

'Liberals' Dominate Council

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ics and Protestants. He quoted Martin Luther who said, "Mary does not wish to lead us to herself but through herself to God."

The "Mother of the Church" title, not in common use, provoked debate but observers considered the different positions as negligible.

THE COUNCIL is again a "top story" for the world's newspapers and magazines.

The New York Times reported in a page one story Sunday that "the progressive viewpoint in the Roman Catholic Church is winning on all fronts."

The New Yorker magazine carried another "Letter from Vatican City" by the still unknown author who signs his articles Xavier Rynde. He credits progressive gains to "an elaborate strategy" of Pope Paul and other liberal churchmen to achieve their goals "with the minimum of fuss and disturbance."

Whether the "strategy" method is fact or fiction, the results to date reveal Pope Paul and the vast majority of the bishops are convinced Pope John's goal of "aggiornamento" is God's will for the Church today.

Look magazine published an article by Presbyterian minister Rev. Robert McAfee Brown, an official observer at the Council, who describes Protestant hopes for the Council and says, "What the Council does or does not do will have an incalculable effect not only on future relations between Catholics and Protestants, but also on the influence of Christendom (Catholic and Protestant) on the modern world."

ALL NEW at the Council this week is the presence of a woman auditor — Marie Louise Mannel, president of an international lay sports group founded in France.

Miss Mannel said she didn't know a word of Latin but had followed Council action through press reports and expected her participation would be chiefly in committee meetings where other languages are used. She said she hoped participation of women in the Council (others are expected to be named this month) "will help people generally to love the Church more."

Pope Paul, on the eve of the Council's reopening, said he would name women, including nuns, to be auditors at this year's session. When he made the announcement, he described the Church's religious orders of nuns as "flowers of the Church."

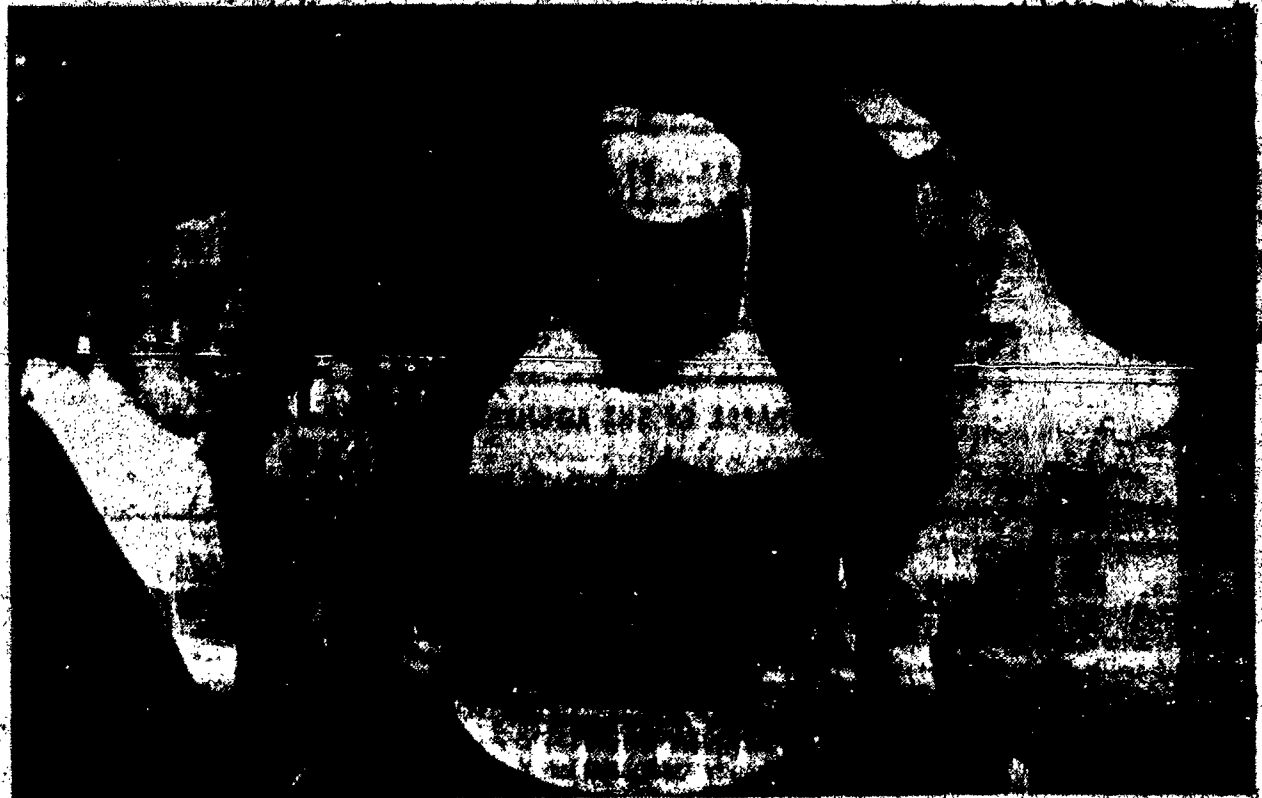
The Manchester Guardian, in an editorial comment, said the Pope also pointed out the dangers of a too rigorous religious exclusion.

The Catholic Church, said the Guardian, has always regarded its religious orders as powerhouse of faith and prayer. The Pope's present gesture could well be an indication that some religious orders could benefit from being brought more fully into the awakened life of the Church and into the atmosphere of the new outlook.

But his declaration is perhaps more far reaching in its general implications with regard to the piety of women in the life and witness of the Church. Pope Paul has been courageous enough to show a more proper appreciation of the "flowers of the Church" than his apostolic namesake, commented the Guardian.

—Father Henry Atwell

Teachers Hold Annual Conference



Miss Mary Erb, third grade teacher at St. Ambrose; Sister M. Anella, Notre Dame High School, Elmira, and Sister Mary Kristin, St. John the Evangelist School, Rochester.



Mrs. William O'Brien, third grade teacher at Sacred Heart School, Auburn; Mrs. John Emperor, second grade, St. Francis School, Auburn, and Mrs. John O'Mara, kindergarten, St. Francis School, Auburn.

More than 1500 teachers of the Rochester Diocese attended a two day Conference in Rochester this week. Here are pictures of some of the teachers as they visited exhibits of text books and educational supplies. Bishop Kearney spoke at the closing session Tuesday afternoon. A report of the talks given at the Conference will be in next week's Courier.

Keating Stresses Need For 'Equitable' U.S. Aid

Senator Kenneth B. Keating during his update campaign tour this week, declared it is "essential" that federal assistance to education include all private and church-related schools.

He asserted that any program of government aid should "deal equitably with the needs of our private schools and colleges."

The senator stressed that "every possible precaution must be taken against programs that discriminate, sometimes unwittingly, against the private schools which are indispensable to our educational system."

Addressing students at D'Youville College, a Catholic college in Buffalo, Mr. Keating said the government has a "legitimate interest duty" to see that all students get the best possible education.

Church-state separation, he said, "does not require the isolation of religion by the state. It does not require hostility between religion and the state and it does not sanction discrimination against any of our religious institutions by the state."

Vietnamese Sour On U.S. Policy

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Henry Cabot Lodge, while generally friendly to Catholics, showed himself totally favorable to Buddhism, its adherents, both here, the day after security forces of the Diem administration had raided a school that had been charged of atheism and agnosticism.

His first visit, on the morning after his arrival, was a well-publicized one to the school. For instance, official private American protests helped to prevent Catholic Mass from being given an extrajurisdictional "style" of the school.

American authorities here have used their good offices to save Catholics from injustice in cases unknown to the public. For instance, officials here have given refuge to the U.S. foreign aid mission.

While the plain American soldier enlisted man or officer, but the same generous, helpful way with him in Vietnam that he has had in Korea and all over the world. No Vietnamese question his friendliness or his valor.

The current mood of disappointment among many Vietnamese Catholics regarding the U.S. has not erased a deep feeling of gratitude going back 100 years. Hundreds of thousands of Catholic refugees were given transportation south by U.S. Navy ships in 1954-55. They were settled in the south with liberal U.S. assistance.

Catholic Vietnamese have had grievances for months, though they did not make any public protest until May. Then they were settled in the south with liberal U.S. assistance.

Prelate Attends Methodist Rite For New Bishop

New York — (RNS) — For the first time on record, in the history of the Methodist Church, a Catholic prelate attended the consecration of a Methodist bishop.

The denomination's Board of Missions reported here that the ecumenical event took place at the consecration of Bishop John Wesley Shungu of the Congo at Mulungwishi. Attending the service was Catholic Archbishop James F. Cornelia of Elizabethville.

The board said that after the rite, Archbishop Cornelia spoke at a dinner honoring Bishop Shungu, who was one of the first two African bishops ever named in The Methodist Church. The other was Bishop Escrivao Zungu, who was assigned to Mozambique and South Africa.

In his talk, Archbishop Cornelia promised Bishop Shungu "the aid of my brotherly prelates" and said he wished to "render homage to all of these generations of missionaries who have preceded us" in the Congo.



Father Albert Zehacky talks with Sisters of the Atonement at Teachers Conference in Rochester early this week.


Study Center
Vatican City — (NS) — Pope Paul VI hopes to build a center for Eastern and especially Orthodox theology in Jerusalem as a memorial of his January meeting there with Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras of Constantinople.

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