

The News This Week

The Catholic Church continued its work of saving souls against this backdrop of news this week:

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba — Cuban rebels still hold over 30 Canadian and U.S. citizens hostage in retaliation over alleged help the U.S. has given to the Batista government. Both sides still ignore mediation as offered by Cuban Catholic hierarchy.

Washington — The Bernard Goldfine case is still being investigated by a congressional subcommittee, after the committee's chief investigator admitted that he set a wire-tap in Goldfine's Washington hotel room. There was also an alleged stealing of papers from the room. One senator, commenting on the Goldfine case, said that there is more honesty in government than in private business and deplored the use of such scandals for political advantage.

Paris — General Charles de Gaulle, France Premier, named Jacques Soustelle as minister of Information. Gen. de Gaulle previously asked for and received Pope Pius' blessing in seeking to end the recurring French political crisis.

Moscow — The Soviet Union freed nine men from a United States unarmed transport, after being held since June 27. The men stated that their plane had been shot down by Soviet MIG's, which later fired on the plane while five of the nine men were parachuting from it. One man was burned, but not seriously. The U.S. armistice claimed that rough weather forced them over the Soviet-controlled Armenia, where the MIG's jumped on them.

Beirut — Pope Pius urged rebel and national Lebanese to mediate their trouble rather than settle it in an armed conflict, while four Moslem countries pledged their support of Lebanon president, Camille Chamoun.

Washington — President Eisenhower signed the Alaskan statehood bill, passed last week by both houses of Congress. The new state will be the largest in area and the smallest in population of the now 49 states in the Union. There are 22,500 Catholics in a total population of over 200,000 Alaskans.

Rebuilt Cathedral Opens In London

London—(NC)—Two cardinals, 12 archbishops and 25 bishops walked in procession through the streets of London in one of this year's most notable events for the Church in England—opening of the new St. George's cathedral here.

Built to replace the old cathedral, destroyed in World War II, St. George's is the cathedral of Southwark diocese, which includes London south of the Thames and the counties of Surrey, Sussex and Kent.

(Catholics of the Rochester Diocese in 1952 contributed \$30,000 to Bishop Cyril Corderoy of Southwark to build a church in the English city of Rochester, Kent County, where St. John Fisher was bishop prior to his martyrdom under King Henry VIII in 1535.) The cathedral dedication was an international occasion, for the work of rebuilding was financed partly through contributions from many parts of the world. Queen Elizabeth II of England herself is among those who contributed to the restoration of the edifice.

THE SOLEMN ceremony in the new cathedral was presided over

by Cardinal Gilroy, Archbishop of Sidney, Australia and Cardinal D'Alton, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland. Also attending the event was Auxiliary Bishop Leonard P. Corderoy of St. Paul, Minn., who represented American donors to the restoration funds of the cathedral, and delegates from several countries of the British Commonwealth.

Bishop Corderoy celebrated the pontifical Mass of inauguration, and delivered a sermon in which he retraced the history of the cathedral.

"St. George's," he said, "is a church embedded in the Catholic history of England. Here in Southwark, when even the struggle to survive seemed without hope, the spark of fire which had never been entirely extinguished began to glow again."

"In this very place, in the ancient fields which 68 years before had shaken under the trampling feet of thousands of oxen granaries and reechoed to the cries of 'No Popery'... Here on July 4, 1548, St. George's was first opened by Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman."

Repair Work Ordered For Vatican Statues

Vatican City—(RNS)—Vatican authorities ordered an inspection of all the 158 statues decorating the colonnade and facade of St. Peter's Basilica here.

THE ORDER was issued promptly after a heavy fragment chipped off one of the images on the basilica's left side.

It was announced that steps will be taken to reinforce the statues with cement injections wherever necessary. Afterwards, the authorities said, a general inspection will be undertaken of the cornices, ceilings and columns of the basilica preparatory to making any required repairs.

Eucharist Congress Set For 1960 In Munich

Munich—(RNS)—Preparatory work for the 37th International Eucharistic Congress to take place here in 1960 has been initiated by both Catholic and municipal authorities of the Bavarian capital.

Tentatively scheduled to be held July 31-August 7, 1960, the Congress will be the third one on German soil. Previous Eucharistic Congresses in Germany were held in 1907 in Metz, which now belongs to France, and in 1909 at Cologne.

THE MUNICH event, which is expected to assemble hundreds of thousands of Catholics from throughout the world, including scores of foreign church digni-

ties, will feature working sessions of international Catholic organizations.

Highlights of the Congress will be a service of penance and intercession for the "Church of Silence" in Communist-dominated countries, a huge candlelight procession, and a monster closing rally during which a message from Pope Pius XII will be heard.



Big Chief 'With Authority'

At St. Augustine Indian Mission, Winnebago, Nebr., "Chief-Speaks-With-Authority," better known as Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan of Omaha, poses with Frank Beaver, chairman of the Winnebago Tribal Council. Mr. Beaver selected the very appropriate name and personally conferred the title on the archbishop. (NC Photo)

Whites Blamed For Race Problem

Durban, South Africa—(NC)—Archbishop Denis Hurley, O.M.I., of Durban has said that "99 per cent of white South Africa does not want a solution to the race problem."

Speaking to the South African Institute of Race Relations here on the function of education in a multiracial society, the Archbishop stated that the apartheid policies of the government appeal to the majority of white South African voters.

This simply means that "public opinion is the final arbiter," Archbishop Hurley said.

"Anybody who wants to achieve anything among white native South Africans must direct his attack on public opinion. He has an enormous task before him."

I DOUBT if you could find 30,000 white South Africans prepared to support enthusiastically an endeavor to face squarely the implications of our racial problems," Archbishop Hurley declared.

"Unfortunately progress has been so slow in South Africa that one Goulbis if enough will be achieved in time. The importance

We Have Seven Children, But Money And My Strength Are Giving Out

By FATHER JOHN L. THOMAS, S.J., Assistant Professor of Sociology at St. Louis University

Many of us family folks have a serious problem—when and how to call a halt in increasing our family. At 37, I'm married 15 years, and carry my seventh child. My strength and my husband's income would do nicely with four or five. As it is, I'm constantly running out of both. My husband considers his impulses as God-given and to be fully exercised—God will provide! Can you give us some guidance?

"Family folks," as you call them, Martha, are not the only ones who seem confused about the rights and duties of married life. Questions related to this problem arise so frequently that the most helpful approach will probably be to spell out a few pertinent principles, and facts applicable to all of them. Some of these may appear to be self-evident and repetitious, but experience has taught me that they are not.

HUSBANDS AND wives differ considerably in the nature of their reproductive drive, the personal implications of its fruitful use for their future, and consequently in their attitudes toward the exercise of this faculty in marriage. Likewise, wide individual differences exist; while age, health, family responsibilities, and so forth, cause further variations. Hence, chances are that few couples will always reach perfect agreement in this area. This does not mean that there need be conflict.

Most couples discover that they may not agree on a number of things, they can learn to adjust and adapt if they wish to succeed. The use of the reproductive faculty is a human act, an act of the person, not the mere unreflected exercise of a bodily function. Some husbands are selfishly irresponsible in this regard, forgetting that they must seriously consider the health and strength of their wives, and also their own ability to make reasonable provision for another child.



Marriage would cease to be human if the rights it conferred carried no corresponding obligations, and consequently no need for self-control.

Because we are not controlled by instinct but possess the use of reason, we are constantly putting asunder what God has joined together.

The Creator meant conjugal relations to be a mysterious, unifying act of love which would bless with new life under proper conditions and which would strengthen and support the marriage bond throughout life.

The marriage contract confers equal conjugal rights upon husband and wife, but the use of these rights is subordinated to the primary purpose of marriage, which is the procreation and education of children. Briefly, these rights may not be used selfishly but for the good of the couple and of the family. This requires self-control and a Christian sense of responsibility.

Of course you must trust in God, but this trust should not be a thinly disguised excuse for selfish indulgence and lack of Christian restraint.

I know your husband will protest that restraint is difficult under the circumstances—has he ever tried it? Has he made use of prayer and the sacraments to gain strength? Has he shared the burdens of rearing a large family by helping with the children around the home?

Unless he can answer all these questions in the affirmative, he had best examine his conscience very seriously.

What can you do? Well, if he will cooperate, you should practice continence either periodic or absolute after your baby arrives, until you have regained your health, and your financial situation is better. Briefly, these rights may not be used selfishly but for the good of the couple and of the family. This requires self-control and a Christian sense of responsibility.

Public Invited

To Quebec Cloister

Quebec—(NC)—Two historical institutions entrusted to the Sisters of the Mercy of Jesus have been opened to the public in honor of the 350th anniversary of the founding of Quebec.

For the first time since 1939, the cloisters and museum of the Hotel Dieu, founded in 1639, and the General Hospital, founded in 1693, are completely open to visitors.

On the grounds of the General Hospital and normally not open to the public is the old chapel of the Recollect Fathers, early missionaries who spread the Faith and explored much of Canada and the north and middle west of the United States.

CATHOLICS CROWD CRUMBLING CHAPEL

The Catholic population of ETOPIA, is now 650 and increasing rapidly. These good people worship God in a shabby but, built as a chapel in 1925. For some years they have tried to preserve it by patching and mending. Presently it is in a state of disrepair that cannot be remedied. It stands idle or so protection from the weather and it is no longer able to contain the number of worshippers. Nothing better can be done to save it from complete disintegration and they have appealed to us for help in building a new Chapel. They can and will contribute time and effort; they have already expended a great deal of this in trying to preserve their present Chapel. Poor as they are they want a fitting place for their God. They can give everything but money. The cost of the material will be \$3,500. Can you help them?

ONE DOLLAR A MONTH HELPS THE "CHAPEL OF THE MONTH CLUB" BUILD MISSION CHAPELS.

CHRIST'S WORK

Prisoners are required to continue the work of Redemption through the administration of the Sacraments. Through all these years there have always been boys and young men willing to carry on the work of Christ and the Apostles. Boys who are called by God may accept or refuse the divine call. Among the many who have accepted the call there are two boys in INDIA, who feel that God wants them to be priests. To enter the seminary was not an easy choice for CYRIAC and JOSEPH, but they have willingly embraced a difficult life for the love of God and the love of souls. If you could help one of these boys financially you would have a share in their priestly ministry. The cost of their education is \$600... \$100 a year for six years.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE CATHOLIC NEAR EAST ASSOCIATION BRINGS MANY SPIRITUAL BENEFITS.

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GREGORIAN MASSES FOR YOUR LOVED ONES WHO ARE DECEASED—A WONDERFUL GIFT!

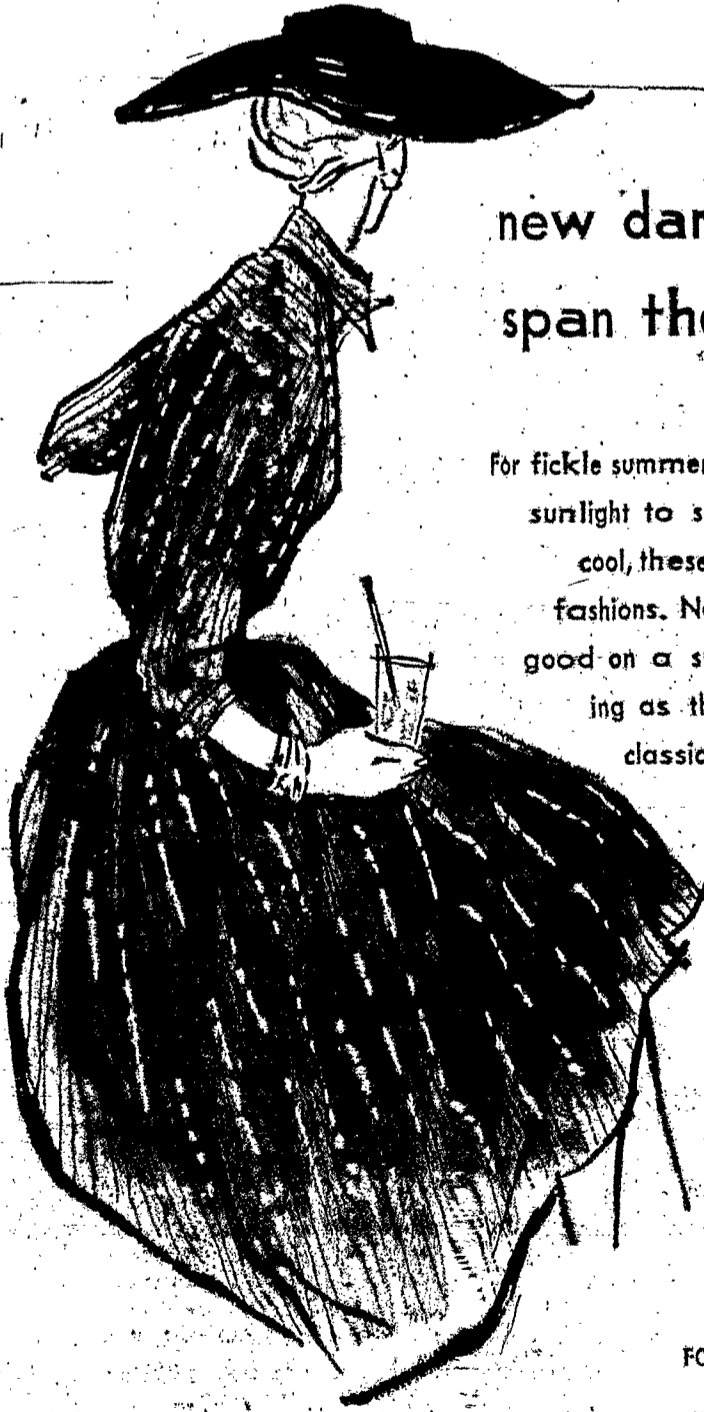
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The refugees from Palestine are especially dear to our Holy Father. They had to leave the very land made sacred by the Presence of Our Saviour. Any donation that you can send to help these poor people, no matter how small, will bring you their gratitude.

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