

Agenda Readied For Fall Council

Vatican City — (RNS) — The revised texts of some 13 draft resolutions — representing the unfinished business of the Second Vatican Council — will probably be in the hands of the Council Fathers by the first week of July — about two months before the Council reconvenes for its third session on Sept. 14.

This was announced by Vatican Radio in a special commentary which noted that the Coordinating Commission of the Council, headed by Amleto Cardinal Cicognani, Vatican Secretary of State, was expected to approve the drafts at its fifth and final meeting in the week beginning June 22.

One draft, the station said, will take the form of a declaration of the mind of the Council on the Sacrament of Matrimony, while the others "have assumed the form of propositions or resolutions to be submitted for a yes or no vote without discussion."

The six drafts in question, it said, are on the Eastern Churches, the missions, the religious, priests, seminaries and Catholic schools.

The remaining six drafts, it noted, have the form of legislative decrees or constitutions which call for debate on the Council floor before a final vote is taken. Four of them deal with Divine Revelation, the Church (with a chapter on the Blessed Virgin), the position of the laity, the Bishops, collectively and individually, and Christian Unity or Ecumenism.

The attention of the Council Fathers — and, we may certainly say, of the world — Vatican Radio said, "have already been focused on these major schemata during the discussions of the first and second sessions. And, involving as they do several vital and delicate issues, they will undoubtedly occupy a considerable portion of the labors of the third session."

The station said two others of the six major schemata, those on the Lay Apostolate and on the Church in the World, the "long-awaited" schemata 17 — have yet to be presented to the Council.

Original drafts of schema 17, intended to define the pastoral and ecumenical position of the Church, a regard to a host of critical problems facing the human family in our times, have been suggested and prepared by Leo Josef Cardinal Suenens, Archbishop of Malines — Brussels, Belgium.

Lutheran Proposes Unity Plan

Collegeville — (RNS) — A Lutheran pastor from Germany, in a talk at St. John's University here, urged the Second Vatican Council to make possible the reception of entire Non-Catholic Churches into the Roman Catholic Church.

The plea was made at the Catholic school by the Rev. Max Lackmann of Westphalia, co-founder of the League for Evangelical-Catholic Reunion.

"Communities reunited with the Catholic Church," Pastor Lackmann said, "must have their own theological schools."

He said that the formulation of Christian truths varies considerably between the Eastern and Latin Rites of the Roman Catholic Church and yet "unity is conserved in that which is essential... in the dogma, the cult and the government of the Church."

The German pastor suggested that Non-Catholic Churches have much in common with the Catholic Church, mentioning that "certain essential traits of the Catholic Mass are found also in the orthodox divine service of the Evangelical Churches of the Reformation."

It would be a great help and encouragement to Evangelical Christians, he continued, if the Council "would acknowledge the idea of corporate unification as a possibility to be discussed for eliminating the schisms among Christians."

Pastor Lackmann's address was followed by a question and answer period of nearly two hours. His lecture was one of a series on ecumenism.

Bible Scholars Reinstated

Rome — (NC) — Two prominent Scripture scholars who were barred from teaching Biblical interpretation at the Pontifical Biblical Institute two years ago have been reinstated.

Informed sources here revealed that the Congregation of the Holy Office had lifted the ban on Fathers Stanislas Lyonnet, S.J., and Max Zerwick, S.J. For the past two academic years Fathers Lyonnet and Zerwick have been able to offer courses only in ancient languages.

Viet Catholics Ask 'Murder' Case Retrial

Saigon — (NC) — More than 940 Vietnamese priests have urgently requested Prime Minister Mai Gen. Nguyen Khanh to review the case of Maj. Dang Sy, who was condemned June 6 to hard labor for life.

The request, made "on behalf of the Vietnamese Catholic community," was presented in a letter signed by 247 priests, all Vietnamese except for two Canadian Redemptorists.

The trial of Dang Sy, a "frame-up" and the verdict "a stain on the record of Vietnamese justice" and an "act of contempt for human rights."

Dang Sy, a Catholic, was found guilty of "murdering" eight Buddhists during a Buddhist disturbance outside the Hue government radio station on May 8, 1963. As assistant province chief, he was in charge of the security forces called to disperse the crowd and protect the radio station.



OFF TO EUROPE: Sister Rose Alice and Sister Jeanne are shown with some of the 36 Nazareth College students who sailed on the Queen Mary this month for a tour of Europe.

\$5 a Day

Three Girls Hitchhike thru Europe

By FLOYD ANDERSON. Jerusalem — (NC) — Holy Week found three unusual pilgrims in Jerusalem — three young Canadian women who have been hitchhiking through Europe and the Middle East.

All from Manitoba, Canada, all teachers, and each about 25 years old, they wanted to learn about the customs and different ways of life of the European and Middle East countries. Their purpose was, they emphasized, really personal study.

Yvonne Hecault of Bruxelles, Therese Aubin of St. Adolphe and Edme's Rogue of Ile-de-Chene, all in Manitoba, left Canada on Aug. 13 for Ireland and there started their unusual journey. They do not consider it unusual, however, "there are many people who do it in Europe."

Miss Hecault had five friends who did this two years ago, hitchhiking for ten months, all through Europe — and this gave the three teachers the idea.

They work on a budget, telling themselves they will keep all their expenses to \$5 a day. "On the average," said Miss Hecault, "I think we have been living on less than that. At one time it averaged about \$3.50. After we buy all our souvenirs, it will probably climb to \$5 a day."

How do they do it? First, they stay at youth hostels along the way, which is usually only 50 cents a night. "You do have to carry your own sheet," the girls said, but the hostel provides blankets, a cot in a dormitory, and usually cooking facilities.

Each carried a rucksack with a few basic articles — plastic raincoat, plastic over-shoes, a pair of socks, two blouses, one skirt for good wear, another which is "a basic skirt," one towel, a pair of pajamas and underclothes. And, of course, a pair of high-heeled shoes. The weight is 25 to 30 pounds.

A natural question is whether they have had any unpleasant experiences — and their unanimous answer is no. They have a few basic rules — they travel in daylight, and never travel after 5 p.m. Another is that they will not ride in a car with two men.

ON THE WAY to Jerusalem two men in a car stopped and offered a ride. They politely refused, and explained why. The car moved off — but returned in a few minutes with only the driver. He had dropped off his passenger, and now there was only one man in the car. The girls hesitated — but accepted his offer, and he took them all the way to Jerusalem.

They feel that "after seven months of hitchhiking, we know at a glance whether one is a good person."

Their experiences have been interesting, and educational. People have been very nice to them. They were "warned" they could not hitchhike in the Middle East but "the people were just marvelous."

In Lebanon a hotel man took them to Baalbek, which has probably the most complete set of ruins in the world today.

In Egypt, they had a memorable visit to the Valley of the Kings — and their approach to this indicates how they are able to hold costs to a minimum. Crossing the Nile they had a choice of a tourist boat or the Arabian boat (complete with animals).

"Naturally we took the Arab boat. The people tried to ask for more money, but you say no, no. Then, visiting the valley, they had a choice of car or donkey; "the car was too expensive so we took the donkey."

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They had left all their equipment in Cairo and brought only the essentials, including pajamas. They couldn't ride the donkeys comfortably in a skirt and "we saw everybody go around in pajamas, why couldn't we?" So they changed into pajamas. As one remarked, "it isn't so strange over there, because the people of Egypt wear pajamas or a long dress. We didn't feel out of place. Never was so comfortable in my life."

They found the people extremely cordial about the assassination of President Kennedy, "some of them lamented. Some men said they had cried when they heard of it."

Their trip has taken them from Ireland to Wales, England, Scotland, Holland, Belgium, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, and now they are in Jordan. While they are nearing the end of the trip, they feel "we still have to do Israel and Greece — and we haven't finished Italy and France yet."

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They were thinking of getting home in June — "but we might extend it. That depends on our financial situation."

Army Reports Need For More Chaplains

Boston — (RNS) — More than 10,000 "Army" families lack the care of a Catholic chaplain, it was disclosed here.

The report, made by Maj. Gen. Charles E. Brown, Jr., Chief of Army Chaplains, was quoted by Cardinal Cushing of Boston in his weekly column in The Pilot, archdiocesan weekly.

In a letter to Cardinal Cushing and other American prelates, Chaplain Brown, a Methodist clergyman, pointed out that "the shortage of Catholic chaplains in the U.S. Army is one of our ever present concerns. The continued shortage of priests is impossible to explain to soldiers who, by the very nature of their profession, daily face the ultimate reality of death in our defense."



Emergency Rations

Sturgeon Bay, Wis. — (RNS) — A year-old son of a migrant farm worker enjoys a roll at a center operated by the Green Bay Diocese. Several such centers are staffed by priests, nuns and seminarians throughout northeastern Wisconsin to provide a material and spiritual ministry to thousands of Spanish-speaking farm workers in the state for the summer. Nearly 97 per cent are Catholics. Besides providing food, the centers also furnish clothing and medical care for the entire family. The diocese's migrant apostolate is now in its 17th year.

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