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the American hierarchy to protest discriminatory federal aid to education?

Nor were the Cardinal's interests narrow and parochial.

It is a fact that no Catholic prelate in America has done more to bring about the recent declaration on the Jews by the Vatican Council. Sheehan should read Cardinal Spellman's speech before the American Jewish Committee last April. Not only was the talk printed in a special brochure by the American Jewish Committee, but it was noted by Pope Paul VI as embodying his own sentiments.

In it the Cardinal said: "It is simply absurd to maintain that there is some kind of continuing guilt which is transferred to any group of people and which rests upon them as a curse for which they must suffer. We do believe that we are all mystically implicated in Christ's death — but all without exception, and all in the same way. And His dying for us must never be thought of as a curse upon anyone, but rather as a blessing upon all. Anti-Semitism can never find a basis in the Catholic religion. Far from emphasizing the differences which divide Jews from Christians, our Faith stresses our common origins and ties which bind us together."

Those thoughts, substantially, are in the council's celebrated declaration now. As one of the presidents of the council it is not hard to realize that Cardinal Spellman made his views prevail where they would do the most good. Should his contributions be ignored because he made no fiery speech before the council fathers?

His views on the race problem have been voiced on many occasions, the latest at the dedication of the integrated Drew housing project in New York City. Also, he has befriended biblical scholars in his archdiocesan seminary, thereby providing important patronage for the new Biblical scholarship which is at the heart of the ecumenical movement today. Unlike the new breed of layman who believes the best way to get things done is to create a climate of public opinion within the Church, Cardinal Spellman believes in direct but diplomatic action to solve problems.

Because he has seen the disturbance that the present ferment in the Church has created among many people, he has been reluctant to push progressive ideas. The progressives are not the only members of his flock. He is shepherd of all in his archdiocese: progressives, and reactionaries. He is concerned with their souls, not merely the souls of the "illuminati."

Even though I consider myself a progressive I am not so naive as to imagine the agitational program to be invested with infallibility or those who cling to traditional ways to be devoid of wisdom and grace. Sometimes I wonder how many progressives are as utterly dedicated to the welfare of the Church as Cardinal Spellman. It is absurd to deny a man the greatness because he is cautious in adopting certain new



LBJ Handshake

Fredericksburg, Tex. — (RNS) — President Johnson, who underwent minor hand surgery recently, winces slightly as he exchanges a hearty hand-shake with Father David Buckley, Roman Catholic chaplain at St. Joseph's Convent in San Antonio, Tex. They met at St. Barnabas Episcopal church in Fredericksburg, Tex., where the First Family attended Christmas services.

ways whose wisdom he sincerely doubts. It reminds me of those people who are so enamored of the greatness of Pope John that they underestimate the worth of Pius XII and Paul VI because they differed. No one would disagree with them more than Pope John himself who revered his predecessor and some would say all-but named his successor.

Sheehan quotes approvingly of Bishop Sheen who once told the clergy: "Stop being administrators and start being shepherds of souls." Fine, but men in the armed forces have souls. During the last war Cardinal Spellman visited them at the front; his life often in peril, he shared the stench and anguish of battle with the troops, blessed corpses freshly harvested from battlefields, consoled American sons and fathers in their heart-breaking military duties.

Was that insignificant? The Cardinal year after year has undertaken a month-long back-breaking tour to the most desolate camps of the United States armed forces to bring soldiers the comfort of the gospel and the sacraments. This special pastoral work of the Cardinal, so unique in uplifting the morale of men who often feel forgotten at home have forgotten them, is undertaken at the Christmas season despite advancing years.

While younger men enjoy the blessings of the holy season, he imparts them. The personal sacrifice such pastoral travels have exacted from Cardinal Spellman has not been lost on our service men. Over the years they have remained his staunchest admirers and most grateful friends.

Finally one point that amused me in the Sheehan piece was the repeated references to "palaces" and "palatial offices" in New York and elsewhere.

Had he taken a closer look at Cardinal Spellman's quarters he would have noticed that the furnishings are far from new. The truth is that no alterations

have been made in the Cardinal's residence since his arrival there over 25 years ago. In fact, I can assure him that my own living quarters at Mt. Carmel parish in Berlin are more comfortable and more spacious. And my rectory bears as much resemblance to a palace as my parish church does to the Cathedral of Chartres.

Rota Cases Published

Vatican City — (NC) — The decisions of the Sacred Roman Rota for the year 1964, have been published by the Vatican Polyglot Press, disclosing that the Church's high court handed down 251 final decisions that year, only two of which did not involve matrimonial cases.

The volume, which is printed annually and contains a selection of the cases decided on 10 years previously, actually contains only 159 of the more interesting cases handled in 1964.

The majority of the cases involved appeals for annulment. Two cases however dealt with matrimonial suits for separation and for financial support.

Altar Turned, Still a Problem

Penyas, Bolivia — (NC) — Liturgical reform ran into opposition from an unexpected quarter in an Aymara Indian parish here. After the Maryknoll pastor, Father Francis B. O'Hara, of Newton, Mass., had completed his first Mass facing the people, he went outside to find the old church organist objecting loudly: "But the Padre had his back to the Virgin..."

Generous Germans
Bonn — (NC) — This year's Christmas collection among German Catholics for seminaries in Latin America has reached \$10,000,000, an increase of 10 percent over last year's total.

Vietnam War

Bullets Can't Kill Faith

By FR. PATRICK O'CONNOR
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Binh Gia, Vietnam — (NC) — Communist shells have left gaping holes in the wall of Sacred Heart Church here.

A bullet ripped through the upper part of the wooden tabernacle. Another gashed the front of the altar.

All this and much more has happened along an intermittent battlefront, first inside and then outside this all-Catholic village some 40 miles southeast of Saigon.

So far the battle is believed to have cost hundreds of lives, including those of four Americans. Three Americans are believed to have been taken prisoner. Communist losses reportedly have been much heavier than those of the national forces.

The four Americans were killed Dec. 30 when their armed helicopter was shot down and crashed in a rubber plantation about a mile from here.

Sacred Heart Church was hit by communists' apparently firing on national troops in another of this large settlement's three parishes. A large chapel elsewhere in the village also suffered.

Yet the tabernacle lamp burns steadily in bullet-pocked Sacred Heart Church and the people are again calming for evening prayers.

They are determined looking, wiry peasants who left their homes in North Vietnam ten years ago because they didn't like communism. They still don't like it. That is why they fought against the heavily armed communist Vietcong battalions that attacked this village at 4:30 a.m. Dec. 28.

The red-brown clay is still fresh in the deep holes the communists dug around their command post. They dug in also around one of the churches.

People say the Vietcong wanted to draw fire on the churches so as to be able to say to Catholics: "See what the Americans have done to your church."

The Vietnamese Air Force and U.S. armed helicopters made strikes around the village but for fear of causing casualties to the people refrained from large scale air attacks inside the village.

Meanwhile an L-19 light aircraft happened to be near on the afternoon of Dec. 29. The pilot, Lt. Col. Albert Holman of the U.S. Air Force, decided to lend a hand. He flew for hours over the scene of the battle, guiding and directing.

He had as a passenger Catholic chaplain Father (Capt.) Joseph Mulhern, O.P., of Worcester, Mass.

"I kept saying Rosaries and gave conditional absolution to those below while the colonel circled and the .50 calibers shot at us," Father Mulhern said today. He came back this morning to say Mass in Binh Gia in thanksgiving for the people and to show his sympathy with them.

The communists withdrew early on Dec. 30 after their command post had been hit. They had taken two American advisers prisoner. I talked today to a Vietnamese Ranger who had been taken prisoner and had just escaped. He said the two Americans were alive and one, wounded in the arm, was held in the forest.

I arrived by U.S. Army helicopter in front of St. Joseph's Church in the center of Binh Gia to see a funeral procession with weeping mourners coming down the palm-lined path. In a simple black coffin was the body of a villager killed the previous night.

Later in the afternoon I visited the church and saw the parish priest, Father Anton Dong, busy hearing confessions and about 18 to 20 parishioners praying fervently. It was the

Preface Likely In Vernacular

Medellin, Colombia — (NC) — The post conciliar liturgy commission in Rome has passed and sent to Pope Paul VI for final approval provisions for greater use of local languages in the Mass, including the Preface, it was disclosed here.

Father Jaime Mejia Gomez, director of the liturgical section of the Latin American Bishops' Conference (CELAM), said that if the Pope approves the decision, regional and national bishops' conferences will be able to have the Preface both recited and sung in their areas on confirmation of their texts by the Rome commission.

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Pittsburgh — (NC) — A \$207,000 Federal grant under the President's war on poverty program has been allotted to the Pittsburgh diocese's schools office.

It is part of \$2,430,000 approved for work with the deprived in impoverished neighborhoods in the Pittsburgh area.

A citizens non-profit coordinating agency, the Mayor's Committee on Human Resources, will funnel it to the public and parochial school systems, and to community and neighborhood agencies which have pooled their proposals. These proposals chiefly involve compensatory schooling for children and adults and work-study programs for unemployed adults.

The diocese's program aims at improving the children's education and broadening their outlook. It will be carried out among some 2,500 youngsters around five parochial schools in three problem neighborhoods.

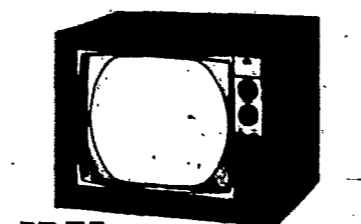
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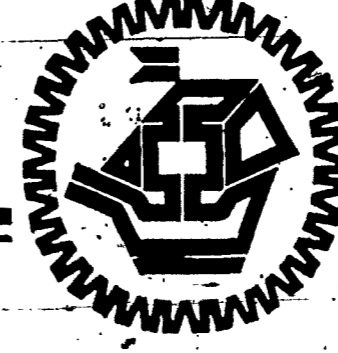
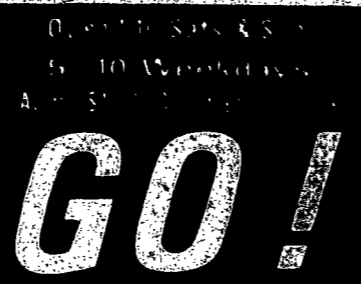
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