

No Sanctuary in Streets

Chicago — (RNS) — Catholic clergy who base their appeals on their clerical status and not on their status as ordinary citizens — when protesting segregation in Chicago public schools — were criticized by a priest-editor here.

Mrs. Daniel M. Cantwell, associate editor of New City magazine, maintained that the manner in which some priests have participated in demonstrations seeking the ouster of Chicago School Superintendent Benjamin Willis raises questions about the role of religion in public affairs.

When a group of clergymen, he asked, address a public statement to civic officials, why should they precede it with the phrase, "As Catholic priests..."

Such an appeal to clerical status, Msgr. Cantwell said, "clearly states that they are not willing to meet in the political arena as citizens, but that as ministers of God they claim some kind of special value to their moral indignation and-or civic wisdom."

The priest said that when clergymen act politically, they have no right to "sanctuary" where their judgments are beyond question, and that there is a trend among clergy to envision themselves as "hard committeemen" — a fact which is not healthy for religion or politics.

Pointing out that he was not supporting Mr. Willis, but that Chicago "needs a new school superintendent," Msgr. Cantwell asked:

"Is it fair to make Willis

Negro Priests Asks Church End 'White Face' Image

Atlanta — (RNS) — Two prominent Negro priests called for an end to all forms of segregation within the Church at the Conference for Southern Catholic Leaders here.

The Very Rev. Harold R. Perry, S.V.D., said the peculiar history of segregation within the Church "has deprived the Negro of full participation in the community of the people of God and also has permitted the conscience of the Church at large, as well as that of many individuals, to rest undisturbed."

Father Perry, Southern provincial of the Society of the Divine Word, held that social customs are now so strongly entrenched in the South that they will not pass away without "deliberate planned efforts." He also warned that Negro members of the Church should be consulted regarding race relations decisions.

Concerning dualism within the Church, Father Perry said: "Our Church grows increasingly embarrassed by a segregated school system and dual church facilities. To continually wait for the state to point the way is to assume an apologetic approach and surrender all freedom to the compulsion of the state."

The Very Rev. Bernardine Patterson, O.S.B., prior of St. Mary's Priory, Kentucky, observed that to the American Negro the Catholic Church has given the image of a white establishment with the Negro's role being totally passive.

"Until we are able to give a dark face to the Catholic Church," Father Patterson said, "until it can become an indelible part of the life of the Negro among whom it works, its apostolic outreach will remain crippled and the natural religiosity of the Negro will keep him from the Catholic Church, rather than propelling him toward it."



Prize-Winning Irish Dancers

DESMOND PENROSE and his Irish dancers are having another busy summer. Recently a large group went to Syracuse to compete in a "fells" against other Irish dancers from Syracuse, Buffalo, New York City, Ohio, Connecticut and Massachusetts and they came home with four trophies and twenty-four medals. The girls and boys, ages five to eighteen are now preparing for the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, the New York State Fair in Syracuse. In photo are Ellen Anderson, Maura Concannon, Penrose and JoAnn Belle-Isle.

Cardinals Broadcast Hopes for Unity

London — (RNS) — Catholic union with the Anglicans before unity with the Orthodox Church was forecast as a possibility by Joseph Cardinal Ritter, Archbishop of St. Louis, when he took part in a remarkable discussion by four cardinals broadcast by the national radio here.

Stressing the need for charity in demolishing the barriers which still exist between the Churches, Cardinal Ritter agreed that this should be easier between the Orthodox and Roman Churches. However, he added, "I think that perhaps the chances between the Anglicans and the Roman Church are greater, might come a step or two ahead of the Orthodox."

"But there are so many political hurdles, you might say, so many deeply embedded antagonisms and wounds that go way back and that don't seem to heal..."

Leo Cardinal Suenens, Archbishop of Malines-Brussels, declared that the Christian Churches were on the verge of union. "At this moment we are just making the first steps in the good direction," he said. "I hope we will make many, many other steps."

Also taking part in the discussion were Valerian Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay and Michael Cardinal Browne of the Congregation of the Holy Office. Cardinal Browne was interviewed at Vatican City and the other prelates in their home countries. The taped program, in the form of a question-and-answer discussion, was introduced on the British Broadcasting Corporation's Home Radio Network by Norman St. John-Stevens, a Roman Catholic Conservative Member of Parliament and noted writer.

As the program closed, two distinguished English churchmen — Roman Catholic Bishop George Dwyer of Leeds and Anglican Bishop John Moorman of Ripon — summed up the cardinals' statements.

Bishop Moorman, the senior Anglican delegate-observer, at the Vatican Council, said: "I'm very optimistic. I mean realistic. We've got to understand that we are not going to get

union between the Anglican and the Roman Catholic Church, or Roman and Orthodox, or anything else, for a very long time. But at least we are moving in the right direction."

The four cardinals discussed a wide range of subjects — from Church union to religious liberty and the doctrine of collegiality as a kind of prelude to the Vatican Council's fourth session opening Sept. 14. Mr. John-Stevens said the Fathers would make decisions which would affect the life of the Church for many years to come but that on all these subjects sharp disagreement had emerged during previous discussions.

"On the topic of unity, Cardinal Suenens said this as being more easily effected with the Orthodox Church, one of the Churches, he said, in which many elements of the traditional truth existed. But he added, 'The Church of England is surely different from the other sort of Churches, so you cannot give a global answer. You have to make a distinction for every sort of church, but the good will is there.'"

Cardinal Browne agreed with Cardinal Suenens that, doctrinally, union with the Eastern Church should be easier. "The Oriental Churches have the ideas of the Church rather accurately," he said. "They have different views about the idea of the primacy, but the idea of the Christian Church they have rather accurately, and practically all its dogmas they have, so doctrinally a union with them should be easy."

When Mr. John-Stevens asked whether there was any likelihood that the Catholic Church would modify, in some way, its doctrines to facilitate reunion, Cardinal Browne replied categorically, "We can't modify doctrine. What has been defined in the councils of the Church and what has been defined by the Popes we can't modify. No chance."

Cardinal Ritter was forceful on two other subjects. He thought the College of Cardinals might eventually disappear and he suggested need for perhaps several more Vatican Councils in the next century.

When the discussion turned to future problems facing Rome and Vatican II, Cardinal Ritter said, "Things are happening so rapidly. We ought to have perhaps several councils in the next hundred years. After all, this Council is simply taking up some of the problems, or some of the needs of the Church, at this time and (does not want) to give a complete and final dogmatic definition."

Cardinal Suenens thought the story of the Church of the 21st Century would be much the same as the story of the Church all through the ages and he did not see a special reason why there should be problems or difficulty. He added that, "naturally speaking, and super-naturally speaking," he was an optimist about the future of the Church.

Earlier in the discussion, Cardinal Gracias was asked whether he thought the Church had been profoundly changed by the Council sessions.

"There have been so many discussions," he replied, "so many speeches, so much exchange of heart, but if you go to the pivotal point it is this: that the great achievement of the Vatican Council during three sessions has been to show to the world that the life of our Church is its inner life and its life exteriorly."

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