

Holy Cross Father Edward Heston reports to reporters after daily sessions of Vatican Council. How the Council news gets into U.S. newspapers is described in an article on page two.

Bishop Asks Priests, Laity Assist Interracial Council

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My dear People:

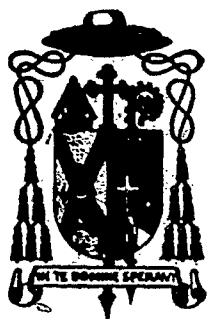
The Catholic Interracial Council has asked me to bring to your attention their efforts for the betterment of race relations in the Rochester area.

The Council articulates the Church's thirst for justice in every structure of today's society, and her ceaseless appeal for Christian love in all human relations. The Council has my full support and confidence.

The American Bishops have stated that the heart of the race question is moral and religious. Our Christian faith "knows no distinction of race, color or nationhood." Priests and parishioners can implement these teachings by doing all in their power to assist the Council in its work. This is the pressing apostolate of our day.

With a blessing, I am

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,



James E. Kearney
Bishop of Rochester

Papal Trip To Poland Seen Sure

Vienna — (NC) — Observers in Austria say there is no longer any doubt that Pope Paul will visit communist Poland next May.

Despite hedged denials on both sides, there is a feeling in Vienna that the Pope will make a short visit behind the Iron Curtain because he wants to and because the Polish government would like to have him. It is believed that rumors of the visit have created too much excitement for either side to withdraw now.

The Holy See denied that it has begun negotiations with Polish government authorities for a papal visit during the 1,000 anniversary of the Christianization of Poland. However a spokesman for the Polish government's office of church affairs in Warsaw noted privately that reports of the visit originated from the Vatican, not from Poland.

A story appearing in Vienna's independent daily, Neues Oesterreich, said both Catholic and communist authorities in Poland are anxious to have a visit from the Pope. Church leaders, and particularly Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, Polish Primate, believe the presence of Pope Paul would help Catholics generally in that country and that it would strengthen the hand of the hierarchy in its continuing struggle with the government.

Communist officials are equally anxious for a visit, said Neues Oesterreich correspondent Hervert Lucht. They feel it cannot help but give prestige to Poland on the world front, and they believe it can help the government at home, provided the Pope agrees to meet one of the state leaders.

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Prayers Sunday For Vietnam G.I's

Catholics of the Rochester Diocese will pray at Masses in their parish churches this Sunday for servicemen in the Viet Nam war.

Bishop Kearney, the Chancery announced this week, directs pastors to lead congregations in prayer in response to a proclamation of President Johnson setting aside Sunday "as a day of dedication and prayer, honoring the men and women of South Viet Nam, of the United States, and of all other countries, who are risking their lives to bring about a just peace in South Viet Nam."

New reports of the presidential proclamation issued Tuesday, Nov. 9, were eclipsed by the massive blackout which plunged northeastern United States into darkness that evening.

Following is the text of the President's statement:

Whereas, in assisting the people of South Viet Nam to resist unprovoked aggression, the United States and other nations are carrying on the honored tradition of defending a people's right to freedom; and

Whereas the purpose of the United States in Viet Nam is to help to open the way for social justice in place of unprovoked aggression and peace instead of war; and

Whereas there can be no social justice or economic progress without security from external attack and from terror in the night; and

Whereas the Government of the United States remains ready without condition for the international discussions that can lead to lasting peace; and

Whereas it is the sense of the Congress in S. Res. 159 and H. Res. 628 that it would be fitting for the President to set aside a national day of remembrance dedicated to those Americans who are committing their lives to bring about a just peace in South Viet Nam.

Now, therefore, I Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Sunday, Nov. 28, 1965, as a day of dedication and prayer, honoring the men and women of South Viet Nam, of the United States, and of all other countries, who are risking their lives to bring about a just peace in South Viet Nam.

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A Young Lady In the Pulpit

Paysandu — (NC) — An 18-year-old girl preached at all the Sunday Masses in the celebrated Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary in this second largest city of Uruguay.

Maria del Rosario Pereira ascended the pulpit following the Gospel to speak to the congregation at all the half-dozen Masses in the 160-year-old church. It was the first time in Uruguayan history that a woman had been selected to preach at Mass.

Miss Pereira, normal-school student who for a time was in charge of a Catholic TV program here, spoke on the missions. She urged the successive congregations "to turn their eyes toward the missionary world, the world of the wild, where the missionaries bring civilization, culture, spiritual life, health and new vision to people who do not know God."

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Final Reports on Drive To be Made Wednesday

Pledges to expand college and seminary facilities in the Rochester Diocese passed the \$8,500,000 mark this week as campaign committees pushed final efforts to surpass the \$9 million minimum goal by Dec. 1.

Committee chairmen, including heads of the nine districts in the parish solicitation division, will report results to Bishop Kearney that night.

Robert B. Wegman, general chairman of the drive, has invited campaign division leaders to present final totals to the Bishop at a dinner at the Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester Wednesday evening.

While many parish committees have finished their solicitations, with most of them exceeding their parish quotas, several others throughout the 12-county Diocese were endeavoring this week to complete visits to parishioners in order to meet the Dec. 1 deadline.

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Council Decrees Map Church's Future Shape

By FATHER EDWARD DUFF, S.J. Special Correspondent

Vatican City — (RNS) — Approving the vote of the bishops of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Paul promulgated on November 18 two further decrees, the first on Divine Revelation, a theological document of considerable ecumenical bearing, the second on the Lay Apostolate, a pastoral charge that assigns the laity an affirmative and concrete role in the mission of the Church.

On that occasion, the Holy Father made an address which, according to the approaching close of the Council, offered some "practical points involved" and thereby revealed strikingly his personality and his conception of the direction and the shape of Catholicism for the immediate future.

The original estimates are accurate: Paul VI is a sincere and resolute continuer of the aggiornamento of Pope John XXIII but he proposes to organize and supervise it. In an address characterized by directness of speech he made clear that he is fully conscious of all the currents in the Catholic Church today, that has thought out the policy to be followed, that there is a sure and steady hand on the tiller of Peter's barque.

In most general terms, that policy fosters change but ordered change, accepted change, gradual change. By temperament and long diplomatic training Paul VI has a studied distaste for improvisation, plans not thought through, duplication of efforts, demagoguery, artificial solutions, and their consequent confusion. He is the man of and in the middle, determined to preside over the consensus which time and full preparation will achieve.

The allegation of Hamlet-like indecisiveness is a specious reading of his character: when decisions are not made, it is because he judges that the time is not ripe for them. Head of an immense spiritual family spread across the globe, of all races and of all ages, he would have to stand and assimilate the best of ancient truths and the new at-

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A newsman interviews editors of book for "living room dialogues" by Rev. William A. Norgren of the National Council of Churches and Paulist Father William B. Greenspun. Book will be guide for Protestant and Catholic lay people in study and work for greater unity among Christians.

'Dialogue' for Living Rooms

New York — (RNS) — The interreligious Living Room Dialogues movement has been launched on a national official scale by two of the nation's major Roman Catholic and Protestant bodies.

Announcement of the project was made at a news conference at the Overseas Press Club of America by leaders of the National Council of Churches and the National Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Catholic educational agency.

The venture is aimed at bringing together Catholic and Protestant laymen in informal, local-level groups across the country for discussion of the "responsible involvement" of the man in the pew in the

worldwide movement toward Christian unity. A key point in its program, one of its leaders said, is that the movement virtually has hung a "no-deny allowed" sign on the doors of its meetings.

The press luncheon also marked the publication of "Living Room Dialogues," a paperback study group guide, by the 30-denomination National Council and the Paulist Press.

The 256-page volume is co-edited by Father William B. Greenspun, of Washington, D.C., Paulist Father, and the Rev. William A. Norgren, executive director of the Department of Faith and Order of the National Council of Churches. Father Greenspun is national director

of the Apostolate of Good Will, of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

The project was described by Dr. Cynthia Wedel of New York, associate general secretary for Christian Unity of the National Council of Churches, as "a great historic movement" in the life of both church groups.

She said it was a response to a nationwide need, frequently expressed by local churchmen, for resources and direction in Protestant-Catholic ecumenical encounters.

Father Greenspun said he hoped the book and the joint organization behind it would initiate many "Living Room Dialogues" at the neighborhood level, with laymen seeking rapprochement with members of other faiths. He described the process as a "structured" and "collective" ecumenical experience and the book as "the beginning of grass roots ecumenism."

The movement will probably get its biggest impetus during the week of prayer for Christian unity, Jan. 18 to 25, 1966, a period when Christians of all major faiths emphasize common prayer, Bible study, retreats and discussions.

Apartment Dwellers Shun Church, Survey Shows

Washington — (RNS) — As Washington's booming population soars, 80 per cent of the newcomers move into apartments — and fewer than 5 of every 100 ever bother to become involved in the church.

Metropolitan Washington's population, up 500,000 since the 1960 census, spells trouble for the churches. They just aren't reaching the apartment dweller, entrenched in his sanctuary of privacy and recalcitrant when that privacy is invaded.

Further, the churches appear not to be equipped to cope with the problem and the majority reportedly give it very little concern.

These are the startling details revealed in a 51-page report compiled by the Greater Washington Council of Churches.

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Presbyterians, Catholics Plan Study, Prayer Project

Presbyterian and Catholic representatives will meet today and tomorrow in Philadelphia to start work on a book for Bible study and prayer to be used by members of the two churches.

Theology experts of the two churches will also study "The Role of the Holy Spirit in Renewal and Reform" of present religious organizations and practices.

This week's meeting follows an initial July 27 get-together of churchmen at Georgetown, near Washington.