

More TV Than Religion

Leaders Told Shun Force

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ly new and disconcerting fact: the existence of militant atheism operating on a world-wide scale.

These reasons and "an urgent duty to call together our children to give the Church the opportunity to contribute more efficaciously to the solutions of the problems of the modern age" caused him to call the Ecumenical Council, the Pope said.

The Council was being summoned, he stressed, "to offer an opportunity for all men of good will to turn their thoughts and resolutions to peace; a peace that can and must come above all from spiritual and supernatural realities, from human intelligence and conscience enlightened and guided by God, Creator and Redeemer of mankind."

The Pope said "discouraged souls see nothing but shadows extending over the face of the earth," but "we, however, affirm that all faith in our Saviour has not departed from the world redeemed by Him."

Pope John said other Christian Churches—he did not say which ones—"hope to send representatives of their communions" to sit in on some sessions as observers.

"We know that many of these are anxious for a return of unity and peace according to the teaching and prayer of Christ to His Father," he stated, adding that he hoped that the Council "would make more vivid in the separated brethren the desire for the hoped-for return to unity and would open the way for it."

Pope John first announced plans for the Second Vatican Council on Jan. 21, 1959, but the new bull makes official the convocation of the Council which is expected to be attended by some 3,000 persons—cardinals, archbishops, bishops, superiors of religious orders, theologians and various ecclesiastical experts from countries around the world.

The Council will be the first Ecumenical council convoked in 83 years. The First Vatican Council, at which the dogma of papal infallibility was proclaimed in 1869, was suspended the following year after Italian armies seized Rome from the reigning Pope.

New Women's College Planned

Buffalo — (NC) — Construction is scheduled to begin in May, 1962, on a Catholic women's college in Cheektowaga, a Buffalo suburb.

The four-year college will be conducted by the Immaculate Heart of Mary province of the Felician Sisters. Sister Mary Annette, the Provincial Superior and future president of the college, said it will accommodate 500 students.

Family Code Advised

Cleveland — (RNS) — Archbishop Edward F. Hoban, Bishop of Cleveland, has advised Catholics in his diocese to adopt a family code to regulate television viewing for children.

Included in the code are recommendations of a maximum of two hours viewing daily for "older children" and screening of programs by parents.

The prelate urged use of the code, one adopted by the International Catholic Association for Radio and Television in 1958, in a letter to all priests of the diocese. In it he called upon the priests to "instruct the mothers in particular concerning this matter" during the coming year.

Archbishop Hoban pointed out that in February, 1961, there were 10,000,000 more families in the U.S. with TV sets than with religious affiliation.

He said 88 per cent of American homes have television and that the average viewing time is six hours and eight minutes daily.

The code recommended by the archbishop points out that television can play an "educational part" on condition that it does not become a screen between the child and the realities of this world and human existence.

It suggests that in early years children should not be left alone in front of a TV screen. Parents should be available then to explain situations and dispel any misunderstandings. It urges that children be taught to become "good" TV viewers by becoming constructively critical of programs.

Plays in which "strongly exciting, hallucinating, shocking or morbid scenes occur, such as the appearance of hideous, frightening characters, details of cruelty or situations which are degrading to human digni-

ty" must be forbidden at all ages, the code states. Youngsters, the code points out, must be made to understand that not all TV programs are meant for them. It also stresses that television is out of place during meal times.

The code suggests that parents should decide beforehand which programs they will allow their children to watch and that they should never argue about this in front of their children.

It also urges television viewers to write to TV broadcasters, expressing disapproval when necessary and praise and appreciation, too, for worthwhile programs. The code also seeks to encourage parents to stress the importance of broadcasts which appeal to the intellectual and imaginative faculties of children, such as games or competitive situations which foster active co-operation instead of passive gaz-

Christians Take Over Goa

Bombay — (NC) — India appointed Christians to administer the territory of Goa after wresting that 1,300-mile enclave from Portugal.

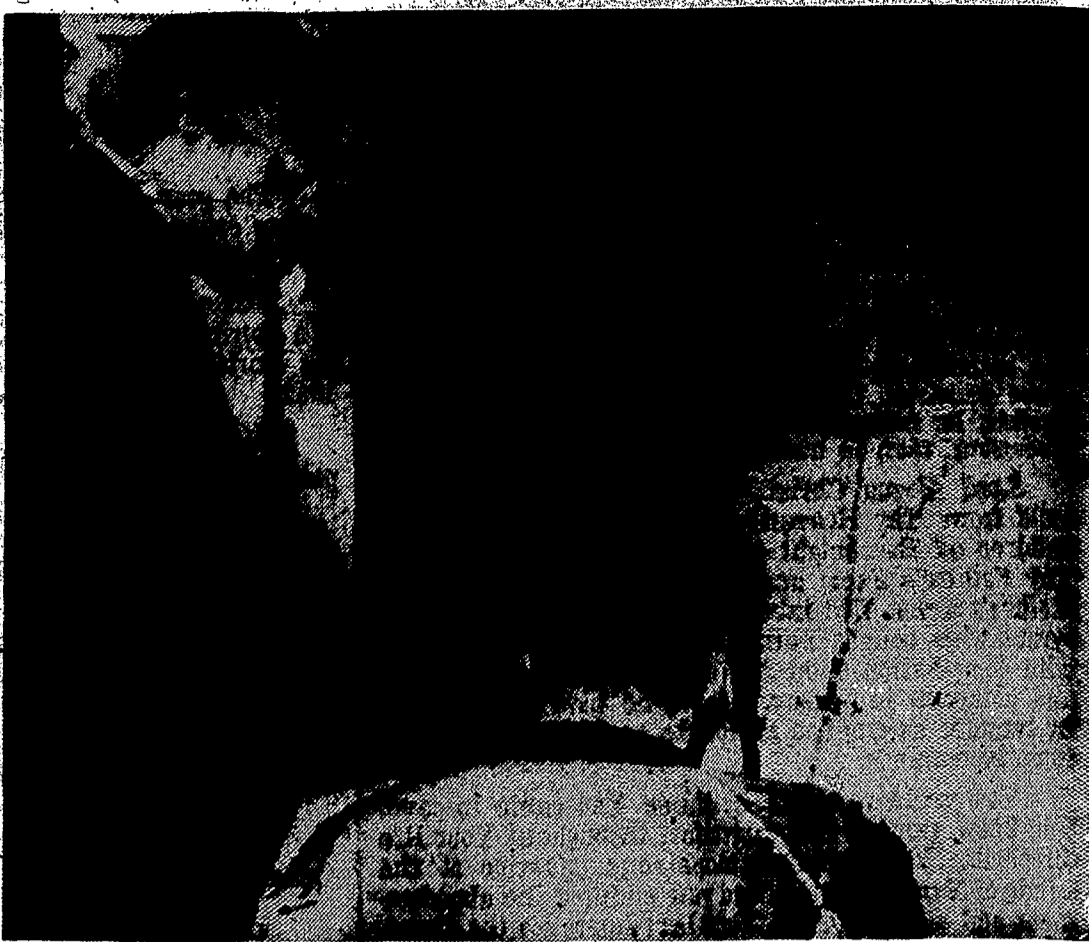
Major General Kenneth P. Candeth, a Christian from Kerala commanding the 17th Division, has taken charge as military governor of Goa.

A Catholic of India's civil service, RCVP Noronha, has been appointed chief administrator of Goa. He is chief secretary of the Madhya Pradesh government.

Indian troops entering Goa got orders to respect its many Christian shrines. After four and a half centuries of Portuguese rule Goa's population is more than one-third Catholic.

The Indian government officially reported that no place of worship suffered damage.

The Indian Army studied its occupying forces with Christian commanders. The commander of the first Indian battalion to enter Goa is a Syrian Christian, Lt. Col. T. Cheryan. Many Portuguese troops surrendered to him.



Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII is shown as he exchanged cordial greetings with Dr. J. H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., largest Negro Church body. Dr. Jackson stopped to visit the Pope as he was returning to the U.S. from New Delhi, India, where he had attended the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches. The head of the 5,000,000-member convention was elected to the WCC's policy-making Central Committee.

85,000 Italian Migrants

Edward M. Kennedy, brother of the nation's President, paid tribute to the American Committee on Italian Migration at the organization's tenth annual meeting in New York City.

He said 85,000 Italian immigrants have come to the United States under the Committee's program.

Kennedy described the cultural, industrial and agricultural contributions of the immigrants "immeasurable."

Nearly four million immigrants came from Italy from 1900 to 1930. U.S. legislation then drastically limited the numbers and later cut off all migration during World War II.

Under recent legislation, immigrants are admitted if assurance is given they will be able to support themselves in this country.



West Palm Beach — (RNS) — A worried President, accompanied by his wife and nuns, receives comforting words from a nursing nun at St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach, Fla., after visiting his father, former Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, who suffered a stroke. At left a nun escorts first lady. Ambassador Kennedy received the last rites of the Church from Father Eugene Seraphin, hospital chaplain.

Dialog Mass In Australia

Melbourne — (NC) — Archbishop Daniel Mannix of Melbourne declared that the normal form of public Mass should be the Dialogue Mass, and that sung Masses should be a regular feature of parish life on Sundays and major feasts.

The Archbishop sent a circular letter to his clergy urging them to work towards full participation by their people in the worship of the Church.

"You will recall," he said, "that some time ago it was decided, in order to insure uniformity of practice in the archdiocese, that the Leonine prayers should be omitted after all Sunday Masses. It is likewise considered most desirable that there should be uniformity of participation in the Dialogue Mass."

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