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Weak Ex-Toughs Made Strong By Faith

EDITOR'S NOTE: Howard Brodie, artist-author of the "Power of Faith" series which starts June 13 in The News, recently to find outstanding examples of faith that Americans live by. He found many examples, of all faiths, including this moving story from one of New York's most overworked ministers. Brodie visited with these former toughs several times to get their story and do the on-the-spot sketches shown here.

BY HOWARD BRODIE
NEW YORK—The subway express rattled to a stop on the elevated tracks in the Bronx. I walked down to the shadowed street, passed a Spanish night club and came to the little Damasco Christian Church on East 162nd St.

I climbed two flights and passed a homemade mural of Christ's hands in prayer with the lettering, MI CASA, above them. When I entered the office I found four

costs—with a young man fast asleep on one of them. But another young man directed me up another flight to a brightly tinted apartment.

Mrs. Lucia Rosado, the minister, greeted me, speaking with a Spanish accent. "Please stay for dinner and our youth meeting. You go down and meet some young people."

I returned to the office. Demitry and found the sleeping young man now awake and putting on his glasses.

"You wear 'cheaters'?", said as an introductory pleasantry.

"Got 'em in jail," he volunteered.

The nine costumed Willie, that he started taking heron when he was 14, and that he had paid \$25 a day for a "fix."

"How did you change?"

"It was Joe," he answered.

The crew up together started on marijuana, then

herein. I lost track of him a year ago. Then I saw him on the street one day. Hardly recognized him. From a skeleton Joe had changed to a new person. He told me he got faith here.

"SO I came. The first couple of times I was on heroin. Then I got the strength of faith. I kicked off the habit. I'm never alone now. Christ is with me. I got the feeling people here care for me, too."

He noticed me looking at a monkey-wrench knife on the desk. "That was my tool, club and knife," he explained. "But I gave it to Mrs. Rosado." As Willie slipped his coat, I observed a button on his lapel: CHRISTO ES MI GUA (Christ is my guide).

The soft sounds of a guitar came from a rear room. In there I found a young Mexican minister strumming a ballad. Beside him was Amado, former dual leader of the Scorpions and Dragons

—with a combined membership of 300 toughs.

I knew of his knife wounds from a rumble (fight) and asked to see them.

Amado, a Puerto Rican, did not speak English, but understood. He stripped to

the waist and pointed to 14 scarred slashes on his belly, arm and back. He lay near death from the wounds several months ago in a hospital.

It was while in the hospital that he gained faith. Spiritual strength was added to the physical strength of his

Golden Glove boxer. He brought 25 of his friends to his way of thinking.

"Christ es mi leader ahora (now)," said Amado.

Jimmy came in. He had been a leader of a club of more than 400 members and

also had formed a girl organization. He, too, had changed and told me about it.

"I never laughed," he said in good English. "I was always mean. Never thought Christ could like me. Then I found faith. Now, I'll stand up for Christ forever."

I was curious about these two gang leaders. "Did your gang and Amado's ever have a rumble?" I asked Corra.

"Yeh. We paired off against each other. Now we are on the same side with Christ."

Musical swelled from the second floor meeting room. Hymns were being sung with a pulsing beat, accented by a base drum and the rhythmic clapping of hands.

"Sounds something like hip," said Mickey as he came into the room. Mickey told me he had been captain of his club. "I went back and told them I'm their friend," he said. "I'd never fight again."

He said all his fighting now is for Christ. "Besides, faith is more fun," he added. "God fills my cup now."

The young man went downstairs to the meeting. I answered the first door call.

Mrs. Rosado's warmth radiated from the dining room. She was as much a mother as a minister. Her church was a home for as many as she could shelter. She fed

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JOE . . . A New Leader



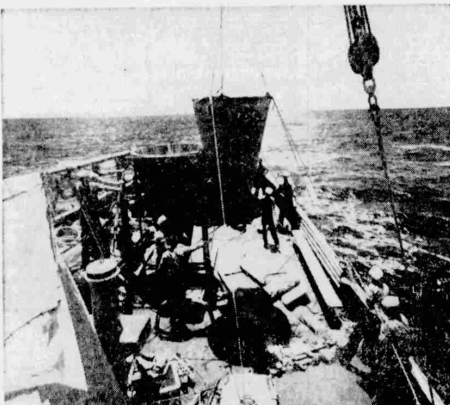
MICKY . . . Fair Fighter



AMANDO . . . He Remembers



WILLIE . . . Faith Helped



Monkey-Bearing Nose Cone Comes Aboard Recovery Ship Kiowa In Atlantic

Space Monkeys Face U. S. Press

By STANLEY MEISLER
WASHINGTON (AP) — America's two nonhuman space monkeys face their public today. Newsmen and photographers will stare and flash bulbs at Able and Baker at a news conference. Hams that they are the two should take it in stride.

The female monkeys, who survived a 1500-mile trip into space Thursday, exhibited the human attitude Friday night when they arrived here.

While newsmen, photographers and military personnel watched them come off a four-engine transport, the monkeys just yawned and munched food inside their metal cages.

REALLY COY

Navy Lt. Thomas F. Husby, pilot of the transport, said their seeming indifference was just coy. He added that during flight, for example, Baker, the smaller of the two, played in the cockpit and posed for pictures at the controls.

"She's actually a ham," Husby said.

Before the public exhibition, the small monkeys underwent a more important scrutiny. Soon after their arrival, doctors began medical checkups to see how well the monkeys fared in their space trip in the nose cone of a Jupiter missile.

The doctors hoped to gain important clues toward maintaining the health of the human Mercury astronauts when they are orbited around the earth as part of the U.S. space program.

The transport that returned the monkeys also brought back the capsule in which they made their space flight. These were taken to the Army ballistic missile laboratory for study.

The nose cone carrying the capsules with the monkeys was recovered near Antigua Island in the Atlantic Ocean after the Jupiter missile had been fired from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

'Hungry Kids' Plans Muled

By ANN SAWYER
News Education Writer
Members of the "hungry kids" committee and city school officials are still working together in an attempt to provide more free lunches to needy hungry school children.

At a meeting yesterday afternoon, they discussed:

1. A plate lunch for junior and senior high schools.
2. Reduced labor costs.
3. A reduced cost lunch for indigent children.

The committee is not suggesting a rigid plate lunch, but one where a student would have a choice from two entrees, four vegetables, and two desserts.

Junior and senior high schools now have a cafeteria plan.

If they change to a plate lunch they could receive a subsidy on the number of meals served.

However, school officials said that since they receive a subsidy on milk sold in the junior and senior high school program the subsidy may not be much larger.

It has been determined the responsibility for feeding the hundreds of needy hungry school children at lunch rests with the school system of the city.

The President planned a quiet day at the White House, with no formal activities scheduled.

At Rutgers, N.J., Daughters of the Confederacy and Daughters of the Union were in laying wreaths on the open-air altar overlooking a vista of forest and

Gromyko Assails Stand By West

GENEVA (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko assailed the Western powers today for subversive activities in Berlin and demanded an end to their occupation of West Berlin.

Western diplomats said Gromyko spoke for 40 minutes in the Big Four foreign ministers' conference, formally presenting Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's six-month-old demand that the West agree to make Berlin a free city.

Some informants said Gromyko hinted at a possible compromise of the Berlin problem, saying that if the Big Four put their minds to the problem they may be able to find an acceptable solution.

Secret talks with Soviet Minister Andrei Gromyko have so far failed to remove the Berlin issue as a barrier to a heads-of-government meeting.

But Western officials think it likely that Gromyko will get new instructions before the Big Four foreign ministers conference here ends.

Less than 48 hours after going into secret negotiations, the ministers were headed back today to the semipublic stage in the Palace of Nations at the request of the Soviets.

U.S. Secretary of State Christian A. Herter and his British and French allies expect a new demand by Gromyko for Western troops to get out of West Berlin and make it a neutralized "free city."

The Western powers have repeatedly emphasized they have no intention of giving up their rights in West Berlin or their lifelines to the isolated free bastion 110 miles inside the Communist East Germany.

American officials said they assumed Gromyko wants to propose the Soviet plan for the future of Berlin. Several days ago he invited to introduce it soon.

rolling hills.

President Eisenhower has sent a wreath and each of the 50 governors a single white rose for the New Hampshire ceremonies.

At Long Beach, Calif., the Navy American Legion pool, readied wreaths to toss onto the sea in tribute to Navy war dead.

In western Los Angeles, Girl Scouts dedicated 30,000 graves of World War II and Korean War dead.

At Hyde Park, N.Y., Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Texas) addressed



Arrow Indicates Where Storm Will Hit Coast

Rails, Roads Fuss Stalls '85' Work

By BILL HUGHES
News Staff Writer
A disagreement between North Carolina railroads and the State Highway Commission has stalled two projects in the extension of Interstate Route 85, superhighway bypass around Charlotte and Gastonia.

Contracts for construction of underpasses are being withheld until the commission and the railroads can work out an agreement on maintenance of the completed structures.

Railroads refused to sign the usual maintenance agreements sharing the cost of keeping up underpasses — where the rail lines go over the highway.

A doctor examined her and said she bore no external bruises, but showed evidence of sexual relations.

She was alone at the time of the alleged attack. Her husband, who runs a night club, came home shortly afterward.

Across the Atlantic Ocean, U.S. troops were sounded on the hill at Chateau-Thierry in France, where an American graveyard of World War I overlooks the Marne.

Americans in Britain told their observance Friday, a day early, at the Whitehall cenotaph. They placed a wreath at the British national memorial and then prayed in St. Margaret's, the little church familiar to thousands of American servicemen.

At Unity, N.H., they honor New Hampshire's unknown soldier — soldier No. 2, who volunteered to fight in the Revolution only to become ill and die as his comrades marched into Vermont where they

Arlene's Not Quite Hurricane

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Tropical storm Arlene, after loitering in the Gulf of Mexico overnight, was expected to blow into the West Louisiana coast tonight with 50 mile an hour winds.

The season's first tropical disturbance, located at 5 a. m. EST about 130 miles south of Lafayette, La., was expected to begin moving slowly northward today. It then will turn more northerly, the latest advisory said, and increase a little in forward speed.

The Weather Bureau predicted Arlene's center will reach the West Louisiana coast by early tonight.

Arlene remained about stationary last night, the weather bureau said.

A Navy hurricane hunter plane from Jacksonville, Fla., kept watch on the storm during the night. The Weather Bureau said Arlene was not expected to change much in size and intensity.

Rough seas were reported along the Louisiana coast.

Highest winds were estimated 50 miles an hour within 50 miles of the center and in some heavier squalls to the north of the center.

Grand Isle, La., about 40 miles south of New Orleans, reported 40-mile-an-hour winds and tides four feet above normal at midnight.

Gale warnings were displayed from Galveston, Tex., to Grand Isle for winds 35 to 50 miles an hour. The warnings called for rough seas and tides two to four feet above normal.

The Weather Bureau advised small craft from Galveston to Pensacola, Fla., to remain in port.

Arlene became a storm Thursday in the middle Gulf. Since it was first spotted it has changed directions several times.

The Weather Bureau said there was little likelihood of Arlene developing into a hurricane.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy through tomorrow with scattered showers or thunderstorms tonight and tomorrow.

Low tomorrow morning . . . 65
High today . . . 85
High tomorrow . . . 87
Low tomorrow . . . 80
Sunrise today 5:19 a. m.; sunset today 7:31 p. m.

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