

Casting Bread Proved Valid Pacifists Differ with Pope

Scarborough, Ont. — (RNS) — A United Church of Canada minister, the Rev. J. Arnold Foster, cast his bread (\$1,000) on the waters and it paid off three-fold.

He received \$3,000 back from 400 members of his congregation to whom he had mailed \$2 bills. Another 100 are still to be heard from.

The minister of the Church of the Master in this Toronto suburb borrowed the \$1,000 from four members of his congregation last June and mailed the \$2 to each of 500 families. They were urged to invest the funds and report back in six months.

The best Mr. Foster hoped for was to double his investment and thus aid the church. He exceeded his goal in a modern version of the Biblical parable of the master and his three servants.

In the Scarborough version of the parable, the "servants" operated sidewalk soft drink stands, home baking and even wrote television scripts (one writer netted \$200).

"The money part wasn't significant," Mr. Foster said. "The satisfying part is the sense of achievement, the congregational unity and family participation, the discovery of what stewardship is all about."

Munich (RNS)—The German branch of War Resisters International issued a statement here criticizing Pope Paul VI for his recent appeal that Jan. 1 be observed as a "Day of Peace."

The federal board of the organization, which said that it spoke for Catholic members as well as others, also took issue with the Pope for drawing a distinction between peace and pacifism. It accused the Pope of denouncing all pacifists as "cowards."

An "unfortunate impression" was created by the Pope's message, the organization held. It said that the message could be interpreted "as though the pontiff's general denunciation of pacifists were aimed ultimately at moral and political support of the war party around (U.S. President) Johnson."

The statement described as "downright monstrous" the Pope's "veiled condemnation of those young Americans in particular who have preferred to be imprisoned or have chosen suicide to avoid taking part in the U.S. Army's war crimes in Vietnam."

"We think it is particularly tragic and intolerable that the head of the Catholic Church, in contrast to world opinion, attests that (Johnson's war party) defends justice and freedom while charging that all those who refuse to help eradicate a people with poison gas, napalm and bombs have an irresponsible attitude," the statement said.

"War Resisters International, including its Catholic members, vehemently rejects the Pope's peace message because it is devalued by the inconceivable negation of forcelessness."

"We re-emphasize our solidarity with Vietnam war resisters in all states involved in the conflict."

During the course of his message, Pope Paul said "it is to be hoped that the exaltation of peace may not favor the cowardice of those who fear it may be their duty to give their lives for the service of their own country and of their own brothers, when these are engaged in the defense of justice and liberty, and who seek only a flight from their responsibility, from the risks that are necessarily involved in the accomplishment of great duties and generous exploits."

"Peace is not pacifism," the Pope continued. "It does not mask a base and slothful concept of life, but it proclaims the highest and most universal values of life: truth, justice, freedom, love."



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Fifty Years A Bishop; A Prisoner, Nineteen

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has sent a letter of encouragement and congratulations to 82-year-old Bishop Julius Hossu of Cluj, Romania, on the 50th year of his consecration. The prelate has spent the last 19 years in detention.

At present, the Vatican City daily L'Osservatore Romano has reported, Bishop Hossu is living in the Orthodox monastery of Caldarusani near Bucharest.

In his letter Pope Paul quoted St. Paul: "We exult in tribulations," and St. Peter: "If you are upbraided for the name of Christ, you will be blessed."

Romanian communist authorities placed Bishop Hossu under house arrest in 1948, but he was able to send out a letter communicating all priests who took part in a meeting arranged by the government in October of that year for the purpose of bringing Romanian Uniate Catholics into the Orthodox Church.

He was arrested at the end of that month and along with

all other Uniate bishops was taken to the summer villa of the Orthodox Patriarch at Dragoslavele. All the bishops rejected the invitation to join the Orthodox Church and were transferred to the Caldarusani monastery. Two years later it was reported they had been taken to underground cells of the Ministry of the Interior in Bucharest, and then to Vacaresti, prison—and then to Siget prison.

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Pope Expresses Concern for Faith

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI, in a message to Roman Catholic seminary and university educators, once more expressed his concern for "safeguarding the integrity of the faith" in the post-Vatican II era.

The message, read to 45 education experts from all over the world gathered to revise norms for seminaries and universities in the light of the Second Vatican Council, urged the educators to "work hard to maintain, develop and present the message of faith and to train for tomorrow the ministers of God of whom the faithful have such need in this world in transformation."

Prelate Named For Alaska

Washington — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has named Father Robert L. Whelan, S.J., to be titular bishop of Sicilbba and coadjutor with right of succession to Bishop Francis D. Gleeson, S.J., of Fairbanks, Alaska. Father Whelan has been pastor of St. Anthony's Church in Anchorage, Alaska.

The Holy Father's action was announced here by Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, Apostolic Delegate in the United States.

The bishop-elect was pastor of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Juneau, Alaska, from 1947 to 1957, and pastor of St. Anthony's in Anchorage since 1957.

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Once a month a Vietnamese Catholic priest goes with Father Nichols and hears confessions of the local Catholics.

"The Father" is Father (Lt.) Louis J. Nichols, Catholic chaplain with the 3rd Military Police Battalion, a priest of the Syracuse diocese, who has been

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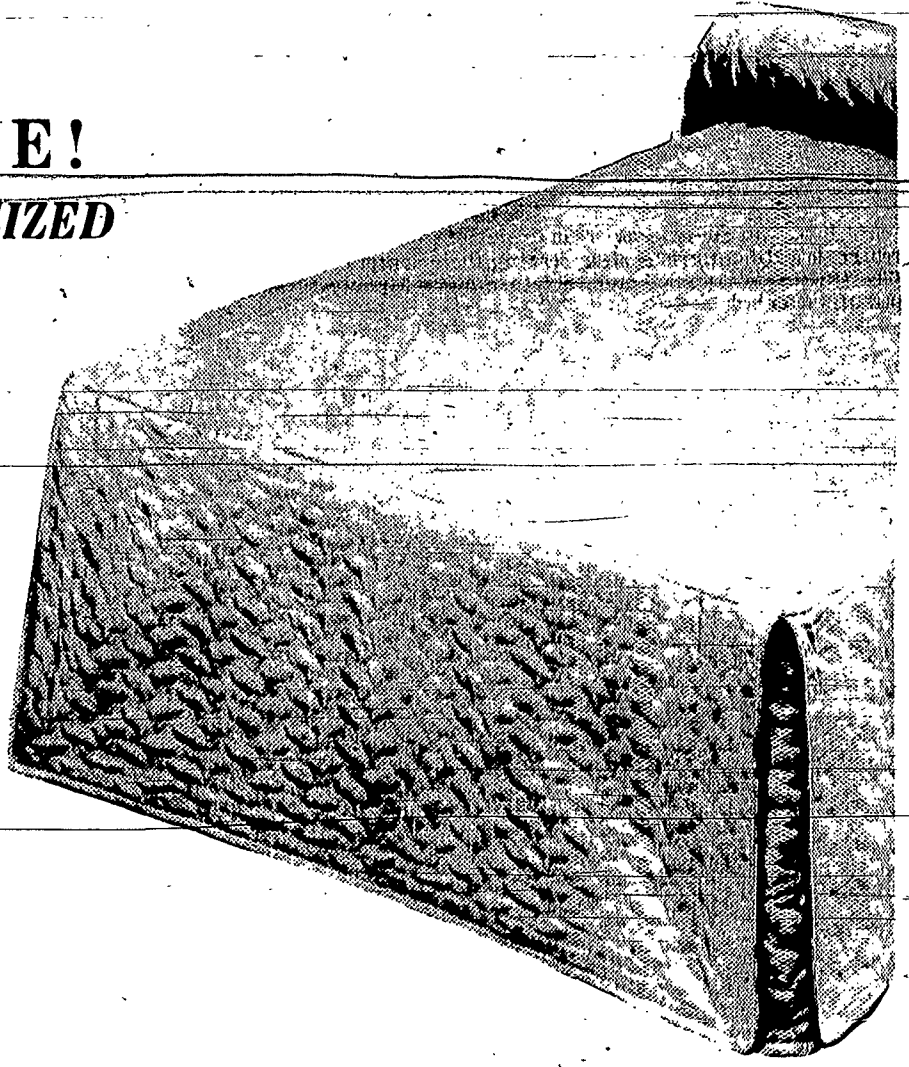
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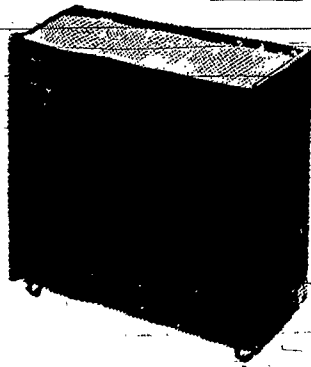
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