

Spanish Bishop Points Up U.S. Religious Freedom

By JULIE CANDLER Staff Writer

A dark-eyed visitor to Birmingham last week described the work of his Protestant church in Spain, and made a lot of listeners appreciate the freedom of religion they enjoy in America.

Camping Series Is in Full Swing At B'ham 'Y'

This Friday evening will be the second in a series of four Family Camping workshops at the Birmingham YMCA. This session will be centered around food planning. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. with each family preparing its own meal on the "Y" grounds.

Diener will be followed by a discussion on the subject of menu planning, use of economically packaged meals, and different methods of cooking in the outdoors. Sample menus and suggestions will be printed for future reference.

THE MAY 20 session will find Roger Blood of the State YMCA staff, and an old timer at family camping suggestions for games to keep the children busy in the car, activities and equipment to use at the camp grounds, and other special suggestions on family fun on a camping trip.

"Where To Go" is the theme of the May 27 meeting when materials on national and state park camps will be distributed and films will be shown of several of the best camping areas. An opportunity will be given to exchange suggestions of favorite spots with others in the course.

Inquiries can be made by calling the Birmingham YMCA. Through the local YMCA, private swimming pools in local neighborhoods have been made available to give swimming lessons to boys or girls six years of age or over under trained YMCA instructors.

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The Rt. Rev. Santos Martin Molina, Spain's first Protestant bishop since 1916 and a friend of the Rev. Dr. Kenneth H. Gass of Birmingham, preached at both of St. James Episcopal church's services Sunday.

Since his English is not fluent, he spoke in Spanish, with a young student interpreting. The modest-speaking, friendly priest spoke to the Saturday through interpreter Mrs. Alicia Smith, Kingswood school librarian.

HE AND Mrs. Smith made a picture as they sat across from the man wearing a colorful gown of Spanish origin for the occasion, and he in his conventional dark suit over a burgundy-hued turtleneck sweater.

BEFORE he talked with me at the St. James rectory, Bishop Molina and his tiny, gracious wife showed me photographs of their nine bright-eyed little grandchildren, some dressed in the Castilian ruffles and finery of their native land. They are the children of their own family of five.

The work of Spanish Protestant churches such as his Spanish Reformed Episcopal church, Bishop Molina said, is "to hold services."

THEY CANNOT have schools or charities. "We have no permission to make any exterior show of our faith," he said. "And our churches previously could not possess any property, not even the buildings in which they hold services."

The bishop said he had recently been able to obtain papers showing that the government has given special permission for him to purchase property in Barcelona and Valencia.

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On their first trip out of their native land, the Rt. Rev. Santos Martin Molina, second bishop of the Spanish Reformed Episcopal church and his wife (left) were guests of the Rev. Dr. Kenneth H. Gass and Mrs. Gass at the rectory on Wilmington, Birmingham.

They were photographed Saturday at a reception honoring Spain's first Protestant bishop since 1916. Michigan bishops, St. James vestrymen and their wives were guests.

Survey

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ON DRIVING: "those to whom a car is made available should help to maintain the car; the driver of a car should restrict the number of passengers he takes in one load; those riding in a car should share in responsibility for safe driving."

ABOUT PARTIES: "do not attend parties to which you have not been specifically invited by the host; if you crash a party, you should be asked to leave; teens should not entertain when their parents are away from home; with-in reason, parents should make their homes available for teen parties on weekend nights."

THE MAJORITY of students and parents agreed, by a substantial margin, on the following items about parental responsibility: "Teens should know at all times where their parents or some responsible adult can be reached; parents should know where their teens are after school and on dates; parents should meet each boy the first time he takes their daughter out."

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Schools to Count Future Students

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THE annual school census is being taken throughout the Birmingham School district during the last twenty days in May.

THE purpose of the school census is to determine the number of children in each age group from birth to twenty years of age as an index of the possible service to be rendered by the schools.

IT ALSO measures the extent of the requirements under the compulsory education laws, as a basis for planning physical, nutritional and financial needs, and as a means for distributing primary school trust funds for which the school census is used as a legal base.

Dem Club Offers Chance to Meet The Candidates

Birmingham Democratic club is sponsoring a "meet the candidates night" at 8 p.m. at the Birmingham community house, May 17.

Child Study Club Has Smorgasbord

The Child study club of Birmingham is giving a smorgasbord this evening at 6:30 at Sylvan Glen Inn.

What's Ahead This Year?

The new president of the Birmingham chamber of commerce Harvey A. Kresge, right, manager of the local S. S. Kresge store meets with several of the other new officers and talks over tentative prospects for Birmingham shoppers in the coming year.

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Dedication Week Nears for Groves

Dedication week will officially get under way Sunday, May 15, at 2 p.m. in the gymnasium-auditorium of the new Birmingham Groves high school. The formal ceremonies will introduce a number of activities scheduled for the entire week. It is estimated that hundreds of citizens will be present for this special occasion. The Wylie E. Groves high school is located at 13 Mile road and Evergreen.

Dedication week at Groves high school is going to be a busy week for students, faculty and the community. An open house is slated for Monday, May 16, 7:30-9:30 p.m. All interested adults are invited to get acquainted with the facilities available at Groves. Rooms will be open for visitation and there will be demonstrations of audio-visual equipment.

ON TUESDAY, May 17 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. there will be a six grade visitation night. The prospective Groves seventh graders assembly, Monday, May 18 at 8:00 p.m. The student highlight of Dedication Week will be the semi-formal dances. On Friday, May 20, the ninth and tenth graders will dance to the music of Jerry Libby in the decorated halls of the newly opened gymnasium. On May 21, the seventh and eighth grade students will also have a semi-formal dance in the gym complete with disc-jockey, punch and cookies.

A general P.T.A. meeting is set for Thursday, May 19 at 8:00 p.m. All parents are invited to attend. The student highlight of Dedication Week will be the semi-formal dances. On Friday, May 20, the ninth and tenth graders will dance to the music of Jerry Libby in the decorated halls of the newly opened gymnasium. On May 21, the seventh and eighth grade students will also have a semi-formal dance in the gym complete with disc-jockey, punch and cookies.

MUCH PLANNING and work has gone into the activities of Dedication Week. It is hoped that the public will take advantage of the opportunity to visit Birmingham's second high school and lend their support to the formal dedication activities sponsored in their behalf.

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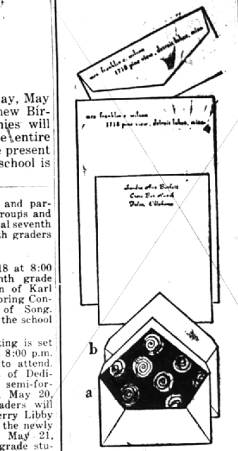
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