



Observers Report to LBJ

Washington — (RNS) — Two noted clergymen were among the delegation named by President Johnson to observe the elections in South Vietnam. On their return to the U.S., the observers reported to the President that a fair election had been held. Shown with the group here are Roman Catholic Archbishop Robert E. Lucey of San Antonio (first from left, front row) and Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, pastor of the National Presbyterian church in Washington (fifth from left, second row). Seated with the President in the first row are Archbishop Lucey, Gov. Richard J. Hughes of New Jersey, Sen. Bourke Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) and Major Joseph Barr of Pittsburgh.

Volunteers to Face U.S. Bombs in Vietnam

London — (RNS) — Fifty volunteers are being sought here to go to North Vietnam to share the dangers of American bombing with its people—and also a sum of \$42,000 to send them there.

Behind the project is a new organization called Non-Violent Action in Vietnam. It was launched in a popular tavern in London's Fleet Street. Its secretary, Roger Moody, said 32 volunteers had already been interviewed and accepted.

Three members of Parliament said they will definitely go if the project can get under way during the present parliamentary recess, which ends Oct. 23. But some big "religious catches" have apparently failed to materialize.

It was announced that one

volunteer was Lord Soper, noted Methodist leader. At the press conference, however, a message was received saying "Lord Soper is prepared to volunteer for this project, but is not at this stage prepared to go."

There was a message from retired Roman Catholic Archbishop T. D. Rogers, S.J., which said, "If I were younger and did not have a bad leg I would gladly volunteer. He is 74.

Two British Catholic women were named as volunteers, however—Cecily Hastings, a well-known writer and peace advocate, and Rachael Blake, a part-time teacher and peace worker. An Anglican priest, a Congregational minister, a Methodist theological student and some Quakers were also said to have volunteered.

Pacifist Raps Clerics For 'Blessing' War

South Bend — (RNS) — Gordon C. Zahn, Roman Catholic sociologist and a long-standing advocate of pacifism, spoke here against the support of war and militarism by Catholic individuals and institutions.

Addressing a national meeting of the chaplains of the Christian Family Movement (CFM) at Notre Dame University, Mr. Zahn said that "it is the proper role of a churchman (or a church) to make war, to bless war, or even to praise war and the deeds of war." Until this is realized, he said, "we will never be able to bring the required measure of dedication to our vocation of peace."

Among practical steps in support of pacifism, he suggested the removal of national flags from Catholic churches and the abolition of military training programs at Catholic schools.

Any conflict between loyalty to one's country and to one's conscience must be decided by the Christian in favor of the latter, Mr. Zahn stated. "The true Christian must always set some limits to his patriotic commitment, even to the point of being prepared to witness the downfall of his nation if the only alternative be the serious violation of God's law," he said. Mr. Zahn conceded that a country committed to pacifism would be at the mercy of armed nations, but he said that the Christian community must be willing to endure hardships and find means of converting them "into occasions of grace."

The best alternative to war,

New Cathedral For Ukrainians

London — (NC) — A 300-year-old Congregationalist church in London's West End has been bought for conversion into a Ukrainian Catholic cathedral.

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Prelate Asks End to War

Santa Fe — (RNS) — Whatever actions are needed to bring the war in Vietnam to an end should be taken by President Johnson now "in the name of decency and as an expression of our people's deep-seated will to peace," according to Roman Catholic Archbishop James Peter Davis of Santa Fe.

The archbishop announced that he believes "the time has come for me to join my voice to those of my brother bishops and to many other men of good will, of all persuasions, who are urging President Johnson to take whatever steps are necessary to bring the current conflict in Vietnam to an end as quickly as possible."

"If those steps include a cessation of bombing in the North, as several of the candidates for the presidency of South Vietnam suggested they must, if they include a demonstrated willingness to enter into immediate negotiations, with any and all parties involved in the conflict, as such organizations as Negotiation Now believe they do; if they include a call to the United Nations to involve itself formally in negotiating a settlement to the conflict, as the majority leader of the United States Senate indicates they may—whatever steps are required, our President . . . should take immediately," the archbishop declared.

With his announcement, Archbishop Davis joined a list of religious leaders calling for an end to the Vietnamese conflict. Some Catholic bishops, including Bishop Victor J. Reed of Oklahoma City, Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan of Atlanta, Auxil-

iary Bishop John J. Dougherty of Newark, and Auxiliary Bishop James P. Shannon of St. Paul-Minneapolis, have signed a petition by a group called Negotiation Now calling for an end to the bombing of North Vietnam and an announcement of our willingness to negotiate with "all parties concerned," including the National Liberation Front (Vietcong).

Total Mass In English In Canada

Ottawa — (RNS) — Canada will become the first country in the world to have the whole Latin-Rite Mass in English, the Canadian Roman Catholic bishops announced at their Fall meeting.

Starting Oct. 1, the Canon of the Mass will be said in the local language in Canadian churches.

In the United States, the expectation is that an approved Latin-Rite Mass entirely in English will not be available for general use in parishes before the first Sunday of Advent, Dec. 3.

Bishop Emrnett Carter of London, Ont., chairman of the Canadian Bishops' Commission on the Liturgy, announced at a press conference that a translation of the Latin Canon had been prepared by the International Committee on English in the Liturgy and is now on the press.

The International Committee is a cooperative project sponsored by the national hierarchies of the U.S., New Zealand, Pakistan, Scotland and South Africa.

A total of 60 to 80 million English-speaking Catholics will thus be provided with a common translation of the Mass from Latin.

Although other hierarchies have petitioned the Vatican for permission to have the whole Mass in the local language, the Canadian bishops took advantage of a general instruction from Rome and approved the translation themselves.

This was the target date mentioned by Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan of Atlanta, chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, in a statement issued last May.

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