

AROUND THE WORLD

East German Churches Win A Point

East Berlin—(RNS)—A guarantee of freedom of religion and conscience, requested by both Roman Catholic and Lutheran Churches, was included in a revised, final version of the new East German constitution passed by the lower house of Parliament.

All other church requests, however, especially that regarding church retention of corporation status under public law, were denied.

The religious guarantee states, "Every German Democratic Republic citizen has the same rights and duties regardless of his nationality, race, ideology, or religious profession and faith."

Louvain To Train Latin Americans

Bogota, Colombia — (NC) — According to an official of the Latin American Bishops' Council, the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, will establish a technical aid program for Latin America.

Bishop Marcos G. McGrath, C.S.C., of Santiago de Veraguas, Panama, vice president of the council, said that talks with the secretariat for underdeveloped nations at Louvain has led to a plan for the exchange and training of Latin American university professors and graduate students in community development.

The bishops will provide Louvain with documentation and research projects on basic problems of development in Latin America, and on social action.

Benedictine Priests Slain By Cong

Saigon — (NC) — Two French Benedictine priests whose capture had been reported have been killed by the Viet Cong, according to word received here.

The body of Father Urbain David, O.S.B., was found in a common grave with six others. All were bound and in a standing position.

Father Guy de Compiegne, O.S.B., was shot by the Viet Cong according to villagers. His body has not been found.

Both priests, wearing their black religious habits, left their monastery at Thien An, near Hue on March 8, when heavy bombardment forced the community and the refugees they were sheltering to disperse and flee. Viet Cong soldiers firing from inside the monastery and church, had drawn U.S. artillery fire on the building. The monastery and its installations and equipment were destroyed.

Jesuits To Study Role in South America

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil — (NC) — Jesuit superiors from Latin America will meet here in May with Father Pedro Arrupe, S.J., Jesuit superior general, to discuss the society's role in development, pastoral renewal and the lay apostolate.

Father Arrupe will bring with him eight other priests as specialists in pastoral work, sociology, economics, education, public opinion and administration.

Political Influence Denied in Mission Aid

Hyderabad, India — (NC) — The chief minister of Andhra state, K. Brahmamanda Reddi, has denied there was political influence in the distribution of aid received by Christian missionaries in the state.

Reddi spoke in the state legislature here after a member alleged that missionaries were giving aid in full only to those converted to Christianity and that there was political influence at work.

Reddi said that political influence would not arise because foreign aid received by missionaries is routed through government departments.

Family Planning Seen As Mexico's Need

San Luis Potosi, Mexico — (NC) — Family planning — limitation of the number of children — is necessary because nearly 80% of Mexican families have income insufficient to supply their basic needs, a meeting of the Mexican Christian Family Movement (CFM) was told here.

The need for family planning was stressed by the CFM presidents, Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Castro. The theme of the meeting, Responsible Parenthood, was chosen by Msgr. Rafael Vazquez Corona, moderator of CFM and Mexican Catholic Action.

The meeting was attended by Archbishop Guido del Mestri, Apostolic Delegate in Mexico, and by over 1,000 married couples, 159 priests and 14 bishops from all over Mexico.

Catholic Students Score 'Agitation'

Wuerzburg, Germany — (NC) — The West German Catholic Student Union has criticized what it terms "political agitation" by the nonsectarian West German Student Association (VDS).

In a press release the 23,000-member Catholic union said the VDS claim to speak for all German students is illegitimate. It deplored the "fraternal feud among students" caused by the political decisions taken at a recent VDS national convention in Munich.

At Munich, the VDS voted on resolutions demanding the recognition of East Germany, support for the Viet Cong, and abolition of West Germany's still existing state of emergency legislation. Student groups at six German universities withdrew from VDS membership in protest.

Produce Workers, Jesuit Tells Schools

Agra, India — (NC) — India's Catholic schools must shift their aim of producing "gentlemen" to that of turning out useful technicians to advance the country's economic growth.

The director of India's Jesuit Educational Association, Father Theo Mathias, S.J., told this to delegates to a Catholic Social Action conference here.

Father Mathias said that Indian languages should progressively replace English as the medium for instruction in Catholic schools. He called for a "science-based, forward-looking" curriculum instead of one emphasizing devotional aspects.

Mission to Atheists Includes Bishop Wright

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has named four new members of the Vatican Secretariat for Non-Believers, including Bishop John J. Wright of Pittsburgh.

The secretariat was established by Pope Paul to study the problem of modern unbelief and to conduct, where possible, a dialogue with representatives of atheistic or agnostic or other points of view that do not admit the existence of God.

The other new members are auxiliary bishop Maurits de Keyser of Bruges, Belgium; Auxiliary Bishop Paulo Evaristo Arns of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Bishop James Corboy, S.J., of Monze, Zambia.

The Holy Father

'Christians Must Assist Developing Nations'

Vatican City—Pope Paul VI marked the first anniversary of the publication of his encyclical, The Development of Peoples, on the need for assisting developing nations, by insisting on the duty of Christians to meet this problem on every level.

Speaking to thousands in St. Peter's basilica at a general audience the Pope said that an enormous unrest is being stirred up today in men by the "desire, need and right to move from a modest and often miserable standard of life to a higher, richer and more worthy human level."

He noted that "tears and anger generally mark the psychology of these young nations which suffer from a disease which was at first unnoticed and which is now unbearable—the realization of the economic and civil inequality which cuts them off from and humiliates them in comparison to prosperous nations."

Calling this "a crucial and worldwide problem," Pope Paul said that the Church must interest itself in these matters because only religion can endow the solutions with the right concept of human life.

"It is religion, and the Christian religion above all, which sees in human progress a divine intention. God created man so that he might be

lord of the earth and that the earth might be for the orderly benefit of all. It is religion which offers a basis of justice to the claims of the have-nots when it reminds us that all are sons of the same Heavenly Father and therefore are brothers.

The encyclical has often been misinterpreted since it was issued a year ago, the Pope said.

He denied that he intended to "open the way to the so-called theology of revolution and violence."

"Such an aberration is a long way from our thoughts and words," he said. "It is a very different thing from the positive, courageous and energetic activity necessary in many cases to establish new forms of social and economic progress."

Without actually using the expression, the Pope also denied implicitly that the encyclical was an attack on capitalism as such.

"Some people feel that our words are sharp and unjustified towards

these economic systems which do not tend to create equality among nations, favoring some and forcing others to suffer a perpetual condition of inferiority," he said.

"But it is certainly not our intention not to recognize the natural forms of economic processes, nor to offend those who are promoters of these processes when a type of vision which is not partial or selfish but global and human places such processes within the need of the common good."

Pope Reveals Papal Household Reforms

By JAMES C. O'NEILL (NC News Service)

Vatican City — Pope Paul VI has stripped the papal household of the empty honorary offices and hereditary titles which used to be given both to priests and laymen and has substituted for them greater honor and recognition of people who have specific tasks in the Church and the Vatican.

Reform of what is usually called the papal court has been long rumored but became a fact with the publication of a motu proprio entitled

"Domus Pontificalis" or, "The Pontifical Household."

The goal of the reform is to simplify the traditional surrounding of the Pope both publicly and privately and to do away with the trappings of the Renaissance no longer considered appropriate. The new document, already preceded by a number of simplifications in ceremonies, sounds the knell of the empty splendor, long an accepted custom in the Vatican.

However, the Pope has sought to replace "show" with significant additions of elements that will better reflect the real composition of the

Church today. While Roman nobles lose ancient titles and special prerogatives, representatives of the wider participation of the laity are given a special place. Pastors of Rome's parishes are to take part in solemn ceremonies by right for the first time. The whole emphasis of the document is on the active location rather than on the privileged position of members of the people of God.

Other picturesque offices to disappear include the papal cup bearer, wardrobe master, carving steward and scardin.



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Worcester, Mass.—(NC) — Worcester Hospital school of nursing students may enroll.

Mrs. Mary T. Darcey, h... Vincent Hospital wishes to facilities are available to a freshman class in September the second largest hospital General Hospital, Boston, is

Administrator

Atlanta, Ga.—(NC)—A... has been elected by the archbishop as administrator of the Atlanta successor to Archbishop I A native of Columbia, S.C. 1952, and was consecrated t on April 16, 1966.

Protestant Union

Dayton, Ohio — (NC) — has agreed to submit a plan nominations within the next

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Detroit Students

Detroit — (RNS) — A... top elected student office at versity of Detroit.

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Minor's platform include... sions. He wants a "free" within U. of D. that would courses taught by volunteer and an all-campus club, a fraternity...

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Parishes Vot

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