



Congratulated At Confirmation

BISHOP KEARNEY after confirming a class at Most Precious Blood Church was presented with a bouquet by one of the class to note his birthday. Event took place on Oct. 29, day after the Bishop's 75th birthday. Rev. Sebastian Contegiacomo, C.P.P.S., pastor watches.

Slogans Block Moral Sense

Philadelphia — (RNS) — "Too many people have lost the ability to reason things out, to stand their ground, to comprehend a few of the fundamental reasons by which we judge one thing right, another thing wrong," Father Thurston N. Davis, S.J., said here.

The editor of *America*, national Catholic weekly, told students and faculty at Temple University's Convocation on Religion in Contemporary Society that this is the result — in politics, public affairs, education and in most of the broad areas of cultural life in America — of "an economy of easy abundance that has softened us with comforts and packed our veins with fat."

"More than we like to admit," he said, "we live by slogans, because sleepwalking has become so accepted a technique of the advertising and merchandising world that steals our minds and sustains our economy."

Speaking on the subject "The Dimension of Our Contemporary Trouble," Father Davis cautioned: "Somehow, somewhere, something has gone wrong."

"In a dark mood," he said, "one might liken the course of our American society through the 50th century to the glamorous and well-advertised 'champagne' flight of a giant aircraft. We fly high and untroubled above the swarming problems of less fortunate nations. Our moters hum beneath us in perfect coordination. Padded armchairs snap back at the touch of a finger."

"Svelte hostesses smilingly serve us piping hot suppers. Quietly and confidently, over the public address system, the flight captain announces that our plane, thanks to a strong tail wind, will touch down twelve minutes ahead of schedule at our anticipated destination."

"Yet all the time our great aircraft, inevitably guided by its high precision instruments, is flying a collision course with an obstacle which though it looks bigger and ever bigger on our radar

Cuba Faith Reported On Decline

Miami — (NC) — Active participation by Cuba's Catholics in spiritual devotions is on the decline and a Havana Catholic publication is under attack for its criticisms of the new Cuba regime, according to an English priest who arrived here from Cuba.

"Attendance at Mass has decreased in marked numbers during past months," said Father Joseph Cliff, a native of York,shire, England, who left Santiago on November 6 after serving as an assistant for one year at the Cathedral there.

"The number of civil marriages is increasing," he added, "and common law marriages are being legalized en masse sometimes as many as 50 couples at a time."

During an interview here, Father Cliff pointed out that Diaro de la Marina Catholic publication in Havana, had been "very brave" in its editorial criticism of Fidel Castro's government, but as a result has been the victim of physical attacks by mobsters on its Havana offices. At the present time, he said, the publication seems to "be afraid" of making further editorial comment.

FATHER CLIFF, who took his theological studies at seminaries in Vittoria and Madrid in Spain, was ordained to the priesthood in 1939 at St. Mary Cadogan Garden in Chelsea. He speaks both Spanish and English.

He said that Maj. Pedro Diaz Lanz, former Cuban air force chief, now free on bond pending hearing on extradition charges brought by Cuba, "deserves every support."

Maj. Hubert Matos, military commandant of the Camaguey region, now imprisoned was described by Father Cliff as "a man of great prestige among the military and the people." A Protestant whose wife is a Catholic, Maj. Matos has helped "the interests of the Church in Camaguey on more than one occasion," Father Cliff said.

"Fidel Castro is of such a complex nature that he cannot bear anyone to disagree with him," Father Cliff said. He stressed that the October 21 anti-Castro demonstration coincided with the arrest of Maj. Matos for insubordination, "a fact which is far from a coincidence."

"Why does honor walk no more among us? What has happened to the old values?"

Speaking of the "arbitrary" ideals of the past, which he said are being too easily cast away, Father Davis declared: "We of this 20th century know that we are locked in a titanic struggle with a power whose burning new energies we have only begun to understand and appreciate. The ultimate outcome of this contest is in the hands of a God whose provident hold on human history is such that He allows us full play for free will and human responsibility."

"The artist can hold a mirror up to us and show us what we are," he said. "The moralist can try to lead us back to the old paths that we have abandoned. The philosopher can teach us how great a loss we have suffered in abandoning the heritage of the public philosophy. The historian can plot the declining curve of our civilization."

"All these can teach us. But we must learn. Then, having learned and understood, we alone must do what needs to be done in order to reverse the trend and remake the culture that we have helped to debase. This will require immense courage and vast wisdom. Only God can give such light to our minds and strength to our wills."



Chicago Jews Hail Prelate

Chicago — (RNS) — Auxiliary Archbishop Bernard J. Shell of Chicago accepts a 4,000-year-old earthen pitcher from Abraham Harman (right), Israeli ambassador to the U.S., after being honored by Chicago's Jewish community as its 1959 Israel Bond "Man of the Year." On the left is Col. Jacob M. Avery, honorary chairman of the bond campaign. Archbishop Shell was the sixth person to receive the award, but the first outside the Jewish faith. He was cited for his devotion to "a lifetime of leadership in behalf of humanitarian causes."

French Prelate Appeals For Help To Teen Aged

Bordeaux — (NC) — The Cardinal-Archbishop of Bordeaux, calling attention to laxities in teen-age morality, has issued an "anguished, supplicating" appeal to parents and educators to protect the souls of adolescents.

Cardinal Richard said that parents "commit real crimes" when they allow young people to be exposed to amusements which might lead to sins. His appeal was directed at free-time activities of the juveniles and he said there must be "more moderation in pleasure and restraint in morals."

Ike's Rome Visit Criticized

Richmond — (RNS) — The Baptist General Association of Virginia protested President Eisenhower's proposed visit with Pope John XXIII on grounds that it violates the principle of Church-State separation.

Keep Christ In Christmas

New Orleans — (NC) — Large promotion plans are being outlined in this city in preparation for Christmas by a committee called "Keep Christ in Your Christmas."

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