

# Canterbury Visits Rome

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Rome—(RNS) — Two things were equally in evidence during the three-day visit of Dr. Arthur Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury, with Pope Paul VI.

One was the genuine respect mutually displayed and the other was the repeated insistence on both sides that the difficulties ahead of union between the Anglican communion and the Roman Catholic Church are still truly formidable if not humanly insuperable.

## Times Reviews Prayer Book

New York — (RNS) — An unusual book of religious devotions which has reportedly sold 30,000 copies since its publication last year prompted the New York Times to ignore a "rule" of general literary criticism against reviewing such specialized material.

In discussing the Rev. Malcolm Boyd's "Are You Running With Me Jesus?", Times reviewer Eliot Fremont-Smith devoted the larger part of his review to a consideration of why "religious-inspirational books are considered outside the general book critic's proper realm."

One reason for such strictures in the past, Mr. Fremont-Smith noted, was the tendency for "prejudice and intolerance" to emerge. Hence it was considered "bad form" to examine a faith and its practice from a position outside that faith.

He called Mr. Boyd's prayers "at once informal and literate," though he speculated that to some churchmen the prayers would "seem a desecration." He found the Episcopal clergyman's volume "to my considerable surprise—a very moving book" and evidence that "the inspirational-religious genre need not be illiterate in either idea or form, and need not be assumed outside a thinking person's business."

"To say this, of course, is not necessarily to run with Malcolm Boyd, but to suggest that an age of critical silence on matters of religious faith—dumbness, if you will, intellectual stuffiness, certainly—may now be passed."

We live in an area of summit meetings where high policy is set. The meeting in Rome was not purely ceremonial or liturgical but witnessed theological discussion between the Pope and the Primate.

This exchange marked a significant forward advance on other such encounters, such as the moving meeting of Paul VI with Patriarch Athenagoras, at which the kiss of peace was exchanged, but which was marked by no theological or even practical dialogue.

There seems good reason for hoping on the basis of the meeting between the Pope and the president of the Anglican community that some sort of similar confrontation of views might be feasible with Orthodox representatives.

The acknowledged success of the Roman program is a tribute to the perseverance and skill of Augustin Cardinal Bea and his hard-working Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity. They succeeded not because they ignored the underlying problems, but because they were determined not to let these potential threats paralyze action and prevent progress.

Rough spots there were. Some observers thought that it was

mid-issues on the part of the Holy See to have issued the instructions on mixed marriages a few days before the arrival of the British Primate. Certain drafting inconsistencies in the document suggest that it had indeed been issued in haste. In all fairness it should be noted that perhaps Dr. Ramsey himself invited some such polite reply by his open announcement in London what he was going to tell the Pope about mixed marriages.

No doubt the archbishop's statement was necessary from his standpoint since he has to take his "low Church" constituency in mind.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in maintaining his reservations on the Catholic practice in mixed marriages, himself remarked that the new document is provisional and leaves room for further changes.

The meeting resulted not only in a series of striking photographs that speak more powerfully than words or solemn declarations in India ink on fine parchment announcing good intentions all round, but in the so-called mixed commission of Anglicans and Catholics. Dr. Ramsey, in his final press conference at English College, said that such a follow-up organ would be created soon.

Perhaps Dr. Ramsey includes among his "practical problems" the English Catholic bishops themselves whose reactions to the Canterbury visit remain somewhat unclear. English Catholic bishops by and large tend to feel that continental Catholics do not understand the Anglicans and what is worse do not understand the peculiar position of the Church of England to English Catholics.

This misunderstanding, some English Catholics are convinced, can lead to serious miscalculations detrimental in the long run to the cause of unity itself.

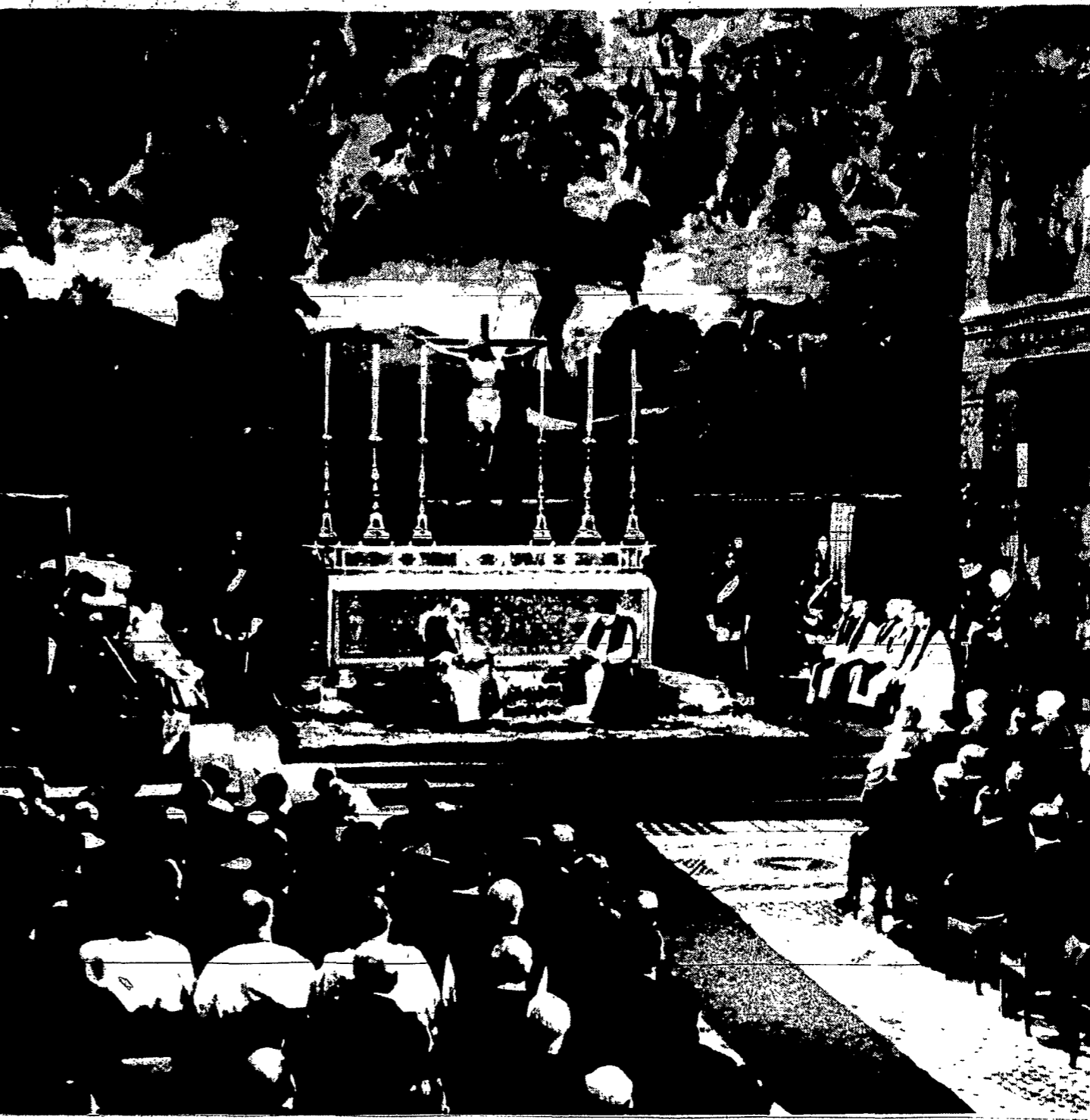
It could not have escaped the attention of English Catholic bishops that in this press conference before leaving Rome Dr. Ramsey seemed to pointedly exclude the English bishops from participation in the immediate future when he said the proposed mixed commission would transcend local hierarchies and be responsible only to perceptible world leadership,

that is, himself as president of the Lambeth Conference of Bishops of the Anglican communion and the Pope in Rome.

No formal decision on this matter has been made public, however, and it would be surprising if the English hierarchy, which is most directly concerned on the Catholic side, will be by-passed in this way.



The Primate of England and Cardinal Eugene Tisserant view special exhibit at Vatican museum.



The Sistine Chapel at the Vatican was site of historic meeting of Pope Paul and Anglican Archbishop



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