



**While Children Play in U.S.,**

While your children play in freedom, children in Vietnam huddle in a trench while U.S. and Viet Cong troops battle each other. This RNS photo shows American GI's protecting youngsters from sniper fire.

**Pope Tells Africans**

**Preserve Cultural Value**

Vatican City—(RNS)—Pope Paul VI, in a message to the Roman Catholic hierarchy of Africa and to all Africans, pleaded for the preservation of the continent's unique human and spiritual values against pressure from modern civilization.

He also mentioned African "respect for human dignity" and "the family bonds which are so strong in African tradition." "Confronting modern civilization," he said, "it is necessary to make a choice, to criticize and

eliminate the false schools of thought which could lead to a lowering of the human ideal and to accept healthy and truly good values from without, to develop them with your own particular values, through your own particular genius."

He noted that today "violence and disorders" are taking place in some parts of Africa and he called for the "removal of all economic, social, political and psychological barriers" which interfere with the "material, moral and intellectual progress" of the African peoples.

Violence sometimes "reaches the point of racial extermination, humiliations, sufferings and death," he said, noting that it has been inflicted on "bishops, priests, nuns, laymen, Catholics and non-Catholics, Africans and non-Africans, who have had no other purpose than the spiritual benefit of local populations."

He asked the people of Africa "not to endanger all that had been obtained with independence, to resist the temptation to violence and the abuse of power." He reminded them that racism was clearly and repeatedly condemned in all its forms by the Second Vatican Council.

Two major problems, illiteracy and the primitive condition of agriculture, presently hinder development in Africa, he said. "Solutions must be found with

the help of more prosperous nations, without involving any form of neo-colonialism to endanger liberty and independence," he added.

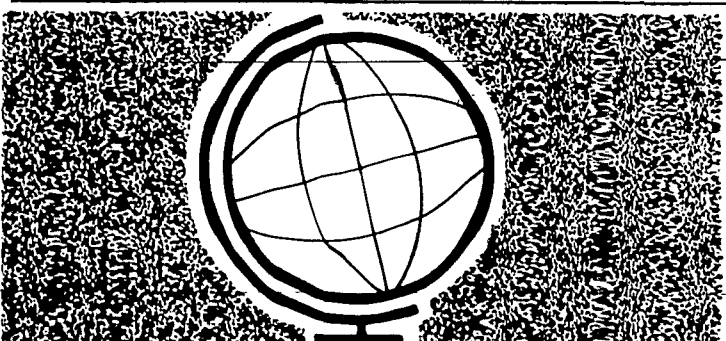
On the work of the Church in Africa, he noted that Catholic hierarchies have been established "almost everywhere" but said that "much remains to be done, both through the work of missionaries and through the cooperative efforts of the Catholic episcopate and the laity at all levels."

To the rulers of African nations, he said that "the Church asks for the freedom to believe and to preach its faith, to love God and serve Him—the liberty to live and to bring to man its message of life."

"We are seekers after peace, ready for discussions rather than for disruptions and violence, in conformity with the oldest traditions of Africa," he said.

"We want to assure the whole of Africa of our respect and esteem."

In a press conference at the Vatican Press Office, Archbishop Sergio Pignedoli, secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, said that the document was inspired by a number of motives, some dating back to 1962 when, as Archbishop of Milan, the present Pope visited Africa.



**Around The World**

**Nigeria Missionaries Survive Civil War**

Lagos—(NC)—A large number of missionaries in Nigeria have found refuge from their civil war raging in this country by going to neighboring Cameroon and to Ghana.

One large group led by an Irish diplomat, which had been reported missing, was located at Oron in secessionist Biafra, Nigeria's former Eastern Region.

The missionaries were trying to avoid the conflicts between Nigerian federal forces and those of Biafra. The civil war started in July after the Eastern Region had declared its independence May 30 as the Republic of Biafra.

A group of 43 missionaries departed Oron in Biafra for Lobe in Cameroon on Oct. 13. Another group, probably about the same size, left Oron on Oct. 15. Though the second group's boat suffered an air attack, both groups arrived in Cameroon intact and then dis-

persed to Europe and America. Some still are in Cameroon and Ghana waiting to resume their work when it again becomes try by going to neighboring

Smaller groups had departed by road through Calabar to Mamfe about the same time.

A third large group of about 60, had gone to Oron on Oct. 17 with Eamon O. Tuathail, first secretary of the Irish embassy in Lagos, who has been in Biafra since the civil war broke out. This group was unable to embark for Lobe by boat apparently because of a naval action by federal forces for an assault on Calabar. These missionaries are not missing. It is assumed that they are now dispersed among the many mission establishments around Uyo township, about 30 miles inland from Oron. It is not possible to confirm this because communications with Biafra no longer exist, but it would be the obvious course to follow.

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**Meager Bid at Auction Wins Papal Gift Gems**

United Nations—(RNS)—Harry Levinson, the Chicago jeweler who paid \$64,000 for Pope Paul's diamond encrusted cross and ring at a United Nations auction, returned home with the feeling that he had received a good bargain.

He said the religious articles should have sold for about twice the price reached at the final bidding.

Mr. Levinson was of the impression that potential buyers willing to pay higher prices probably stayed away from the auction because they feared some religious groups would bid far beyond the articles' real value.

"I was prepared to pay as high as \$125,000," he said. "I couldn't believe my ears when the bidding stopped at \$64,000."

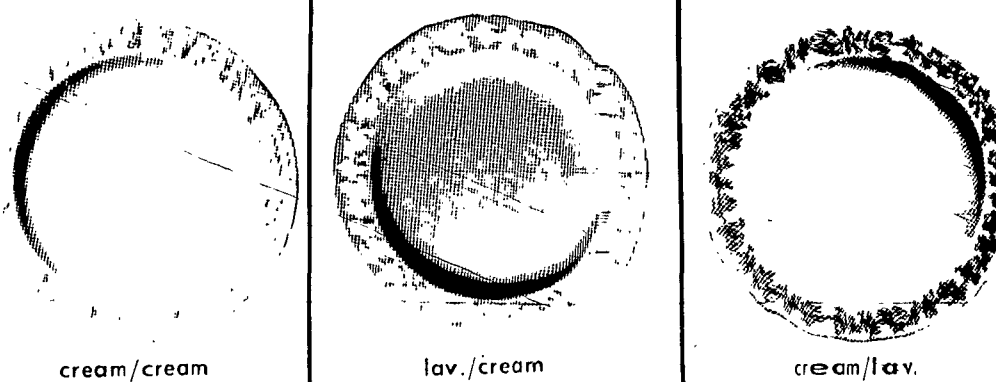
He said that the "stones alone are worth at least \$125,000 if sold individually and it would cost more than \$200,000 to duplicate both items."

Mr. Levinson added that he would try to re-sell the cross and ring intact because of their religious and historical significance. If he can't find a buyer in a year's time, he said, he will dismantle the articles and sell the stones individually.

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