

Archbishop Visits Brazil, Peru

By Helen Huyck
The Most Rev. Ignatius J. Strecker, who returned Sunday from an 18-day visit to Brazil and Peru, found great anxiety over the recent military coup in Chile that resulted in the death of President Salvador Allende.

The archbishop of the Catholic archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas said: "While most people held the Allende government in suspicion because it was Marxist, yet they expressed concern that even such a government could be overthrown by the military."

"This showed their fear. They were saying it is a sad thing when such forces start toppling a government, even if it is Marxist."

Archbishop Strecker said several bishops of South America are forbidden by the government to issue public statements. The press in several cities never quotes bishops on social issues.

"Favorably, however, in both Brazil and Peru I found a definite effort to improve education and health facilities. There is a real effort on the

part of both governments to develop natural resources, thereby improving living standards.

"This is partly through better housing. But in spite of the government's best efforts, the rich still become richer and the desperately poor become more poor. The weakness is that there is no real middle class."

Archbishop Strecker made the trip to meet people from the 21-county archdiocese now serving the church in Brazil and Peru.

The trip added 17,500 miles to the already impressive traveling record he has accumulated since beginning his duties in October, 1969.

Because of poor mailing facilities he learned his visits were totally unexpected in several cities.

Flying from New York by way of Rio de Janeiro, his first stop was in Mineiros, a city of 30,000 persons southwest of Brasilia, the capital of Brazil. There he visited five priests, six nuns and a brother, all members of the Benedictine order.

"They are doing a great

work with the pastoral center the diocese is completing. The Sisters are in charge of a religious education program. Four dormitories are available for retreats and gatherings and the whole tone of education in the interior of Brazil is being raised through these efforts."

The archbishop said when the Benedictines first arrived there was little knowledge of farming.

"The priests brought in high-grade seed, rice, beans, fine milk stock and beef cattle. Now those improvements are spreading and you can see it developing into a real farm area."

"The priests, brother, and local natives have developed a modern co-operative as up to date as any we have in the states. This is primarily for marketing of rice, the native crop. There also is a consumer store which last year did the second largest amount of business of any co-operative in Brazil. It is being watched by the whole country."

The nuns do parish work, teach, visit the aged and do mission service. One in Puno,

Peru, does pastoral work as do the five priests, while the brother works at the monastery farm.

Father Marc Tillia, a Trappist monk for 10 years in Ava, Mo., now a member of the archdiocese, is pastor of a parish of 1,500 square miles in a remote area of Brazil. He and Archbishop Strecker became acquainted when the archbishop was at Springfield, Mo., prior to his present appointment, and Father Marc was at a monastery in Ava.

"His territory consists of approximately 82 little villages," said the archbishop. "He tries to cover it by airplane. The largest city is Sento Se, with 3,000 residents and the smallest has a few huts. All are Indians mixed with other bloods. They are poor... very poor. Their houses are shacks with a few made of adobe brick. No paved roads are in the parish... only a few car tracks. When Father Marc can't fly, he travels by Volkswagen. He does a lot of flying with sick to hospitals and doctors in the city of Juazeiro."

Last year two nuns, a nurse and a parish worker were sent to assist him.

"The biggest problem is getting women to consider prenatal care for they seem to have a hesitancy about discussing this. Classes in major areas of health and child care are now conducted on an on-going basis," the archbishop commented.

"Father Tillia may have as many as 480 baptisms in a 6-month period and perhaps 10 weddings in one day."

Father Tillia returned to the Midwest in November, 1972, seeking help to buy a new Cessna 182 airplane to replace his 1941 model Interstate Cadet. He succeeded with much of the needed \$22,000 pledged through "Wings of Hope," a non-denominational humanitarian group of St. Louis businessmen working the cause of brotherhood through aviation.

"It would take three days for a jeep to cross the 150-mile parish even with roads at their best," Father Tillia said then.

The Sisters of Charity have 12 nuns operating four missions in South America, three in Peru and one in LaPaz, Bolivia. There are four nuns in Talara, two in Salitral and two in Choloco, all in Peru, and four in LaPaz.

"The people in this section 500 miles north of Lima are extremely poor," Archbishop Strecker stated. "They live in houses made from banana tree leaves, box crates or

pieces of tin. There are thousands of them. In some areas child mortality is 60 per cent. There is terrible undernourishment. When they catch cold, they have no resistance and get pneumonia and die. All are Indian descendants from the Incas."

In Salitral in the mountains, Sister Rosalie Mahoney, former head of nursing services at Providence Hospital in Kansas City, Kansas, has cared for medical needs of the people for 10 years. She has set up little clinics in a number of the smaller villages. There is no other doctor for 300 miles. A parish worker also aids.

At Talara on the Pacific coast, a former Kansas City, Kansas, resident, Sister Regina Deitschmann, does anything she can to care for the poor people, Archbishop Strecker said.

A former member of St. Anthony parish who moved with her family to Kansas City, Sister Regina has three companions who help in home visits and teach catechism. Father Eric Deitschmann, her brother, serves with the Benedictines in Mineiros.

Sister Joseta, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis who operate St. Margaret hospital, has been in Jatal, Brazil for three years. She is a former nurse at the hospital but now operates an orphanage for 80 children.

When Archbishop Strecker was ready to leave Jatal, Bishop Benedict Koscia, whose headquarters are there, was to fly him to Brasilia.

Several of the small children from the orphanage were brought out to bid him farewell and one 3-year old girl was asked to sing a song.

"The only one she knew was to the tune of 'Happy Birthday' which she sang in Portuguese, then gave me a pink rose."

Bishop Koscia came to Kansas last September to ordain Bishop Mathias Schmidt as auxiliary bishop of Jatal in a ceremony at St. Benedict Abbey chapel in Atchison.

Archbishop Strecker began his flight home from Lima, after visiting the Carmelite Fathers there who are engaged in parish work.

"I was able to view the ruins from the May 31, 1970, earthquake where 70,000 people were buried and 800,000 made homeless. The two densely populated cities of Huaraz and Yungay, northeast of Lima, were covered with 30 feet of mountain which collapsed."



A Crusade
A crusade led by David Wilkerson will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday and next Saturday and 3 p.m. Oct. 7 in Municipal Auditorium. Wilkerson, whose story is told in the book and movie entitled, 'The Cross and the Switchblade' is known for his work among drug addicts and gang members in New York ghettos.

Church Programs Set by His Men

His Men is sponsoring a series of meetings tomorrow through Wednesday with Derek Prince and Bob Mumford.

Prince, author of a series of seven books on Christian doctrine, is known as an interpreter of the charismatic renewal. He has served as a minister, educator and missionary. He was educated in Britain.

In addition to their public ministry Derek Prince and his wife, Lydia Prince, have raised a family of nine adopted girls—six of Jewish origin, one Arab, one European and the youngest African.

Mumford, a native of Ohio, has served as a pastor, evangelist and seminar teacher, as well as dean and professor of Bible and missions at Elim Bible Institute, New York.

A resident of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., his ministry includes writing and teaching by video and audio tape.

Sessions will be held at 9:15 and 11:10 a.m. tomorrow at Second Presbyterian Church with Derek Prince, at 11 a.m. with Bob Mumford at Roeland Park United Methodist Church and at 6:30 p.m. with both men at Second Presbyterian.

Sessions Monday through Wednesday will be at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Second Presbyterian. Further details can be obtained from His Men, suite 510 Bryant Building, 1110 Grand. His Men is a group of laymen who conduct a variety of teaching and evangelistic programs and charismatic book ministries.

Methodist Mission Work to Be Explained

A Mission Festival tomorrow at the Bristol Hill United Methodist Church in Kansas City, Kansas, will inform the congregation on 10 different areas of the mission field in the denomination.

Following the presentations from 9:30 to 11 a.m., the Rev. Harold L. Cooper, pastor, and the Rev. Henry C. Brockmann will have a dialogue sermon on the subject of missions.

Speakers will include Lynn Feaver, a member of the United Methodist program council in Topeka; the Rev. Ray Grant, who heads the Urban Ministries Council representing 10 inner city churches in Kansas City, Kansas; Charles Moore, a volunteer worker at the Cross-Lines Co-operative Council while on a sabbatical leave from Worthington State Junior College, Worthington, Minn., and Dan Suderman, representing Youthville, operated by the denomination in Newton, Kan.

There will be displays from the Spofford Home for emotionally disturbed children, the Bethany Medical Center, the Methodist Home for the Aged in Topeka and the Della C. Lamb Neighborhood House. Representatives from the Metropolitan Inter-Church Agency and Baker University at Baldwin, Kan., will attend.

Methodists Set 2-Day Session

The First United Methodist Church in Emporia, Kan., will host the fall business session of the Kansas East Conference Friday and next Saturday. Bishop Ernest T. Dixon, Jr., of Topeka, will preside.

About 600 delegates, including 75 youths, are expected. The conference will convene at 1:15 p.m. Friday.

A total conference budget of \$1,068,985 will be presented to the delegates for study, revision and acceptance. The total amount adopted will be apportioned to the 367 churches of the conference as their share in United Methodist work beyond their local church.

Delegates will be divided into groups to examine the budget. Following the 7:30 p.m. worship service, T. Russell Reitz of Manhattan will lead a discussion on the budget. Final adoption of the 1974 budget will take place the next day.

Centennial Celebration

St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Kansas City, Kansas, will mark its 100th anniversary with a celebration mass and reception Oct. 7 at the church, 98th and State Avenue.

The Most Rev. Ignatius J. Strecker, Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas, will offer the mass at 4 p.m. The Rev. Arthur Trompeter, pastor of the church, and other area priests will participate in the mass.

Before construction was begun in 1872 on the original church in the former Horniff area in Wyandotte County, the late Rev. Anthony Kuhls conducted masses in parish homes.

Following the celebration mass Oct. 7, a covered-dish dinner and reception is planned at the church.

October Celebration

Emerson Park at 75th

To observe the 75th anniversary of the Emerson Park Christian Church in Kansas City, Kansas, the congregation has planned several celebrations in October.

Founded in 1898 by the Christian Church Commission (Disciples of Christ) the Argentine Christian congregation held worship services in halls, store fronts and the old Stan-ley School at 37th and Metropolitan.

In 1903 the congregation purchased a building at 28th and Metropolitan for their first church site. Church members volunteered to remodel the structure. In 1916 the name of the church was changed to the Emerson Park Christian Church.

The strength of the church is partly a result of working together through a long history of conflict with floods of 1903, 1904, 1908, 1915 and 1935. The congregation moved to the present location at 40th and Metropolitan after the 1951 flood ruined the original church.

Mrs. Hattie Heatherton, who will observe her 85th birthday anniversary Monday, has been a member since 1902. She said she attended the church since its beginning with her parents but did not become a member until she was 14 years old.

Another member, Mrs. Mimmie Chitwood, 92 years old, attended services regularly until suffering a hip injury three months ago. Each Mother's Day observance at the church, Mrs. Chitwood is honored as the oldest member.

Dr. Dan P. Moseley assumed the pastorate in March following the retirement of Dr. W. I. McGrew who was pastor for 15 years.

During the ministry of the Rev. Harley Snodgrass from 1934 to 1941, he instituted the "treasure chest" to receive offerings. The chest built at the rear of the sanctuary allows persons to give their tithes and offerings upon arrival or departure.

A weekly reading of the church history will be presented by Gilbert Mayo. Mrs. Ben Miller is chairman of the Diamond Jubilee Committee. Mrs. Grant Van Brunt is in charge of the decorations.

Celebration services to be held at 9:30 a.m. on each of the four Sundays in October:

- Oct. 7 — Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday in conjunction with the anniversary celebration of the church. Past ministers and Timothy's, men who have been ordained by the church, will be honored at a picnic at 5 p.m.
- Oct. 14 — Layman's Sunday. The worship service will be conducted by the fellowship of laymen and women of the church.
- Oct. 21 — Old-fashioned Sunday celebration. Bibles, antique pictures and objects of memorabilia will decorate the sanctuary. The congregation will wear old-fashioned costumes.
- Oct. 28 — Women's Day. A missionary 25 years in Brazil, Mrs. Ruth Sanders, will speak. She is the daughter of Mr. Snodgrass. A basket dinner is planned following the 10:45 a.m. church school.

Home-coming also will be observed during the Jubilee celebration. Former members are invited.



The Most Rev. Ignatius J. Strecker (left), archbishop of the archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, and the Rev. Marc Tillia pause beside the airplane Father Tillia uses to reach the 82 villages he supervises in a remote area of Brazil.

County Club News

Past presidents and life members of the History Club will be honored at a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Church of God, 21st and Ridge, Kansas City, Kansas.

Miss Doris Carpenter will talk on the changes in the Y.W.C.A. during the 37 years she has been affiliated with

Church of Christ Women to Meet

Mrs. Max O. Da Metz, of Kinsley, Kan., president of the Women's Fellowship of the Kansas-Oklahoma Conference, United Church of Christ, will be a guest speaker Wednesday at the Welborn Community church in Kansas City, Kansas.

Women from other United Churches of Christ in the area have been invited. A tea will follow.

The Rev. and Mrs. Edwin R. Howard of Pacific Grove, Calif., will be guests at the 11 a.m. service tomorrow. Mr. Howard, now retired, was pastor of the church from 1946 to 1950. A coffee fellowship in their honor will follow the service.

In the Field of Religion Kansas City, Kansas

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN Church Women have scheduled two meetings next week at the church. The Vesper Circle for business women will have a dinner-meeting at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday. Mrs. C. Wells Haren will review the book, "The Miracle at St. Bruno's," by Phillip Carr. Mrs. E. R. Millis will sing U.P.W. will have a salad luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday. Mrs. Jay L. King, Jr., a member of the Agnes Norman's Distinguished delegation of Representative American Women which traveled to the Soviet Union, Hungary and Romania in 1970, will speak.

BIBLE TRANSLATION WORK in Liberia, West Africa, will be the topic of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nienhuser of Abilene, Kan., who will show slides of their work in Liberia at 7:15 p.m. tomorrow at the Victory Hills Church of the Nazarene. The Nienhusers were one of three teams to pioneer the work in Liberia.

PAST PRESIDENTS of the Church Women's Society of Christian Service will be honored at a luncheon of the Trinity United Methodist Society at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Mrs. James W. Frey will speak on the Bethany Medical Center. Methodist Men at the church will sponsor a family picnic at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

ANNUAL DINNER of the Serbian Orthodox Teachers and Youth Association of the St. George's Serbian Orthodox Church will be held at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow in the church

hall. The divine liturgy at 10 a.m. will precede the event.

SUNSET HILLS Christian Church Women's Fellowship at 10 a.m. Thursday will hear Mrs. Ruth Sanders, a missionary with her husband, David Sanders, in Brazil. The Sanders plan to return in November to Brazil to continue their work with the Brasilia church and missions. South American foods will be featured on the noon luncheon menu.

FAMILY NIGHT at the Stephens Memorial United Methodist Church. Teachers and officers of the church school will be recognized following a 5 p.m. dinner. A musical group, Love Int, will perform.

GUEST DAY and a celebration service for the women of the University United Methodist Church will be observed at 12:30 p.m. Thursday at the church. Following is the special program which will mark the official name change of the Women's Society of Christian Service to United Methodist Women.

National Seminar Of Teen Challenge

Springfield, Mo.—The seventh annual Teen Challenge Leadership Seminar will be conducted at the Assemblies of God headquarters here Tuesday through Thursday.

Leading the seminar will be the Rev. T. E. Gannon, national director of the Division of Home Missions, and the Rev. Frank M. Reynolds, Teen Challenge representative.

About 100 directors and staff members from most of the 53 Teen Challenge Centers in the United States and Puerto Rico are expected to participate. College officials and community and law enforcement leaders also have been invited. The seminar will include workshops, united sessions and special lectures.

Dr. John C. Ball, research associate and member of the President's Special Action Office for Drug Abuse Prevention, will be guest speaker for the opening session Tuesday night.

Teen Challenge is an Assemblies of God ministry to troubled youth, and it also offers drug prevention education programs. The Teen Challenge Centers in the U.S. and Puerto Rico are operated by the Division of Home Missions.

Philosophy Programs

The Rev. Joseph M. Freeman, philosophy professor at Rockhurst College, will offer his annual Forum on the topic, "The Redemptive Act of the Cross as the Foundation for the Mass."

It will be each Tuesday in October from 10 to 11 a.m. in Massman Hall at the college. Admission is free.

In addition he will be host of a series in adult religious education on the subject, "The Church's Magisterium and the Relationship of the Laity to This." This will be from 7:30 to 8:45 the first four Tuesday nights in October. Enrollment is \$5.

Baptist Revival Set

Dr. Edward A. Freeman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, 500 Nebraska, Kansas City, Kansas, has announced the theme for a revival to be held tomorrow through Oct. 7 at the church, entitled, "Jesus Is My Choice—What About You?"

The revival services will be at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. tomorrow and Oct. 7, and at 7:30 p.m. each night. Guest speaker will be the Rev. John

Fete Honors Nun

The annual service honoring St. Therese, a Carmelite Sister, will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Carmelite Monastery in Kansas City, Kansas, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of her birth.

The Most Rev. Ignatius J. Strecker, archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas, will lead the rosary recitation. The Rev. James Brown from the

A.M.E. Fete

The Northwest Missouri Conference Branch Laymen Organization of the fifth episcopal district A.M.E. Church will sponsor its annual dinner at 7:30 p.m. next Saturday.

The speaker will be Judge Sydney Jones, Jr., of the circuit court of Cook County, Illinois. He joined the legal staff of the U.S. Department of Labor in 1939, where he served as senior attorney until 1946 when he resumed private law practice in Chicago. He has served as judge since 1960.

J. D. Williams is connectional president of the Laymen Organization of the A.M.E. Church, and Mrs. Zenobia Wilson is president of the sponsoring organization.

Missionary Baptists to Meet

The 82nd annual session of the Missionary Baptist State Convention beginning next Saturday will be held at the Second Baptist Church, 23rd and Ruby, Kansas City, Kansas.

About 400 delegates are expected to attend the 6-day session, which will include business reports, special addresses and sermons by delegates from Kansas.

Dr. Edward A. Freeman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, 5th and Nebraska, convention president, will give

Methodist Women To Meet

"Local Programs for the Elderly" will be the program topic at a forum meeting of the Church Women United of Kansas City, Kansas, Friday at the Central Avenue United Methodist Church, 948 Central Avenue.

Mrs. Florabelle Walker, a former staff member of the Wyandotte County Area Agency on Aging, will discuss the legislation for the elderly now pending in Kansas and future program plans.

Mrs. John E. Stanley, president of the women's organization, will preside at the business meeting following the talk. A coffee at 9:30 a.m. will precede the meeting.



Among the articles to be displayed during the 75th anniversary celebration next month at the Emerson Park Christian Church will be antique chairs more than 150 years old, a Bible copyrighted in 1871 and a 100-year-old clock. Mrs. Ben Miller, (left) chairman of the planning committee, and Mrs. Lee Parks, committee member, discuss the celebration plans with Dr. Dan P. Moseley, pastor of the church.