

Housing for Poor A Basic Need

Washington—(RNS)—Strengthening of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1967, with provisions for the poor, was advocated here by the secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities.

Msgr. Lawrence J. Corcoran told the Senate's Subcommittee on Housing and Urban Affairs that "we believe adequate housing for all is the basic requirement in the search for complete social health of our country."

"Present legislative proposals now before the subcommittee, he said, give 'very little attention' to housing for poor families. 'The special bills which provide for home ownership cannot make this... a reality for the poor.'"

Msgr. Corcoran pointed out there are 32.7 million people in the U.S. who fall below the poverty line of \$3,130 per year income for a family of four. "To make home ownership a reality for this family... the present proposals must be re-examined and related more realistically to the income of poor families."

"It is important," he continued, "that we are clear about whom we are talking when we speak of home ownership for low-income persons. We are not really talking about the poor family, who is the true low-

income family, but rather we are addressing ourselves to the moderate income family.

"There is indeed a need for housing help for these families, and we commend them to the consideration of this Subcommittee. I repeat, however, that this is not truly a consideration of those in poverty."

Msgr. Corcoran commended the Public Housing Program for its "significant contribution toward housing the poor," but said there is a need to correct an "inadequacy" which is not met by the present proposals.

Although 125,000 units of low-rent housing are needed each year, only 45,000 units resulted from the low-rent Public Housing Program and the FHA Below Market Interest Rate Program, he said.

The Catholic spokesman voiced support for the Model Cities and Rent Supplement programs and the provisions of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1967 which encourages more nursing home beds.

He backed the section of the Act which would allow tenants in public housing to purchase their dwellings when their income permits. But Msgr. Corcoran cautioned that the implementation of that section not be allowed to decrease the total number of public housing units.

In U.S. Racial Struggle

Before 'Easter' 'Good Friday'

Montreat, N.C.—(RNS)—There will be more "Good Fridays" in America's racial struggle before any "Easter" comes, a Negro minister from New York told a national conference of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) here.

"Misery in the midst of plenty, racial separation and privilege cannot endure," declared Dr. Eugene Callender, director of the New York Urban League.

"We must pass through defeat and death — the death of our segregated neighborhoods and schools, of our intellectual pride, of our refusal to violence of our secure jobs next door to poverty, of the white man's domination and western superiority, the death of freedom where others are in jail, the death of white men's Christian clubs mistakenly called churches."

Dr. Callender, addressing an overflow crowd at the Southern Presbyterian National Ministries Conference, said that "we let things drift until something drastic happens, and then we seek a remedy. This is what is happening in today's riot-torn cities and violence-torn world."

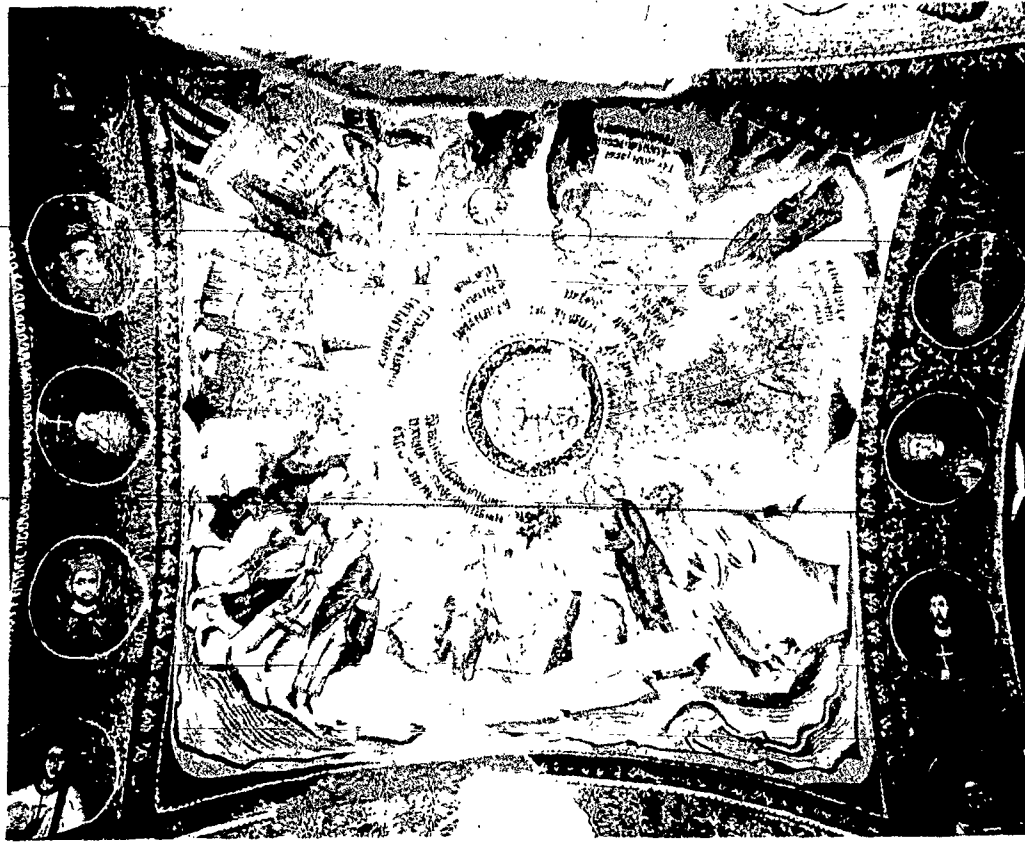
But out of all of the violence will come a better day, he added. The "spirit and faith of Christ" is giving birth to the new humanity foretold by the prophets through the violent events of the day.

In classes taught at the week-long conference, Dr. Howard G. Hageman, minister of North Reform church in Newark, and his social-worker wife said the most important thing white middle class churchmen can do in the aftermath of the recent riots is to "help reconcile the white community."

"It's important for people to understand the feelings of those in the ghetto," said Mrs. Hageman. She said churches can help establish communications between the white middle class people in low income areas. Dr. Hageman added that political action is important in dealing with the riot causes.



OVERLOOKING THE Bosphorus is the fortress of Rumeli Hisar built by the Turkish leader Mohammed in 1452, the year before he conquered Constantinople. At right is one of the mosaics in the ceiling of the Church of Our Savior in the Field, among the finest artistic achievements in the Byzantine era.



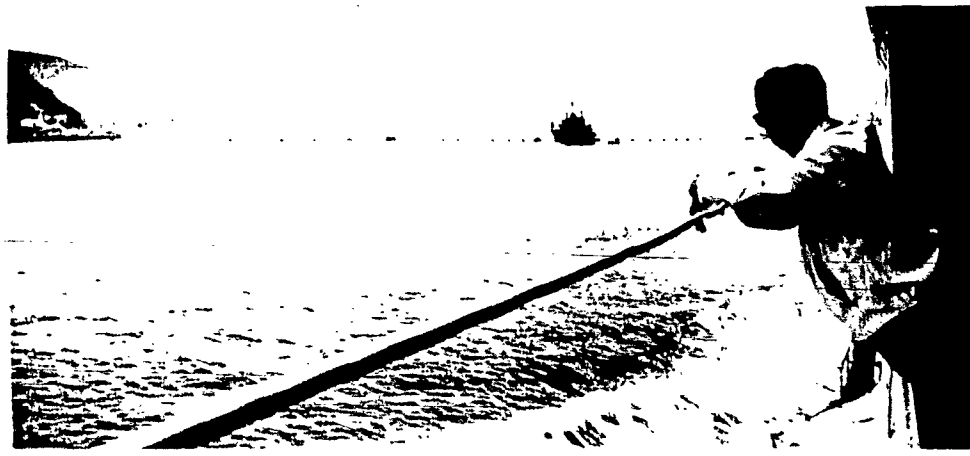
Istanbul, city of ancient glories



A SOLITARY Muslim faces Mecca in prayer in Istanbul's Blue Mosque of Sultan Ahmet, so called because blue is the predominant hue of the tiles and decorations.



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From the Holy Land you fly over areas as rich as any in Christian and cultural history. Old Testament Tyre and Sidon are there on your right. Then you fly over Cyprus, with its memories of St. Paul; in fact, a little farther away at the bend in the coastline are Tarsus, Paul's home town, and Antioch, St. Peter's first See.

Every spot you fly over, on the way to Istanbul, has recollections from the Acts of the Apostles or the early Church. Shortly before you land, you see Nicaea — the spot of the first Ecumenical Council.

Why Istanbul? You recall that this is only a modern name for what was "The City" during the first thousand years of its existence — Constantinople. In fact, the word Istanbul seems to be the corruption of three Greek words "Eis ten polin" (meaning "Into the City").

ONE OF THE Crusaders, when he first saw Constantinople, called it "the city sovereign above all others." It was where the Emperor lived, where Constantine transferred his capital, May 11, 330 A.D., and it remained, at least in title (for its real power had long since shrunk), the main city of the Western world until May 29, 1453, when the Turks finally conquered it. Modern history is often measured from that date.

Situated on the Bosphorus, where Europe and Asia meet, Constantinople enjoys perhaps the finest location of any world capital. True, today it is not a political capital, the Turkish seat of government being in faraway Ankara. Following the sack by the Fourth Crusade in 1204 and the capture by the Turks in 1453, little of antiquity remains. Still, enough remains to suggest what for long was the world's most glorious city — Byzantium or Constantinople.

By far the most imposing remnant is the great church of Holy Wisdom (Hagia Sophia). The Turks covered over the treasury of mosaics (as they did elsewhere) and added several hideous billboards, turning it into a mosque with added minarets outside.

BUT THE INCREDIBLE building stands, probably the most thrilling enclosed space in the world. It was built under Emperor Justinian within the startling span of five years, 532-537 — roughly a third the time taken by the Parthenon, and many times less than that required for St. Peter's.

The designers, Anthemius of Tralles and Isidore of Miletus, achieved a miracle, described by Procopius as "suspended from the heavens by a golden chain." When Emperor Justinian finally saw it he exclaimed: "Glory be to God who hath deemed me worthy to complete so great a work! I have outdone thee, O Solomon!" Doubtless he had.

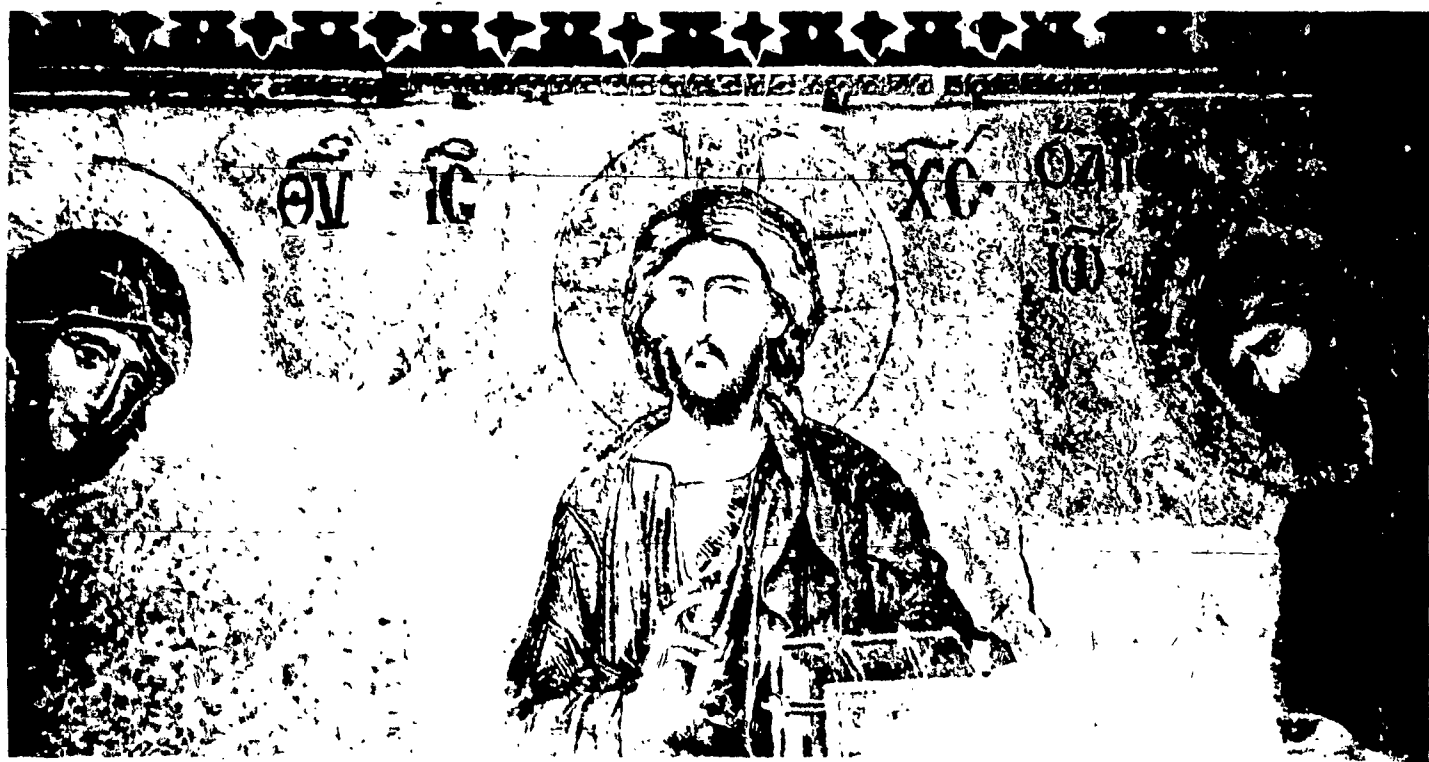
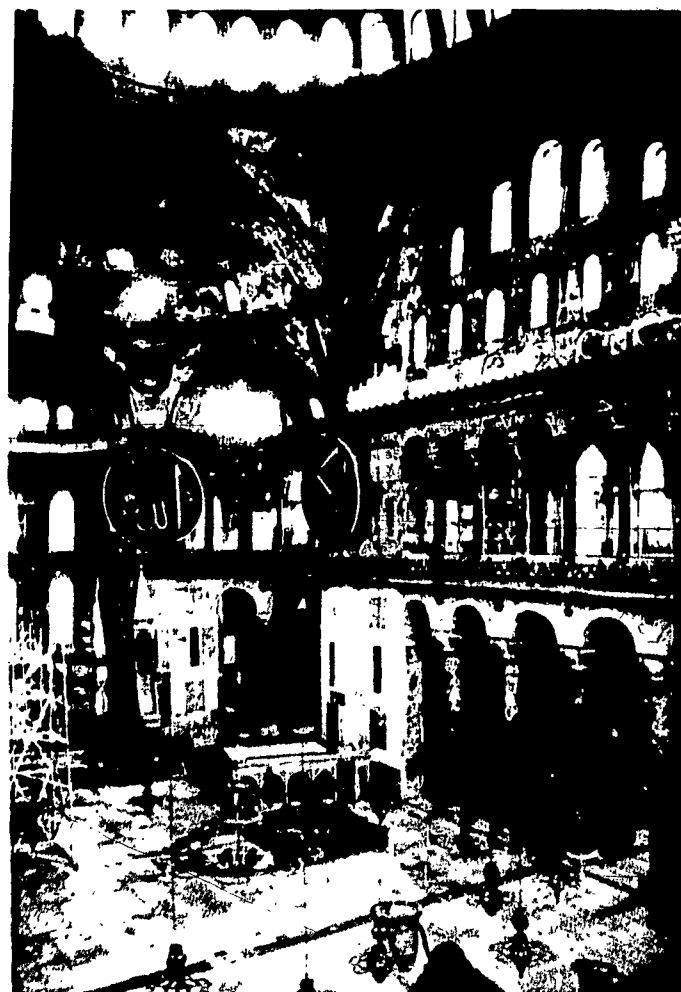
Fortunately, under American teams of artists, many of the mosaics have now been uncovered. Still, from the viewpoint of mosaics and frescoes, another Byzantine church (now also secularized, like Hagia Sophia, into a mere museum) surpasses any in Istanbul; this is the Church of Our Saviour in the Field (called variously the "Chora," or in Turkish, the Kariye Djami).

This is one of the final artistic achievements of the Byzantine era, and its art treasures seem to date approximately from about 1310-1320. Since it is not on the beaten path commonly taken by tourists, the pilgrim will have to ask to be taken there. But he will never regret or forget the experience.

MORE OBVIOUS DELIGHTS will not be missed in Istanbul. Noteworthy is the Bosphorus boat trip, up to the mouth of the Black Sea, along one of the most exquisite waterways in the world. You will pass, or visit, Rumeli Hisar, the castle built by Turkish leader Mohammed the year before he entered Constantinople, and on the Asiatic side Anadolu Hisari, built by his grandfather to facilitate the city's capture. You will also want to visit the great walls of the city — for so many centuries impregnable — and several of the important mosques that seem to echo the graceful lines of Hagia Sophia.

The Blue Mosque is the most famous of these, built by Sultan Ahmet, 1609-1616. However, the greatest of Turkish architects — indeed one of the greatest in all history — was Sinan, who erected the mosque of Suleiman and became to Istanbul what Christopher Wren was to London. And you will want to see the museum Topkapi, made famous in the recent movie of the same name.

But to the Christian pilgrim Istanbul remains Constantinople, the See of the Patriarchs of the East, the vicinity or actual site of most of the early Church Councils (Chalcedon is, in fact, right across the Bosphorus), the spiritual center of Orthodoxy, the birthplace of a galaxy of saints, and even today the residence of the Ecumenical Patriarch, His Holiness Athenagoras I.



THE GREAT Church of Holy Wisdom, "Hagia Sophia," built between 532-537, is now a Turkish museum. In it is the beautiful mosaic of Deisis, portraying the Virgin on the right side of Christ, John the Baptist on His left.

THIS IS THE EIGHTH in a series on "The Crescent of Christianity" written by the Rev. C. J. McNaspy, S.J., associate editor of America. Photos by the Rev. Elmo L. Romagosa of the CLARION.

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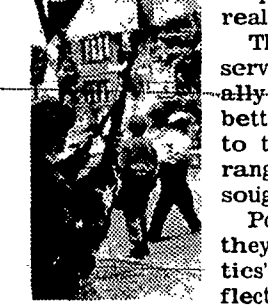
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- Chick
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- Crazy Quilt
- The Deadly Affair
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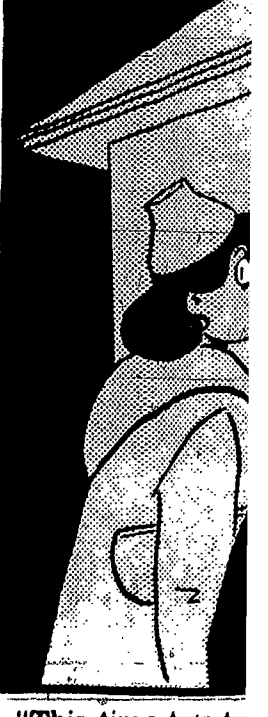
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