

Vatican Radio Cites U. S. Rights Law

Vatican City — (RNS) — The Vatican Radio, in a special broadcast, hailed the recent signing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 by President Lyndon B. Johnson as "bringing to an end an unhappy period of history starting with the arrival in Jamestown, Va., of the first shiploads of Negro slaves."

It said the signing of the law was also "a cause for joy for Catholics who have contributed to this victory of moral values, being faithful to the dictates of the natural law and the spirit of the Gospel that knows no boundaries of color."

The Vatican station began by saying that Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation proclamation in 1863 put an end to the enslavement of 4,500,000 Negroes living for the most part in the southern states of America, and "Catholics had a share in making this proclamation come about."

"But for a long time," the Vatican Radio continued, "Lincoln's proclamation was not carried out in social and political life. Only in very recent years has it begun to make progress. Again among those who have been most aware of the problem have been Catholics."

The bishops of the U.S.A. have, over and over again, condemned racial discrimination and separation, appearing to the faithful to do all they could for the effective equality in law of their Colored brethren.

"The bishops' words and actions have, moreover, several times received direct encouragement from the Roman Pontiffs. Paul VI, when receiving the late President Kennedy on July 6, 1963, expressed his appreciation of the President's efforts for ensuring equal benefits of citizenship on the basis of all men having this fundamental, equal right, owing to their personal dignity as sons of God."

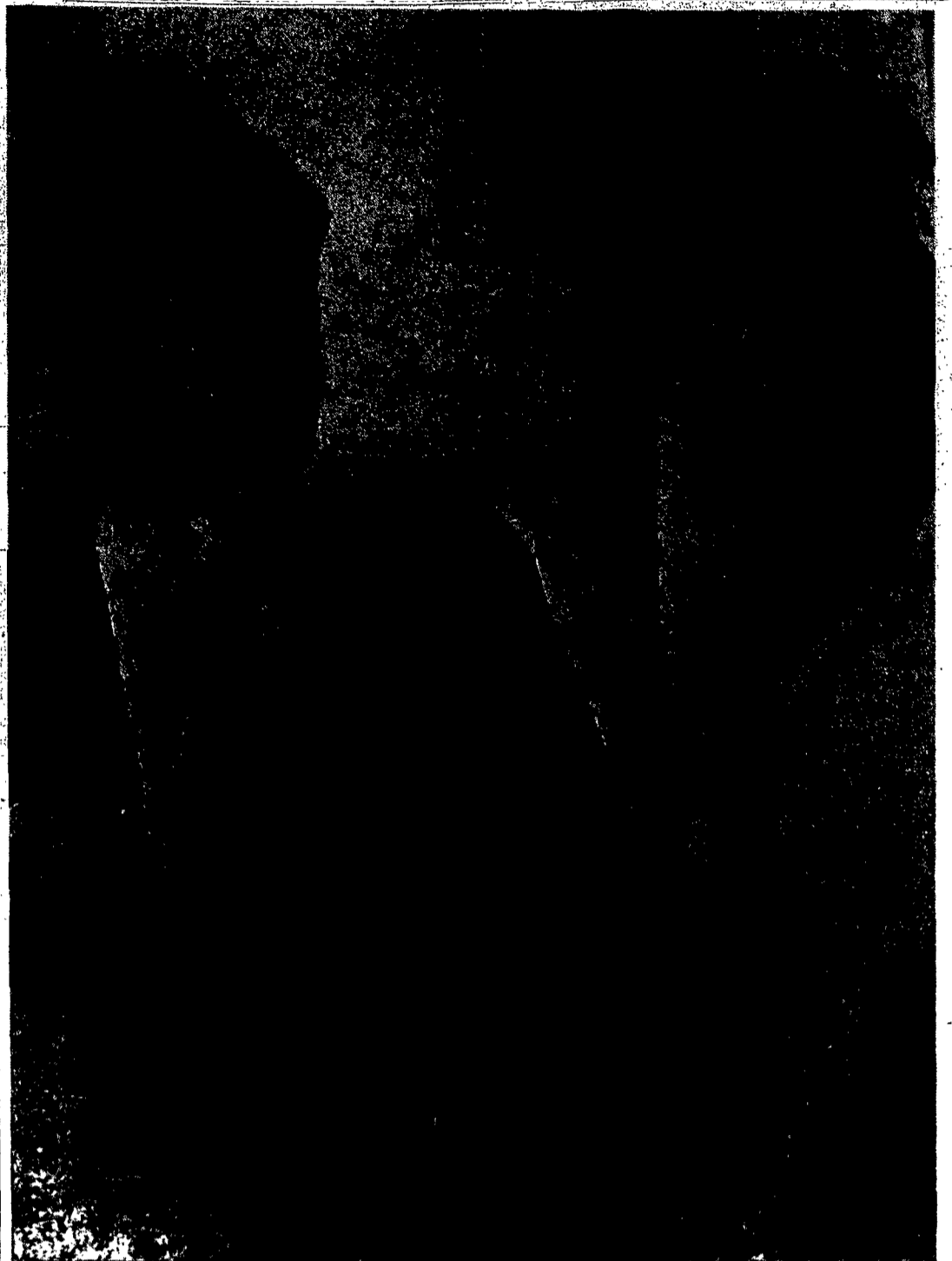
The Vatican Radio went on to recall the Civil Rights March in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 28, 1963, when more than 10,000 Catholics took part, led by Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington.

"The archbishop himself," it said, "invoked the blessing of

God on all present and on all the Colored persons for whom, in his words, the cause of justice and equality was sacred. The archbishop also said: 'Let us go ahead without bitterness. We can avoid violence, knowing that it is gentleness which sways hearts. But let this gentleness be tempered always with courage and strength.'

"Commenting on the ever-growing number of persons, who, after the example of Catholic priests, religious and faithful, had become active in demonstrations against racial discrimination, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., had declared: 'It is evident from now on that civil rights are fundamentally a moral problem. We are there-

fore happy that the Catholic Church has joined forces with us in so spectacular a manner.' "President Johnson's signing of this bill sanctions the victory of moral values and this is a cause for joy and hope for all the citizens of America and also for all men everywhere."



Young Man from Boston

A fascinating new look at the late John F. Kennedy is scheduled at 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, by Channel 10, WHEC-TV, Rochester. An hour long special program titled "Young Man from Boston" shows the personal life of John F. Kennedy from his childhood through the presidency. Using new film footage and photographs, the program includes interviews with Mrs. Kennedy, press secretary Pierre Salinger, his personal secretary Evelyn Lincoln, Undersecretary of the Navy Paul Foy, Supreme Court Justice Byron White, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. and many others. The program is sponsored by the Plymouth Dealers with no commercial or selling messages, merely an identification as the organization making the program available.

CAPTAIN CAMPO HOME

Dr. Gerald F. Campo, his wife Joyce and two children, Lynn Marie and Stephen Gerald, are home on a visit. Dr. Campo is a captain in the Dental Corp. and is currently stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana. He is a graduate of St. John Fisher College and the University of Buffalo Dental School. At the end of Dr. Campo's tour of duty he plans to return to Rochester.

'Crisis' Condition Denied

New York — (RNS) — The concept of the Church as "the people of God," stressed by the Second Vatican Council, is unlikely to cause a "crisis of authority" for German Roman Catholics, in the opinion of the noted theologian, the Rev. Karl Rahner.

Speaking on the fourth and last in a series of "Catholic Hour" programs on NBC-TV, Father Rahner said that the concept that everyone must give something to the life of the Church has "great significance" for German Catholics.

THE SERIES, produced by the National Council of Catholic Men, was filmed in Holland and Germany. It discussed the impact the Council has made on Catholic life in Europe. Theologians, students, laymen and bishops were interviewed by Philip Schaner, editor-in-chief of Shred and Ward publishing house on the subject, "The Church and Change."

In the windup program, filmed at the Catholic Academy of Bavaria in Munich, Father Rahner was a guest with Car-

dinal Julius Döpfner of Munich; Msgr. Karl Forster, director of the Academy, and Gunther Lehner, director of cultural affairs programs for Bavarian radio and television.

The people-of-God concept, Father Rahner observed, "can perhaps say to German Catholics things that are self-evident to Catholics in America. The Church as the people of God means that it is not simply the clergy which constitutes the Church. . . . To say that the Church is the people of God means further that all Christians, not only the bishops, are responsible for what the Church does."

Historically, he said, the Church in Germany has "not always avoided" links with the state and public life. Now the Council has said to the layman, you are the Church.

Father Rahner said he did not think the concept would bring on a "crisis of authority" because "the German is in his innermost mentality a conformist, one who prefers to obey authority even when it may not be right." In this way, he said, the situation is different from France or Holland where people have begun to see "the specter of schism."

Discussing the upcoming Schema 13 on the Church in the Modern World, Father Rahner suggested that German Catholicism should prepare itself "realistically" for the time when the close interaction between Church and society may "cease to exist." At present it is a "neat" solution to have theological faculties at state universities and Christian instruction at all state schools.

"There may be other days, more difficult days of struggle," he observed, "and the Church must be prepared . . . to fend for itself, and will no longer enjoy the favor of public opinion."

Cardinal Döpfner said the Council had met with a "vital response" among German Catholics. "Because Germany is the homeland of the Reformation," he said, "we regard ecumenism as an especially important responsibility."

Council statements on the laity also "have especially captured our attention," the cardinal said.

There is "much work" yet to do, he said, to achieve in Germany the final implementation of the Constitution on the Liturgy. Cardinal Döpfner warn-

ed against settling on a new form "too hastily" and limiting pastoral efforts to the liturgy. He commented:

"Out of the worshipping community, the community of life, and of love, must grow, and the mission into the modern world must receive its impetus and strength."

Msgr. Forster noted that the growth of his eight-year-old academy, a center of religious dialogue for laymen in various walks of life, was due to "reform in the Church" and the moral questions which arise in contemporary society.

Mr. Lehner commented that the Council had spurred interest in religion by the mass media. "Since the Council," he said, "religion makes news."

Genesee Brewing Promotes Five

Five promotions at Genesee Brewing Co., Inc. are announced this week.

Kennedy is appointed advertising manager to succeed Gerald A. Keller, named director of packing.

Kennedy, a Rochester native, whose appointment was announced by John L. Wehle, president of the brewing company, is a former vice president of Charles Rumrill Advertising Agency and was with West End Brewing Co., Utica for five years.

The directors at their last meeting elected James P. Duffy and Carlton G. Weers, vice presidents of the corporation. LeRoy A. Englehardt, 10 Stuyvesant Dr., Pittsford, was elected secretary.

Duffy, 67 Bellevue Dr., a member of Old St. Mary's parish is director of Public Relations; Weers, 133 Thorncliffe Dr., is director of production.

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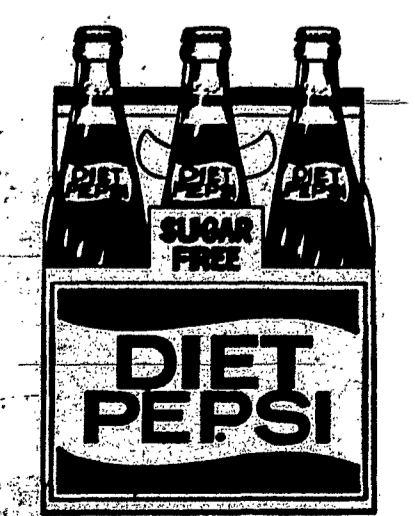
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The Date Book

Thursday PM Unit

The Thursday Afternoon Mission Group will resume its bandage making work for the Monroe County Cancer Unit on Sept. 9, at the Catholic Women's Club at 12 noon.

Nurses List Dinner

The Monroe County Chapter of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses will meet on Monday, Sept. 13 in the Student Union Room, Bishop Kearney Educational Building.

Harps' Dance

St. Mary's Hospital. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. — \$2.50 per person. Reservations may be made before Wednesday, Sept. 8, with Mrs. E. Eckert, at ED 4-3365.

The Harps Club will sponsor a holiday weekend dance at their club house on Buffalo Road on Sunday, Sept. 5. Music by Harps' Orchestra. The incoming social committee has arranged a special evening of entertainment.

3-Day Retreat Slated For Auburn Area Scouts

Auburn—Catholic Boy Scouts of Auburn and Cayuga County will hold a Retreat Sept. 4-6 at Camp Columbus, east side of Owasco Lake, according to the Catholic Committee on Scouting.

The three-day retreat will be for Boy Scouts between the ages of 11 and 15.

The retreat is open to any Catholic Boy Scout but it is not necessary for a Scout to be a member of a Catholic sponsored troop to qualify for the retreat. Rev. Albert Cason, assistant pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Owasco, a mem-

ber of the Scout committee, said.

United Airlines Reports Gains

Substantial gains in passenger and cargo traffic resulted in new records for United Air Lines at Rochester during the first half of 1965, according to C. W. Pickard, Jr., Sales Manager here.

United, the nation's largest airline, carried more than 8 million passengers and flew 5,548,000,000 revenue passenger miles over its 18,000-mile nationwide system in the first half of this year.

Mary Louise Sexton Rites

Solemn funeral Mass for Miss Mary Louise Sexton was offered in St. Augustine Church, Thursday, August 28. Miss Sexton, a highly regarded secretary of Eastman Kodak Company advertising department, who resided at 229 Warwick Ave., died August 24, 1965.

The Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Monsignor John M. Duffy assisted by Rev. Elmer McDonald, deacon and Rev. Michael Reagan, sub-deacon.

Miss Sexton was a member of St. Augustine's Rosary Society.

Surviving are her parents, John P. and Madeline Claus Sexton, two sisters, Mrs. David (Cynthia) Murphy and Mrs. William (Patricia) Murray; one brother, John W. Sexton; three nieces and three nephews.

Monsignor Duffy gave the blessing at the grave in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements by Joseph A. Murphy Funeral Home.

Funeral Firm Adds New Member

Association of William P. Cass II with the Cass Funeral Home, Ridge Road West, Greece, is announced by William Pomeroy Cass Sr., licensed manager and owner.

The younger Cass is a New York State Licensed Funeral Director. He is a graduate of John Marshall High School and attended Monroe Community College.

He studied funeral directing in New York City where he was apprenticed at the Walter B. Cooke Funeral Home of New York City for two years. He received his New York State Funeral Director's License after the April-May examinations given by the State Department of Health.

Cass and his family are members of St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece. He served in the United States Navy on active duty from 1958-1962 and had inactive status until 1964.

Catholic Bowling Underway

The Catholic Men's Bowling league will start the season Friday, Sept. 10 at North Park Lanes with teams bowling at 7 and 8:30 p.m. Newly elected officers are Len Bossert, President; Gene Sak, Vice-president; Don Lill, Secretary-treasurer and Father James Baker, Spiritual Director.

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