

AROUND THE WORLD

Dutch Bishops Issue Lenten Pastoral

Utrecht, The Netherlands (NC) — In their Lenten pastoral, "Renewal and Confusion," the Dutch bishops urge Catholics not to "increase the confusion by renovations that are not sufficiently well founded or by experiments that are not based on a sound philosophy."

"But," they added, "beware of any hasty condemnation of those people who are honestly seeking modern ways of expression."

"Every adult has the duty constantly to remain critical and not to take his beliefs for granted," they said. "No society will eternally remain unchanged. Everywhere there is change and man feels the urge to open new doors. The house of the Church must be remodeled. Many people now consider this house uninhabitable."

Warsaw Cardinal Announces 'Church in Peril' Year

Bonn (NC) — Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski of Warsaw has announced the Polish bishops' designation of the year-long period from May, 1968, to May, 1969, as the "Year of the Church in Peril."

Each month of the observance will be devoted to a special peril facing the Church beginning with May's "defense of the menaced Virgin."

Other observances ordered by the cardinal have been planned to mobilize the forces of the Church before and after the meeting of the Communist party in Poland and to reaffirm the position of the Church regarding the dialogue between socialist countries and the nations of the West.

French Bishops Critical of Anticipating Papal Teaching

Paris (NC) — The French Bishops' Commission on the Family has criticized Catholic authors who "allow themselves to settle the question (of birth control) authoritatively by anticipating the teaching of the Pope."

In a pastoral note entitled "The Mission of Husbands and Wives," the commission conceded that for some couples there are "tragic situations," and went on to say that for this reason "the decision of the Pope is anxiously awaited."

It pointed out that the Pope "has reserved to himself the right to give certain detailed information for the enlightenment of consciences."

Bishop Quits Labor Party Over Vietnam Immigration

London (RNS) — Anglican Bishop John A. T. Robinson of Woolwich, outspoken controversial churchman, has resigned from the Labor Party of which he was an influential member for 20 years.

He said he was leaving the party in protest against the British government's support of the U.S. military policy in Vietnam and its new restrictive immigration position for Asian nationals.

Catholic Prelate Addresses Anglican Church Union

London (RNS) — The influential Anglican Church Union, which is more than a century old, will be addressed by a Roman Catholic prelate — Auxiliary Bishop Basil C. Butler of Westminster — for the first time when it holds its decennial congress here in April.

Bishop Butler will speak on Renewal of Faith on the second day of the congress, April 27, immediately after Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury.

New Abortion Act Threat to Catholic Doctors

London (NC) — Many British Catholic doctors are afraid they may lose their right to practice because of lawsuits stemming from the new Abortion Act, which becomes effective April 1.

Dr. John G. Frost, secretary of the Guild of Sts. Luke, Cosmas and Damian, an organization of Catholic doctors, said: "The legal side is not clear and the conscience clause which is written into the act will not prevent a patient taking action against a doctor."

The conscience clause in the act guarantees the freedom of doctors and nurses to refuse to take part in any operation for the termination of a pregnancy. But the clause does not guarantee that they will retain their jobs should they refuse.

Dr. Frost said that members have asked the guild for advice on the act, but that it is difficult to give such advice because lawyers will not commit themselves to a position until a law suit has created a precedent.

British Hierarchy Sets Up Press Office

London (NC) — The Church in England and Wales will set up a national press office to improve liaison between the Church and the press of Great Britain.

Plans for the press office were studied by the press subcommittee of the English-Welsh bishops' National Commission for the Mass Media. It will have a full-time press officer.

Until now press relations work for the bishops has been carried out on a part-time basis by priests and volunteer lay persons of the Westminster archdiocese. The work included the organization of press conferences, preparation of handouts and press discussions with seminarians.

Ireland's 'Black Rule 47' Repealed

Dublin (NC) — Irish priests have been freed from a century-old law barring them from stage shows by the nation's bishops' repeal of "Black Rule 47," an 1886 regulation that imposed automatic suspension on any priest who attended the theater in the British Isles.

For some priests, their taste for theater during the 102-year prohibition was satisfied by periodic trips to Paris or Vienna. In more recent years, the law had the effect of turning the nation's clergy into frequent movie-goers.

The law was originally imposed by the bishops because the theaters of the Victorian age were frequented by thieves, pickpockets and prostitutes.

Woman Named to Biblical Institute Faculty

Vatican City (NC) — For the first time in its history of more than half a century, the Pontifical Biblical Institute has a woman on the faculty. She is Prof. Annelies Kammenhuber, who teaches Hittite language and literature. Hittite, the language of the rulers of Asia Minor (modern Asiatic Turkey) in the second millennium before Christ, is not a semitic language but an Indo-European language.

Protestant Unit Fights Funds for Catholic Schools

Toronto, Ont. (RNS) — On the heels of a Roman Catholic campaign to secure more public funds for the Catholic schools, an interdenominational Protestant committee announced its plans to urge members of the Ontario Legislature to oppose the demand for money for high schools.

The 34-member committee released a statement, which said: "Our protest is against the claim that any private secondary school is entitled to support from the public money available for education, and against the effort to create political pressure to gain such an end."

Under Canada's Constitution of 1867, Roman Catholics in Ontario are guaranteed their own school system in the elementary grades, kindergarten to 8. They also receive support in Grades 9 and 10, the first two years of secondary school.

But in Grades 11, 12 and 13, Catholic parents who wish their children to attend Catholic high schools must pay something like \$200 a year over and above their school taxes for the privilege.

The Ontario government has resisted many efforts by Catholics to have these last three grades made eligible for the same grants that go to the ordinary high schools. If such grants ever were made, other private high schools, usually with a denominational flavor, would demand equal treatment and so splinter the public education system, according to government spokesmen.

Pulpit Termed More Effective Than Picketing

Washington (RNS) — The pulpit, rather than the picket line, is a more effective place to influence society's conscience, according to Father John Burke, O.P., director of the Workshop on Preaching Justice to Build Community at Catholic University of America here.

Father Burke made his comments as he announced a list of speakers who will address the workshop scheduled for June 17 to 28. The lineup included a famed baseball general manager, a lawyer who was an associate prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials, and a former police commissioner of New York City.

"The pulpit, not the picket line," said Father Burke, "is the place to fundamentally influence society's conscience. Riot and protest proclaim that we have failed to teach men that no one can live without simple justice."

The Dominican priest said that it was not enough to speak of social justice in vague terms from the pulpit. He said such a tactic would "evade the relevance to community struggles here and now," and added:

"Where once preachers were among the most influential voices in the land advocating social justice, today, I know of no instance in which there has been truly effective preaching in regard to social change — at the moment, and in the place where it was most needed."

"The man in the pulpit is not preaching the building of a just community if he aims his words far above the battle, setting forth remote and abstract principles. He must provide understanding where understanding is most difficult, where even well-disposed and thoughtful men are at odds. He must participate in the search for justice where what is just is most obscure."

Statewide Board of Education Urged

By Wisconsin Nuns

Milwaukee (RNS) — Establishment of a statewide board of education to operate all Catholic primary and secondary schools in Wisconsin was proposed by the Conference of Major Superiors of Women here. The state group represents 15 communities of the teaching Sisters at Wisconsin nuns who provide about 75 per cent parochial schools.

Such a state education board as recommended by the major superiors would conduct, supervise and finance Catholic parochial schools, replacing the present traditional local parish or diocesan control.

The nuns said that cooperation and consolidation seemed the only way for some parochial schools to survive. They asserted that the parochial structure sometimes impedes the Sisters in the promotion of educational excellence.

Other recommendations by the nuns included:

—A committee to form a realistic philosophy of Christian education for the next decade to replace the 1884 dictum of "every Catholic child in a Catholic school."

—Using part of the money collected for Catholic Charities to pay for the education of religion teachers for Catholic children attending public school.

—Immediate training of priests, Sisters and laymen to run the Milwaukee archdiocese's proposed television program aimed to provide for the educational needs of all. The nuns suggested that buying time on an already established channel might be more effective.



Pope Receives Premier

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope Paul VI presents a book to Prime Minister Ion Gheorghe-Maurer of Communist Romania during an audience at the Vatican. The one-hour meeting was the longest the Pope has held with any Communist leader. It also marked the first time that a head of the Romanian Communist government was received by a Pope. It was reported that Pope Paul and Mr. Maurer discussed Church-state relations in Romania in an "atmosphere of cordial deference."

Catholic Groups Rush Assistance To Vietnamese

Vatican City (NC) — Caritas Internationalis, worldwide Catholic charitable and relief organization, is shipping goods valued at more than \$200,000, including hospital equipment, food, blankets and other assistance, to North and South Vietnam in March at the urging of the Vatican.

Caritas Internationalis announced that a shipment of approximately \$100,000 worth of hospital equipment would be aboard a Polish ship leaving Rotterdam, the Netherlands early in March. The shipment has been made possible by contributions from the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland; Misereor, German Catholic overseas aid agency; Secours Catholique of France; and the Catholic charities organizations of Belgium and Switzerland, as well as Caritas Internationalis.

An additional \$20,000 worth of medical equipment will be flown by plane from East Berlin to Hanoi shortly afterwards.

On March 11 a German ship left Bremen for Saigon with a cargo of baby food, layettes, bed sheets, blankets, corrugated iron and one Volkswagen. This shipment is valued at \$95,000.

On the same ship will be 110,000 pounds of powdered milk valued at \$75,000 from Swiss Catholic Charities, and donations from Secours Catholique of mosquito nets, DDT, and 26,000 pounds of milk.

Internationalists said the shipments were being made in response to an appeal sent by Amleto Cardinal Cicognani, Papal Secretary of State, in the name of Pope Paul VI, on Feb. 29.

The cardinal wrote: "His Holiness hopes that the efforts will not slacken — in view of the present circumstances in Vietnam — and that faithful sons of the Church will continue to help with great charity and in a truly Catholic manner all the unhappy victims, both in South and North Vietnam."

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