

Where's Pope's Tiara Now?

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ing the past three years sheds some light on the "display value" of an article like the tiara as opposed to its potential sale value.

Following the tiara's display at the Vatican Pavilion of the New York World's Fair and at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Monsignor Nolan said, "it was waiting to go directly to the Shrine, and I saw it and wondered if we could use it. I asked Cardinal Spellman, and he said, 'Why not?'"

Monsignor Nolan's plan was to use the tiara as bait to attract people who might want to pay some attention to what his office does: namely, provide spiritual and material help for the poor, the sick and for Eastern Rite churches in 18 countries of the Near East, including Egypt, Bulgaria, Greece, Iran, Lebanon, India, Turkey and Palestine.

Thus, whether people came to look at the tiara out of reverence or curiosity or whatever, they would always find it practically surrounded by blown-up photos illustrating the plight of the Near East poor, startling statistics and Papal pleas.

"We took a booth" at the National Catholic Educational Association convention in Chicago in 1966," said Msgr. Nolan's executive assistant, Daniel P. Thomas. "Although the exhibitors there were mostly commercial, we felt we had to make our work known to Catholic teachers. Twenty thousand people came to our exhibit there."

Similarly, the tiara and accompanying Catholic Near East Welfare Association display traveled to Knights of Columbus and Daughters of Isabella conventions in Miami, to a Catholic Students' Mission Crusade convention at Notre Dame, to individual churches and cathedrals, and this past August, to the Liturgical Conference convention in Kansas City, where, Msgr. Nolan said, the tiara and the Catholic Near East exhibit helped to stress "the convention theme that liturgy is useless unless it helps people."

But Msgr. Nolan's real hope was to be able to present his message to a wide audience, the kind of audience he might reach if the tiara and Near East Exhibit were displayed, say, in the window of Macy's on 34th Street in Manhattan — an idea that struck him as he walked by there one day last year.

A phone call to Macy's public relations department was to result in not only a week-long display in one of the world's busiest intersections, but also a fullpage ad in "The New York Times" (paid for by Macy's) publicizing the Pope's concern for the poor.

Later, the exhibit would go to Macy's in New Haven and to a shopping center outside Albany, to a bank in Philadelphia and to a bank in Trenton, and the requests started coming in from Gimbel's in Philadelphia

and Milwaukee, from a department store in Pittsburgh and from one in San Antonio.

"We have no way of measuring the response our exhibits with the tiara have had," Msgr. Nolan replies to a frequent question. "But I can tell you that in August of 1966 we took the exhibit to the Daughters of Isabella and the Knights of Columbus conventions in Miami, and this past June, when hostilities broke out between Israel and the Arabs, we received \$25,000 from each of the groups we visited in Miami, to help alleviate the suffering the fighting would cause."

"When the exhibit went to the Provident National Bank in Philadelphia — you may be interested to know that it used to be known as 'the Quaker bank' — I was invited to speak at a luncheon attended by 50 business leaders. Later, we received individual checks totaling about \$5,000."

"And that ad in the New York Times alone was worth between six and eight thousand dollars."

But looking at the tiara in his office, Msgr. Nolan said that more important than the money it has brought in, the tiara "is the symbol of the Church's new commitment, letting people know there is no stronger current in the official thinking of the Church today than its imperatives on world poverty." — (Catholic Press Features)

Unity A Debt To History

Geneva — (RNS) — Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras told the staff of the World Council of Churches here that "collaboration of the Christian Churches is an urgent need of the times, and an obligation that we owe to history."

To an audience which also included representatives from church and state in addition to WCC staff members, the spiritual leader of Eastern Orthodoxy explained the reason for his visit to leaders of the religious communities.

He spoke of the suffering, threats of catastrophe and spiritual and moral confusion as signs of the need for ecumenical collaboration.

The Patriarch stopped in Geneva after spending three days in Rome with Pope Paul VI. He will visit the Archbishop of Canterbury in London after leaving Switzerland.

Patriarch Athenagoras cautioned that a crisis exists in the ecumenical movement. "Today we find ourselves facing the temptations to content ourselves with what has already been achieved and to allow the movement to stagnate; or we find ourselves faced with the possibility of the movement's being inspired to new dynamic action."

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"DUMP JOHNSON" MOVEMENT CONTINUES TO INCREASE
NOTHING GOING RIGHT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION

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WASHINGTON — There is something in this world called "Murphy's Law" that whatever can go wrong will go wrong. It had its origins in the technical, scientific sector as a joke, but the "law" has been applied to almost everything since then and is used to explain the inability of human beings to cope with unpredictable events.

Murphy's Law is at work full time in Washington these days. It truly seems that, insofar as the Johnson administration is concerned, the law was invented to explain the predicament of the Democratic administration. Nothing, but nothing, is going right.

Congress is in full revolt. Public disapproval of the administration is mounting faster than the poll takers can keep track of. Even Lynda Bird's forthcoming wedding, which should have been an unadorned publicity plus, has been marred by the ludicrous way in which Lynda described in a magazine how she told her parents of her betrothal.

"Dump Johnson" movements are springing up like weeds among Democrats who are looking for some way to desert what they believe is a sinking ship. Pundits are beginning to wonder out loud how long Bobby Kennedy can resist the temptation to reach for the Democratic prize in 1968. Some even imply his reticence may be based on the hopelessness of a Democratic victory, rather than loyalty to the "regular" Democratic organization. There are even people in Washington who sincerely believe Johnson can serve his party best by announcing he will not be a candidate to succeed himself next year.

But Murphy's law is known to be cyclical. By next November it may have reversed itself. A year is a long time in politics.

● **POLITICAL HUMOR**—Sen. Charles H. Percy, of Illinois, an oft-mentioned GOP presidential possibility, spoke before the Yale Club of Washington recently, and his observation about two other Republican presidential possibilities brought down the house.

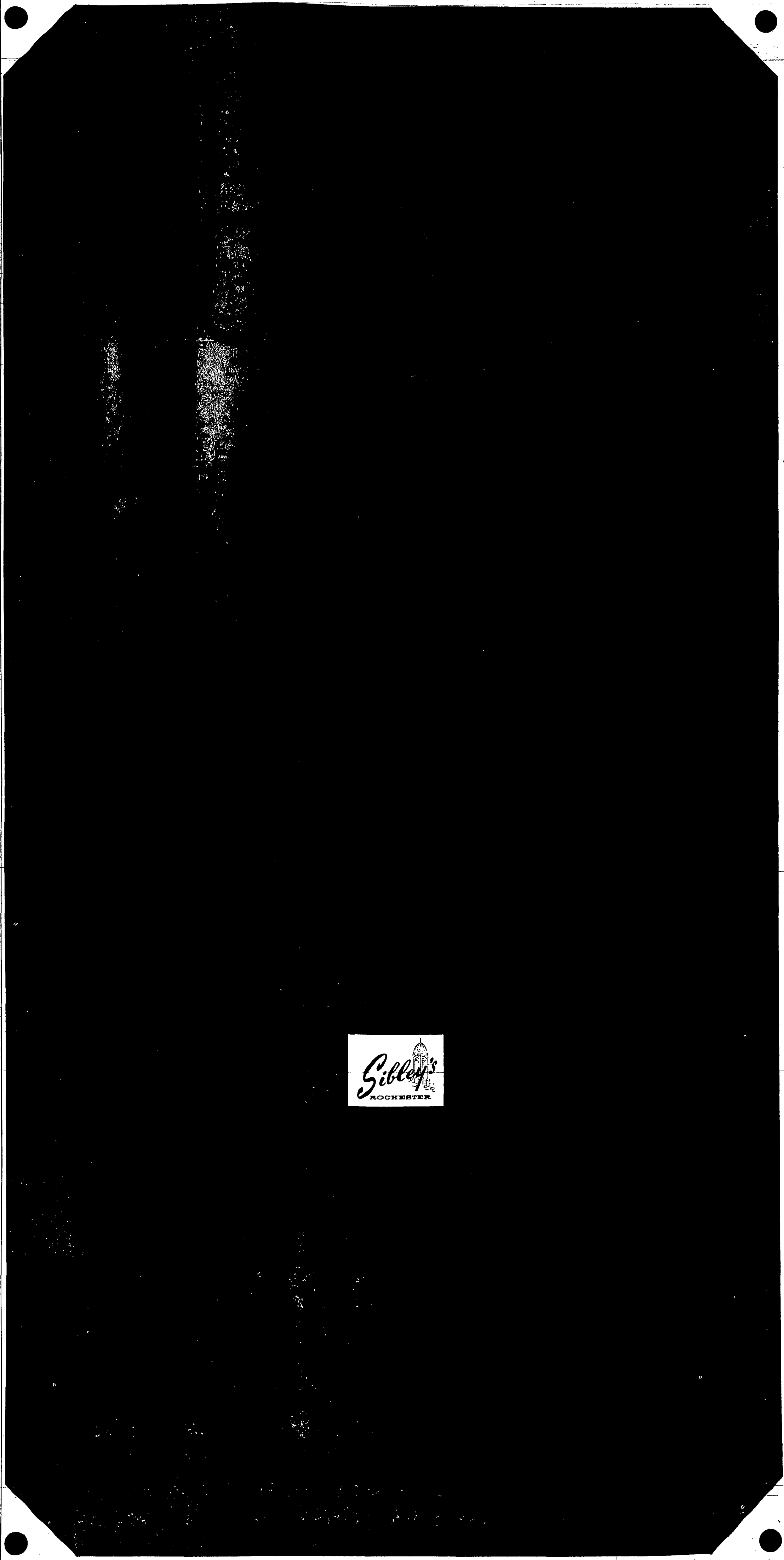
Percy was discussing the chances of New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and California Gov. Ronald Reagan, should they combine to form the GOP presidential-vice presidential ticket. Said Percy:

"A Rockefeller-Reagan combination is just like the merger being studied between Yale and Vassar: Very sexy but hard to conceive."

● **THE BIGGEST FAVOR**—President Johnson was the featured guest at a dinner honoring Charles L. Schultze, the director of the budget. On his way to the affair, the President asked assistant Marvin Watson what he thought Schultze would want to hear most from the President.

Budget
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Watson thought it over briefly, then replied, "I think he would like for you to tell him he is fired."



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