Division -- paid tribute this weekend to their fallen comrades. Nearly a thousand men in all -- who died in Italy during the closing days of World War Two.

For it was just twenty years ago this week -- that the Tenth Mountain Division under General George P. Hayes, smashed the last German stronghold -- in the rugged Appenine Mountains. General Mark Clark later calling the victory -- "one of the most vital and brilliant actions of the Italian campaign."

The names of those killed in action -- now carved in a massive piece of Italian marble. Rising high above Tennessee Pass -- one of the highest passes in the Rockies -- near what was once Camp Hale. There where America's first and only mountain division -- was formed and trained, to deliver the knockout blow -- to German forces in Italy.

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A job superbly done; and one I hope we never forget.

Here's to the men of the 10th Mountain -- and to a thousand
of them who never came home!

JOBS

Six more girls have been dismissed - from that controversial Women's Job Corps Center at St. Petersburg, Florida. The new dismissals - reported today by an Assistant Director of the program. Who said the six were "chronic misbehaviors" - who came in from Saturday night dates "highly intoxicated."

That makes thirty-seven girls in all - who have been dismissed or have voluntarily left the program. Which was intended to provide them ^{with} the education and training they need - to become self-supporting.

CONGO

From Leopoldville in the Congo - a report today that twenty white Europeans long feared dead - may still be miraculously alive.

The whites originally held captive by Congolese rebels - at the village of Bondo in the North country.

But when white mercenaries reached the scene last month - all twenty had vanished from the face of the earth.

Presumably slain - and their bodies disposed of by the rebels. Indeed, the mercenaries found at the next nearest town - that the rebels there had killed in cold blood - thirty-one Dutch and Belgian priests.

This latest - a report from Bondo that the rebels -- had merely hidden the twenty Europeans in the bush. And with the mercenaries long gone - they've supposedly returned them now to the town. A new effort is already underway to rescue the hostages ~~xxxxxxx~~ before the rebels change their minds - again.

VIET NAM

*Fierce fighting today and tonight - in Vietnam;
Centered about ~~that~~^{the} battered government outpost - at
Ba Gia, About seventy miles south - of the big U. S.
Air Base at Da Nang.*

*The outpost first stormed - by a "human wave"
of Communist Viet Cong. The guerillas later forced to
withdraw - but taking with them two howitzers - and two
trucks full of ammunition. Later ringing the garrison with
shellfire - to prevent the landing of all but a few additional
government troops.*

*Casualties reported heavy on both sides -
including at least one American ~~was~~ killed and two missing.
The remaining American advisers on the scene - have
since been evacuated to safety.*

MALAYSIA

From Kuching in Malaysia - news today of a sneak mortar and machine gun attack. With guerillas from Indonesia - said to have blasted the undefended village of Biawak - on the Borneo border between the two feuding nations.

At least two dead and several wounded in the assault -- all civilians. Malaysian officials calling it - "a heartless and calculated act of terrorism," Since there are no Malaysian Security Forces - anywhere in the area.

BOMB

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A partial explanation today - to that bomb
thrown last night at an American express office - in the
heart of London. Scotland Yard blaming the blast - on
political extremists from an unnamed Caribbean country.
Men - said the Yard - "who have a grudge against the
United States."

This based on fragments of a note - found
among the debris. The note pointing up what it called -
"the dominican danger." But exactly who threw the bomb -
and exactly why - still a mystery.

RUBIROSA

Millionaire playboy Porfirio Rubirosa - who wooed and wed some of the world's wealthiest women was killed today near Paris. When his high-powered Ferrari sideswiped a parked car - and then smashed head-on into a tree.

The one-time Dominican-diplomat - once called "every girl's prince charming" - ^{ed} ~~Listed~~ among his ex-wives -- American heiress Doris Duke and Barbara Hutton. Also French film star Danielle Darrieux - and Flor De Oro Trujillo - daughter of the late Dominican dictator. His last night - an all-night celebration of the fact that his team had just won the French polo championship. He was on his way home - when his ^S car ran out of control.

Porfirio Rubirosa - who once said of his life: "Some men try to save all they can. I try to spend all I can." That life full-spent today - at the age of fifty-six.

FRENCH

Seven young Frenchwomen emerged into the sunlight today - after two weeks of darkness in a cave - three hundred and sixty feet beneath the ground. Sun glasses - ^{they needed when they came out of the gloom} ~~a necessity, of course,~~ But otherwise - the girls were in excellent condition, Ready and able to join in a champagne celebration - at a nearby resort. ~~Hotel.~~

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The experiment designed to provide data - on how space ship crews might react to life at close quarters - over a prolonged period of time. And how did the French girls react? Like women everywhere - above or below the ground. They talked - and talked - and talked. Said one: "We discussed food - our preferred dishes - our loves - and the need for a social revolution." ^{said another said Deb:} "we could have gone on - for months..." on and on - and on.

DEATH

The holiday weekend traffic toll -- already one of the heaviest in history. With the number of highway dead -- racing toward five hundred; and expected to hit about fifty more -- by midnight tonight.

If it keeps up -- says the National Safety Council -- the toll for this Fourth of July weekend -- will top any three-day summer holiday on record. It could even pass the record for a four-day Fourth of July weekend; the five hundred and fifty-six traffic record set over the four-day Fourth of Nineteen Sixty-Three.

Nevertheless, the Safety Council emphasizes that "these trends -- can be reversed -- if every motorist will bear in mind that he has a tremendous responsibility -- when he is out there on the highway."

In other words -- drive safely -- to stay alive.