

# TV Links Ghana and Rochester

Television linked a bishop in Africa and one of his priests on study assignment in the United States Sunday morning.

The program Lamp Unto My Feet showed how a Ghana prelate is trying to put Pope John's "aggiornamento" into practice at the same time his newly independent nation is struggling to establish itself in prosperity and freedom.

Watching the program between Mass at Annunciation Church in Rochester was 77-year-old Father Anthony Mary Asamoah (as-am-wah).

He will be chaplain at Otletians Council's Boy Scout Camp Massawepie in the Adirondacks this summer. During June he has helped out at the Norton Street parish.

He will take a two year course of study in business administration at Boston College beginning this September.



Father Asamoah in Annunciation rectory in Rochester sees his bishop in Ghana on TV screen.

His goal is to aid his homeland establish "African socialism"—an economic system that avoids the extremes of both capitalism and communism.

"We aren't fighting either system," he explained. "We are convinced that a mixed economy is the only viable means to develop Africa. We can't copy either an American or a Russian way of life. We have to follow our own African traditions and adapt the methods used in other countries to our situation as we experience it in Ghana and the rest of Africa."

He has four brothers, one studying for the priesthood, and two sisters. Both his parents were Catholics so "I'm a born Catholic," he said.

His diocese of Cape Coast, Ghana, has 85 other Ghanaian priests. Missionaries, most from Holland, still staff many parishes and schools in the diocese.

## Bircher's Talk Postponed, 'Too Much Publicity'

Norfolk, Mass. — The John Birch Society has postponed indefinitely a talk scheduled here by a Catholic priest who is a member of its National Council.

An official of the ultraconservative organization claimed that because "certain individuals have chosen to give his appearance sensational news coverage" and because the appearance of Father Francis E. Fenton no longer could be "a private talk," it had been decided to defer the priest's lecture.

Father Fenton, pastor of Blessed Sacrament parish, Bridgeport, Conn., has stirred controversy several times because of his advocacy of the Birch Society. In 1962 he was reprimanded by the vicar general of the Diocese of Bridgeport for urging his parishioners to sign a petition calling for impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Last August, Father Fenton was elected a member of the Birch Society's National Council. This spurred further con-

trovery, but Bishop Walter W. Curtis of Bridgeport defended his right to join the group. "As an individual," he said, "Father Fenton enjoys the freedom of every American citizen to belong to any organization of his choosing. As a priest, he continues to enjoy that right."

Deferment of the priest's speech here was announced in Westchester County, N.Y., by Thomas J. Davis, regional director of the Birch organization.

The postponement drew attention to the action here of Father Edmund L. Dickinson, assistant pastor of Sacred Heart church. In a bulletin to parishioners he urged them to ignore the appearance of Father Fenton.

Father Dickinson said he had received two invitations to hear the priest speak on "Communism and American Survival" at the Community Theater. "Normally, under protocol and in courtesy, the lecture should have been cleared with the chancellor in (the) Fall River (diocese)," he said. "No permission was asked and none was given."

## Named Gates Citizen of Year

James Griffin, director of athletics at St. Andrew's Seminary, was named "Outstanding Citizen of 1968" by the Gates Lions Club recently.

Griffin was termed "Mr. Little League of Gates" by retiring Lion president Harold Wood, who made the presentation.

"He has been organizer, fund raiser, coach, umpire, team manager and administrator since the program was founded," Wood commented.

Griffin, a purchasing agent for Eastman Kodak Co., is also active in his parish (Holy Ghost) C.Y.O. program.

The Griffins, parents of five, live at 761 Elm Grove Road.

## Chicago Priest Charges

# Church Critics Hinder Progress

Chicago — (RNS) — A priest famed as an author and sociologist questioned eight "theories of American Catholicism" which, he said, are being advanced by some Catholic intellectuals as "hindering the Church's vigor, growth and reform."

Father Andrew M. Greeley of Chicago said he doubted there is "adequate proof" to support these theories and asked "whether a number of propositions might be demonstrably false."

Writing in a current issue of The Critic, a liberal monthly Catholic magazine published here by the Thomas Merton Association, Father Greeley summarized the eight "theories" as follows:

1. That American Catholicism is culturally inferior to both European Catholicism and American Protestantism. He said this would include such propositions as that Catholics are not involved in public and civic life as Protestants are, and that Catholic liturgical revival and the Catholic press and sermons are "inferior."
2. That American Catholicism tends to be conservative or even reactionary in internal church policy and in its attitude toward broader social and political problems.
3. That a major "conflict" exists between a conservative clergy and an educated laity, with the clergy committed firmly to the "old-han" status quo, and laymen committed to progress.
4. That Catholicism in this country needs radical doctrinal

and structural changes if it is to avoid a "mass exodus" by the faithful. He said some of these changes would include more freedom on Catholic campuses, a modification of the Church's birth control stand, more concern about racial justice and greater voice for the laity in Church government.

5. That the institutionalized structure of the Church, particularly its parochial schools, is "divisive" and isolating Catholics in a religious ghetto, preventing them from participating fully in American political and social life.

6. That American Catholics are anti-intellectual, more interested in financial success than the pursuit of truth.

7. That public and private honesty in the American Church is made subservient to an overriding fear of criticism and scandal, and that innovators and creative thinkers are oppressed for the good of the Church.

8. That Catholic schools should be "phased out;" clergy limited to sacerdotal functions, parish organizations wiped out and replaced by individual witness and Catholic action groups, priests stopped from writing about marriage, and artificial birth control approved.

FATHER GREELEY wrote that he was not disagreeing

with these "theories" but raised the question "whether they do not ignore other phenomena, the understanding of which is crucial if we are to understand the American Catholic experience."

He said the phenomena which are not usually explained by the Church's "theories" include the fact that the American Church has not lost the working class, and that the immigrant and his children and grandchildren did not lose the faith as they were assimilated into American society.

Other phenomena, he continued, are the tremendous organizational vitality of the Church in this country, the immigrant's adjustment of his religion to changes found in the U.S., as contrasted to those abroad, and that "relations between the clergy and the laity are probably better in the U.S. than anywhere else in the world."

Father Greeley said that until the intellectuals begin to understand and explain these phenomena, "we have not even begun to wrestle with the meaning of the American Catholic experience." He called for more basic research material in history and sociology to help explain American Catholicism.

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Dr. Frank J. Ayd, Jr., of Baltimore, is the first layman named a regular professor at Rome's Pontifical Gregorian University.  
He will begin teaching classes Friday, June 25, 1968.

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