

# Layman Heads Church Council

Miami Beach. — (RNS) — Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, a former U.S. Cabinet member and prominent Methodist layman, was elected here to the presidency of the National Council of Churches.

Currently president of the University of Oregon, Dr. Flemming assumed the post held for the last three years by Senior Bishop Reuben H. Mueller of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. He pledged that he would "apply Christian principles" in all of his efforts to lead the NCC to a position of influence on both domestic and international questions.

The new NCC president's candidacy was unopposed. It has been expected for several weeks that the NCC's seventh triennial General Assembly, in session here, would name him. Dr. Flemming becomes the second lay president of the Protestant, Anglican and Eastern Orthodox agency. J. Irwin Miller of Columbus, Ind., a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), served from 1960-63.

At a press conference immediately following his election, Dr. Flemming said that he will use his office during the next three years to place emphasis on the strength of the national cooperative body in areas of international affairs, evangelism, Christian unity and anti-poverty.

He repeatedly stressed the potential impact of the NCC on domestic and international issues, pointing out that guidelines statements on many questions should be formulated with the help of experts in both religious and secular life.

In regard to criticism of the National Council, Dr. Flemming said this can be countered by more individual denominational effort to bridge a "communications gap." If member Churches would make more information available to the constituents as to the work and aims of the NCC, the new president maintained, there would be less of a problem.

Criticism of the NCC in recent years has come from not only ultra-conservatives who claimed the interdenominational agency had been infiltrated by Communists and Communist sympathizers but also from those who questioned the Council's pronouncements and programs on social and political issues.

Dr. Flemming, answering a query about the role of Christian organizations in the anti-poverty program, said he believes the church should help provide the nation with needed leadership and be willing to work cooperatively with the government. Without elaborating, he suggested investigation of possible church cooperation in the establishment of job-corps camps and programs.

Asked about his stand on the controversial Child Development Group of Mississippi, a Head Start project-sponsoring agency which had NCC Delta Ministry support and lost its federal funds because of reported mismanagement and an over-emphasis on Negro participation, Dr. Flemming said he favored re-funding of the CDGM.

He said he stood behind the statement issued by Bishop Mueller and Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, NCC general secretary, last October which expressed confidence in the integrity of the Mississippi program.

Among other comments, Dr. Flemming expressed enthusiasm over the advance in relationships between Protestant and Roman Catholic Churches.



## Papal Awards for Protestants

Dallas — (RNS) — Bishop Thomas K. Gorman of Dallas (right foreground) presents papal awards in behalf of Pope Paul VI to four Protestant laymen for their efforts in aiding society and in particular higher education. William A. Blakley, attorney and former U.S. Senator (left foreground) receives the insignia of a Knight in the Order of St. Sylvester for "good work done in regard to the Church." The three men in background were honored with the Benemerenti Medal for "outstanding work done for Christianity." They are, from left: Eugene McDermott, Mayor Erik Jonsson of Dallas, and Cecil H. Green, all Board members of Texas Instruments, Inc. The awards were presented at a ceremony at the University of Dallas, one of the many church-related colleges benefiting from the four laymen's philanthropy.

## A Warning on 'New' Ethics

Nottingham, Eng.—(RNS) — Stern warnings to Roman Catholics against mixed marriages and a developing "new code" of morality were issued in a pastoral letter by Bishop Edward Ellis of Nottingham.

In the message opposing mixed marriages, the 67-year-old prelate declared, "If in the past the Church has always warned her children against mixed marriages, nowadays the danger is even more acute."

"No sound, lasting, still less happy, married life can well be found on such divided minds."

Commenting on what he called "a disastrous decline from Christ's teaching concerning marriage and the family," Bishop Ellis told the more than 130,000 Catholics in his diocese: "The latest measures concerning divorce and abortion now being introduced into Parliament are symptoms of this. You know also the reports and recommendations of even religious bodies on such matters as extra-marital relations."

"There has risen in recent times a new code or law of morality. Unfortunately, it is one that has found supporters even among Catholics. It is the so-called 'morality of conscience.' In practice, it means that conscience alone is the supreme rule for conduct particularly in matters concerning marriage, etc."

"Advocates of this new morality speak of 'insuperable desires' which conscience may lawfully allow to be satisfied by adultery, extra-marital relations, etc. What kind of defense would it be for a person to say, 'I had an insuperable desire for that jewelry, that painting, that money?'"

"Without hesitation we call such men thieves and frauds."

"It is one thing for a friend, a spiritual director or a confessor to be compassionate and merciful like Christ. . . . It is quite another thing to say that God's laws concerning purity and chastity, marriage and the family do not bind in certain cases."

"Conscience must never be considered a law to itself. . . . It is so easily blinded by the fierce desires of our lower nature and inner weakness."

Bishop Ellis' blunt pastoral came in the wake of still growing controversy over proposals now before Parliament to relax the laws against abortion and to widen the scope for divorce.

Both issues not only are raising conflict between the Churches and the state but in some aspects between the Churches themselves. Roman Catholics oppose both divorce and abortion, but the Church of England and other denominations are prepared to go some way to relaxing the laws on a civil basis.

Bridgetown—(NC)—Although it is a minority denomination in this easternmost island of the Caribbean, Catholicism has long been vital and active here.

Along with other groups in this British colony, the Catholic Church is looking forward with eagerness to the island's attainment of full independence, set for Nov. 30.

The survey appeared in the recent issue of World Campus, a monthly collegiate journal of opinion published here by the Maryknoll Fathers. It has a circulation of 17,000. Answers to the survey were received from more than 500 students, a majority of them men, who live in 40 states, the District of Columbia, and the Panama Canal Zone.

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## Communion From Nuns, Laymen

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The archbishop also announced that laymen will be permitted to distribute Communion by January, 1967, if they have completed a period of training preparing them to act as deacons.

The archbishop explained that the permissions were in accord with the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and the regulations of the National Conference of Brazilian Bishops.

## 'New Deal' For Fathers

Rome — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI went to the parish Basilica of St. Sebastian on the old Appian Way to join in Thanksgiving Day rites sponsored by the Italian Agricultural Confederation and was welcomed by thousands of peasants and farmers.

Also on hand to greet the pontiff were Ildibrando Cardinal Antonutti, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Religious; Luigi Cardinal Traglia, the Pope's Vicar General for the City of Rome; and an official of the Italian government.

Preaching during a Mass, Pope Paul referred to the floods that had inundated large rural areas in central Italy, saying this called for "a new deal and understanding of the needs of farmers and farm workers in the country."

## Students OK Vietnam War

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