



Rochesterian Honored At Pro-Football Ceremonies

LEO V. LYONS of Rochester, a pioneer in professional football and now Historian of the National Football League honored at the annual Hall of Fame ceremonies in Canton, Ohio appears here with principals. They are: (from left) Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes, Bobby Layne, Steelers; Artie Donovan and Buddy Young, Colts; John "Blood" McNally, Steelers. Canton Knights of Columbus furnished a delegation to accompany Lyons in the 70-unit parade marking the

Hall of Fame meeting, Don Miller and Harry Stuhldreher of the Four Horsemen fame at Notre Dame; Cecil Grigg of Austin College, Texas who played with the Jets in Rochester in 1924, Ernie Nevers of Stanford and many other pro-football greats were present. Lyons was at the mayor's breakfast, attended several gatherings and participated in the pre-game coin tossing of the Steelers-Colts game, won by the latter 47-17.

Council Opens in Rome

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The opening rite, in characteristic Vatican splendor, put the Pontiff's stamp of approval on the bishops' revision of ceremonies voted at the Council last December. He received a rite, unused in Rome since the sixteenth century, by singing Mass with other prelates, a rite called "concelebration."

The third session (eight sessions were held in 1962 and 1963) has also made history by Pope Paul's announcement that women will be invited to the Council, first time in Catholic Church history. Their names, however, have not as yet been announced.

Laymen attended the 1963 session and were at Monday's Vatican rite and received Holy Communion from the Pope.

He began and ended his talk with a reference to "the people of God" who by faith and baptism make up the Church — for whom the clergy are ordained to serve "as fathers and brothers."

Pope Paul said the Council must take up some difficult theological issues:

- The nature and mission of the Church's pastors.
 - The episcopate's "constitutional prerogatives."
 - Relations between the world's bishops and the Holy See.
 - The "constitutional idea of the Church under its differing eastern and western expressions."
 - The hierarchical organization of the Church.
- The Pope said the Council must make this last point clear not only to Catholics "but also for the separated brethren."
- The "wholeness of Catholic truth," he said, calls for a clarification of the doctrine of the episcopacy, in consonance with the papacy.

But he pointed out that as the successor of Peter, and therefore as possessor of full power over the entire Church, he has "the duty of heading the body of the episcopate."

He emphasized that his position as pope "in no way detracts from our brothers' responsibilities of your due authority."

After observing that the Church, as it extends throughout the world, has a greater need of centralized leadership, he said: "No one should regard such centralization as a device put together by pride. It surely will always be tempered and balanced by an alert and timely delegation both of authority and of faculties for local pastors. We assure you, our brothers in the episcopate, that this centralization is rather a service and a manifestation of the unifying and hierarchical spirit of the Church."

The Pope wound up his speech by greeting all dioceses and parishes represented by the Council Fathers, all priests, nuns, Catholic laymen, the poor, the persecuted and the suffering, and especially those who lack of freedom still here.

Finally he turned his thoughts to the world about us, with its own interests, also with its differences, perhaps even its hostility, and pledged to work for "salvation and prosperity."

Priest Denies Communist Dominance in Ghana

Montclair, N.J. — (NC) — Claims of communist leanings in the Ghana government have been exaggerated, a priest from Ghana said here.

"There are communist elements everywhere," said Father Patrick E. Akoi "Ghana has no more than England and probably less than other western democracies."

Father Akoi, a convert, was the first seminarian from his West African nation to be sent to Rome to study. Ordained in 1951, he is now a faculty member at the Pontifical Urban University of the Vatican's Com-

gregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

He spent the summer at Immaculate Conception parish here studying African parish life.

Father Akoi declared in an interview that "the Church has full freedom of activity in Ghana."

"There is no Catholic-school system as Americans would understand it," he said, "for all Ghana schools are supported by and are ultimately responsible to the state."

Dialogue Needed Within Church

Loveland, Ohio — (NC) — A group of Catholic leaders — laymen, priests and nuns — agreed here that there is need for emphasis on dialogue within the Church as well as between the Church and other faiths.

This was one of the major conclusions arising from a five-day seminar on "The Church and the World," held at the U.S. headquarters of the Grassroots International women's lay apostolate movement.

Some 50 persons, including theologians, educators, diocesan officials, and leaders of lay organizations, took part in the seminar. Father Charles Davis, English theologian, author and editor of the London monthly Clergy Review, provided a focus for discussion with a series of nine lectures.

Emerging from the discussions, according to Father Davis and Sloyan, head of the religious education department at the Catholic University of America and immediate past president of the national liturgical conference, was the conviction that there is a need for more free discussion by Catholics of the issues being weighed by the bishops at the Vatican Council.

Calling the seminar "a stimulus and a shepherding force," he suggested that "things like this need to be happening around the world while the Council is going on. If its decrees are going to have effect."

Msgr. Daniel J. Tarrant, chairman of the Dubuque Archdiocesan Coordinating Commission for Sacred Music, Liturgy and Art, echoed Father Sloyan's opinion.

"It's a fact of history," said Msgr. Tarrant, "that right down to the 18th and even the 19th century, the Church was still struggling to put the reforms of the Council of Trent into effect."

He expressed the fear that without dialogue "among the key people" in each diocese, the present council may prove to have been "a grand spectacle."

Father Francis Nead, chairman of the theology department at Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J., added the suggestion that "the dialogue within the Church needs to be structured" — put on a formal basis. "The whole Church should be talking," he said.

Father Davis also endorsed the idea of giving new emphasis to "dialogue within the Church," and commented that "only

Czechs Deny Exit for Prelate

Vladimir — (NC) — Czechoslovakia's communist government has refused to allow Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague to leave the country to take part in the ecumenical council's third session in Rome.

"I have been told that I will not receive permission to go to Rome," the archbishop said in a telephone interview. "The authorities maintain that it is out of the question for me to attend the council because I am not at present in office as an archbishop."

The Czechoslovak prelate was allowed to attend the first two sessions of the council. In October, 1963, he was released after 15 years of internment but was not allowed to return to his archdiocese. Instead, he was sent to Mokotov near Prague where, during the first weeks following his release, he was allowed relative personal freedom. He received visitors, including newsmen and prelates of the Prague archdiocese.

Youth Week Wins LBJ Praises

Washington — (NC) — President Johnson has hailed the 14th annual observance of National Catholic Youth Week, scheduled this year for Oct. 28 to Nov. 1.

The President, citing the week's theme — "Truth in Love: Bond of Union" — said: "You have chosen a most fitting standard of action in our increasingly materialistic and complex society as well as one which eloquently emphasizes the worthy activities of your vigorous membership."

National Catholic Youth Week, sponsored by the National Catholic Youth Organization (NCYO), is the largest national Catholic youth activity held annually in this country.

President Johnson in his message stated that "the steadfast pursuit of truth, when accompanied by the unselfish, dedicated qualities of Christian charity, is the most effective means of solving the problems and hardships of our modern world. Sustained by brotherly love and motivated by the keen desire for righteousness, Americans of all creeds and nationalities can help to keep alive and propagate our cherished ideals of peace and justice. Toward this end, your organization has contributed with unflagging energy and exemplary generosity."

Award Listed

Garrison — (RNS) — Archbishop Lawrence J. Shehan of Baltimore and Msgr. Joseph Neilligan, chairman of that archdiocese's Commission on Unity, were named by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement here to receive the order's Christian Unity Award for 1964.

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