Pope Asks Stronger U.N. Bid For Peace

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every effort to avoid war being expended in vain, war — for effective self-defense and with the hope of a favorable outcome against unjust attack — could not be considered unlawful.

"If, therefore, a body representative of the people and a government—both having been chosen by free election — in a moment of extreme danger decide . . . on defensive precautions, and carry out the plans which they consider necessary, they do not act immorally; so that a Catholic citizen cannot invoke his own conscience in order to refuse to serve and fulfill those duties the law imposes."

The Pope said it would be "a fatal error to repeat what happened in the years prior to World War II" when threatened nations "sought their safety at the expense of others, using them as shields, so to speak, and even seeking very questionable economic and political advantages from their neighbor's suffering."

"In the end," the Pontiff declared, "all together were overwhelmed in the holocaust."

He said a definite need at this time, "when threatening storms have returned to cast their shadows over the horizons of peace," is for restoring European solidarity and buttressing the authority of the United Nations.

"This organization," he said, "ought to have the right and power of forestalling all military intervention of one state in another, whatever be the pretext under which it is effected, and also the right and power of assuming by means of a sufficient police force, the safeguarding of order in the state which is threatened."

POPE PIUS offset this implied criticism of the British and French invasion of Egypt by warning the free world against the danger of exaggerating differences in the face of the Communist threat. He said it would be unfortunate "if in the hour of common peril criticism, even though justified, of one nation's actions is expressed by the others with such one-sidedness as to cause doubt that any bond of union at all remains."

Urging particularly the strengthening of UN authority for effecting general disarmament, the Pope said that "only in the ambit of an institution like the United Nations can the promise of individual nations to reduce armament, especially the use of certain arms, be mutually exchanged under the strict obligation of international law."

Voicing approval of aerial inspection to assure observance of disarmament pledges, Pope Pius — apparently referring to President Eisenhower's "open skies" plan — said the UN is in a position to assume effective control of the armaments of all nations. He said it could "assure certain and effective knowledge of the production and military preparedness for war" with relative ease through air observation and photography.

Another recommendation by the Pope was that any nation refusing to admit UN observers, as in the case of the puppet Hungarian government of Janos Kadar, should be "denied the exercise of their rights as UN members."

He said that such conduct reflects a concept of state sovereignty that "threatens the very foundations of the United Nations."

In his references to the Communist threat, Pope Pius repeated previous condemnations of "progressive" Catholics who maintain friendly contacts with Communism. Quoting St. Paul, he warned that it is "inconsistent to wish to sit at the table of God and at that of His enemies."

HIS MESSAGE also contained a warning against so-called realists of the "second technical revolution," who have failed to provide mankind with the security it craves, "because they wish to put themselves in the place of the Creator and make themselves arbiters of the plan of creation," all the while ignoring religious and divine values.

"Even in the West," the Pontiff said, "there is an effort to attack and banish from modern society the very basis of these values, in the name of secularism, of man's vain self-sufficiency."

"Thus," he said, "this strange condition has come about that not a few public figures, possessing no strong religious conviction, wish, and are obliged, to defend for the sake of the common good those fundamental values which draw their being only from religion and from God.

In the concluding portion of his message, in which he spoke of peace both as "the fruit of man's efforts but also a precious gift of God," the Pope praised the worldwide display of charity toward the people of Hungary.

Colonel's Seventh Child Baptized

Abilene, Texas — (NC) — The whole family was on hand for baptism here of one-month old Gerard Paul Stevens, seventh child in the family of Lt. Col Charles J. Stevens, Commanding officer of the 341st Armament and Electronics Squadron, Dyess Air Force. Baptism is being administered by Father John J. McGowan, Base Chaplain. Taking part, are Mrs. Doris Stevens, holding little Gerard, and six young Stevens's, Barbara, 9; Mary, 8; Theresa, 6; Charles, 5; Joseph, 4; and Michael, 3. Lt Col. Stevens has been in service 17 years

Roadside Christmas Cards On Highway

St. Bonaventure, N. Y. — (NC) — Students at St. Bonaventure University here have set up three huge Christmas cards along highways 17 near Olean, N. Y.

The cards are 20-by-10 foot posters depicting the nativity scene in color. Students sponsored an annual Christmas party for more than 100 underprivileged children. And, a life-sized crib scene was constructed by them on the campus.

Teenage Girls Demand Modest Evening Gowns

Baltimore — (NC) — A campaign for more modest evening gowns has won the support of ten girls' schools in this city including public, private and archdiocesan schools.

The drive started with a group of juniors at Seton Catholic high school. The girls said they were "tired of being faced with nothing but strapless formals." Their first move was to send letters to all the girls' senior high schools in the city. Enthusiastic replies came from 10, including five of the city's large public high schools.

STUDENT representatives of the schools promised full co-operation as plans were made to approach the local department stores. Armed with sketches submitted by a committee on gown design and with mimeographed copies of written stipulations, a committee of four girls visited the stores. Two of the girls on the committee were from a public high school with a student body of 2129.

Strapless gowns were ruled out. If straps were used, they would need to be at least two inches wide. A gown would need to be sufficiently high in front as well as back to be unrevealing.

A senior music major at Eastern public high school said the campaign seems to have "caught on" at her school. "It's the topic of lunch table conversation. We have always had trouble at graduation time in getting full-length gowns that covered the shoulders and still looked stylish. We are starting to work early this year to let the stores know what we want."

THE ADVERTISING manager of one of the city's department stores promised the "store's fullest cooperation." He said it was the first time in his recollection that the store had been approached with a project like this.

"Actually, if these girls work at it and create the demand that is all that's necessary to get the kind of gowns they want. Up to now we have not had the demand," he said.

The buyer in that store's dress department promised to contact New York and arrange for a new stock assortment.

Santa Visits Orphans By Helicopter

Munich — (NC) — Santa Claus this year arrived by helicopter under the auspices of the United States Army for the 80 children of the Catholic orphanage of the city of Freising near here.

American soldiers stationed there had arranged the surprise. The orphans were entertained at the GI barracks while Christmas parcels were distributed to needy families.

Red Mayor Irked Attacks Councilman

Pavullo, Italy — (NC) — Minor violence disturbed the usually peaceful atmosphere of a council meeting in this village when the communist mayor attacked a Christian Democrat member of the council.

The mayor, Mario Ricci, who is also a member of the Italian parliament, refused to condemn Soviet action in Hungary. The Christian Democrat councilman, Giuseppe Galloni, a 23-year-old university student, asked that the mayor's refusal be entered into the records of the meeting. A scuffle between the two men followed Mr. Galloni's suggestion.

The incident is typical of similar disturbances happening throughout Italy these days.

Finnish Minister Received By Pope

Vatican City — (NC) — Finland's new minister to the Holy See, Taplo Voionmaa, was received in a private audience here for the presentation of his credentials to Pope Pius XII.

At various times since 1937 Mr. Voionmaa had been director of economic affairs of Finlan's Department of Foreign Affairs, Secretary-general of that department, and minister to Brussels. He was serving as Finnish minister to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg when he was assigned to the Vatican.

'Secret Nuns' Gain New Recruits

Red-Dispersed Nuns In Czechoslovakia Carry On Apostolic Work In Secret

Vienna — (NC) — Unknown to Red government officials, a woman teaching in a leading medical school in Czechoslovakia and a high official in a government ministry are both members of a religious congregation of women, dispersed eight years ago.

ACCORDING TO the report of a nun now in Vienna, there are many other cases like these two.

When the convent of the nuns, located in the Brno Diocese, was closed in 1947, the nuns were given a difficult choice. The officials told them that they could continue to wear their religious habits and go to a forced labor camp or remain free if they agreed not to wear their habits.

ON THE ADVICE of higher superiors, the Sisters decided that they would not wear their habits. In this way, they reasoned, they would still be able to carry on some apostolic work.

Some of the nuns found employment in factories and live together in a small industrial town. Other Sisters live alone, meeting with the other group, secretly, on days when they do not work.

The Sisters carry on their apostolic work after working hours, and sometimes while they are still in the factory.

SOMETIMES THEY even organize days of retreat for girls and women in small groups of two or three. They must keep the groups small so as to avoid attracting the attention of the police.

The report said the work of the Sisters has been so successful that since their dispersal the number of the congregation has increased almost three times.

At the time of the convent's closing there were 15 Sisters, now there are 42, the report stated.

Papal Stamps Honor Polish Marian Year

Vatican City — (NC) — A new series of stamps, commemorating the special Marian Year celebrated in Poland in honor of Our Lady of Czestochowa, has been issued by the Vatican Post Office.

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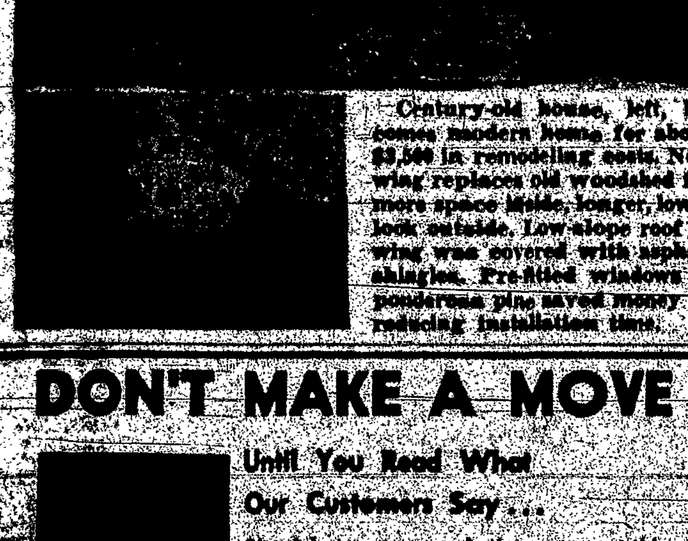

Century-old house, left, becomes modern home for about $3,500 in remodeling costs. New wing replaces old woodshed for more space inside, longer, lower look outside. Low-slope roof of wing was covered with asphalt shingles. Prefitted windows of ponderosa pine saved money by reducing installation time.

The problem of what to do with a big old house often is accentuated when children grow up, marry, and move away.

The Frank Brehms, of Cadillac, Mich., faced this dilemma, but came up with an answer, aided by Arthur B. Campen, modernization editor of Practical Builder magazine, light-construction industry publication.

The Brehms' 100-year-old, T-shaped farmhouse was "reorganized" to give them complete living quarters on the first floor, reserving the second floor for future visits from their children, grandchildren, and other guests.

Campen suggested that the key to the Brehms' situation was to tear down an old woodshed attached to the house and replace it with an addition housing a master bedroom, five closets, bath, and a combination laundry and "clean-up" room so important to farm living.

The old house was structurally sound and had been kept in good condition through the years. Just prior to their decision to remodel, the Brehms installed new kitchen equipment and had the house reroofed, saving money by applying asphalt shingles directly over the old roofing.

The Brehms selected windows of ponderosa pine for the new wing because these wood windows come in units consisting of frames and sash fitted together at the factory. The clear ponderosa pine also could be painted to match other windows and trim on the house. A new front entrance, also part of the addition, was given a panel door of ponderosa pine. Painted an inviting color, it offers a warm welcome to the house.

The addition was roofed with interlocking asphalt shingles in a color to match the roofing on the old house. Interlocking shingles are a favorite in farm areas where high winds are prevalent.

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