

# 'Huntley-Brinkley' of Ecumenical Movement

Harrisburg, Pa.—(CPH)—If one picture is worth a thousand words, the one that comes across television sets here on Sunday afternoons is saying a lot for the future of the ecumenical movement. Since last Fall, a Catholic priest and a Protestant minister have been conducting a joint religious newscast—a clerical version of the Huntley-Brinkley report.

The "Chet and David" of WHP-TV are the Rev. Joseph Hilbert, principal of Bishop McDevitt High School and diocesan radio-TV director, and the Rev. William Vastine, executive secretary of the Council of Churches of Greater Harrisburg.

"To my knowledge, this is the first ecumenical newscast in the country," said Father Hilbert, who has had 12 years' experience in religious newscasting.

The priest and the minister tape the 15-minute newscast a half-week ahead, for telecasting on Sunday from 1:15 to 1:30 p.m. No one says "Back to you, Chet," as the camera swings from one to the other, but behind the scenes the effect is the same as a staffer drones over the studio intercom:

"The first thing we'll do is go to Hilbert on Camera Two, and he'll give his headline; then we'll go to Vastine."

Then the show is on, with Rev. Vastine reading Protestant news from Religious News Service copy and Father Hilbert using the National Catholic Welfare Conference News Service. They compare stories shortly after they arrive at the studio and work on putting together an easy-flowing quarter-hour.



TV's ECUMENICAL TEAM are the Rev. William Vastine and Father Joseph Hilbert, who conduct a joint religious newscast emanating from Harrisburg, Pa.

"I think our main problem is to avoid duplication," said Father Hilbert, "because of the same articles are carried by both services, especially of an ecumenical nature. But frequently, I'll say something like, 'Do you have anything on Vietnam?' and we'll put our stories back to back."

"We both complement and supplement each other," the Rev. Vastine added. "We've had an agreement from the beginning that one week he'd start and I'd end, and the next week I'd start and he'd end."

The interfaith newscast is one of a series of projects that the priest and minister have joined in since Father Hilbert's arrival in Harrisburg last June.

They both have served on the area's Interfaith Brotherhood Committee and both are members of the Human Relations Council of Greater Harrisburg, which has been promoting the exchange of visits by Negro and white families. They also joined in helping to promote the local observance of the United Nations' 20th anniversary.

## Pope Praises Methods Of Cursillos

Rome — (NC) — To approximately 5,000 members of the Cursillos de Cristiandad who had come to Rome for the movement's first world congress, Pope Paul declared that the layman's "permanently" will stand throughout history.

"He transforms the temporal structures in which he lives, personally assuming responsibility for this," the Pope said.

"With the unfolding of time some methods grow old and new manifestations of the Spirit arise, but the permanent task of the layman will continue to be the infusion of Christianity into life, through personal friendship and encounter with God and in communion with his brothers."

The Pope asserted that religion, "if clearly presented," preserves its power of attracting men, even the young.

But he immediately added that "the vocation of Christianity is not for the fickle or the timid, for those who stick to half-measures, who bend to opportunism and to vile compromises. The complete, perfect man, the man who is strong and sure of himself, the man who can work and love, is always a good alumnus of the training of Christ," he added.

## Women Hear SU Chaplain

Auburn — Father Charles Borgognoni, chaplain at Syracuse University, spoke on "Catholic Students in Secular Colleges" at the installation dinner of the St. Alphonsus Altar and Rosary Society recently at Auburn Golf and Country Club.

Mrs. Leo A. Plackney, toastmistress for the dinner, introduced Father Borgognoni. More than 170 women attended the affair.

## Clergy Appointments

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Rev. Charles F. Mulligan, S.T.L., assistant pastor of Holy Cross Church, Rochester, will undertake pre-doctoral studies in languages at Harvard University in preparation for theological studies at the Gregorian University in Rome.

Rev. William M. Hart, Ph.D., professor of philosophy at St. Bernard's Seminary, has been named also to be pro-synodal Judge of the Diocesan Tribunal.

Rev. Daniel F. Holland, assistant pastor at Sacred Heart Cathedral, is appointed assistant director of the diocesan unit of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

Rev. Robert J. Kanka, associate editor of the Catholic Courier Journal, is given a leave of absence to undertake graduate studies in journalism at Syracuse University.

Rev. Ernest E. Kurzejewski, assistant pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Rochester, will undertake doctoral studies in history at Harvard University.

Very Rev. Msgr. Gerard Krieg, secretary and notary of the Diocesan Tribunal, is named Presiding Judge of the Diocesan Tribunal.

Rev. James Lawlor, assistant chancellor of the Diocese, is given a leave of absence to undertake graduate studies in canon law at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Rev. Thomas G. Lenhard, assistant pastor of Christ the King Church, Irondequoit, will undertake graduate studies in liturgy.

Rev. J. Norman Margrett, assistant pastor of St. Ambrose Church, Rochester, is named chaplain at the infirmary of the Nazareth Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Pittsford.

Rev. Robert A. Meng, assistant pastor of Corpus Christi Church, Rochester, is appointed to serve with the U.S. Bishops Relief Services agency of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Rev. Edward Foy, from Holy Family Church, Rochester, to St. Joseph's Church, Penfield.

Rev. George E. Gauthier, from St. Andrew's Church, Rochester, to Our Mother of Sorrows Church, Greece.

Rev. John F. Gormley, from St. Mary's Church, Corning, to St. Mary of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen.

Rev. William Hogan, from Our Mother of Sorrows Church, Greece, to St. Mary's Church, Corning.

Rev. Chester M. Kloczek, from Holy Family Church, Auburn, to St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua.

Rev. John Lynch, from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Rochester, to St. James Church, Irondequoit.

Rev. Paul J. McCabe, from chaplain at Notre Dame High School, Elmira, to assistant pastor at Corpus Christi Church, Rochester.

Rev. Richard C. Nangle, from St. Louis Church, Pittsford, to St. Augustine Church, Rochester.

Rev. Richard C. O'Connell, from Holy Rosary Church, Rochester, to St. Agnes Church, Avon.

Rev. John Philipps, from Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester, to St. Louis Church, Pittsford.

Rev. Eugene P. Sweeney, from St. Mary of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen, to Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Rochester.

Rev. Robert Donovan, from Holy Family Church, Auburn.

Rev. Thomas M. Erdle, from Holy Ghost Church, Coldwater, to St. James Church, Irondequoit.

Rev. Orrin W. Feller, who has been on sick leave, is named assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Victor.

ASSISTANT PASTORS

Rev. Raymond Booth is transferred from assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Penfield, to be assistant pastor of Holy Family Church, Rochester.

Rev. James R. Cosgrove, from St. Francis of Assisi Church, Rochester, to Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester.

Rev. Bernard Dollen, from St. Salome's Church, Rochester, to Holy Ghost Church, Coldwater.

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Deputy Commissioner

Washington — (NC) — President Johnson has named J. Graham Sullivan as U.S. Deputy Commissioner of Education.

Sullivan, chief of the division of instruction for the California Department of Education, succeeds Henry Loomis, who re-

## Simpler Splendor For Prelate

Spokane — (NC) — Bishop Bernard J. Topel of Spokane has launched his own "agostornamento" by announcing several changes in episcopal ceremony for members of his diocese.

Bishop Topel has requested Spokane residents to address him as "Father Bishop" rather than "Your Excellency."

Requesting that he no longer be addressed as "Your Excellency," Bishop Topel said, "It is a title that makes me think of ambassadors, governors, and civic leaders; more than bishops."

Kissing the bishop's ring will continue, since "the ring is a very important symbol."

"It signifies," he said, "that I, your bishop, am wedded to the diocese of Spokane. It is a symbol of rightful authority, and the kissing of it is an act of faith, a pledge of obedience."

He also announced that he has ceased wearing the "cappa magna," a long silk robe with ermine shoulder, saying, "For me it smacks too much of the medieval prince."



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## Prelates Says Workers Treated as Savages

San Antonio — (RNS) — A Roman Catholic prelate charged here that the "atmosphere in San Antonio toward organized labor is primitive and at times it's quite savage."

"In San Antonio anyone who is employed, and that covers a broad area, is vulnerable unless he is a member of a union," he said. "The unorganized stand before their employer defenseless and alone."

These were highlights of an address by Archbishop Robert E. Lucey to delegates of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union, local 142, in convention here. The Archbishop of San Antonio struck out at what he termed the "power structure" which he said discourages labor organization in this area and through much of Texas.

Moments before the address, delegates heard Elton Schroeder, union business manager, praise Archbishop Lucey for steadfast efforts in support of organized labor. "No one in this community has done so much for the downtrodden," Mr. Schroeder declared, "and I personally have a great admiration for Archbishop Lucey."

Delegates adopted a resolution congratulating the Archbishop on his "triple jubilee" and citing him as an "outstanding leader in the ecumenical movement, a friend of the oppressed and downtrodden and a friend of the working man."

A copy of the resolution was presented to the archbishop, described further as a man who has "the respect and love of members of all denominations" alone.

In his talk the archbishop observed that public officials "with few exceptions" are sometimes opposed to organized labor. "Public officials are sometimes elected by those who have money — and there is such a thing as buying an election," he said.

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By THOMAS E. ... (N. C. W. C. New ...)

July 4, 1966 will 190th anniversary "unanimous" adoption Declaration of Independence the 13 United States, meeting at the Independence Hall.

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