



Archbishop Heads Unit

New York — (RNS) — Archbishop Terence J. Cooke of New York (center) visits New York headquarters of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association of which he was named president and treasurer. With him are Msgr. John G. Nolan, the association's national secretary (left), and Msgr. Paul Jang-arias, a Carmelite priest from India who has been visiting New York as president of the association, the newly-installed Archbishop Cooke succeeds Francis Cardinal Spellman.

Episcopalian Calls for Rome Meet

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alive and the children of the living."

He asserted that the theological differences among the Christian communities "pale in the face of the theological question of the unity of mankind under a common God." And he added that though they hold Jesus Christ is the head of the human family "our disunity discredits our central conviction. This must stop at once."

Then, pointing out that this summer at least two major ecclesiastical events will take place — the Lambeth Conference of Anglican Bishops in London and the gathering of the World Council of Churches in Uppsala, Sweden, Bishop Myers stated:

"I propose that the leadership of these two conferences reschedule these events to meet together at Rome with the pontiff and the bishops of the Roman Catholic Church. I propose then that the Roman pontiff be declared first among equals of the Christian Church on earth and that he establish a College of Christians, clerical and lay, to develop a base of Christian power that the national communities will heed.

"I further propose that the ground be prepared by this college for a world congress of the great religions of man, together with the humanists, in order that the vast majority of the earth's population may speak out through its spiritual leadership for human worth and dignity."

He concluded: "We cannot wait! As Christians we believe that Christ the Lord is the head of the catholic church, that the church created of God is the image of the united human family. I call upon my fellow Christians to rise up in the task of forming a mission in the world which will do to death the false boundaries of race and nationality. I call upon all men of goodwill to unite in a mission which does to death all false ideologies which separate man from man.

"I ask John XXIII to intercede for us."

Last June Bishop Myers, in calling for "one church under one God," created a stir by urging all Christians to recognize the Pope as head of the "universal church."

Said the bishop then: "We need a Holy Father. We need a Father who can speak and witness to the whole human race, quite simply, as the presence among us of the Fisherman."

Bishop Myers acknowledged the Pope to be the "chief pastor of men" and the "chief spokesman for the Christian community in the world."

Laymen Replace Nuns At Catholic Colleges

St. Paul, Minn. — (RNS) — Laymen will replace nuns in top positions at two women's colleges operated by Roman Catholic orders. At the College of St. Joseph, St. Benedict, Minn., operated by the Sisters of St. Benedict, Sister Mary Grell O.S.B., president, has resigned and will be succeeded by Dr. Stanley Kierda, academic dean of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

At the College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Sister Helen Margaret Peck, academic dean since 1964, will be succeeded by Dr. Dwight Culver, sociology professor at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.

Bus Bill Passed

Lansing, Mich. — (RNS) — The Michigan House of Representatives voted 94-3 to require that public school districts providing transportation for high school students to vocational and technical classes give the same service to non-public pupils.

The requirement was added to the bill moments before it passed the House.

50 Priests Hit Peruvian 'Injustice'

From Courier-Journal Wire Services

Lima, Peru—Fifty Peruvian priests have issued a statement here denouncing the "chronic conditions of injustice, backwardness, oppression and immorality that wither the life of our country."

They blamed "a tremendous moral underdevelopment, stemming from the selfishness so widespread among the rich."

Their statement made these points:

— The average per capita income of a Peruvian is \$300 (half the world average); 12 million of them, however, live on \$165 a year, while 24,000 make 400 times more — about \$65,000 yearly.

— Land distribution again shows a sharp contrast: slightly over 1,000 big

landholders own 61 per cent of all arable land, each averaging 25,650 acres; but 700,000 small farmers, or about 83 per cent of all landholders, own under 6 per cent of usable land — most of these farms averaging 3.7 acres.

— Along with the local rich, powerful foreign business firms are creating and other resources and incomes and other resources and export their dollar earnings, thus depriving Peru of capital for development.

— Some 4 million Peruvians are illiterate, and thousands more also need job training, vocational skills, and basic protection by trade unions.

"Most of all," the clergy reported, "these examples of corruption point out a basic lack of honesty which leads to a complete loss of confidence in the Peruvian oligarchy which administers justice."

"Since the upper classes are almost exclusively educated in religious schools, it is evident that the Peruvian Catholic schools have been grossly negligent in preparing Christians in the doctrines of Christ." The end result of this abuse of power and the lack of Christian charity, they said, has been an almost in-human existence for the nucleus of the Peruvian lower-class structure.

"The faults here mentioned are so basic to the socio-economic structure of Peru," the document concluded, "that only a revolutionary transformation could rectify the situation."

Immediate approval came from Juan Cardinal Landazuri Ricketts, O.F.M., of Lima, who said that the statement is a positive contribution for those "concerned with the unavoidable realities" of Peru.

Churchmen Praised by Canadian

Mexico City — (NC) — Quebec's Maurice Cardinal Roy, president of the Pontifical Commission for World Justice and Peace told newsmen here that he had nothing but praise for the Latin American Church's response to the area's staggering social and economic problems.

The Canadian cardinal added that he was impressed by "the amazing and well organized consciousness with which the Catholic Church is at present responding to the social problems existing in this part of the world."

"I am astonished to find just how much the attitude of the Catholic hierarchy in Latin America has changed in relation to the social problems of this area, since I attended the formation of the Latin American Bishops' Council at Rio de Janeiro in 1955. While the task of the Church is to develop the (social) conscience, it is the task of the government to decree those laws which will bring about social equilibrium."

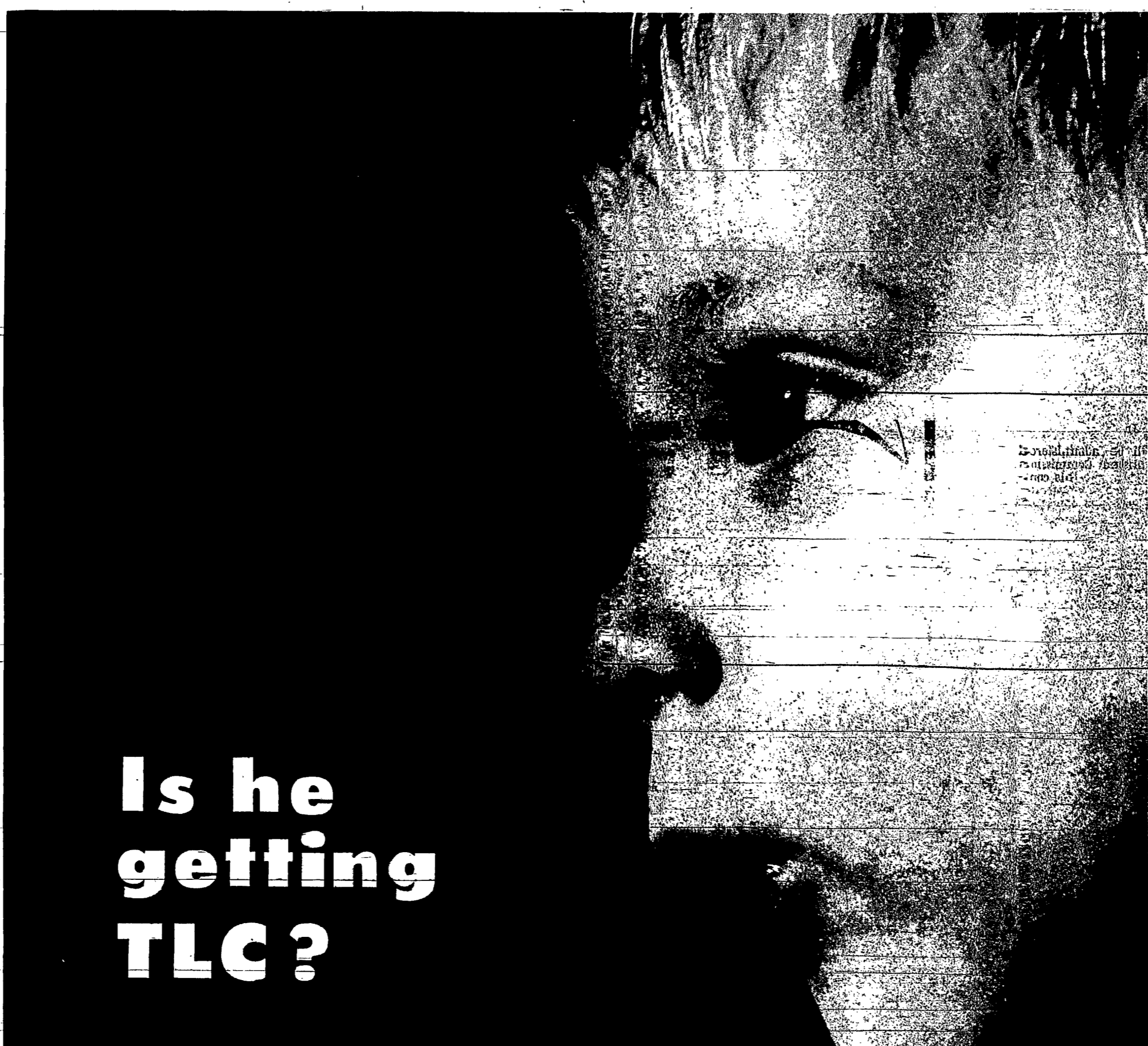
"Violence is morally justifiable and historically fruitful," the bishops pointed out, "but only when it is first sought with intelligence to make truth and justice prevail by other means, and these fail, and when violence can foreseeably lead to a better future for mankind."

The bishops' letter, marking the 1818 battle of Maipo, also appealed for a change in the style of life of the nation's upper classes.

"We appeal to the consciences of those who transfer substantial amounts of their income to foreign lands, indifferent to the damage they cause our nation," the bishops said, and they warned: "Remember, there are many ways to betray one's country, and this is one of them."

'Violence Not Always Unjust' Bishop Says

Santiago, Chile — (NC) — In a joint pastoral letter marking the anniversary of a battle that helped win Chilean independence from Spain, Chile's bishops warned the people of the nation that violence in the pursuit of social reform "is not always unjust."



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Who A

Following the assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King, many of the nation's citizens rioting. This again raises the question as to just who are the rioters? The following excerpts from the report by the Presidential Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders.

The typical rioter in 1967 was a Negro, unmarried, between the ages of 15 and 24, with very different stereotypes. He was not a member of the state and long resident of the city in which the riot took place. Economic mobility was about the same as his neighbors who did not participate in the riot.

Although he had not, as stated, attended high school, he had better educational than age inner-city Negro, having attended high school for a year.

Nevertheless, he was not working in a menial or unskilled job as an unskilled laborer employed, he was not a member of the labor union, frequently interrupted by periods of unemployment.

He feels strongly that a better job and that he has from achieving that goal because of discrimination.

He rejects the white bias type of the Negro as is shiftless. He takes great pride in his race and believes that Negroes are superior. He is extremely hostile to his hostility is more apt to be of social and economic nature; he is almost equal toward middle-class Negroes.

He is substantially better about politics than Negroes not involved in the riots. He is likely to be actively engaged in rights efforts, but is distrustful of the political and political leaders.

Albany Diocese Creates Racial Justice Fund

ALBANY, N.Y. (NC) — Albany diocese will spend \$100,000 to improve the condition of the diocese.

The pledge was made by Edward J. Maginn, apostolic administrator, in a surprise announcement at ceremonies memorializing Luther King, Jr.

The money will be used by a newly established Racial Justice Fund. Maginn said that the fund is a commitment, confident that people share this love as the bishop said.

Governor Nelson Rockefeller's staff would be delighted with representatives of the diocese to determine if this gift could be used, together with state monies, to develop the 15 county area of the Albany diocese.

Bishop Maginn said that the money will be used in discussion with persons in the diocesan social action program, the people and diocesan officials.

Kennedy Explains His Receiving Baptist Communion

Washington — (NC) — Kennedy, presidential candidate, explained his receiving communion at church here, told newsmen that the reception of a "juice and a biscuit" as "fellowship" and not as communion.

The senator's explanation was laid out to newsmen through Mankiewicz, press assistant. Kennedy, after newsmen asked the senator received communion at New Bethel Baptist Church, touring parts of Washington ghetto.

An expert in ecumenical comment on the incident.

"The whole question involves a complex of theological questions which are the subject of ongoing bilateral discussions between the Catholic and other churches."

"The present discipline of the Catholic Church is in issue by the Vatican's document for Promoting Christian Unity, which states that Catholics are not allowed to attend ecumenical liturgical services of other churches if they have reasonable doubts."

"This participation, reception of the Eucharist, should lead the recipient to esteem the spiritual life in common and to make them aware of their separation."

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