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New York — It could be called a marriage of convenience, but after nearly two years it has proved a happy one, and what's more, productive.

The arrangement had obvious benefits for the institute—its plans to program a series of meetings by national religious, civic and governmental leaders was a costly one.

And while the importance of the pact to the Knights was less obvious, it is now proving to be no less significant, since it has given the organization's 1.2 million members a valuable tool with which to work in developing a social awareness — and an urge to act.

A spokesman for the Knights explained it this way: "Our relationship with the Institute is twofold," he said.

"We support the institute in its own high-level conferences and studies on topics that are urgent and plead for some kind of Christian solution.

Underpinning the discussions of these topics is a preliminary discussion on human rights, based on Pope John's encyclical Pacem in Terris, and such pertinent questions as: Are human rights being denied if bright, but poor, children are not permitted to attend college solely because they lack funds?

Success, K. of C. officials admit, has not been uniform. But neither has it been discouraging.

Fellow Missioners

Reject Melvilles' Views

Guatemala City—(NC)—In a letter addressed to their community's superior general, all 102 Maryknoll missionaries here repudiated public statements made by Maryknoll Fathers Blase Bonpane, Thomas Melville and Arthur Melville concerning the need for revolution in this country.

Emphasizing Maryknoll's apolitical role in Guatemala, the letter to Father John J. McCormack, M.M., said:

"Statements given to the United States press by priests of this society who were recently expelled from Guatemala have tried to gain stature for their very personal 'Christian witness' and have cornered front pages of the press around the world.

"We want to make clearly known that those statements reflect no more than their own very personal points of view, which from no standpoint can be assumed to promote the official opinion of the Maryknoll society.

"The erroneous opinions as well as the thinking adopted by Thomas and Arthur Melville, by the ex-Sister Marian Peter and Blase Bonpane, are completely foreign to the Maryknoll community in Guatemala since they, against our norms, took active part in the internal affairs of the country.

Aussie Tractors Do the Job

By FATHER PATRICK O'CONNOR (NC News Service) Saigon — Three tractors hit the bull's eye up Hiep-Nghia way.

The hit was scored by Australian Catholic Relief. Aiming at long-range objectives, it provided 230 Vietnamese refugee families with one heavy tractor and two small ones.

"The ground is very hard," Father Gerard Moussey, the parish priest of Hiep-Nghia said. "Many of our people do not own water buffaloes. They cannot afford to rent buffaloes and ploughs. That's why I asked for the tractors."

In the village proper each family has a plot of an acre or a half-acre. On this they grow vegetables and some rice. The light tractors are used here.

Outside the village each family cultivates anything from two

to five acres of dry rice land. They first burn the scrub and brushwood, the ashes serving as fertilizer. Then the full-size tractor does the ploughing.

This will be the first season in which the people of Hiep-Nghia will have the benefit of these tractors.

Father Moussey said that they are "a very important" asset. They are at the service of every family but remain parish property. The users pay only for the fuel.

The people are all refugees from North Vietnam. Catholics who literally left houses and lands for the sake of the faith. They knew that under the communist regime in the north they would not have freedom to practice their religion and a communist education would be forced on their children.

Some of Father Moussey's parishioners are fisherfolk. They have been getting larger catches with new nylon nets furnished by U.S. Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Australian Catholic Relief channels aid through the CRS office in Saigon.

Other projects sponsored by Australian Catholic Relief in Vietnam include a farm for raising ducks or chickens, a domestic training course for girls of refugee families, an ambulance for the Medical Mission Sisters' hospital in Qui Nhon and a low-cost housing program.

While aiming at long-range goals, Australian Catholic Relief responds to immediate needs, too. It has just sent \$11,236 for the victims of the communist "Tet truce" offensive.

Two faiths. Now "we don't hate Jews, we just ignore them," said the priest who is executive secretary of the Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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Father Flannery and Msgr. John M. Oesterreicher, head of the Institute, issued a joint statement last November supporting the Israeli position and urging immediate peace negotiations.

Speaking at a press conference, he denied claims that the indifference of Catholics during the June war smothered progress in Jewish-Catholic dialogue. This dialogue, he said, "never got off the ground."

However, Father Flannery hoped that this contact would get going again. "On a more realistic ground," he said, "Charging that Jews failed to inform their Christian neighbors on the background of the Arab-Israeli dispute, he said that 'now both sides have something to complain about to each other.'"

The alleged indifference of Catholics to the Israeli problem is rooted, he said, in a history of anti-Semitism and bad feeling between members of the

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Asks Probe of Catholic Anti-Semitism Baltimore — (NC) — A deep analysis of latent anti-Semitism among Catholics must be the next step in any meaningful dialogue with Jews, according to a leading expert on Jewish-Christian relations. Father Edward H. Flannery of the Institute of Judaean-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University was here to address members of both faiths on "A Catholic view of the continuing Near East crisis."

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I WANT TO REMAIN A CATHOLIC PRIEST Personal Testimony in a Time of Questioning By FATHER JOHN BARRY Much is being said these days about priests, about discontented priests, about ex-priests. We hear that many need to be raised, that many need to be confronted. Amid all the clutter and clamor of the discussion one important consideration is being neglected: the ministry of priests who remain priests.

At the risk of being considered fanatical, I propose to present a personal apology for my priestly ministry in the Roman Catholic Church. Used in this connection, the "apologia" may have various connotations. It may imply that there is something to be sorry for; it may sound apologetic; it may be interpreted as a response to priests who have left the ministry. What follows, in fact, none of these.

Living the Word Serving in the priesthood ministering to God's people in the name of Christ. It means relating living the revealed Word of God means leading my fellow men in ship. It means the ministry of service—just plain Christian or holy service, if you will. To me it means commitment in dedicated celibacy a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

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