

AROUND THE WORLD

Kidnappers Identified as "Right-Wing"

Guatemala City—(RNS)—Colonel Manuel Sosa Avila, national chief of police, has identified the "Mano" right-wing terrorists organization as the group which kidnapped Archbishop Mario Casariego of Guatemala and held him for four days.

The archbishop, who has urged the implementation of social reforms advocated by Pope Paul VI, has been called a "guerrilla archbishop" by right extremists. Colonel Sosa Avila said that pamphlets distributed recently in Guatemala City by the Mano organization accused the hierarchy of being in league with Communist guerrillas.

Three suspects have been captured by the police near Quezaltenango, the colonel said. They have identified as leaders of the plot or accomplices several prominent Guatemalan citizens who are still at large.

Because the kidnap plot involved detailed knowledge of the archbishop's schedule and activities, some observers here believe that one or more unidentified clergymen may have been involved.

Broader Ecumenism Considered

London, Ont.—(RNS)—Greater interreligious and intercommunity activity between Roman Catholics and Jews is recommended in a report on ecumenism and religious freedom to be considered by the Catholic Diocese of London.

The report suggests exploring the possibility of common prayer with Jews. There is also a proposal to permit Catholics to be married in Protestant churches, with priest and minister as joint witnesses.

London's Diocesan Synod was set up to draft recommendations based on Vatican Council directives. Msgr. J. A. Feeney, chairman of the commission, said, "In some areas we have gone beyond Rome (Vatican II)."

One recommendation would allow a non-Catholic bride or groom to receive Communion at the wedding after taking instruction from a priest and obtaining the bishop's permission.

Among other recommendations:

Permissions for Catholics to attend religious services in non-Catholic churches; encouragement for Catholics to study the faith of their intended partners in a mixed marriage, and recognition of the baptisms of other Christian Churches as valid.

Vatican Paper Coming Out in English

Vatican City—(RNS)—An English-language edition of L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper, will be published next month for the first time.

Vatican Radio said the edition, to be published weekly, will cover addresses by Pope Paul VI, as well as information on the activities of the Holy See and of the Church. The English edition will be distributed to about 40 countries.

L'Osservatore Romano, printed mainly in Italian, began publication July 1, 1861. It has gained wide recognition as an authoritative, if unofficial, organ identified with the Vatican. The paper has a staff of 15 reporters. A network of 300 correspondents provides extensive foreign coverage.

Maryknoll Radio Was "Lifeline" in Flood

Cochabamba, Bolivia—(NC)—Radio San Gabriel, educational radio station operated here by American Maryknoll priests has been credited with saving lives and property during recent disastrous flooding of the Rocha River. Heavy rains have been blamed for six drownings and property damage estimated at about \$10 million.

Government officials credited Radio San Gabriel and its director, Father Leo J. Sommer, M.M., for being the stricken community's lifeline outside assistance.

Church Foreign Aid Group Organized

Ottawa, Ont.—(RNS)—Canada's Catholic hierarchy said in a pastoral letter to the clergy of 62 dioceses that the country's foreign aid has never been sufficient.

"We have regarded this problem with far too much indifference," the bishops said.

The pastoral letter formally announced the creation of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. The agency hopes to raise \$1,000,000 from this country's Catholic parishes.

The bishops said the new Canadian organization is to be a lay group, designed to reflect the spirit of the Vatican Council "in which the laity works in close collaboration with bishops and priests."

They said the organization's work should not overlap or compete with other agencies already in the field, and added that mankind should aim at "a global organization of this planet's economy."

Catholic Deputies on Studerats' Side

Berlin—(NC)—The five Catholic deputies in the Polish parliament have protested against police brutality in the suppression of recent student demonstrations in Poland.

In a memorandum to Polish Premier Jozef Cyrankiewicz, they asked what the government intends to do "in order to put an end to the brutal action of the police and the civil militia against university youth . . ."

The group also asked how the government intends to answer in depth the burning questions that youth is asking and which also trouble public opinion in general and concern civic liberties and the government's cultural policy."

Russia Seen Softening Toward Church

Berlin—(NC)—A communist paper in Belgrade has reported that the central committee of the Soviet Union's Communist party now looks more favorably on the Catholic Church.

The paper, Politika, said that the new attitude toward the Church has been openly discussed in party conferences throughout the Soviet Union. It noted that atheist propaganda in Russia had been sharply curtailed.

Politika also claimed that President Nikolai Podgorny of the Soviet Union, who visited Pope Paul in January, 1967, has invited the Pope to Moscow.



Techny, Ill.—(RNS)—A new Catholic church in San Miguelite parish in Panama features modern murals by an American artist which depict the Panamanians as the "people of God." The artist, Miss Lillian Brule of Chicago, worked 13 months to complete the murals in Cristo Redento chapel. Miss Brule lectures on art at the Divine Word Seminary, Techny, Ill. Top photo shows details of the eyes of Isalah, central figure in a mural on the Creation. Below: Detail shows the true priest figure among men; the priest is completely identified with his people, grasping the hand of one of his builders.

Church-State Separation In Mexico Draws Praise

Mexico City—(NC)—The total separation of Church and state is a most beneficial thing in Mexico, a prominent Catholic layman said here in an interview.

Jose Alvarez Icaza, head of the Center of Social Communications (CENCO), the Mexican bishops' public information agency, told the leftist newspaper El Dia that the Second Vatican Council "has oriented the Church to serve the world and to discard all efforts to gain power in world affairs."

Alvarez said that tensions have been created by the Vatican council among traditionalist and conservative groups in this country. These groups, he said, find the "new trends toward renovation and progress."

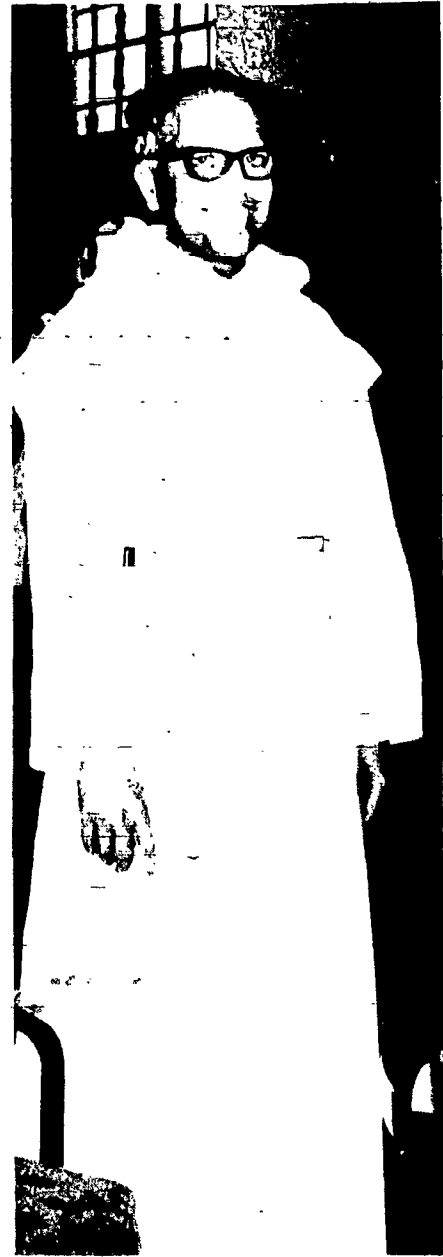
Among the groups resisting such progress, he said, are Catholic organizations founded more than 50 years ago, anti-Juarez elements and Maximilianists, "who believe that those of us who think as we do today are confirmed Communists disguised as Catholics."

"They think," he added, "that the Church should impose itself on the world by mysterious means and thereby penetrate other institutions."

(Benito Juarez, 1806-72, was a Mexican president who enacted drastic restrictions on the Catholic Church during his regime. Austrian Archduke Maximilian was imposed as emperor of Mexico by the French and was executed in 1867.)

The conservatives' attitude, Alvarez said, is not in accord with "the present progressive actions of the Mexican Catholic hierarchy."

"Throughout Mexico," Alvarez declared, "the entire clergy is undergoing a process of renovation and it is a vigorous and Mexican clergy. We have found it healthier to have Mexican and not foreign priests. We have young priests and a well-trained and cultured clergy. Foreign priests often give us invaluable assistance in emergencies, but in Mexico there is also increasing participation of the lay apostolate. In our country the Church has called for great support from priests of religious communities, because those communities have greater resources than diocesan priests have."



St. Thomas More Praised in London

London—(NC)—Leading Members of Parliament attended the unveiling of a tablet in honor of St. Thomas More in Westminster Hall adjoining the Houses of Parliament here.

The tablet reads: "In this hall Sir Thomas More, Chancellor of England, Speaker of the House of Commons, author of Utopia, was condemned to death, 1st July, 1535." St. Thomas More was condemned to death for treason for refusing to take an oath of supremacy to King Henry VIII as head of the Church. His feast day is July 9.

The present lord chancellor of England, Lord Gardiner, said that Sir Thomas More is famous because he chose to give up his possessions, his reputation and finally his life for a principle.

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Ecumenical Plane Coming to Aid of Jungle Missions

Iquitos, Peru—(NC)—Protestant and Catholic mission teams in the jungle here are awaiting a U.S.-built, pontoon-equipped plane that will help solve communications problems in missionary efforts.


The six-passenger plane, donated to the people of the Amazon by "Wings of Hope, Inc." of the United States, is being flown here by Father Guy Gervais, 35-year-old Montfort Father from Ottawa, Canada.

The plane will serve the entire Amazon mission effort in Peru on an ecumenical basis by way of emergency airlifts, the transport of medical personnel and supplies, regular mail delivery and, of great importance, reliable radio communications. The pontoon craft will be landing on the Amazon and hundreds of its tributaries.

A pilot for nine years, Father Gervais also is a qualified radio technician, mechanic and medical assistant. Prior to signing his contract with "Wings of Hope" in Peru, he flew for six years in the bush country of New Guinea.

The need for such an aircraft is exemplified by the trip from Estrecho to Iquitos (the Amazon trade center), which takes 28 days by launch, but only 45 minutes by air. The aircraft is expected to multiply the effective efforts of a single Amazon missionary at least 38 times. Travel absorbs 75 per cent of a missionary's time here.

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