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Miss Rosemary Goldie, executive secretary of the Permanent Committee on International Congresses of the Lay Apostolate (COPECIAL), told The Catholic Standard and Times in an interview that the Council also provided an excellent opportunity to develop collaboration among Sisters and lay women in the one apostolate of the Church.

## **One** Apostolate

"Sometimes," she said ' there is created the false impression that there are two apostolates in the Church—one for Religious and one for lay women-but now we have an opportunity to stress a point we all feel deeply-that we are cooperating in the Church's one apostolate. Now, we can seek new ways of developing our contributions together in regard to the work of the Church in the modern world."

Miss Goldie, a diminutive Australian of 48 who looks little more than half her age, has spent the last 19 years in Europe. For six years, she directed the work of Pax Romana (an international Catholic student organization) at Fribourg, but since 1952 she has been working with COPECIAL in Rome.

What is her work as executive secretary of such an official-sounding organization?

### Variety of Tasks

Miss Goldie described her work as organizational and documentary.

From the documentary aspect, her office has gathered so much material on the theology of the lay apostolate and on the work of lay apostlate and on the work of lay apostles that the office of the "Permanent Committee" was called upon to help the Council preparatory commissions which treated of the role of the layman.

Her primary organizational function is to prepare for international lay apostolate congresses, to advise in the programming of local meetings and to maintain contact with the various lay movements in the Church.

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In addition to a "listening knowledge" of Latin, Miss Goldie is also fluent in French and Italian.

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#### **To Maintain Contacts**

"We also plan to maintain contact during the intersession period," she noted, "to develop the themes of importance to

She admitted that it would not have been possible for laymen to play the active role in the First Vatican Council which they have at Second Vatican. She emphasized, however, Regarding the participation of that the auditors have not women, she said that had been Regarding the participation of The made possible only due to the auditors holds development of the role of the women in the world, which

women auditors have had one Pope John XXIII called a "sign

Referring to her size, she recalled that the same Pope John had nicknamed her "la pic-cinina"—"the little thing."

Noting the existence of ecu-s menical contacts during the w Council, she said the non-Catholic observers and the lay au- sl ditors had been guests at a reception at the beginning of the C Council session and that Sister m Mary Luke and she had joined th the wives of the Protestant ob- w servers for tea.

#### Wide Interests

She noted that her office of maintains a regular contact m with the laity department of le the World Council of Churches. se Turning her attention to the po

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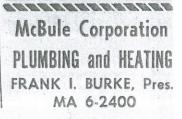
**Daughter of Journalists** As the daughter of two journalists, Miss Goldie w amused by her headline- maing appointment as a Coune "auditress" (the term she us to describe a 'lady auditor').

"For the first few days," sl recalled, "we were the novel of the Council. We were b sieged by photographers an bishops—and to this day man of the bishops' speeches include references to the 'auditrices' ( to the 'sorores' ('sisters')."

Because her office had bee founded by the Holy See specialize in the work of th lay apostolate, she admitte that her appointment as 'lady auditor' was not absolutely unexpected.

"The actual news, however, she recalled, "moved me ver deeply. Although I had bee following the Counci' from th preparatory stages, it was quit different to be in the session themselves."

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