

By-Pass Issue Of U.S.-Vatican Tie

Washington (RNS)—The State Department has the House Foreign Affairs Committee that it does believe the issue of establishing formal diplomatic relations between the United States and the Vatican has been raised at the present time.

Rep. Victor L. Anfuso (D.-N.Y.), sponsor of a Congressional resolution calling for exchange of diplomatic missions with the Holy See, immediately assailed the statement.

Anfuso, in private life a prominent Roman Catholic, on Feb. 12 introduced concurrent Resolution 83 which would declare it the "policy of Congress" that diplomatic relations be established with the Vatican. It was released in accordance with long Congressional procedure and State Department for its content and views.

Secretary of State William L. Clayton, through Assistant Secretary Mark E. McGuire, Jr., said he had a recommendation that the issue not be raised.

Anfuso, who was given only for his information, made no comment on the question of representation in the State of Vatican City is not a sovereign in the department.

There has been no indication from the State of the Vatican of any interest in establishing diplomatic relations with the U.S., Mrs. Macomber, the committee. "The department is satisfied with the present situation and does not want to raise the issue should be raised now."

Anfuso in his letter to Clayton said it is his belief that you should not be a part of the State Department's report and not the resolution on the call-up for a hearing before your committee.

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Subscriptions Top 63,000

The Courier-Journal circulation total has soared over the 63,000 mark this week as tabulation from parishes neared a final report following February's subscription drive.

This figure indicates a gain of 6,000 over last year's record high 56,000. Five parishes are still to report their totals.

FIVE PARISHES this week adopted the full coverage plan of sending the diocesan paper to all families in these parishes:

St. Ambrose, Rochester, Rev. Frank W. Mason, pastor, 1,007 subscribers for a gain of 871; St. Rita, West Chester, Rev. Francis A. Kleehammer, 896 (gain 686); St. Vincent de Paul, Corning, Rev. Joseph E. Gullfoff, 612 (550); Good Shepherd, Henrietta, Rev. George C. Vogt, 516 (498); and St. Mary of the Lake, Watkins Glen, Rev. Benedict Ehmann, 442 (418).

RENEWING the total coverage plan this week were St. Joseph, Penfield, Rev. John D. Malley, 386 (63); Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Rochester, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles J. Azzi, 279 (50); St. Patrick, Elmira, Rev. John S. Hoyes, 1,035 (17); St. Hyacinth, Auburn, Rev. Jerome A. Holubowicz, O.F.M. Conv., 399 (9).

Also St. Ann, Hornell, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Lawrence W. Cannon, 643; Holy Family, Auburn, Rev. William Davis, 595; Sacred Heart, Auburn, 406 and St. Ann-Owaseo, 42—Rev. Raymond J. Wahl, St. Patrick, Corning, Rev. William D. Tobin, 340, and St. Patrick, Moravia, Rev. William J. O'Brien, 164.



Dublin Mayor Visits Cardinal Cushing

Boston (RNS)—Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, examines the 17-pound chain of office worn by Mrs. Catherine Byrne, the Lord Mayor of Dublin. Mrs. Byrne was here on the start of a 30-day tour of the United States.

Prelate Raps 'Expediency' In Civil Life

St. Louis (NC)—Catholic laymen who substitute "political expediency" for "conviction" on such social issues as segregation and labor-management relations were criticized by Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis.

The current century has been called the "age of the layman," and the Church's social teachings could be considered "the layman doctrine" because they were designed to let laymen know how Christ would act were he a banker, a baker, a broker or a bricklayer, the prelate said.

But though many Catholic laymen have expressed gratitude for these widely promulgated teachings, others have ignored them, he added.

"Some have actually resisted it ought to occupy in the life of a layman," he said.

Holy Land Church At Annunciation

Nazareth (RNS)—Vatican authorities have approved plans for a new Basilica of the Annunciation to be built here at a cost of about \$3,000,000 on the site where the Archangel Gabriel announced to the Blessed Virgin that she was to be the Mother of Christ. It will replace an 18th century church that was razed five years ago.

The Vatican's approval was conveyed to Father Alfredo Prichard, O.F.M., Franciscan Custodian of the Holy Land, in a message from Domenico Cardinal Tardini, Vatican Secretary of State. He immediately informed the Israeli government and later the news was broadcast by the Israeli Radio.

It is expected that work on the basilica will begin shortly after Easter. It will be the largest Catholic church in the Holy Land and one of the biggest in the Middle East.

The new basilica will have a tower 180 feet high. It will contain an underground chapel embracing the grotto where the Virgin is traditionally believed to have received the visit of the archangel.

The earliest church on the site of the Annunciation was built before 338 A.D. It was destroyed by the Saracens, rebuilt by the Crusaders, and finally destroyed again in the 15th century. In 1730, the Franciscans rebuilt the church, which was demolished for the new basilica.

When the 18th century church was pulled down, Franciscan archaeologists unearthed the

Skip-A-Meal Urged To Aid Ill Mothers

Washington (NO)—A Skip-A-Meal project of U.S. Catholic women during Holy Week will benefit hungry and sick mothers throughout the world.

Sponsored by the foreign relief committee of the National Council of Catholic Women, the program asks every Catholic woman to abstain from one meal during Holy Week, March 22 to 25, and to contribute what the meal would have cost to the NCCW—Madonna Plaza.

Contributions to the project and to the MacComi Plan may be sent to the National Council of Catholic Women, 1312 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington 5, D.C.

Pope To Receive Queen Mother

Rome (RNS)—It was officially announced here that Pope John XXIII will receive Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, in audience during her visit to Rome next month.

She will arrive in Rome on April 21 and will be received by the Pope on Sunday, April 26.

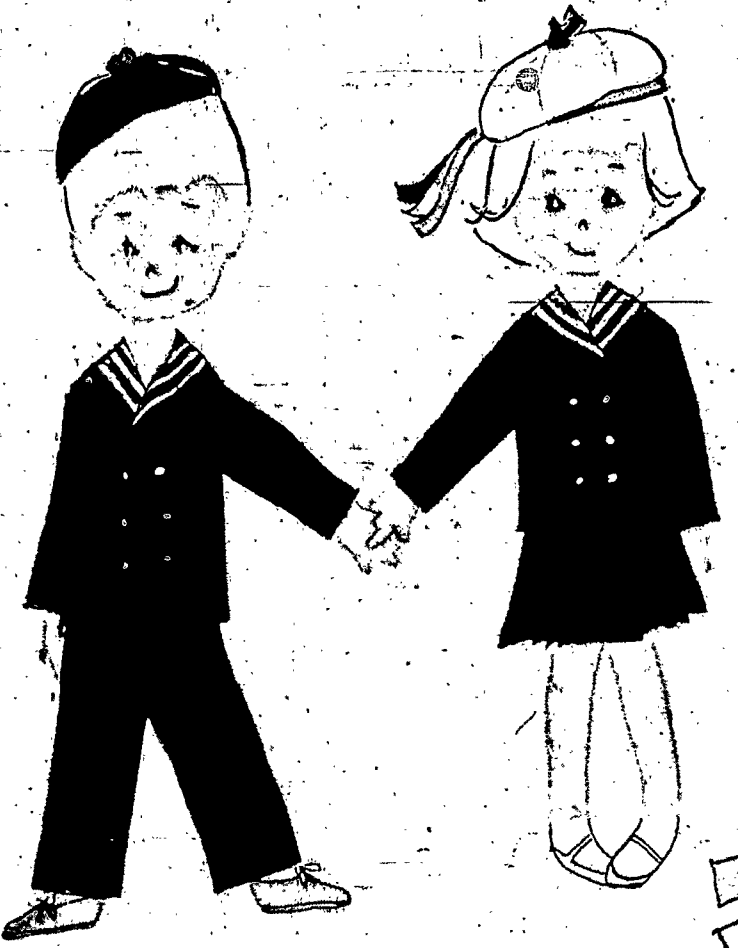
For many years now, it has been customary for members of the British royal family to call upon the Pope when they are in Rome.

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