

Work Starts At Vatican N.Y. Exhibit

New York — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII, in a transatlantic radio message marking ground-breaking ceremonies for the Vatican Pavilion at the New York World's Fair site at Flushing Meadows, conveyed his best wishes for the success of the 1964 event.

After the pontiff spoke and imparted his blessing to laborers and fair officials connected with the construction of the Vatican Pavilion, a signal was given to start pile-driving operations for the Holy See's exhibit.

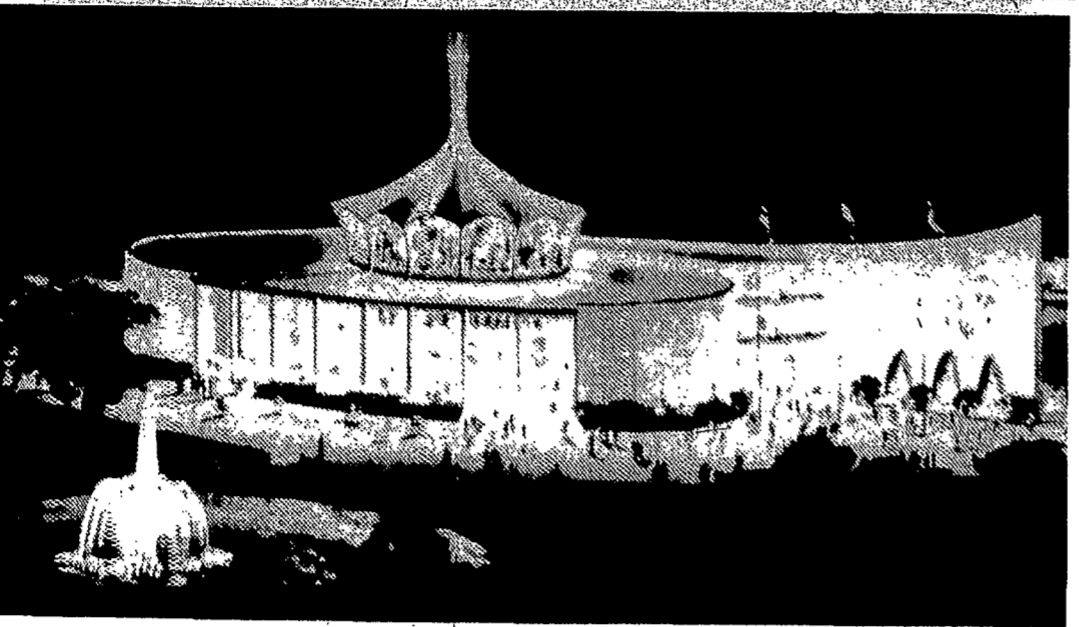
Dominating the Vatican Pavilion will be Michelangelo's famed "Pieta," a representation of the Madonna and the Crucified Christ, normally housed in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. Pope John agreed to loan the "Pieta" for exhibit after conversations with Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

The Vatican Pavilion, which is to be constructed on an oval-shaped plot of land measuring 50,000 square feet, will cost approximately \$2,000,000. Surmounted by a lantern and a cross, it will rise to about 100 feet and measure 208 feet in length and 135 feet in width.

In his message, Pope John said the New York World's Fair "will bear testimony to what the genius and labors of men have been able to accomplish for the progress of civilization."

Also, he went on, it will contribute, "without doubt, to the solidarity of people and to their fruitful collaboration for the welfare of humanity."

"To this end, we cherish the hope that this remarkable progress of science will serve for the spiritual progress of mankind, without which there can be neither true prosperity nor secure peace," the pontiff stressed.



Vatican Pavilion At World's Fair

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII (at top) presses a switch in the Vatican that sent a signal starting pile-driving operations for the Vatican Pavilion at the New York World's Fair grounds at Flushing Meadows. Next to the Pope is Cardinal Spellman of New York. In rear are Bishop Bryan McEntegart of Brooklyn, and Thomas J. Deegan, Jr., of the Fair Committee. At bottom is an artist's sketch of the Vatican Pavilion. The oval-shaped pavilion, to be built at a cost of about \$2,000,000, will be 100 feet high and topped by a lantern and a cross. Dominating the exhibit will be Michelangelo's famed "Pieta," a statue representing the Madonna and the Crucified Christ, normally housed in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican.

Church in India Loyal to Nehru

Rome — (NC) — India's Bishops have called on their country's Catholics in a joint pastoral letter to support its government in the undeclared war between India and Red China. At the same time, Valerian Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay; Bishop Stephen Ferrando, S.D.B., of Shillong, and Bishop Orestes Marengo, S.D.B., of Dibrugarh, have left here to return to their sees.

THE DECISION to issue the letter and for the prelates' return was taken at a meeting here of all Indian Bishops attending the ecumenical council.

The sporadic border clashes which have taken place between the Indians and Chinese communists along their Himalayan frontier for several years erupted into a major armed conflict in October when the Chinese launched an offensive. India's government has proclaimed a state of national emergency and asked the U.S. for arms.

The Indian Bishops said in their letter: "The government of our country under the leadership of our beloved Prime Minister (Jawahar Lal Nehru) is taking energetic steps to confront the challenge offered by a powerful adversary. We are sure that all of you will collaborate to the fullest with the government in a spirit of loyalty and true patriotism."

The Bishops added that "we wish to express to (the armed forces) our admiration and our gratitude for their courage and sense of duty and we assure them that we pray constantly for them and their families."

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Lutherans Hear Nun

New York — (NC) — A Catholic nun will be one of the principal speakers at the National Lutheran Welfare Conference here November 13 and 14.

Sister M. Emmanuel, director of social service at St. Philomena's Training School, Brooklyn, will speak at the conference cosponsored by the welfare committees of the National Lutheran Council and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It will be concerned with the welfare and charitable projects under Lutheran auspices, particularly institutional care for children.

Laos Needs Peace Corps

Minneapolis — (NC) — Father Matt Menger, O.M.I., an American Oblate missionary for many years in Laos, said here that the Peace Corps is needed to keep Laos from going communist.

Father Menger said corps officials told him the situation there is "too dangerous" for peace corps members, but the priest said: "I don't think any place in the world should be considered too dangerous in the battle against communism."

Church Conducts Vast School System In India

Trivandrum — (RNS) — The Catholic Church conducts more than 7,000 educational institutions of all types in India, it was disclosed here in the 1962 edition of the Catholic Directory of India.

Included in the total are 76 universities and colleges, more than 800 high schools, and 6,152 elementary and middle schools.

The Directory puts the total of students in Catholic institutions at 1,800,000. Of this number, 845,131 are Non-Catholics — nearly 53 per cent of the total enrollment.

Elementary-level schools have enrolled 1,128,512 students, of whom 49 per cent are Non-Catholics, the directory reported. There are more than 420,000 students in Catholic high schools, more than half of whom are Non-Catholics.

The 76 colleges have an enrollment of 39,019 Non-Catholics and 11,605 Catholics.

Calcutta archdiocese ranks first with six colleges and 57 high schools. Bombay archdiocese (51 high schools, three colleges), the Madras-Mysore archdiocese (32 high schools, three colleges), and the Trichur diocese of Kerala (38 high schools, five colleges) follow the Calcutta See's impressive number of educational institutions.

Ontario

Equality for All Pupils

Toronto — (NC) — The Catholic bishops of Ontario have called on the provincial government to give Catholic schools the same treatment given public schools.

The Bishops, in a brief distributed by the English Catholic Education Association of Ontario, said Catholic "separate" schools have "a right to develop in the same manner as the secular schools."

They added: "There can be no question of our desire to meet the highest conceivable standards. Our financial ability to do so may soon be called into question if we do not receive the financial assistance in the same proportion as that which is given to the secular public schools."

to Ontario Premier John Robarts, members of his government and members of the Ontario Legislative Assembly.

The document argues that in fact "the Roman Catholic school is as much a public school as is the secular public school."

It calls for adjustments in such matters as the manner in which taxes collected for education from corporations are distributed and the administration of the new Technical and Vocational Training Assistance Act.

Under the latter law, the federal government pays 75 per cent of the cost of building schools constructed by agreement between the provincial and Federal authorities. The brief complains that up to now "not one cent of this Federal

money has been expended on Roman Catholic institutions."

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Vatican Gift

Algiers — (NC) — The Vatican is sending the University of Algiers a gift of \$1,000 and a sizeable number of books from the Vatican Library as its contribution to the rebuilding of the university's library, which was set on fire early this year by terrorists.

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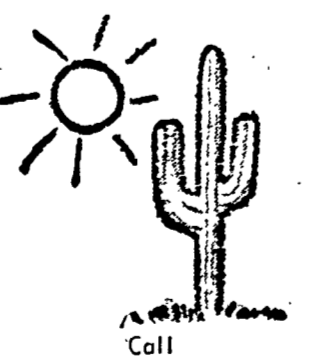
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On the other hand, Our Blessed Lord did not condemn money, but rather said: "My counsel to you is, make use of your base wealth to win yourselves friends who, when you leave it behind, will welcome you into eternal habitations." Who are the friends to whom Our Lord is alluding? The poor, the weak, the suffering? How will they be able to receive us into Heaven? By acting as our defense attorneys, our protectors, our intercessors, who will plead for our souls at death before the throne of God!

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