

No-Popery Group Aids Church Fund

Lewes, England — (NC) — A society that traditionally burns an effigy of the Pope each year held a torchlight procession that aided the building fund of a new Catholic church.

The Cliffe Bonfire Society here organized a fireworks display each Nov. 5, the anniversary of the attempt by Guy Fawkes, leader of a group of Catholic extremists, to blow up the House of Parliament in 1605. A highlight of the display is the burning of an effigy of the Pope after a parade through the town with a "No Popery" banner.

After the society recently agreed to arrange a torchlight procession at nearby Brighton as part of a local carnival they learned that one of the charities to benefit would be the building fund for a new Catholic church.

An emergency meeting was called, but the society decided to hold the procession "to show there is no prejudice against Catholics today."

A spokesman said: "The 'No Popery' banner and the effigies we burn on Guy Fawkes' Night are protests against things that happened in the past. We believe it is important that these traditional displays should be kept up. They are part of the history of Lewes. But we have no objection to the activities of Catholics of the present day."



Padre Pio, 80, Still Going On

San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy — It was just 49 years ago this week, on Sept. 20, 1918 that a Capuchin monk, Padre Pio began to experience the mysterious stigmata which has been his badge since that day.

Stigmata are a phenomena of intermittently bleeding wounds, similar to the wounds of Christ on the cross, which certain mystics have experienced. St. Francis of Assisi is perhaps the best known stigmatic.

Padre Pio, now 80 years old, has wounds on both hands and feet and over his heart. A New York Times story on him recently commented that "the wounds have never been scientifically explained, but Padre Pio has them, and they bleed sometimes profusely."

Regarded as a living saint by many, Padre Pio has a great attraction for devout people, and more than 1.5 million visit the mountain town of San Giovanni Rotondo each year to assist at the elderly Capuchin's daily Mass. He has to offer Mass sitting down now, because of his age and the wounds in his feet which make standing quite difficult.

Milwaukee — (RNS) — White youths from Milwaukee's South Side carry a stretcher bearing effigy of Father James E. Groppi, Catholic priest and civil rights leader, as they stand in front of the home of Archbishop William E. Cousins. The prelate had refused, despite pressures, to order the priest to end his demonstrations for open housing. Crowd demanded ouster of the priest. Sign says: "A good Groppi is a dead Groppi."

Bitterness Boils High

Marching for Justice in Milwaukee

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melee on Sept. 12; police had to use tear gas on angry white crowds on Sept. 10 and again on Sept. 13.

"We marched in orderly fashion, three abreast, along the sidewalk and moved right along," smiled Father Finks in recounting the weekend's activities.

He and Father Brennan were among some 60 priests and 25 nuns, who joined 100 Protestant clergy in Milwaukee last weekend for the marches.

Commenting on Father Groppi, who as chaplain for the Milwaukee National Advancement for Colored People's Youth Council, has spearheaded the demonstrations, Father Finks said simply:

"He is really loved by the Negro people. They call him the greatest blue-eyed soul brother in the world."

The controversial Milwaukee priest has decided, Father Finks added, that if he is going to be of any help to his Negro parishioners, "he must utilize direct action."

His approach may displease many whites, the Rochester priest said, but he (Father Groppi) "is responding to the needs of his people."

One of Milwaukee's weak spots, Father Finks mentioned, has been its lack of a representative Negro community organization. Until the recent rise of the NAACP Youth Council, there was no real voice for Milwaukee's Negro populace.

Further support from outside Milwaukee will be needed in the next two weekends, he stated.

if the demonstrations are to be of lasting effectiveness.

"They need people who are willing to join in the marches — priests and nuns among them — and they need money to help feed and house those taking part in the demonstration," he stated.

Father Finks said that he would be glad to advise anyone who wants to send funds or to take part in the demonstrations personally.

—Father Robert Kanka

Piety Found Hiding Bias

Columbus — (RNS)—Clergy men who believe personal salvation leads to social concern may be mistaken, a Roman Catholic sociologist charged here.

Dr. William V. D'Antonio, chairman of the sociology department at the University of Notre Dame, came to his conclusion after a study of Catholics and Protestants in two Oklahoma communities.

He presented the study to the interdenominational National Consultation on the Church in Community Life, a four-day meeting described as the first national ecumenical

conference on the task of the church in town and country areas.

Dr. D'Antonio conceded that his 1965 research was done on a small scale and that social economic factors may have had some effect on the beliefs surveyed. But he found that those who expressed the strongest beliefs in "love of God" also indicated the strongest bias against Negro and Jew.

The sociologist also found that both Protestants and Catholics feared abstract ideas, "such as socialism," but favored some government programs

leaning in that direction but not so labeled.

Urban and rural differences with respect to dogmatism or lack of it were indistinguishable, Dr. D'Antonio reported.

"All of this suggests," he commented, "that if clergymen work under the assumption that belief in God and the divinity of Christ will necessarily lead to favorable attitudes toward important social issues, they may be operating on a faulty assumption."

"The assumption that love of neighbor flows from 'love of God' and necessarily leads to concrete attitudes favorable to specific neighbors is not supported by our data."

Dr. D'Antonio suggested that the church should devote attention to programs directed specifically at social issues and not simply preach goodwill, if the development of social concern is one of the church's aims.

The consultation, which drew 1,800 church leaders, was a cooperative effort of 14 Protestant denominations, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Columbus, the U.S. Catholic Conference's Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, the National and Ohio Councils of Churches.

White Suburb Invites Negroes

Traverse City, Mich. — (RNS) — A Catholic high school in this northern Michigan vacation center is reaching out to the Detroit Negro ghetto in a manner it hopes will catch on in other all-white American communities.

The six-member lay school board of St. Francis High School has invited six inner-city Negro youths to move into white homes along the shores of Lake Michigan's Grand Traverse Bay and go to school at St. Francis. The school has had no Negro students.

They will be given full scholarships and any remedial work necessary to place them abreast of better advantaged rural and small town youngsters.

The board voted the move on the recommendation of Stuart Hubbell, county prosecuting attorney, who earlier had outlined the same idea before a meeting of the Michigan Catholic Conference.

"I thought maybe I had put my foot in it," Mr. Hubbell said, "but when I got back to Traverse City the school board thought it was a terrific idea. They never hesitated a minute."

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Third Order Plans Experimentation

New York — (RNS) — The members of the Third Order Secular of St. Francis in the eastern United States have been asked to launch a period of "unqualified experimentation" as a preliminary step to the formulation of a new set of rules.

Renewal of the Third Order was announced by the organization's leaders, Father Roy Gaskin, O.F.M., provincial director, and Dr. Joseph McCloskey, provincial prefect.

In a joint statement, they said that the ultimate goal of the renewal is to "make the lay Franciscan movement a best possible means for realizing the directions set by the Second Vatican Council for both the Church and contemporary society."

Father Gaskin and Dr. McCloskey urged Third Order members in the eastern province to find ways to spark Christian life in their parishes and civic communities and to prepare for "eventual autonomous leadership" by lay leaders. In planning for the renewal, they urged the members to avoid "all forms of legalism and provincialism."

There are 8,000 members or tertiaries, as they are called, in the Holy Name Province of the Third Order in the eastern U.S. The province consists of 120 fraternities.

A Third Order Secular is a body of Catholics who seek Christian perfection in association with and according to the spirit of a religious order. Members do not take vows and do not live in religious communities, but maintain their custom-

ary way of life in the world. Priests, as well as lay persons, may be tertiaries.

The Third Order of St. Francis was founded in 1209 by the Italian saint who lived in Assisi. There are approximately 2.2 million members in the world and 130,000 in the U.S.

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Vatican City—Women wearing miniskirts will not be allowed to enter Vatican City, according to orders issued by Pontifical Guards.

The guards have been instructed to escort all miniskirted girls back to the borders of the Vatican State. Although the new rules are unofficial, the guards have been vigorously enforcing them since Sept. 10.

Golden

Vatican City — (RNS) — sent to the shrine decorated with genuflections, Vatican appreciation for services as to shrines, basilica the shrine at Guadalupe, Portugal.

Laymen in the Morning

Chicago — (RNS) — nationwide organization of Catholic laymen has called "democratization" of the Church to allow all Catholics to help select their bishops and other leaders.

The National Association of Laymen (NAL), whose five board met here, recommended that a "legislative parliament" be developed in the Church.

"Such machinery should merely advisory, it held, "should allow general participation by Catholics in decisions of Church policy. It should be established in such a way that all members of the Church play an essential role in selection of their pastors and other major ecclesiastical officials."

The appeal for "democratization" featured a position on diocesan and parish administration, one of six statements made public at the end of a three-day meeting.

Fourteen members of the NAL executive board met in suburban Evanston, Ill., of Donald Heyman, a member and president of the Chicago Conference of Laymen, an affiliated group.

Board members ended session at a Mass offered in the Chapel of the Interdenominational Catholic Auxiliaries, a teen mission organization of Catholic women with headquarters in Evanston. Servant celebrant was Father John

Israel Report in 3-Faiths

United Nations — (RNS) — Israel's Ministry for Religious Affairs has been active in attempts to pave the way toward a common co-existence among the three major faiths in Jerusalem. The United Nations has formed by the Israeli government.

Documents supplied to the special envoy in Jerusalem, Ambassador Ernst Thalmann of Switzerland, prepared a report on Jerusalem for the U.N. Emergency General Assembly, indicating:

There is a department of Moslem and Druze affairs in contact with Moslem authorities in the old Jerusalem, formerly known as Shari'a Court of Appeals. The training of religious leaders and the administration of Moslem religious sites.

The Ministry for Religious Affairs has allocated \$1 million requested by Moslem leaders to pay the salaries of employees. The head of the Israeli government has met with the Moslem leaders to discuss various problems. Arrangements have been made to continue pair work at the al-Aksa mosque.

In response to requests from the Kadis, and in consultation with them, an agreement has been reached concerning the Moslem Holy Places.

According to the Israeli government, there is also a department of Christian affairs in the Ministry which has the following activities past three months:

Immediately after the cessation of fighting, contact with church leaders residing in Jerusalem was resumed. The Jerusalem patriarchate bishops have remained

No More Collections!

Montreal — (RNS) — suburban Roman Catholic church has abolished the use of Sunday collections. It has instead instituted donations through a post-dated check.