

# Reds Divided On Council

London — (RNS) — There seemingly was no "party line" in the Communist radio commentaries on the opening of the Second Vatican Council. Russian and East German broadcasts were conciliatory, while Bulgarian comment attacked the Council as an arm of imperialism.

Radio Moscow expressed admiration for Pope John's work for peace and said that the Council's great challenge was to devise methods of promoting peaceful cooperation among nations of the world.

East Germany's radio system broadcast a statement of the Communist-controlled Christian Democratic Union which said that the Council could exert "tremendous moral authority" for peace, justice and brotherhood.

Sofia Radio, however, made an all-out attack upon the Council, claiming it had been called to generate an offensive upon communism and to place the Church at the service of "monopolies and militaristic propaganda."

Its tone was conciliatory and respectful toward Pope John XXIII, but claimed that Catholic statesmen of Western countries (President Kennedy of the U.S., Chancellor Adenauer of West Germany, and President DeGaulle of France) had failed to heed the pontiff's calls for peace.

The Russian broadcast said that while the Council will discuss "a large number of questions mainly dealing with Church dogma and rites, doubtless questions pertaining to the present international situation will be touched upon. It is this aspect of the work of the Council that attracts maximum attention of the numerous observers who have gathered in Rome."

"It is known," it continued, "that the present Pope has on numerous occasions spoken for peace against the nuclear arms race and for the settlement of controversial international questions by negotiations."

"In congratulating the head of the Catholic Church on his 80th birthday, Premier Khrushchev wished him good health and success in his noble striving to promote peace on earth and the settlement of international problems through sincere negotiations."

# Polish Paper Pushes 'Friendly Co-existence'

Warsaw — (RNS) — A leading Communist newspaper here declared that one of the major concerns of the Second Vatican Council should be to establish "friendly co-existence" between the Catholic Church and the Communist countries.

As phrased by Zycie Warszawy, the question was, "Will the Church succeed at this Council in overcoming traditional prejudice and will it take a step in the direction of normalizing relations with the countries ruled by the working class?"

At the same time, the paper urged the Vatican to recognize "the lasting character of our Western territories" — annexed from Germany after the war —

by appointing permanent Polish bishops to the dioceses there in place of the present apostolic administrators.

Zycie Warszawy said the question of "normal" relations between the Church and the Communist countries was "of paramount concern, since, without their answering it, we can hardly speak of the Church hierarchy being realistic."

"For us Poles," he added, "this problem assumes a twofold importance. On the one hand, both believers and non-believers would like the Church hierarchy to make a realistic appraisal of the situation and to do what it should to base the relations between the state and the Church on sound and normal principles of friendly co-existence."



# Corning Twins Win Science Award

Levittown, Pa. — (RNS) — It's one prize for two — but these twins are more than satisfied. Roxanne and Joanne Kuhl, twin 15-year-old students at Bishop Egan High School in Levittown, Pa., formerly of Corning, have won the 1962 Junior Scientific Achievement Award presented by the Leeds & Northrup Co., of Philadelphia. Here, they are congratulated by their principal, Father Linus Carr and Sister Nlomisia, their science teacher. Twins received award for constructing a device called a thermopile (shown in background) illustrating conversion of heat to electricity. They received their award Oct. 17 at the Instrument Society of America's convention in New York. They are nieces of Rev. William Roche, Rochester diocesan superintendent of schools.

# Expect Little Hope In Marriage For Constantly Quarreling Couple

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May a wife refuse a honest attempt to be reconciled? I was 22, and she was 17 at marriage, and we had kept company about 4 months. Trouble started at once. She repeatedly made fun of me and my views, and I made the mistake of slapping her. In the 3 months of our marriage she went home five times and would stay until I would go after her and beg forgiveness. This last time she said she would never come back, claiming she doesn't love me, feels free now, and wonders why she ever married me. I admit I'm to blame, yet she won't talk to me and refuses to see a priest. What can I do?

When a counselor meets a marriage situation like yours, Larry, his first reaction is to express the vain wish that he could have talked to you and your wife before marriage, or at least immediately after your first quarrel.

Once marital relationships have deteriorated to the point you describe, one faces the difficult task of repairing damaged feelings and outlook before any attempt can be made to deal with the original sources of the trouble. As you are beginning to discover, continued quarreling is clearly symptomatic of truly serious marital difficulties for it not only indicates the couple's inability to solve their problems but also reflects a growing indisposition even to try to find workable solutions.

Although every marriage problem has unique traits, in this regard the significant point is not so much what happens as to whom it happens, the history of your case reveals several typical features that merit comment. In the hope that further discus-

sion of these features will throw some light on your problems and also prove useful to others, let us consider them briefly before trying to answer the specific questions you asked.

The first typical feature we note is that your courtship period was very brief. For young couples in particular, four months does not allow sufficient time either to become adequately acquainted, to test the quality of their affection, or to discover their ability to work out mutually satisfactory adjustments as a couple.

Such brief courtship periods always suggest that couples have little understanding or appreciation of the personal commitments marriage involves as a life-partnership. Since the marriage contract solves no problems, and there has been no serious attempt to discover or resolve individual differences during courtship, destructive quarreling frequently starts almost at once.

A further typical feature is the overall pattern of quarreling, separation and reconciliation. People never seem to realize that reconciliation following serious, unresolved conflicts are useless and generally prove harmful, unless the estranged partners recognize clearly the original sources of conflict and sincerely resolve to eliminate or notably modify them. Because separations normally involve numerous inconveniences and usually arouse considerable concern among relatives or friends, reconciliations are generally easily effected, though the couple may have experienced no growth in mutual understanding and the underlying causes of their conflicts remain.

As the history of your marriage shows so clearly, Larry, your numerous reconciliations were useless, for they were apparently based on no analysis of your real problems and consequently involved no practical programs of action. The mere confession of sorrow for past failures has little meaning. True reconciliation, whether in the confessional or in marriage, implies a firm purpose of amendment, and this necessarily involves a sincere analysis of causes.

Another typical feature appearing in your case is the tendency to ignore the seriousness of the situation. No real effort is made to modify the state of tension and conflict until, at a given point, one or both partners may lose all interest in preserving the union. Some husbands and wives are either too lacking in insight or too self-centered to recognize that their partners are being pushed to the breaking-point.

Ignoring their spouse's pleas, threats, or suggestions that they seek counseling help, they appear surprised and shocked when the partner walks out or declares their union has lost all meaning. At this point, as all too many discover, it is a little late to begin being cooperative.

This brings us to your questions, Larry. May a wife refuse to be reconciled? In theory the answer is obvious. Since separation does not affect the marriage contract, she is always bound to do what she can to make the marriage succeed, and this would involve remaining receptive to honest attempts at reconciliation. But in practice it is not easy to terminate what constitutes an "honest attempt." If previous

# New Topic for Class

# Movie Appreciation

Rockville Centre — (NC) — Edward Fischer is a firm believer that movies are going to get better than ever.

"One hundred years from now," he predicted, "the art form we're going to be judged by won't be the novel, the poem or the stage play, but the motion picture."

Fischer, associate professor in the communications arts department at the University of Notre Dame, said he frankly is puzzled "why we're not paying more serious attention to the movie medium."

He was interviewed here upon his return from Italy, where he served as a juror at the Venice Film Festival and before he boarded a train to return to Notre Dame. Fischer disputed the reputation which has been attached to film festivals.

"All you read about these festivals are stories about some girl running around with half a bikini on," he said. "But how many people know, for instance, that the Patriarch of Venice celebrates a special Mass of the Cinema during the Venice festival each year?"

He stressed that Pope John XXIII when he was Patriarch of Venice inaugurated the festival Mass. And he added: "But

one guy gets drunk at a festive party, hits somebody and everyone reads about it in the papers and thinks — that's the festival."

Fischer was one of seven jurors sent to the Venice festival by the International Catholic Film Office. He is the movie-TV critic for Ave Maria magazine and his recent book, "The Screen Arts," is required reading in cinema classes at Stanford, UCLA, and the University of Southern California schools.

# UN, Missions Aid Refugees

By GERALD WILLIAMS

Leopoldville — (NC) — Catholic missionaries, the United Nations and other agencies are making a strenuous joint effort to resettle here in the Congo the swiftly rising number of refugees from strife-torn Rwanda, a U.S. priest reported.

Father Roland Borden of the Alexandria, La., diocese, representative of Catholic Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference in Leopoldville, told me on his return from an inspection trip to a resettlement camp:

"With the 20 refugees we brought in our jeep and another 100 arrived in the evening, the population of Bibwe had risen to 3,616. Another 500 refugees were waiting in nearby Goma for immediate regroupment in Bibwe. Approximately 3,000 more will be settled at Bibwe in the next three to six months."

Since 1961, more than 60,000 refugees from neighboring Rwanda have come to the Congo, mainly to northern Kivu province, as a result of the widespread tribal fighting and political battles that broke out in that central African country in 1959. Close to 100,000 refugees have fled to other African nations, mostly to Uganda and Tanganyika.

THE REFUGEES are Batutsi, members of a tribe that imposed its rule on the Bahutu people of Rwanda centuries ago. The Batutsi made up about 15 per cent of the population of Rwanda, which became an independent nation in June. As independence approached, Rwanda's former Belgian rulers, who for years had governed indirectly through the Batutsi chieftains, switched their favor to the Bahutu, who then rose up against their one-time Batutsi masters.

The Batutsi are fleeing Rwanda so fast that Father Borden estimated that one refugee center alone — Bibwe — might grow to 10,000 people by next January.

Bibwe is one of eight projected resettlement camps in Kivu province begun under the guidance of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, aided by the Kivu provincial government, CRS-NCWC and White Fathers in cooperation with other volunteer agencies. The White Fathers staff the Goma diocese in which Bibwe is located. The camp at Bibwe is operated by a quasi-governmental agency in Kivu province called MIP (Mission d'Installations des Populations Indigenes), with the help of a diocesan priest, four Brothers and three Sisters, themselves refugees from Rwanda. They are assisted by a UN community development technician.

Chief advisor to the settlement is Brother John Bosco, a Trappist from Rwanda.

# Old Coins For New Gym

Voehringen — (NC) — A century-old cache of 420 gold and silver coins has been turned up in a lot belonging to a Catholic German parish here.

The treasure was discovered when the land, which had been used as a dump, was being cleared to build a gym.

Dates on some of the coins go as far back as 1774. It is believed that the village pastor buried the coins during the Seven Weeks War between Austria and Prussia in 1866 to keep them from Prussian plunderers.

# De Gaulle In Emperor Role

Cologne — (NC) — France's President Charles de Gaulle on visiting the Cologne cathedral (Sept. 5) was asked by the college of canons to take his seat on the ancient imperial throne — the first time anyone has been invited to sit there since 1520. The holy Roman Emperor Charles V occupied the throne — on the epistle side of the sanctuary — shortly after his coronation in Aix-la-Chapelle (Aachen).

# Council Films To Be Aired

"Americans at the Council," a special half-hour film on the Second Vatican Council, will be telecast over the CBS-TV Network, Sunday, Oct. 21, at 10:30 a.m. The program is produced by CBS Public Affairs in cooperation with the National Council of Catholic Men.

The show will consist of film footage of the colorful opening ceremonies, shot by RAI (Italian TV), and interviews of leading American prelates, journalists and observers in Rome for the Council. Among those invited for interviews are Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York, Bishop John Wright of Pittsburgh, and Claud Nelson, Protestant author of "The Vatican and All Christians" (Association Press).

Prints of the film will be available after the telecast for rental to schools and parish groups for non-theatrical, non-profit showings. Requests should be addressed to NCCM, Radio-TV, 50 East 42 Street, (Room 1501); New York 17, New York.

# Fire Damages Jesuit College

Buenos Aires — (RNS) — A fire of unknown origin wrecked parts of the Jesuit El Salvador College in downtown Buenos Aires.

The blaze apparently started in a classroom after students had left and soon spread to other areas of the college which occupies an entire city block. Firemen fought the flames for an hour before bringing them under control.

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reconciliations have ended in failure and there is little positive proof of real growth in insight or reform of conduct, she may well be wary of facile promises.

What can you do? While she's in her present mood,

avoid pestering her with calls and petitions. If possible, work through a third party — relatives or friends.

There should be no thought of reconciliation until both have had counseling help — in a sense, you will have to

make a wholly new start in your marriage. Above all, you'll need a good deal of prayer — your damaged union is beyond the reach of natural means, for without divine help it is unlikely that there will be even an attempt to try again.

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