

others and forgetful of their own poor selves. As we walked down the steps of the hospital, I wanted to say to Sister, "God reward you for having permitted me to come in such close contact with true holiness," but I could only press her hand.

Supper that night was with Father Logan in the rectory, and the concert that followed was given in the amusement hall—a large recreation center not far from the water's edge. Long before the appointed time, the hall was full; and Father said with a smile, peering out at his flock, "I guess no one who can be out of bed is missing tonight."

All I can say about that particular concert is that we put our whole hearts into it, as we had never done before. I remember that, fired by the general enthusiasm of our audience, we went on and on and on till Father Logan came to the stage to say we had been singing for nearly three hours and it was time to stop. Then, knowing his children, he

turned to the audience to ask, "Wouldn't you like to sing something for our friends?"

This suggestion was greeted with a shout of approval, so the Trapp family sat down on the stage and our audience rose. For another half hour, they stood there before us, singing. Some of the voices were merely hoarse whispers—Father explained afterward that leprosy, even in its early stages, can affect the vocal cords—but the singing was flawless in rhythm and tone.

"They like you," Father whispered. "Usually they are very shy and retiring, but they know that you are not afraid of them—and truly, you are seeing them at their best."

LATER, WHEN time came to leave, it was pouring rain. "Please don't be disappointed," Father Logan said apologetically. "No one will be at the landing field to wave you off. The patients are very

much affected by wet weather. It hurts them so much physically that they must simply stay indoors until the sun comes out again. I just want you to understand."

We understood, of course. But at the airport, dripping and smiling, we found the whole settlement patiently waiting in the drenching downpour.

There were tears, and there were presents: bouquets and leis for each of us, plus a beautifully carved little whalebone cross made by one of the men. The rain splashed around us as we all sang together, "Aloa Oe—Until We Meet Again." At the last minute, Sister Hermine said simply, "You may accept all the gifts. They were fumigated early this morning."

Then our plane left the airstrip and we rose and circled, looking down once again over Molokai, knowing that we were leaving behind lifelong friends.

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household, they will leave a more detailed blue form containing 34 questions, along with a postage-free envelope for its return.

If your household receives one of the blue forms, each of you in it will be asked to tell what your income is; how many weeks you worked in 1959; how many times you have been married; what your home is worth and how it is heated; how much rent you pay; how many radios, television sets, and automobiles you own; whether you have a telephone, washing machine, and freezer; your veteran status; and your mother tongue, if you are foreign-born.

Two of the most important questions to be asked of everyone over 14 in these one-in-four households are: "Where do you work?" and "How do you get to and from work?" This information will assist metropolitan planners in dealing with public transportation and parking problems.

Another question important to our Civil Defense program is whether your house has a basement. The number of basements in U.S. homes and how it varies in different cities and in rural areas is vital information that Civil Defense officials are anxious to have.

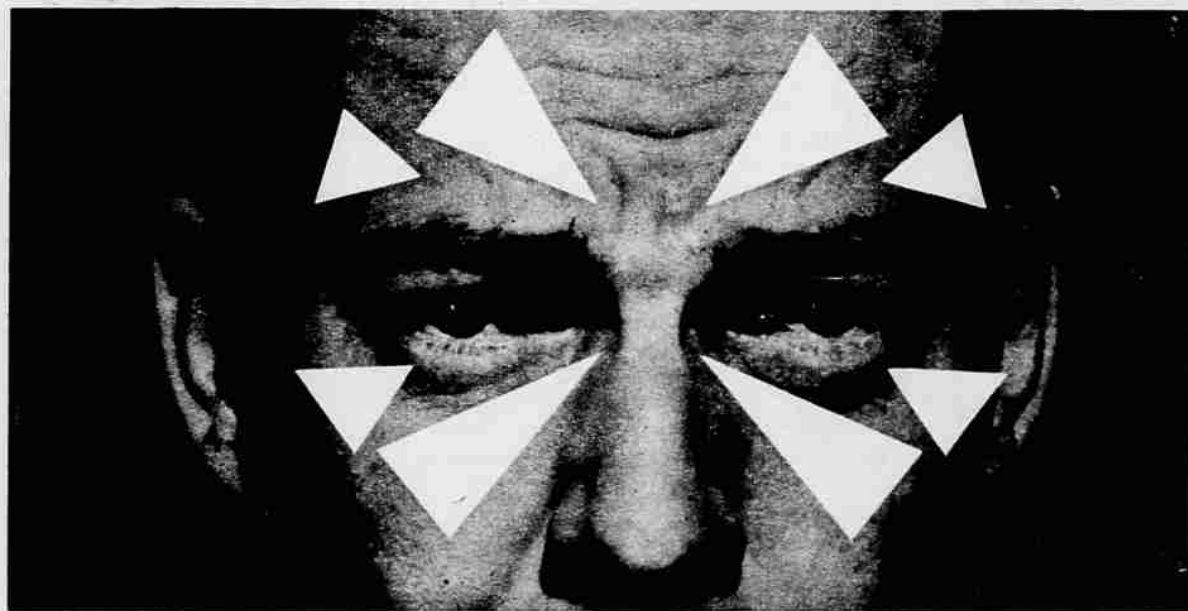
Unless the answer to a question is important nationally to everybody, the question isn't asked. Some which were important ten years ago aren't being asked in 1960. Questions on electricity, refrigeration, and kitchen sinks have been omitted because these are now almost universally present.

THE 1960 CENSUS is the 18th in the past 170 years. Back in 1790, Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson presided over the first census, whose main purpose was to determine representation in Congress. The census takers were 17 U.S. marshals who carried quill pens and ink horns in their saddlebags as they rode around for nine months, counting 3,929,214 persons in 16 states.

Today, approximately two out of three of the census takers are women, many of them housewives. Starting April 1, the average enumerator will work two to eight weeks, covering 350 to 400 dwellings and earning about \$12 a day.

The spirit of today's census is exemplified by a 1950 incident. When a woman census taker knocked on a rural door, she was admitted by a doctor who said, "You're just in time. Go boil some water for my patient." The woman did so, and soon heard a newborn baby's cry. The grateful parents named their baby—you guessed it!—"Census."

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