CONTEST WINNERS OFF FOR NASSAU

Looking ahead for ten glorious days basking in the warmth of the tropics, six Island ladies at 8 o'clock yesterday afternoon flew out of Charlottetown airport bound for Toronto on the first leg of their journey to Nassau in the Bahamas, where they are scheduled to arrive this afternoon. The group, winners of the Guardian - Patriot circulation contest, are shown preparing to board the Eastern Provincial Airlines flight to Moncton yesterday. Left to right, front are Mrs. George Ives, Charlottetown, Mrs. Ernest Machon, Murray Harbor, Mrs. Clayton Crosby, Crapaud, Mrs. Reginald MacFadyen, Long Creek, Wilfred A. Farrell, circulation manager for the city dailies, and tour conductor and chaperone, and in the rear, Mrs. Evelyn Simpson, Hamilton and Mrs. Kenneth Burke, Fortune Bridge.

U.S. Troops On Secret Mission

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York World-Telegram and Sun has reported that troops of the U.S. Army's special forces, an elite corps of guerrilla fighters, are on a secret mission in Guatemala.

Guatemala was a training ground for the ill-fated 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba, the newspaper noted.

It said indications were that the troops either are "training Cuban exiles for another strike at Fidel Castro's island fortress or instructing the Guatemalan armed forces in anti-guerrilla tactics against Red terrorists."

The report noted that both the Pentagon and the Guatemalan embassy in Washington deny that U.S. special forces are in Guatemala.

However, the newspaper said travellers just returned from there to the United Nations say they have seen the U.S. troops both in the capital, Guatemala City, and near a secret base where the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency trained Cuban exiles for the 1961 venture.

FIVE GENERATIONS AT FAMILY REUNION

Five generations are pictured above at a family reunion for the first time at Cascumpec. From right to left are, baby Rodney MacDonald; his mother, Mrs. Dewar MacDonald, Covehead; grandmother, Mrs. Garth Harrison, Charlottetown; Great-grandmother, Mrs. Brenton Hudson, Cascumpec (where the photo was taken) and great-great-grandmother, Mrs. John MacLennan, West Cape, who is 88 years of age.

Restless Prelates Seeking Ways To Speed Up Council

By BENNET M. Bolton

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Restless prelates at the Vatican ecumenical council are trying to find ways to make the assembly move more efficiently.

"As recently as a week ago most bishops were reasonably satisfied with the pace of council work," Msgr. Derek Worlock, secretary of the English hierarchy, reports. "but now proposals are starting to arise on what can be done outside the daily sessions to get matters moving faster."

Bishop Helmut Wittler of Osnabruck, West Germany, told a council press conference Saturday that many prelates have "expressed their dissatisfaction with the slowness of the council discussions, especially during the first part of last week. Not a few of the speakers did not appear to make any definite and concrete contribution to the progress of the council."

Bishop Wittler said lengthy debates at the council were "closely connected with the distinctly pastoral character of this council.

CAN MOVE FASTER

"A council which aims only to condemn errors can move faster than one which is trying to re-assess the position of the church in the modern world and discover ways and means of improving its approach to the men it is called to save."

Since the second council phase began Sept. 29, the 2,300 council fathers have been debating a topic called "de ecclesia," which examines the nature and structure of the church. Fifteen to 20 speakers a day have been getting up to suggest changes for the council's theology commission to incorporate into the schema.

So far only three of the four de ecclesia chapters have been discussed and no amendment has come back for a vote. With six weeks remaining before the Dec. 4 recess, many bishops have begun to worry about how the council can ever hope to make progress on its slate of 16 additional schemata.

Several national hierarchies have ideas on this. With no working sessions in St. Peter's Basilica until Tuesday, they were busy during the weekend ironing out details of efficiency plans and seeking support from bishops of other nations.

One plan would be to have full working sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays instead of five days a week. On Tuesdays and Thursdays each national hierarchy would meet and go over current council work. Each would settle on one prelate to repsent the majority view of that nation and one to represent the minority view. The two views would be outlined in the next general meeting of all council fathers.

When a schema chapter was finished, the commission charged with adopting changes would thus have only several dozen opinions to work with instead of, for example, the 1,230 written and spoken opinions delivered by the prelates so far on de ecclesia.

U.K. BISHOPS IDEA

Another plan would be to speed individual paragraphs to a commission for preparation of amendments, instead of waiting until an entire chapter has been fully aired by speakers. British bishops are said to be working on this idea.

Still another plan would be for test votes to be taken frequently to show a commission how council feeling runs on three or four major points causing the most trouble in a schema chapter then on the floor. This plan is closest to realization. Council administrators are considering such a vote on points in the second chapter of de ecclesia, which concerns bishops' powers.

It will be up to Pope Paul Vi to decide any changes in council procedure.

"There is a conflict of two ideals—absolute freedom of expression and efficient organization," said Bishop John J. Wright of Pittsburgh. "Those who were delighted last fall to see maximum freedom of expression assured are now paying the price."

Not all share his opinion.

"The two are not irreconcilable," said an official council theologian.

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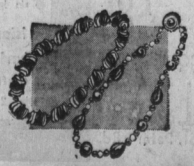

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