

The Holy Father Pope Paul Pleads For World's Poor

To the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States of America

"The greater part of the world is still suffering from so much poverty that it is as if Christ Himself were crying out in these poor to beg the charity of the disciples. Some nations with a majority of citizens who are Christians have an abundance of this world's goods, while others are deprived of the necessities of life and are tormented with hunger, disease and every kind of misery. This situation must not be allowed to continue, to the scandal of humanity."

"It is the duty of the whole People of God, following the word and example of the Bishops, to do their utmost to alleviate the sufferings of the modern age."

"It was the ancient custom in the Church, they should meet this obligation out of the substance of their goods, and not only out of what is superfluous."

To these words of the Second Vatican Council, We have joined Our earnest exhortation that "the struggle against destitution, though urgent and necessary, is not enough."

It is a question, rather, of building up a world where every man, no matter what his race, religion or nationality, can live a fully human life, freed from servitude imposed upon him by other men or by natural forces over which he has not sufficient control; a world where freedom is not an empty word, and where the poor man Lazarus can sit down at the same table with the rich man.

This demands great generosity, much sacrifice, and unceasing effort on the part of the rich man. Let each one examine his conscience, a conscience that conveys a new message for our time."

Paper a 'Daily School'

"Today the Catholic newspaper is not a superficial luxury or an optional devotion, it is an instrument necessary for the circulation of those ideas which feed our Faith, and which in turn render a service to the profession of our Faith."

"The teacher speaks to a few and only for a short time, while the paper speaks to many and for an indefinite time; the teacher speaks to little ones while the paper speaks to adults."

"The paper runs a daily school on all events of the world for mature persons, for responsible persons with unfathomable but immense influence."

Viewpoints

Are Riots Inevitable?

Because of the implications of the report of President Johnson's commission to investigate riots in our cities in 1967, the following historical perspective about social unrest is interesting.

THE CAUSE OF RIOTS

By Thomas P. Neill

The most disturbing aspect of the urban riots last summer was not that they happened, but that they were considered inevitable.

This feeling of inevitability about riots next summer is being generated today by many observers, from those on the Presidential Committee to men like Rap Brown and various chiefs of police. They are telling us that riots will occur, and so doing, they are preconditioning certain segments of society to riot.

We must be prepared for urban riots, of course, but this should be done by the proper authorities without fanfare and publicity which, in effect, becomes a challenge to those who might resort to riot. Unlike weather prognosticators, then, predictors of riots play a part in making them more likely to occur.

No riot is purely spontaneous. Each is set off by an incident that catches fire because the combustible material is at hand. Otherwise the incident remains only an isolated event in history. Military or paramilitary preparations do not prevent riots. At best they only contain them — and this justifies such preparations as long as they are not so publicized as to increase the likelihood of riots taking place.

Preparations do not prevent riots, since they are irrational, irresponsible outbursts whose participants do not think of caution or of consequences.

These reflections are prompted by reading "The Crowd in the French Revolution" by George Rude. In this work the author studies eight different times the people of Paris rioted between 1789 and 1795. He analyzes the preconditioning factors which made the crowd ready to riot, the incident which put them into action, the results of the riot and the kinds of people who were involved.

Every historian knows that history does not repeat itself, but most of us believe that there are general patterns of human behavior that can be discovered in the past and can be expected to be followed in the future.

Rude finds that the chief cause of riots in the French Revolution was a sense of frustration suffered by people who found the channels of government did not funnel their requests to those with the authority and power to act on them. To use today's jargon, they could not close the communication gap between themselves and the government in peaceful fashion. So they took to the streets to express their demands.

The moderately liberal government established early in the Revolution and led by such popular heroes as Lafayette made plans to prevent riots and maintain law and order. In Paris the mayor was to read "the riot act" (the birth of the term) three times

in proportion to the persuasive force of the journalist and to the number of readers. It is a formidable phenomenon.

"It plays on the spiritual fate of the people. It decides on the yes and no of the Kingdom of God in our society."

"Let it not seem excessive to you, this our reminder of the duty of every Catholic person, at least every Catholic family to be united by the spiritual and moral service which only such a vehicle of news and ideas can bring each day."

Pope Paul VI

Dutch Bishop Says

No Schism Near

London—(RNS)—There is "something stirring" in the Church of the Netherlands, a Dutch Roman Catholic bishop told the clergy of the Westminster archdiocese, but that "something" is not revolt or schism.

Bishop Theodore Zwartkruls of Haarlem addressed a conference of the clergy here at the invitation of John Cardinal Heenan, Archbishop of Westminster.

He said that there is "a strong desire for greater authority of the local church which means greater decentralization," but that this follows the suggestions of Vatican II and "does not in any way conflict with the loyalty of the Dutch Catholics toward the universal Church and the Pope."

Dutch Catholics have lost their old, defensive attitudes and no longer seek "a fully clergy-conducted four through life," he said, but this is welcomed by the bishops, who are promoting a sense of personal responsibility, free discussion and dialogue within the structures of the Church.

"Theological thinking that had become stilted is exploring the mysteries of faith in a new way," Bishop Zwartkruls said, "at the risk no doubt of erring." Although the bishops "do not interfere in free discussions," he said, they "are wide-awake where fundamentals are concerned."

Churches Urged To Support Riot Report

Chicago—(NC)—The executive committee of the National Catholic Social Action Conference has called upon "all church members, and especially Catholics" to support the recommendations of the National Commission on Civil Disorders.

In a telegram to Illinois Gov. Otto Kerner, chairman of the commission, the conference urged a "massive commitment to national action now to make quick and visible progress to close the gap between American dream and American reality."

The telegram continued: "We share the fear that if our country maintains its present course, the end result will be an American 'apartheid' and the destruction of democratic values throughout our society."

From their Washington headquarters, officials of the National Council of Catholic Men and the National Council of Catholic Women also issued reports citing the commission's findings as an authentic summary of the nation's ills.

The president of the National Council of Catholic Men, N. A. Giambalvo, expressed optimism that the recommendations of the report will be carried out and that the response of the public will be "equal to the evil of the situation."

Stating that the report "presents an appalling picture of man's inhumanity to man," he said he believes that "every thinking man and woman" is prepared "to make the sacrifices required for this nation to heal this livid bleeding wound of our society."

The Council of Catholic Women said that the report has "synthesized, capitalized and underscored the human tragedy that has found its best example in the rampant racism in America today: man's inhumanity to man."

The National Association of Laymen, headquartered in Minneapolis, called on the Church, both as an institution and as a people that comprise it, to launch an immediate revolution in attitudes and in financial priorities "in response to the commission's report."

Several diocesan organizations and unofficial lay groups also hailed the commission's report and pledged support to its recommendations.

Typical of their statements was one voted by the Diocesan Pastoral Council of Richmond, Va., an advisory group of priests, nuns and lay people. Their resolution said:

"Since the president's commission on riots has traced the cause of massive violence in our cities to the racism and indifference of white America, the pastoral council reiterates its plea for Catholics of this diocese to manifest a greater concern. We urge again that priests, Sisters and laymen join human relations councils, fair housing committees, the Urban League and other groups working toward better opportunities for Negroes in housing, education and jobs."

Los Angeles Nuns

Appeal New Action

Los Angeles—(NC)—The Immaculate Heart of Mary nuns will petition Pope Paul VI for permission to continue experiments approved by their general chapter last summer and forbidden in a communication from the Vatican Congregation for Religious last month.

The experiments, as well as chapter-approved changes in the nuns' educational programs, have been the source of dispute between the Religious order and Francis Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles.

The Vatican Congregation's ruling ordered the nuns to return from lay clothes to a "uniform habit"; reinstitute common Religious exercises in their community; keep educational work as their prime purpose; and collaborate with the bishops in the dioceses they serve.

Cited as a basis by the Congregation for disallowing the chapter approved changes were the Vatican Council's decrees on the Bishops' Pastoral Office in the Church and on the Renewal of the Religious Life and canon law.

MONEY CARRIES MESSAGE

New York—(RNS)—The World Student Christian Federation withdrew funds totaling approximately \$120,000 from the First National City Bank of New York to protest the bank's participation in a revolving credit arrangement with the apartheid government of South Africa.

WORRY ABOUT VOCATIONS

Madrid—(NC)—Spain's Episcopal Commission on Seminaries, seeking to find out why the nation's seminary population has dropped 3,000 in the last six years, has published a question-and-answer analysis of the problem in its new magazine, Testimonio.

PARISIANS ASK VOTE

Paris—(RNS)—A group of Roman Catholics here has suggested to Pope Paul VI that the successor to the late Pierre Cardinal Vuilliot, Archbishop of Paris, be selected through a referendum of all the priests and laity of the Parish archdiocese.



Your Gifts Ease Their Hunger

Village boys in Tunisia learn modern irrigation and farming techniques at a school sponsored by Catholic Relief Services. Envelopes for the annual Bishops' Overseas Aid Fund Appeal (Sunday, March 24) will be passed out at parish churches this Sunday.

Expert Advises "Move Workers"

Philadelphia—(NC)—Mobility is a key factor in the solution of urban racial problems, according to Msgr. Philip J. Dowling, the executive secretary of Philadelphia's archdiocesan Commission on Human Relations.

Some way has to be found for greater mobility in employment and in housing, he added. A realistic program must be designed, he said, to enable the unemployed "to go where the jobs are."

With 30 per cent unemployment in some inner city areas of Philadelphia, Msgr. Dowling said: "The jobs aren't where the unemployment is."

"Expressways into the city are a form of subsidized transportation for car-owning suburbanites. To have subsidized transportation for the poor to get jobs in industrial parks on the outskirts of the city is not an unreasonable idea."

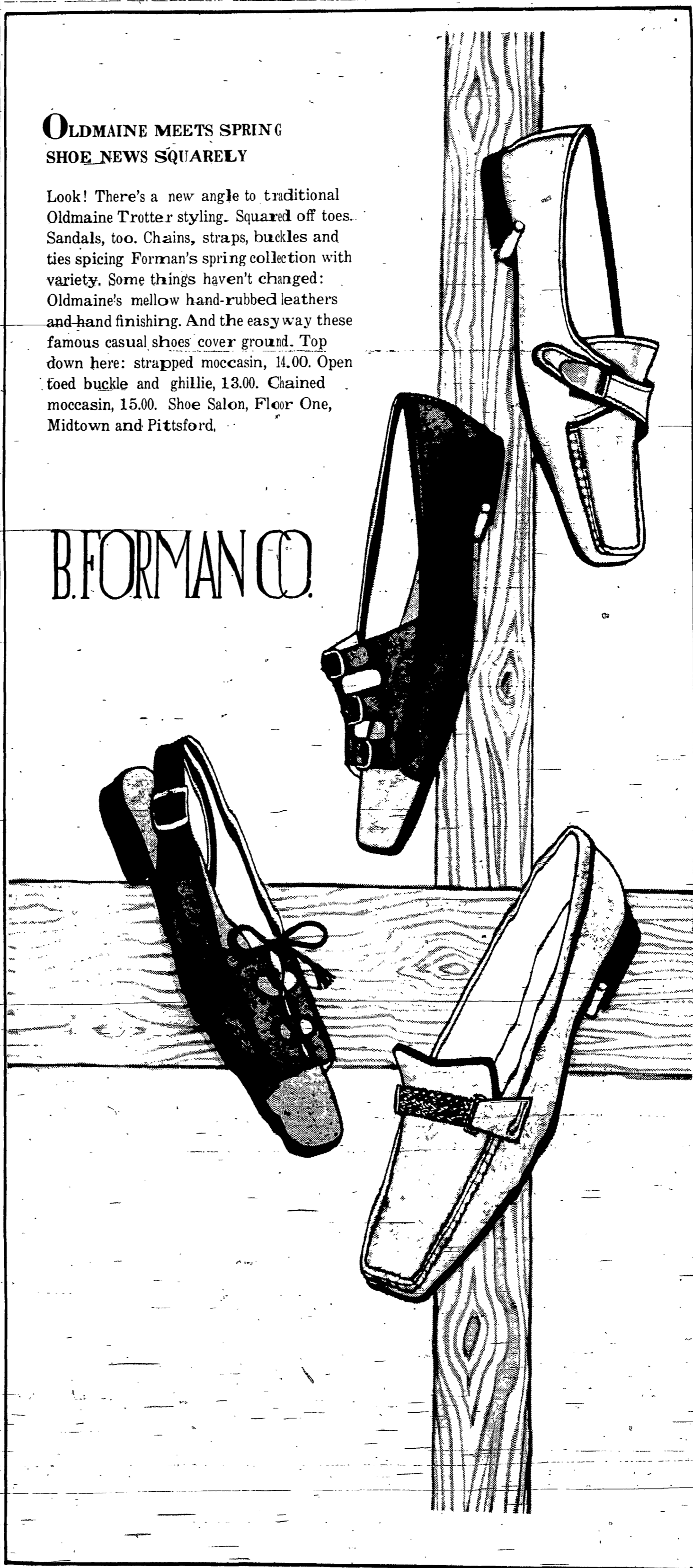
Emphasizing that mobility is also a key to the housing problem, Msgr. Dowling said that what is needed is more widespread lower income housing in a much wider geographical area in both the city and suburbs.

"The problem is," Msgr. Dowling continued, "that there are just too many people in one area."

OLDMAINE MEETS SPRING SHOE NEWS SQUARELY

Look! There's a new angle to traditional Oldmaine Trotter styling. Squared off toes. Sandals, too. Chains, straps, buckles and ties spicing Forman's spring collection with variety. Some things haven't changed: Oldmaine's mellow hand-rubbed leathers and hand-finishing. And the easy way these famous casual shoes cover ground. Top down here: strapped moccasin, 14.00. Open toed buckle and ghillie, 13.00. Chained moccasin, 15.00. Shoe Salon, Floor One, Midtown and Pittsford.

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Saigon—(NC)—His assign Vietnam—from the demilitarized zone in the north to An Thoi in the south—and he administers the sacraments at a cathedral, at lonely outposts, barracks and in messhalls.

He travels by helicopters, jeep, boat, and any other way find in this war-torn Southeastern nation.

For Msgr. (Capt.) James J. Force, chaplain for U.S. Forces, Vietnam, of the 29 commands, only five are in the field.

He says his chaplains are "with enthusiasm and disregard their own personal comforts."

Two work in the hospital, "where they keep the wounded alive, kindle and make pain bearable," he says.

The two chaplains in the Delta, he explained, "are ill men going on a circuitous way to the front."

"And some, like the Seablines," he continued, "are called to be all things to all men: nuns, priests, and laymen."

Catholicism

By MSGR. JOHN G. NOBLE (NC News Service)

Trivandrum, India—The number of Catholics in India is now 35 times as many as when St. Francis landed at Goa in 1542.

He found 20,000 Catholics here, their faith dating back to the time of the Apostle.

Today the number of Catholics in India is 7,000,000, a rate of growth is increasing Catholics in India now die every 30 years.

This despite official discouragement of foreign missionaries, the official opposition of the

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Westfield, N.J.—(NC)—The United States involvement in Vietnam war before a capstone here.

Father Daniel Lyons, S.J., of the Free Pacific Association, authority on the Far East, "A noisy minority of Americanism is not the real Vietnam."

Father John B. Sheerix, editor of the Catholic Worker, "contended that 'by ir in Vietnam the United States left itself open to the char- structing a national movement to social progress, the National Liberation Front, Vietnam."

The priests exchanged Holy Trinity High School at here, debating the topic, "United States Waging a J in Vietnam?"

The United States and are waging a just and moral against communist aggression, Father Lyons said. "There are lots of excuses to pull out of Vietnam, but there are no good reasons," he said.

Church Shows

Papal

London—(NC)—A papal revolution has achieved a justice and the church its place within the new society.

Bishop Cesare Zaccchi, the apostolic nuncio here, in an interview:

"If the Church in Cuba that this is 'once and for all' and if the government realizes that the Church will not be against it, things may improve."

The interview, with an In correspondent in Havana, in a recent issue of Latin America newsletter published here.

The Vatican represents the link with government circles is still denied to (local) of the Church."

He said that government of the Church and the secularism of anti-Castroites to the States, but "only time can about his disappearance or bitterness."

"But it is certain," he said, "that the priests who have their thinking, and the go has contributed with some tolerance. For example, pri had been exiled for political and are working in the parish again."

"The middle class who live in Cuba were the priests and bishops with Cuban society through work in parish and church in Bishop Zaccchi said.

"Inevitably, their political