

At Vatican

Prolonged Debate Seen At Council

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Vatican City — (NC) — As the deliberations of the ecumenical council's second session entered their second week, two conclusions could be drawn from the debates up to that point.

First, great caution is being exercised by the council fathers to avoid forcing any of the issues under consideration.

Second, considerably more time will be required than originally anticipated to reach final decisions.

DURING THE second week of debate, amendment proposed to the schema — draft constitution — on the liturgy were scheduled to be voted on. The liturgy schema was discussed during the council's first session last year, and parts were voted on. Following completion of the voting, the schema will be referred for final approval to His Holiness Pope Paul VI.

Meanwhile, discussion of the schema "On the Nature of the Church" now before the council will continue. But it is already evident that many amendments will be proposed.

In the end, this schema may have to be rewritten in its entirety. This rewriting, a theological expert concerned with the matter said, might take as much as a whole year.

This remark may only reflect the mood of those who are reluctant to go along with far-reaching reforms in the structure of the Church and who are inclined to apply delaying tactics. But the proponents of measures tending toward the inner renewal of the Church, which Pope Paul has so eloquently expressed as the council's principal aim, will nevertheless not want to apply undue pressure.

According to competent informants, the Pope will not interfere in any way whatever with the freedom of the council fathers to let all council fathers have their say without pressing for decisions not acceptable to a clear majority.

The prospects of eventually achieving practical unanimity on key issues consequently appear quite encouraging.

One of these issues has come to the fore with the discussion of episcopal collegiality, which has also been the topic of press conferences given during the first week of the second council session by such outstanding council experts as Father Karl Rahner, S.J., of Innsbruck, Austria, and Father Yves Congar, O.P., noted French theologian.

The exact relationship between the supreme authority of the pope and the authority of the bishops, both as individuals and as a body is at stake, as is the question of how the double aspect of their powers is to be interpreted in the light of the Scriptures.

Archbishop Maximilien Delolme, C.S.R., of Winnipeg, returned to every possible group in this city and asked that they be allowed to speak concerning what they believe to be injustices.

Catholic Welfare Conference, and including those of mission territories.

"This body would have supreme legislative powers directly under the pope, just as the 12 Apostles chosen by Christ and Peter as first among them.

"Under this body would function two secretariats, one for the Latin Rite and one for the Eastern Rites, and they in turn would be assisted in their executive duties by the existing congregations of the Roman curia."

A project along these or similar lines, Archbishop Hermanski said, would promote true unity in the Church, bring about a decentralization of Church administration and at the same time ensure the proper influence of the Eastern Rites. The Canadian prelate said he feels that the Eastern Rites were neglected after the original patriarchate of Rome became separated from the other four patriarchates — Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch and Jerusalem — and various national episcopal conferences, such as the National Council.

Missioner Lashes Out At Whites In Selma

Selma, Ala. — (RNS) — A Catholic priest, in a letter to a local newspaper, lashed out at white residents of this Deep South community for denying Negroes their basic rights.

"When will this community and others like it in Alabama realize that basic rights are not something that can be given or withheld from one citizen by another citizen, playing God?" asked Father Maurice J. Ouellet, S.S.E., pastor of St. Elizabeth's Mission, a parish serving Negroes in Selma.

(Ten Sisters of St. Joseph from the Rochester Diocese were in Selma. Our Sisters have been stationed at St. Elizabeth's Mission since 1948.)

In his letter, which appeared in the Selma Times Journal, the 37-year-old priest also accused Alabama Gov. George Wallace of guiding the state to disaster in his handling of the explosive race situation.

"We have the example of a chief executive, the governor, posing under the guise of states' rights, operations under a false sense of importance and leading the people of this state down the road to chaos," Father Ouellet declared.

THE PRIEST, who has tried without success to form a biracial committee in this community, observed that civil rights belong to all men, regardless of color, creed or color.

"The Negro community has returned to every possible group in this city and asked that they be allowed to speak concerning what they believe to be injustices."

Redemptorists To Mark Beatification

The Redemptorist Fathers of St. Joseph's Church will mark the beatification of the Venerable John Nepomucene Neumann with a triduum of services on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 14, 15 and 16, according to the Very Rev. Joseph Barton, C.S.S., rector.

Father Charles Fehrenbach, C.S.S., of New York City will preach the sermons at 8:15 a.m. and at 5:05 p.m. before the evening Mass.

Bishop Kearney will preside at the Mother of Perpetual Help church on Oct. 16 at noon, when he will bless the Faithful.



VENERABLE JOHN NEPOMUCENE NEUMANN

Bp. Neumann Beatification Listed Sunday

Visited Rochester As Young Priest

Pope Paul will bestow the title "Blessed" this Sunday on Venerable John Nepomucene Neumann, Bohemian-born bishop of Philadelphia and an American citizen.

The age-old and impressive beatification ceremonies will take place in Rome's St. Peter's Basilica.

As a newly ordained priest, Bishop Neumann stopped off at Rochester on his way to the Niagara Frontier and returned here on several occasions. (See Editorial Page.)

BISHOP NEUMANN, who became a Redemptorist Father and eventually Superior General of the Order, was a zealous missionary, educator, builder of churches and spiritual servant of immigrants.

Though he accomplished much in many fields, the prelate was truly "a hero apart from grand undertakings," in the words of Pope Benedict XV, who declared him Venerable in 1921.

The man who was to become the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia defied any fantasy, and his humility, often misunderstood, was like a cloak covering his achievements.

As a pioneer missionary, Father Neumann spread the Faith throughout various regions of Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York, Maryland and Virginia from 1840 to 1860.

In the educational field, he established the first unified system of Catholic schools under a diocesan board, introduced nuns and Brothers into the Philadelphia diocese as teachers, and wrote a catechism and Bible history for the faithful.

As an administrator, Bishop Neumann helped construct 30 churches in the Philadelphia diocese, conducted visitation tours in pioneer settlements and held three diocesan synods. The Bishop also organized the first diocesan schedule of the Forty Hours' Devotion in America.

ABLE to converse in 10 languages, he avoided the solitude desired by scholars for the apostolate of action. His facility in languages became an effective tool in embedding the Faith firmly into many European immigrants to the U.S.

Father Neumann worked among Germans in the region of Niagara Falls, set up the first national parish for Italians (St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi) in the U.S. in 1853 in south Philadelphia, and even learned Gaelic so that he could hear confessions of the Irish who settled in a mountainous region of Pennsylvania.

In Trevorton, Pa., one day in 1856, an elderly lady went into the confessional where Bishop

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an area in western New York as large as his native land. He worked four years as a pioneer missionary along the Niagara frontier and the Buffalo area, where he ministered to hundreds of immigrants.

In 1840 Father Neumann began his novitiate as a Redemptorist. On January 10, 1842, he made his profession of vows in Baltimore. He became even more of a traveler then, going out among the settlements of Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Two years later the Redemptorists made him superior of their parish in Pittsburgh. In 1847 Father Neumann was named superior of all Redemptorists working in the U.S. Although the superior, he always chose for himself the most self-effacing tasks while on mission assignments, leading in celebration of the Rosary rather than giving the principal sermon, and spending many hours daily in the confessional.

On February 1, 1862, Pope Pius IX named him Bishop of Philadelphia. The See entrusted to the 1-year-old prelate covered 30,000 square miles. It was made up of the present Diocese of Trenton, N.J., a portion of Altoona-Johnstown, Pa., and Camden, N.J. dioceses, all of Harrisburg, Pa., Scranton, Pa., and Wilmington, Del. dioceses, plus the present Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

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Bishop Appoints Monsignor Maney Vicar General

Bishop Kearney has appointed the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney a Vicar General of the Diocese of Rochester. It was announced this week by the Chancellor.

Monsignor Maney, along with Auxiliary Bishop Casey and Monsignor James C. McAnill, also Vicar General, will assist the Bishop in administration and government of the Diocese. Bishop Casey and Monsignor McAnill are now in Rome attending sessions of the Second Vatican Council.

APPOINTED PASTOR of Corpus Christi Church in 1957, Monsignor Maney served as administrator of the parish since 1955.

This most recent appointment given Monsignor Maney is the latest of many honors received "in recognition of his many accomplishments and his many years of outstanding service to the Church in the Diocese of Rochester," according to Bishop Kearney.

While serving as Vice Chancellor and secretary to the Bishop, Monsignor Maney was named a Papal Chamberlain in 1952 by Pope Pius XII. Appointed Chancellor, a position comparable to treasurer, of the Rochester Diocese in 1954, Monsignor was elected to the Board of Diocesan Consultors the following year.

He was named a Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor in 1956 by Pope Pius.

In January of this year, Monsignor Maney received the miter, ring and robes of a Protonotary Apostolic in ceremonies at Corpus Christi Church. This honor gave him the right to wear the vestments of a bishop and to conduct religious ceremonies according to pontifical ritual. It is the highest dignity in the Monsignor's rank.

A native of Geneva, the new Vicar General made his preparatory studies for the priesthood at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. Further theological studies were pursued at the Gregorian University in Rome, where Monsignor Maney was ordained on July 30, 1939.

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BISHOP SMITH

Ogdensburg Bishop Dies In Rome

Rome — Bishop Leo R. Smith, Bishop of Ogdensburg since May, 1962 and former Auxiliary Bishop of Buffalo, died Wednesday, Oct. 9, 1963, of a heart attack at a Rome clinic. He was 58. He was staying at the clinic while attending the second session of the Vatican Ecumenical Council.

Bishop Smith was auxiliary bishop of the Buffalo diocese from 1952 until his appointment as Ordinary of Ogdensburg. He was in Rome for the Ecumenical Council last year when Bishop Burke of Buffalo was stricken by a fatal heart attack.

POPE PAUL offered his morning Mass on Wednesday for Archbishop Salvatore Sino, Papal nuncio to the Philippines, who died of a heart attack on Tuesday and for Bishop Smith.

Bishop Smith was ordained in Rome in 1929. He was a native of Attica.

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The Church Universal

Vatican City — Prelates attending the second session of the Second Vatican Council stream out of St. Peter's Basilica after an early meeting of the Church congress. Some 2,500 Council Fathers from all over the world — cardinals, archbishops, bishops, abbots and other ecclesiastical dignitaries — are in Rome for the conciliar. The first topic taken up by the prelates has been the schema "De Ecclesia" on the nature of the Church. (RNS Photo)

Religion, Race Meet Scheduled October 30

The Rochester Conference on Religion and Race sponsored by Diocese of Rochester (Catholic), the Jewish Community Council of Rochester and Rochester Area Council of Churches will take place, Wednesday, Oct. 30 according to Rev. Robert G. Kreckel, chaplain of Rochester Interracial Council.

Daytime sessions will be held at 55 St. Paul St. and dinner at B'nai B'rith Hodesha Auditorium, 2131 Elmwood Ave. from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Speakers to be heard are: Dr. Abraham Joshua Heschel, professor of Jewish Ethics and Mysticism, The Jewish Theological Seminary of America; Rev. Edler G. Hawkins, founder and senior minister, St. Augustine Presbyterian Church, New York City and Very Rev. Msgr. Daniel M. Cantwell, full-time chaplain to Catholic Lay Action Organization, Archdiocese of Chicago.

Purpose of the conference as announced is to make it clear that discrimination is a moral and religious issue. Its primary objective is to touch the conscience of professed religious believers so that they will actively work to eliminate the sin of discrimination and social injustice in this community.

The conference is open to all community leaders. They were invited directly to participate because they have religious convictions and, as leaders, owe particular responsibility to a community of faith.

Dr. Heschel will give the keynote address, Dr. Hawkins, the luncheon address and Monsignor Cantwell, the dinner talk.