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The World's Poor Await Our Aid

By ROCCO A. SACCI

Near the close of a historic day that brought pride and joy to millions of Americans, Pope Paul VI, on October 4, 1965, in his sermon at the Mass at Yankee Stadium, said:

"Peace is not a state which can be acquired and made permanent. Peace must be built; it must be built up every day by works of peace. These works of peace are first of all, social order; then aid to the poor, who still make up an immense multitude of the world's population, aid to the needy, the weak, the sick, the ignorant..."

Since his elevation to the papacy in 1963, Pope Paul has repeatedly voiced his grave concern for the hunger, poverty and disease that shackle three-quarters of the world's population to a life of despair and desperation. The eloquent appeals by the Pope to the Christian conscience have brought forth a renewed international spirit and hope that these centuries-old triple adversaries of mankind can be controlled and, possibly, eliminated.

For over 20 years, American Catholics have been involved in "works of peace" that are helping to turn the tide in mankind's longest and most lopsided struggle. By their generous support of the annual Catholic Bishops' Overseas Relief Fund Appeal, they have made it possible for Catholic Relief Services-NCWC to conduct aid and social welfare programs in 80 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America, benefiting an estimated 40 million needy persons, entirely without regard to race, religion, politics or color.

Catholic Relief Services, now the largest private American overseas aid agency, conducts a global network of mass feeding programs that in 1965 reached 13 million individuals in families, 4 million health and wel-

fare cases living in institutions, and 6 million undernourished children in schools. In total, 23 million poverty-stricken men, women and children are receiving supplemental rations through these mass feeding programs.

As the relentless pace of the war increased in Vietnam during the past year, thousands of refugees poured into overcrowded refugee camps and shelters, hastily erected throughout the war-torn country. Catholic Relief Services, acting quickly to alleviate the suffering of these innocent victims, increased the

number of relief recipients on its rolls by 800,000 persons, thus reaching a total of 1.3 million refugees, widows, orphans and other war victims.

A shipment of 200 tons of acutely-needed salt for nutritional purposes was shipped to Saigon in September and \$40,000 worth of sweetened condensed milk, desperately-needed for Vietnamese mothers, infants and children, was also contributed by the Bishops' Overseas Relief Fund Agency. One-third of the total funds collected in the 1965 Catholic Bishops' (Continued on Page 2)

A Continuing Duty To Be Generous

Catholics of the Rochester Diocese will join members of their Church across the country in contributing this Sunday to provide relief for the world's poor.

Bishop Kearney said in a letter read at Masses last Sunday that there is "a danger we may grow weary" in hearing appeal after appeal to aid the needy.

He said it's the "continuing duty" of Christians to respond generously, however, to the plight of those who are in such urgent need of help. Full text of his letter is on page four of this Courier.

'Honest to God' Prelate in Rochester

A Need to Start from the Other End

Two of the world's most controversial theologians rendezvoused in Rochester last week.

"Honest to God" Anglican Bishop John A. T. Robinson of Woolwich, England, came to visit "God is Dead" Dr. William Hamilton of Colgate Rochester Divinity School.

A wag might quip, "Is there any longer a point in being 'honest to God' if 'God is dead'?"

But the wags didn't get a chance to make their quips. They didn't even know the two were meeting.

Bishop Robinson, long well respected in scholarly circles as an expert on New Testament studies, became internationally famous through his book titled "Honest to God" which was published in 1963 and has had the

phenomenal sale of more than a million copies to date.

He came to Rochester, and to the United States, to meet face to face the articulate theologians like Dr. Hamilton and "Secular City" Harvey Cox whose opinions are headline topics in newspapers and magazines.

Bishop Robinson termed Dr. Hamilton "astute" and said he dramatizes "the mood in which we have to do our theology today."

He said he was convinced "that what I was getting second hand across the Atlantic was likely to be distorted" and he wanted "to understand from the inside" what they were really saying.

He said he thought there was "a real danger" that people who seem to be on the periphery of orthodoxy may be written off by churchmen who "cease to listen to what they're saying and I think this is disastrous... Even if we don't agree with all they say," Bishop Robinson

Chance To Speak On Birth Control

Every member of the Church will have the right to be heard by the new commission on population and birth control set up by Pope Paul, according to Swiss-born Dominican Father Henri de Riedmatten, who has been named its secretary.

He told a press conference in Rome that "all steps are being taken to gain further knowledge of many aspects of the problem" and "obviously it is impossible to do everything in a short time."

"This is particularly so since the problem is such a difficult and complex one," he added.

Father de Riedmatten said the commission — its formal name is the Commission for the Study of Population, Family and Birth — as well as its individual members "will be under pressure from public opinion, pressure groups and individual members of the faithful" and for this reason it was "necessary to work in a relaxed atmosphere."

The Dominican priest said the original commission of lay and clerical experts set up by the Pope had examined the most up-to-date data relating to birth control, and "if the problem were simple or if the Church simply wanted to make a decree, the world would have had an answer by now."

"However," he stressed, "it is easier to give pragmatic answers than a reply based on principles."

He said the naming of cardinals and archbishops to the commission "marked a big step forward."

"Although the members of the original commission are all experts in this delicate matter," he explained, "they were not sufficiently homogenous to be unanimous and not sufficiently representative to be authoritative. The presence of the cardinals and archbishops is indispensable for the future of the work."

"The composition of the commission makes it clear that the wish of the Holy Father will be observed and this wish is that there be no premature decisions."

Cardinal Laurence Shehan of Baltimore, one of three U.S. prelates named by Pope Paul to this new commission, said he had confidence that "proper answers" will be found for the questions facing the commission.

Early this month, Pope Paul announced 16 churchmen from 11 nations, with a score of experts to advise them, will constitute a commission to shape a definitive statement on the Church's position on birth control.

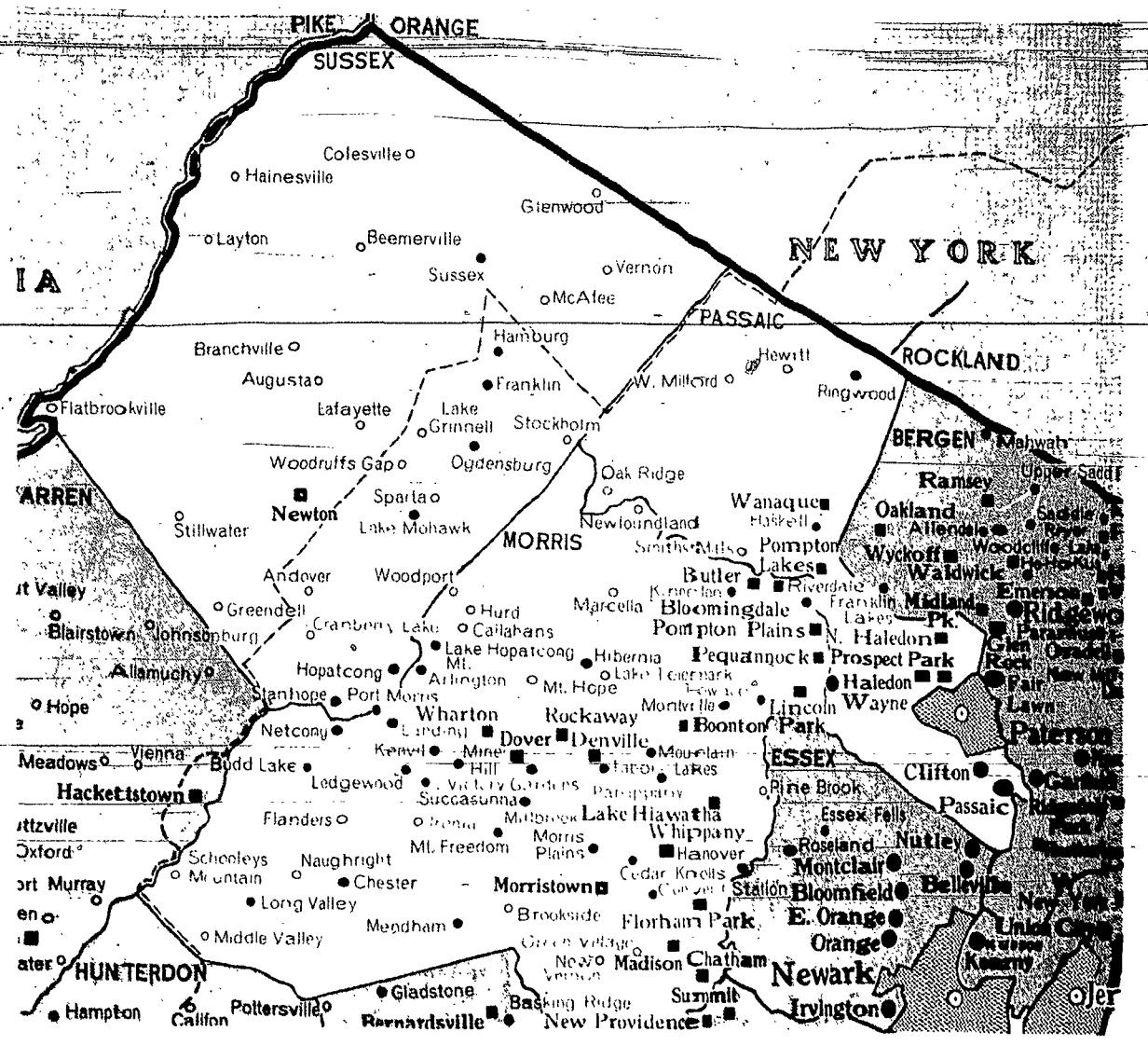
The commission is headed by Cardinal Alfredo Ottaviani who spoke at the Vatican Council against changing the Church's present restrictive position.

Other U.S. prelates on the commission are Archbishop John Dearden of Detroit and Archbishop Leo Binz of St. Paul, Minnesota.



BISHOP ROBINSON
Honest to Catholics too

explained, "their questions are very largely on questions... and only in the dialogue and real listening and discussion can one get anywhere."



The Diocese of Paterson, New Jersey.

Bishop Casey's Installation May Twelfth at Paterson

Bishop Casey will be formally installed in his diocese of Paterson, New Jersey, Thursday, May 12, he announced today.

The installation ceremony will be held in Paterson's Cathedral of St. John the Baptist at 4:00 p.m.

Archbishop Thomas A. Boland of Newark, in whose province the Paterson diocese lies, will preside at the rite.

Bishop Kearney and priests of the Rochester Diocese will attend the installation ceremony.

The date will follow by just a week Bishop Casey's thirtieth anniversary of his consecration to the hierarchy. He was elevated to the bishop's rank by Cardinal Spellman at Sacred Heart Cathedral May 5, 1936, to be Auxiliary Bishop of Rochester.

Monsignor Joseph R. Brestel, administrator of the Paterson diocese, visited Bishop Casey last Friday to work out details of the installation rite and to arrange for Bishop Casey's coming to Paterson.

BISHOP CASEY will succeed the late Bishop James J. Navagh who died last autumn.

Bishop Casey's round of activities in the Rochester Diocese shows no let-up following announcement Wednesday, March 9, of his appointment by Pope Paul to the Paterson diocese.

He said he will continue his duties here as Auxiliary Bishop until the month of May.



Bishop Casey goes over map of his diocese with Monsignor Joseph Brestel of Paterson. He will be bishop to 350,000 Catholics in New Jersey's northernmost three counties of Passaic, Morris and Sussex.

Catholics 'In a New Era' Prelate Tells Protestants

Durham, N.C. — (RNS) — "You may not be in a new era, but I am," a Roman Catholic bishop told Protestant clergymen here at a meeting of the Durham Ministerial Association.

And, added Bishop Vincent S. Waters of Raleigh, "I think

that the Catholic Church has changed... I know I have changed" as a result of Vatican II.

In a reference to change in his own diocese produced by the Council, Bishop Waters said "I have a group of lay consultants" to help in the implementation of its decrees. "That's a change. I am enjoying it."

In introducing Bishop Waters, Dr. Richard L. Jackson, president of the Ministerial Association and pastor of Durham's Congregational Christian church, said: "This is the first time, I know, that a Roman Catholic has spoken to our group."

"I wouldn't be here today were it not for a change in the Church," said the Catholic prelate. He said the bishops had learned a great deal through contact with Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox delegate-observers at the Ecumenical Council.

"I think all of the bishops were changed. I have probably changed more than some of them. (We had not gotten together before. We needed the Council..."

Priests Charged As Traitors

Vienna — (NC) — The Hungarian government has announced the arrest of a "large number" of persons, some of them Catholic priests, on a charge that they plotted to overthrow the communist state.

The arrests were made public by Nepezbadsag, a publication of the communist party in Budapest.

Churchmen Afoot in Grape Strike

St. Louis — (RNS) — The strike of the grape pickers in Delano, Calif. — which has been endorsed by the National Catholic Rural Life Conference — is still resisted by the Roman Catholic Church in the immediate area, according to a union official.

Mrs. Dolores Huerta, vice-president of the Farm Workers Association, told the St. Louis Review, official archdiocesan newsweekly, that as a Catholic she finds the lack of response of the church "very disappointing."

"I have heard priests speak from the pulpit against the strike," she told the Review, "but I have heard no one speak in favor of it."

"I saw a grower demand that a priest, who appeared in a picket line tell him who gave him permission to be there. We have help from individuals, but because of pressures, from only a very few individuals."

Mrs. Huerta was here as part of a group which appeared before the National Council of Churches' General Board to protest the administration of War on Poverty funds. Twenty persons came to St. Louis to help draft a statement which charged that the poverty program was in too many cases not reaching the poor.

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