

# Pope's Trip 'A Return to Sources'

COURIER-JOURNAL  
Friday, Dec. 30, 1963

(Continued from Page 1)

the spiritual recollection of the Christian spirit on their faces, tears in their eyes, and in a spirit of unity, on Golgotha which was wet with the most holy blood of Christ and before the Sepulcher whence sprang reconciliation and forgiveness; they could, for the glory of the holy name of Christ and for the profit of all humanity, open the way to the complete establishment of Christian unity according to the sacred will of the Saviour.

The initial reaction of the Patriarchate of Moscow to the proposal from Constantinople (Istanbul) was measured, a spokesman noting "its extreme importance" and promising that "it will surely be the subject of a long and careful examination by the leadership of the Russian Orthodox Church before a decision is taken."

The sincerity of the sentiments of Patriarch Athenagoras are well-known in Rome. As Greek Orthodox archbishop in Boston he was a close, personal friend of Cardinal Cushing.

But the scope of his authority, it is realized, must not be exaggerated. The continuing hostility of the Hellenic Greeks under Metropolitan Chrysostomos, to any contact with Rome is a factor the Ecumenical Patriarch must bear always in mind. Moreover, his control over his own Church is largely a mirage, one, the affairs of the Patriarchate of Constantinople being governed by a synod consisting of 11 bishops and presided over by the patriarch.

The synod elects the patriarch and may depose him as has

happened not infrequently, the last case being that of Patriarch Meletios whose anathematized letter of 1920 proposing a league of churches paralleling the new League of Nations did much to bring the Orthodox into the life and work movement, one of the ecumenical organizations later to fuse with the World Council of Churches.

## Bitter Memories

The synod has, then, enormously more power than the Roman Curia. It is not merely conservative as most bureaucracies are but is rootedly anti-Roman, harboring the memory of the past injustices of the Fourth Crusade which sacked Constantinople.

Father Pierre Duprey, a brilliant, charming White Father, formerly of the Seminary of St. Anne at the Pool of Bethesda in the City of Jerusalem and now as the secretary of the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, was sent to Istanbul with a wholly private letter informing Patriarch Athenagoras of the Pope's travel plans. Given the tradition of hospitality of the Orient, it seems likely that the Ecumenical Patriarch will be the first to meet the Pope's visit, since that portion of the shrine is under the jurisdiction of the Greeks.

In the meantime the governments of Israel and Jordan are making arrangements to welcome their guest. Israel is announcing an inter-cabinet committee of supervision with six

members, one of the ecumenical organizations later to fuse with the World Council of Churches.

It is not altogether impossible — although improbable — that the Pope's presence might occasion a meeting between King Hussein of Jordan and President Zalman Shazar of Israel. Anything would happen when even Radio Moscow blurted its astonishment at this "sensational news."

The Pope is "sensational" because the world, particularly the Catholic world, had been accustomed to viewing the Pope as a permanent fixture of Rome, almost to a moment. Returning to the Tower of London, the Tower Gardens in Copenhagen, the Louvre in Paris, the Leaning Tower of Pisa — and "then we saw the Pope in Rome."

Even when the Lateran Treaty of 1929 put an end to the self-imposed exile of the "prisoner of the Vatican," the Pope's autonomy in his summer villa at Castel-Gandolfo, a Roman hillside suburb, caused the newspapers to speculate on "what may be said in the Holy See." It was in the center of Christianity and people came to him. Thus, the last two meetings of the Catholic bishops of the world in a General Council have been held in Rome.

True, Pope John XXIII took a dropping into hospital, some carries even visiting the Regina Coeli in the Eternal City when he explained, "I do not come to see you, I decided to open to see you." Before the opening of the Vatican Council Pope John took the Pope to the Vatican of Loretto and Assisi but the pilgrimage was deemed a sentimental excursion of a pious old man.

And now a Pope leaves the Western world to go to the Near East where perhaps he'll be met by a group of "heli-copters" will take him from sacred scene to sacred scene. The Pope breaks with tradition but the route has immense significance.

## First Since Peter

It is a return to sources: "We will see that blessed land which Peter set out and to which none of his successors has returned," Pope Paul declared. It was the centrality of Christ that was the dominant theme of the papal discourse opening this past session of the Council: "We should proclaim Christ to ourselves and to the world around us; Christ our guide, Christ our hope and our end."

How normal, on reflection, his pilgrimage to "the spots made sacred by Christ" and at Bethlehem, the birthplace of the Christ, at Passover to Jerusalem, the site of his death, and at Nazareth, the place of his infancy, all marking to new acts for peace and unity.

THERE IS MUCH speculation about the immediate inspiration of the pontiff's pilgrimage. It is known that as Cardinal Me-

liani he told a bishop of Galilee that a visit to the Holy Land was the dream of his life. The confidence was made to Melkite Bishop Georges Hakim who each year invites groups of bishops to the Holy Places at Palestine. At the end of Pope John's second session, 200 archbishops and bishops were officially received by the Israeli government.

French actress privately suggest the influence of an ultra-French priest in the decision.

Father Joseph Gaudier, a former secretary, professor of theology, is a slim, intense man in his early forties with a passion for the poor. Unable to give himself to the discredited priest-worker movement in France, like Charles de Foucauld and St. Ignatius before him, Father Gaudier went off to the Holy Land to identify himself with the humble life of Christ in the humble surroundings Christ knew at Nazareth. Working among the poor, he decided to try to improve their appalling living conditions and, with the help of the Israeli government, formed a housing cooperative. Young men from Europe came to join him.

Today on a wooded slope of Nazareth, 250 small, white cement units stand. When two years ago I met Father Gaudier in the wooden shack that serves as private chapel, bedroom, library and construction headquarters, he invited me to both a mosque and a man of action. With a smile he recounted his inquiry at a government office about the feasibility of

(Continued on Page 3)

## Pope's Visit With Workers

ROME, Dec. 29 (AP) — Pope Paul VI's visit to the Holy Land will be a landmark in the history of the Catholic Church, according to a Vatican spokesman. The Pope's visit to the Holy Land will be a landmark in the history of the Catholic Church, according to a Vatican spokesman. The Pope's visit to the Holy Land will be a landmark in the history of the Catholic Church, according to a Vatican spokesman.

ROME, Dec. 29 (AP) — Pope Paul VI's visit to the Holy Land will be a landmark in the history of the Catholic Church, according to a Vatican spokesman. The Pope's visit to the Holy Land will be a landmark in the history of the Catholic Church, according to a Vatican spokesman.

## Stamp To Mark Pope's Journey

ROME, Dec. 29 (AP) — The Vatican will issue a series of postage stamps to mark the Pope's pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The stamps will be issued in the Vatican City and will be available for sale in the Holy Land.

## Pope

(Continued from Page 1)

ROME, Dec. 29 (AP) — Pope Paul VI's visit to the Holy Land will be a landmark in the history of the Catholic Church, according to a Vatican spokesman. The Pope's visit to the Holy Land will be a landmark in the history of the Catholic Church, according to a Vatican spokesman.

ROME, Dec. 29 (AP) — Pope Paul VI's visit to the Holy Land will be a landmark in the history of the Catholic Church, according to a Vatican spokesman. The Pope's visit to the Holy Land will be a landmark in the history of the Catholic Church, according to a Vatican spokesman.

ROME, Dec. 29 (AP) — Pope Paul VI's visit to the Holy Land will be a landmark in the history of the Catholic Church, according to a Vatican spokesman. The Pope's visit to the Holy Land will be a landmark in the history of the Catholic Church, according to a Vatican spokesman.

A report in the Office of Economic Development

## Catholic Hindu Yoga

Chicago (RN) — Father de Mello, an Indian-born priest, is practicing Hindu yoga in his spare time. He said first time in his life he is seeking conversion.

He said he is practicing Hindu yoga in his spare time. He said first time in his life he is seeking conversion. He said he is practicing Hindu yoga in his spare time. He said first time in his life he is seeking conversion.

He said he is practicing Hindu yoga in his spare time. He said first time in his life he is seeking conversion. He said he is practicing Hindu yoga in his spare time. He said first time in his life he is seeking conversion.

He said he is practicing Hindu yoga in his spare time. He said first time in his life he is seeking conversion. He said he is practicing Hindu yoga in his spare time. He said first time in his life he is seeking conversion.

He said he is practicing Hindu yoga in his spare time. He said first time in his life he is seeking conversion. He said he is practicing Hindu yoga in his spare time. He said first time in his life he is seeking conversion.

## Irish Priest Dies At

ROME, Dec. 29 (AP) — An Irish priest, Fr. John J. O'Connell, died of a heart attack in Rome. He was 65 years old. He had been in Rome for several years.

# GIVE A GIFT WITH THE FORMAN FLAIR

Just clip out what you want and come, write or phone HA 6-2000

B. FORMAN CO. IN MIDTOWN • ON THE PLAZA



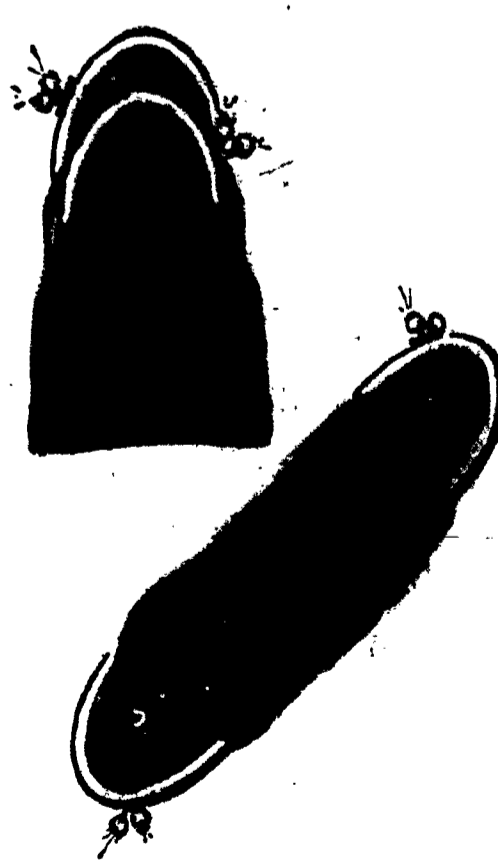
**Blouse in a woman's favor**  
Rhinestone-centered flowers highlight a festive fashion in acetate and rayon. White, gray or beige, 38 to 44 sizes. 8.00. In Forman's collection, Woman's Sportswear, Second Floor, Downtown.



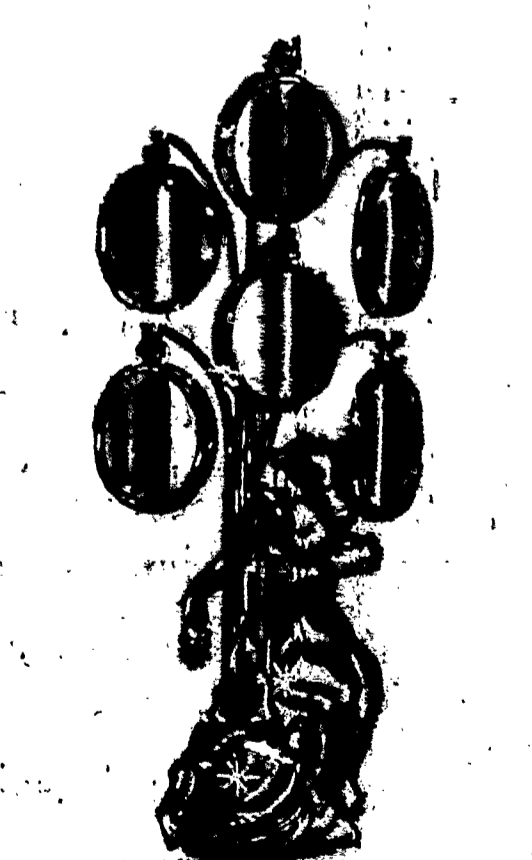
**Silver course in elegance**  
Silver-plated food crystal salad bowl with silver-plated serving fork and spoon. 7.50. One among many impressive Forman imports in the Gift Shop, Lower Level, Downtown, Culver-Ridge.



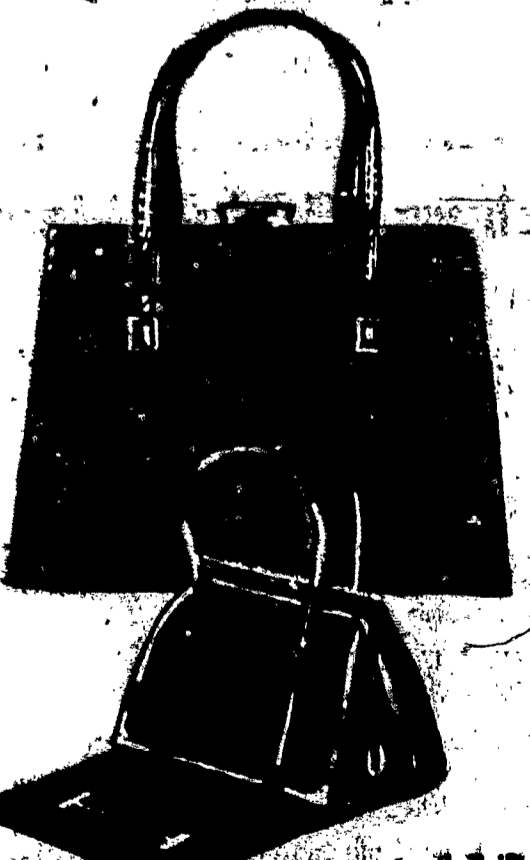
**Warming trend in gloves**  
Very thoughtful gift for a lady who's often out in the cold. Forman's hand sewn reverse lamb skin gloves from England. Tan or brown shades. 12.50. Street Floor, Downtown, Culver-Ridge.



**Change purse on the double**  
Twice the fashion in Forman's clever little two-compartment leather purse, imported from Italy. Black and red with "jeweled" clasps. 6.00 plus tax. Handbags, Street Floor, Downtown, Culver-Ridge.



**Angelic setting for miniatures**  
Proud mother or grandmother will keep six of her favorite photographs charmingly on view in this unique, gold-tone metal tree. 8.00. Stationery, Street Floor, Downtown, Culver-Ridge.



**Slipcover handbag—3 in 1**  
Quick fashion trick! Black potini bag with reversible slipcover, fabric on one side, cut velvet, tapestry or baroque cloth on the other. 9.00 plus tax. Street Floor, Downtown, Culver-Ridge.



**Velour for his leisure**  
Forman's imported, valuable pullover shirt zips to a fur-trimmed ribbed collar, cuffs, bottoms, neck, gold, olive, blue, taupe, navy. 5, M, L, XL. 9.00. Men's Shop, Street Floor, Downtown, Culver-Ridge.