

# Two Marianist Monks Fly Into Wichita To Expand Their Air System in Kenya

Two Marianist teaching monks flew into Wichita this week on part of a tour designed to expand a unique air transportation system and aviation training program they operate in Nairobi, Kenya.

In a country where it takes hours of jolting, dusty travel in jeep-like trucks to get anywhere, the two monks, Brother Paul Koller and Brother Mike Stimac, deal in a commodity which reduces the time it takes to get someplace and does away entirely with the usual means of doing it.

Brother Stimac is the 42-year-old founder and chief pilot of a two-year-old organization called United Missions Transport and Training (UMATT).

LAST YEAR, UMATT pilots airlifted more than 1,500 missionaries, teachers, doctors, well drillers, agricultural experts and other trained personnel to mission assignments deep in the bush country.

Bro. Stimac is making the tour in an effort to raise additional financial support for the enterprise and to "scrounge" up eight more airplanes for use in the program.

The two monks arrived Wednesday morning at Beech Aircraft Corp. Although they came in a single-engine Cessna, their expansion plans include acquisition of a twin-engine Beechcraft, Bro. Stimac said.

BRO. KOLLER, 35, is the chief instructor of the aviation education program, in giving



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ing some 2,000 African boys training in aviation science.

His stop in Wichita was to confer with Marion P. Stevens, Beech director of air education, on the possibility and procedure for beginning a similar program in neighboring Tanzania.

The two monks left Africa on their tour late last year and will return in April or May to resume their work. Groundwork for their African assignment was laid in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1958, where the two men were instructors at a college run by their order.

While there, they developed a syllabus and flying laboratory for use in instructing their students in aviation science. Toward the end of 1961, Bro. Stimac was sent to Africa to continue this work.

BY THE END of 1962, how-

ever, he had found that his students were capable of much faster development than he originally had projected for them.

"The ideal tool to lift them to the modern outlook," Bro. Stimac said, "was the airplane." He got them their airplane and started giving them pilot training in addition to their other studies.

"Shortly afterward," he said, "we began to be called upon to fly people into the bush country. The whole thing kept getting bigger and bigger and, finally, I just took all the people who needed aviation over there and made a big club out of them. That's what UMATT is."

Then, in 1965, Bro. Koller was sent to Africa to run the aviation program while Bro.

Stimac took over full-time operation of UMATT.

THE SIGNIFICANT features of UMATT, Bro. Stimac said, are that it is interdenominational in both service and it is free. Those who get airlifted into the bush country on mission assignments pay nothing.

"We who understand the flying business fly the planes and get the support for them," the monk said. "This leaves the missionaries and others who make use of the service free to do their work when otherwise they might have to come back to the United States every so often to raise money for the service."

Typical of the type of service the two monks perform, Bro. Stimac said, was the X-ray machine a doctor in a Lutheran mission hospital in Mvumi, Tanzania, was able to have because of them.

"HE HAD THE X-RAY machine in the first place, but it was all in parts and he didn't know how to put it together. We found two X-ray engineers in Nairobi who could put it together but didn't have time to drive the 400 miles to do it. So we flew them to the hospital, they put the machine together and we flew them back to Nairobi."

Another time, Bro. Stimac recalled they were lucky enough to have arrived at a small mission where a doctor was working frantically over a little girl whose forehead had been crushed in a fall from a jeep.

It would have taken 19 hours by road to get the girl to a hospital but it was only a 2½ hour flight by plane. Several weeks later, she was up and walking around, Bro. Stimac said.

LOOKING AHEAD 10 years, the monk pointed out, "we have a program here creating workers who will have a chance of being trained in the aviation industry and consumers who will be conscious of the value of aviation."

It is a vision of an African society, Bro. Stimac said, "that can be American, European (a minor tragedy), or Asian (a major tragedy). We want it to be an American one."

## Literature Distribution System In Congo Developed by Missionary

A missionary to the Congo since 1951, Levi D. Keidel Jr., will speak in the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services Sunday at the Lorraine Avenue Menonite Church, 655 S. Lorraine.

During the 9:30 a.m. church school hour, Keidel will show a color documentary film, "Word on Wheels," which describes the literature distribution system he developed in the Congo.

The missionary has set up a network of Christian booksellers in the larger population

centers of his mission area and keeps them supplied by regularly-scheduled trips in a specially-constructed van.

Some 40 of these booksellers scattered along 1,600 miles of road sold more than \$55,000 worth of Christian literature produced in the Congo during the first three years of the operation.

Keidel's work has attracted the attention of missionaries in the Congo and in other African nations. He has been invited to conduct national-level distribution workshops in various African countries.

He has a master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill.

## School of Prayer to Be Conducted At Mt. Vernon Methodist Church

The fifth annual Interdenominational School of Prayer will begin Sunday and continue through Thursday at the Mt. Vernon Methodist Church, 5701 E. Mt. Vernon Road.



Mrs. Sanford

Speakers who lectured at the school two years ago will lecture again this year on the power of prayer.

Mrs. Agnes Sanford, former missionary to China, will speak at both morning and evening meetings during the five-day sessions. She is the author of 10 books and started a program called "Schools of Pastoral Care," with her late husband, the Rev. Edgar Sanford, an Episcopal priest.

The Rev. John Sandford, pastor of the United Church of Christ at Wallace, Idaho, has helped Mrs. Sanford in many of these schools and will be lecturing at the Mt. Vernon Methodist meetings.

He will be speaking in the

morning sessions and will also bring the 8:30 and 10:55 a.m. messages Sunday at the church.

The public is invited to attend the school sessions and a free-will offering will be taken to defray expenses.

## Baptists to Dedicate

The Sedgwick Association of Southern Baptists will hold dedication services and an open house Sunday at the new Baptist Good Neighbor Center, 1157 N. Emporia. The dedication service will begin at 2 p.m. and will be followed by the open house until 5 p.m.

Guest speaker at the dedication services will be the Rev. Clovis A. Brantley, mission centers director of the

Home Missions Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga.

## Monastery Opens Retreat Center

ASSISI, Italy (AP)—A Franciscan monastery here has opened a retreat center for non-Roman Catholic clergy.

## Baptists To Observe 90th Year

The First Baptist Church of Derby will hold a 90th anniversary celebration Sunday with a basket dinner and talks by former ministers.

Bringing the message in the morning worship service will be the Rev. Walter Harrington of Jefferson City, Mo., who pastored the church from 1936 to 1939. A basket dinner will follow at 12:30 p.m.

The afternoon program will feature a talk at 2 p.m. by the Rev. James F. Kunce, who pastored the church in 1955 and 1956.

The church was founded on Jan. 14, 1877, and has had 34 pastors since then.

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H. Paul Osborne, Minister  
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Speaker: H. Paul Osborne

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Open 10:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. (except Sunday)

10:45 a.m. — Worship Service  
"The Love That Will Not Let Us Go"  
Message By the Pastor  
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7:00 p.m. — Revival Hour  
"The Welcome of Jesus"  
THRILLING MUSIC IN EACH SERVICE  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.  
80 BIBLE-TEACHING CLASSES  
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