

AROUND THE WORLD



Grim News from Pope

Sad news for Vatican pilgrims. Pope Paul VI is shown as he announced the shooting of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in Los Angeles. In his address to tourists and pilgrims, he called upon the world to reject violence. (Religious News Service)

Spanish Catholic Charities Consolidated

Madrid, Spain — (NC) — Spanish Caritas, Catholic Charities Organization, has expanded its activities to include all the social and charity works of Catholics in the country.

At a national congress here Caritas launched a Confederation of Charity and Social Action Organizations of the Church.

Archbishop Luigi Dadaglio, apostolic nuncio to Spain, told the conference that "mankind today cannot sleep well because half of mankind is hungry and the other half is afraid of the hungry ones." He called for a charity enlightened by respect for "neighbor's sufferings."

About 1,000,000 permanent donors finance the Caritas operations in Spain.

English Prelates Support Anti-Bias Bill

London — (NC) — Auxiliary Bishop Christopher Butler, O.S.B., of Westminster was one of several religious leaders who signed a petition supporting the current Race Relations Bill now before Parliament.

The bishop joined Anglican Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury and other Anglican prelates in the petition delivered to Prime Minister Harold Wilson.

The petition said: "We ask no one to renounce his cultural and religious heritage. But we recognize that everyone in Britain today, native as much as newcomer, must be prepared for old traditions to change and for new patterns of human relationships to emerge.

"We welcome these changes and look forward to the enrichment of our experience which can come through living in a multicultural society."

The new bill would outlaw racial discrimination in all housing and hiring.

Youth Demonstration To Support Church Council

Stockholm, Sweden — (NC) — Breaking with the worldwide trend of youthful protest against traditional establishments, some Christian youth groups here are preparing to demonstrate for one.

Several Christian student and youth organizations are preparing to march from here to Uppsala next month when the World Council of Churches holds its general assembly.

"Our march is intended to be an expression of solidarity towards the World Council of Churches," said a student representative. "We want to urge the general assembly not to make tame statements but to take up the economic, social and ecumenical problems in a serious way."

Across-the-Border Help Projected

Toronto, Ont. — (RNS) — Anglican Primate Archbishop Howard Clark of Rupert's Land has appealed to Canadian bishops for "pairings" involving them and their neighboring U.S. Episcopal bishops, so that help may be provided in the event of another summer of violence in the U.S.

The Canadian bishops were urged to make and maintain contacts so that the Primate's World Relief Fund will have a clear indication of how to help if violence comes.

"Even in an affluent country like the U.S., there are times when individuals and groups need the kind of help that our PWRF can properly give," Archbishop Clark said.

Possible pairings with U.S. dioceses suggested by the Primate included:

Rochester, N.Y., and the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario; Chicago and Milwaukee and the Province of Rupert's Land; Niagara Falls, N.Y., and the Diocese of Niagara, Ont.; Buffalo, N.Y., and the Diocese of Niagara and Toronto.

Jesuit Invited To India Unity Conference

New Delhi, India — (NC) — A Jesuit priest is among top Indian leaders invited to a semi-official conference charged with evolving methods of unifying the Indian people.

Father Jerome D'Souza, S.J., regional assistant for India of the Jesuit superior general from 1957 until early this year, and a former member of the Indian parliament, is among 55 top-rank politicians, educators and trade union leaders invited.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi will preside at the conference, which will be devoted mainly to identification of factors responsible for impeding national integration, and ways of counteracting them.

Sunday Mass on Saturday For Portugese

Lisbon — (NC) — Portuguese Catholics have been given permission to fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation by attending Mass after 4 p.m. on Saturday when the Proper (the changeable parts of the Mass) for the following Sunday is recited.

WCC to Delve Into Woes of Human Life

London — (RNS) — The Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Uppsala, Sweden, in July will not be "just another church meeting" but will be concerned with the "ultimates of human life," according to the WCC general secretary, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake.

The American churchman made the statement in an interview published in the Methodist Recorder.

Three main dangers facing the world would be discussed at Uppsala, he declared, and programs for study and education in their fields would be outlined. He named the three dangers as distribution of the world's wealth among the nations; ideological problems of communism and nationalism; and, "most threatening of all," race.

On race, he said: "You can change the world markets, the relationship of rich and poor, even your ideologies, but you can't change the color of a man's skin, or his physiognomy, or quickly eradicate the bitterness of the past."

In the context of communism and nationalism, he also said it was essential that Communist China should be accepted into the family of nations.

Dr. Blake stressed the need for new thinking in church life. More and more the churches must relate the gathering of their congregations for Sunday worship with the world and all its problems and its new thinking.

"We hope to bear in mind," he declared, "that most of the church's rules were drawn up at a time when people lived their entire lives in the place where they were born."

"Now we have this tremendous mobility and this technological independence. People are now living more and more in cities. And religion has never been so successful in larger groups. Church life has, in the past, been more or less rural-oriented. Now the struggle in terms of mission is in the cities and this requires new thinking, new emphases, a new approach."

Dr. Blake said he did not anticipate any major conflicts at Uppsala. But criticisms were expected and he thought the main ones would be directed from some sections against the WCC's closer relationship with the Roman Catholic Church, the rapid growth of the Council, and whether the "center" has not been changed on the question of "what Christianity is all about."

Papal Mission Goes to Coptic Consecration

Vatican City — (NC) — A papal mission will take part in the consecration of the new Coptic Orthodox cathedral in Cairo, Egypt.

The Vatican announcement said that Pope Paul VI, "accepting the invitation of the Orthodox patriarch, His Holiness Cyril VI, has named as his special envoy His Eminence Leon Etienne Cardinal Duval, archbishop of Algiers."

Consecration of the cathedral of St. Mark coincides with festivities celebrating the 19th centenary of the martyrdom of St. Mark the Evangelist. The Vatican announcement noted: "St. Mark, according to ancient tradition, was a disciple and interpreter of St. Peter and the founder of the Church in Egypt."

A relic of St. Mark kept in the basilica of St. Mark in Venice, will be taken to Cairo by Auxiliary Bishop Giuseppe Olivetti of Venice, who is also a member of the papal mission. The relic will remain in the cathedral.

Other members of the papal mission are Bishop Jan Willebrands, secretary of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity.

Vatican Observers Attend East Berlin Red-Sponsored Meet

East Berlin — (RNS) — It is an "open secret" that silent observers representing the Vatican and the Primates of Austria and the Netherlands are among the 300 participants at the Communist-sponsored Conference of Catholic Christians here.

The meeting has been described by Otto Hartmut Fuchs, one of its initiators and a prominent member of the East German Christian Democratic Union, as a "restrum of peace-loving, progressive Catholics."

Both Franz Cardinal Koenig, Archbishop of Vienna, and Bernard Cardinal Alfrink, Archbishop of Utrecht, Netherlands, have been associated with the Vatican's new policies towards the Communist nations.

Participants at the meeting included 46 priests and representatives of Pax Christi the World Peace Council, and the Czechoslovakian All Christian Peace Conference.

Delegates stressed the need for Catholics to cooperate "with all peace-loving forces."

Greetings were wired to Pope Paul and Alfred Cardinal Bengsch, Archbishop of Berlin.

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Syracuse Priests
Washington — (NC) — The National Council of the Bishops' Commission on the Status of the Clergy will become active in Washington July 1.
Father Champlin, University and Notre Dame, Rochester, N.Y., is at Immaculate Conception several years as diocesan commissioner secretary. He on the liturgy for the diocese.
Father Champlin is a doctoral theology, as well as a book on love, courtship and marriage. "Me?" has just been published.

Negro Laymen
Chicago — (RNS) — a Catholic school here on the city's South Side.
Ralph Baker, principal, lay principals in the 50 school system.
Mr. Baker, 31, is a high school, he was one of the University students who expects to earn his master's degree.

Theologians
South Bend, Ind. — a thodox and Protestant Colloquium. June 16-22.
The meeting on "Theology and the Church" through four study papers and disagreement.
The Rev. William J. O'Rourke, secretary of the National Council of the Bishops, is attending the Colloquium.
"We are going to have a series of academic questions."

Notre Dame
Patriarch Maximus V. Rite Catholics, confers with the University of Notre Dame an honorary doctor of divinity. Father Coffin's participation in a diocesan synod, he will mark the beginning of a new era.

Baccalaureate
Boston — (RNS) — Yale's Protestant chaplain, a case, could not be held at nearby Wellesley College.
However, Mr. Coffin came to the courthouse their support for him. They were not present at the baccalaureate.
"This is a special day, 'kyros,' a special day for college students, he said in his address.
If Mr. Coffin had not come, "I would have ended with a Spanish philosopher, 'glory.'"

Preservation
New York — (RNS) — seek to retain the Church Plaza.
The Center, now the United Nations District, has been authorized.
The Center is owned by the City of New York.

Michigan's Catholics
Detroit — (RNS) — reported here that the number of Catholics in Michigan has increased more than 39,000 during the past year.
Catholics comprise 8.4 million, compared with 7.8 million in 1967.
The Archdiocese of Detroit has 1,584,594, an increase of 39,000.