



Bishop Kearney predicted "miracles of grace" will take place in the St. Martin de Porres Puerto Rican Center, Clifton Ave. into North, Rochester, following ceremonies honoring the Sacred Heart there Tuesday evening. The rite was held on the eve of the feast of St. John the Baptist, patron saint of the...

Means. The Bishop said it is "not enough to look at an image" but all who pass the Sacred Heart statue which he put in place at the Center should have "a prayer in your heart" to "counter-balance so much hate now prevalent in this world with love for God and all our fellowmen." Attending the Tuesday cere-

mony were priests active in the local Puerto Rican community, residents of the area, the volunteers who staff the Center and scores of youngsters. The year old Center was established by Mrs. Margaret Muchard to provide religious and social services to Rochester's Puerto Ricans.

Through God Colored Glasses

The Red Citizens Council

Why, you're—you're an Indian! A real Indian!

Yes, Yes I am, I'm an Indian, I'm flattered that you would notice. But that is quite correct, I am indeed an Indian.

I can tell. By your face, it's all red.

Oh, yes, of course. That would give the whole thing away, wouldn't it? Of course you understand that some of that is sun-burn. But underneath — yes, I'm really red there too. And all over.

And then there are those feathers. And the war paint.

Yes, the war paint. I'd forgotten I still had the war paint on. That would be another clue, of course.

But why would you be wearing war paint on a day like this, Indian?

I'm working. I'm on the war path just now, and one always wears war paint when one is on the war path.

You're working? Who do you work for?

I represent the Red Citizens' Council, an earnest, dedicated group of ardent Indians, consecrated to the cause of returning America to the Red Man, and protecting our Chippewa way of life.

Chippewa?

We're a hate group, actually. Of course we love our paleface brothers, because we're all religious people, but that doesn't mean we can't hate them. We feel our society would be in really good shape if it weren't for those abominable palefaces. When the boats brought them over from their native Europe is when all the trouble started — picketing, sit-ins, and that business. Those palefaces have dragged down our morals, lowered our educational standards. They've — why, do you know that most palefaces don't even know how to hunt buffalo any more. Or — or scrape skins. Or cure medicines on trees. That sort of thing.

There's a pretty pressing shortage of people equipped to do that?

Just look at this nation, what's become of it since the palefaces came. When they first came over here we gave them all spot-less new tepees, and they ruined them, let them rot, moved into vile and unsanitary buildings of stone or brick or wood, buildings you can't even light a fire in, or the whole mess goes up in smoke.

My goodness.

Now of course some of my best friends are palefaces. And I'm a religious man, you know, respecting other men. But, frankly, can anything good or useful be made out of a paleface?

There's something in what you say.

They insisted on moving next door to us, right in with us, until we retired into the reservations. No palefaces there, let me tell you. Why don't they go back to Europe where they came from, take New York with them, and let us hunt our buffalo.

And notch those trees.

But we do our work. Spread a little divisiveness here, a little disunion there. Only thing is, some of our medicine men are starting to preach tolerance. Say, did you know that the Bible proves beyond a shadow

The civil rights struggle has let loose a storm of eloquent oratory. Segregationist charges have been met with integrationist counter-charges. Both sides quote Scripture to prove God is on their side.

A welcome bit of humor on the thorny subject is this pointed lesson by Dominican Father Gilbert Roxburgh written for the New Orleans archdiocesan paper, the Clarion Herald. We thought Courier subscribers would like to read it too.



of a doubt that palefaces are definitely inferior to us Indians and our Chippewa way of life!

The Bible says that?

It certainly does — if you know how to read it correctly. Gets a little complicated, but see if you can't follow me. Now you remember that Eden was Adam's place of perfect happiness, don't you? Well, Cain, Adam's son, killed Abel, whose blood was spilled on the ground. Now the blood was, of course, red, you understand . . .

Of course . . .

Then Cain was condemned to wander in the area east of Eden. "East of Eden" I do you see?

Er—no.

The area east of Eden — which was, presumably, as far from the red blood as he could get. Do you follow?

Er—no.

In the West, of course. Red blood is in the West. That's us, the Indians. And this country is the West, and it belongs to us Indians, because we're the greatest, while the palefaces belong as far from us as possible in the East, and we only let those palefaces have separate but equal facilities until they take New York and go back to Europe and follow a paleface way of life, and leave America for the Indians and their Chippewa way of life.

Couldn't you just show a little regard for the palefaces and try and live peaceably with them?

What? And go against the Bible?

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Prayer Amendment Ready for 'Burial'

The U.S. Catholic bishops left a Catholic Congressman on a cracking constitutional limb this week.

Many of the bishops voiced sharp criticism of Supreme Court rulings in 1962 and 1963 which ruled out prayers and religious practices in public schools. Congressman Frank J. Becker of New York promptly proposed an amendment to the Constitution to allow restoration of the prayers and religious practices.

He expected strong backing from the nation's Catholics, but the support never materialized.

His proposed amendment, under scrutiny by the House Judiciary Committee for the past seven weeks is considered now a doomed issue.

The spokesman who first gave their views to the Committee gave strong support to the Becker proposal but support has now "fallen off to a whisper," according to a report in the Wall Street Journal.

None of the U.S. Catholic bishops appeared before the Committee to support the proposal.

This week the legal department of their national coordinating agency, the National Catholic Welfare Conference, advised them to continue their "attitude of caution and reserve" on the subject.

Becker claims his amendment would "return the First

Amendment to its original meaning" which the Supreme Court, he claims, has distorted in its recent decisions — such as the New York Regents Prayer case.

The NCWC legal experts, however, don't want to tamper with the First Amendment. They think its "present clauses are of incalculable benefit to religion" as they are, without need for Becker's clarifications.

"The first amendment separates church and State by prohibiting establishment of religion and also by prohibiting government interference with the free exercise of religion. The government is thus under a constitutional obligation to show special respect for the religious liberty of all citizens; forbids to prefer one religion to another, or to prefer irreligion over religion."

The NC statement also said the House Judiciary Committee hearings conducted by chairman Emanuel Celler of New York, "contributed to the confusion presented by the proposals themselves and provided added reason for caution."

"There is too much uncertainty as to what should be done, let alone the possible ultimate effect on the existing guarantees," the bishops' advisers said.

Congressman Becker, practically alone, continued his last ditch efforts to salvage his amendment this week. He told his fellow Congressmen that the "opposition" has ignored "the great majority" of Americans.

His comments were made in a plea to members of the House to sign a discharge petition which would take his bill from the Judiciary Committee. Under House rules 218 signatures are required and Mr. Becker needs 52 more to by-pass the committee.

"In listening to the opposition testimony before the Judiciary Committee," he wrote, "I almost forgot I was living in a democracy."

"The word 'democracy' was constantly stressed by the opposition witnesses. All I seemed to hear was the constant refrain, 'We must respect the right of the minority, even a minority of one.'"

"True — but what about the right of the great majority? Is this a thing of the past? I always thought the 'spirit of tolerance' was a two-way street, but it was very apparent the 'opposition' does not think so and only desires the right of the 'minority of one' to receive consideration."

Becker said "many members" of the House had assured him they would sign the discharge petition if the Judiciary Committee failed to act. He asked Congressmen to "let conscience be your guide" in calling for signatures. He said he "believed with all my heart" that "the great mass of the American people support this move to return the First Amendment to its original meaning."

Observers here were divided as to the possible fate of the bill in committee.

Some held that fewer than 10 of the 35 members of the Judiciary Committee actually would vote to report out the bill. Others claimed that it less than a two-thirds vote of the committee were required, it would be sent to the House for four hours of debate and then the vote.

Few foresaw that Becker could secure sufficient signatures to discharge the bill if the committee were to withhold it from the House floor.

The Wall Street Journal article said the "prevailing disposition" of the House Committee was "to bury the prayer issue as quietly as possible."

—Father Henry Atwell

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Pope Promises New Look at Birth Control

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI revealed that the Church is in the process of a major reevaluation of the question of birth control and said that for the present, at least, the pronouncements on the question by Pope Pius XII must be considered valid and binding for all Catholics.

Pope Paul spoke out Tuesday with the apparent intention of ending the current controversy over the possible legitimacy of using certain recently discovered hormone pills which can prevent conception.

He did not refer explicitly to the "pill."

But he said that the Church is being aided by "many eminent scholars" in an intensive study of the question, and that its findings will be revealed as soon as possible. Pending a further pronouncement, he said, nobody is to "take it upon himself to speak in terms different from the norms" laid down by Pius XII.

Pius XII did not, however, condemn every act that would bring about sterilization as side effect, such as the surgical removal of diseased ovaries.

Paul VI's statement came in the course of a 3,000-word discourse before a group of cardinals on the eve of the feast of St. John Baptist, his baptismal patron. He took the occasion to review the first year of his pontificate.

In the course of his talk he also revealed that the Catholic Church is returning to the Orthodox Church of Greece relics of St. Andrew the Apostle which were looted by Latin Crusaders during the sack of Constantinople in 1204.

But the bombshell of his discourse was the reference to the Bible control controversy and his promise to reveal the findings of the current investigation as quickly as possible.

Father Kuchman Pastor at Naples



FATHER KUCHMAN

Father Bernard Kuchman is the new pastor of St. Januarius Church, Naples, and St. Matthias Church, Atlanta.

He was named by Bishop Kearney this week to succeed Father Henry Bleier who died Monday, June 15.

The new pastor has been a curate at Holy Redeemer Church, Rochester, for the past seven years.

He is an older brother of the late Father Thomas Kuchman who died at the age of 28 in 1961. "I hope he will help me with his priestly prayers in Heaven," the new pastor said, "and I will try to carry on his priestly spirit in my pastorate."

The new Naples pastor was born Nov. 11, 1913, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kuchman of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish, Rochester. He attended the parish school, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminary.

Following ordination in 1940 he served as assistant pastor at Holy Family, St. Andrew's and St. Philip Neri Churches, Rochester; St. Alphonsus, Auburn; as an Air Force chaplain for two years, then as curate at St. Francis Xavier Church prior to his Holy Redeemer assignment.

He began his pastoral duties Tuesday, June 23.

Roof Off Mass / On

Cawker City, Kan.—(NC)—Eight a.m. Mass went on as scheduled in St. Peter and Paul church here—even though the church roof had just been ripped off by a tornado.

The tornado also damaged the walls and blew out the stained glass windows of the church, which was dedicated last March 6, besides blowing the roof off the parish school and demolishing the rectory garage.

No one was injured by the tornado, and Father Henry Kiefer, pastor, offered the 8 a.m. Mass as usual in the damaged church.

Stamps Build Prison Chapel

Napanoch, N.Y.—(NC)—Cardinal Spellman of New York dedicated here a chapel built within the walls of the Eastern Correctional Institution, from trading stamps solicited in a three-year campaign.

The chapel is known as "St. Jude Within-The-Walls," according to Father Matthew J. Kilbon, Catholic chaplain at the prison.

St. John Fisher Masses In Parish Churches Sunday

The feast of St. John Fisher, patron of the Rochester Diocese, will be solemnized in parish churches this Sunday.

Text of the Mass celebrated on the feast, June 22, may be used again at any two Masses this Sunday.

Clue to the priest's choice will be the color of vestments he wears — if green, it's the Mass text for the sixth Sunday after Pentecost; if red, it's the Mass honoring the sixteenth century martyr-bishop of Rochester, England.

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