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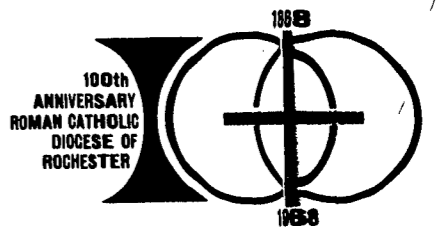
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Bishop on Irish Soil

Bishop Fulton Sheen is greeted upon his arrival at Ireland's Shannon Airport by Aer Lingus ground hostess Ruth Condon of Limerick, right. The Bishop also was greeted by Father Timothy Mullaly, in photo above, who is administrator for the new Shannon parish. "I have come to dip myself in Irish humor, faith and wit for three weeks," the Bishop said. He also is hoping to recruit some Irish priests to alleviate a shortage in the Rochester Diocese.



Christian Reaction To Human Woes Urged by WCC

By FATHER ROGER MAZERATH, S.A.
(NC News Service)

Uppsala, Sweden — An urgent call for all Christian churches to take upon themselves the common task of meeting contemporary problems with Christian responsibility shapes up as the unofficial consensus of the World Council of Churches (WCC), at its fourth general assembly.

The 730 voting delegates from 232 member churches of the WCC heard Dr. William A. Visser 't Hooft of the Netherlands, the council's former general secretary, declare that "church members who deny in fact their responsibility for the needy in any part of the world are just as guilty of heresy as those who deny this or that article of faith."

The fourth general assembly of the World Council has as its theme "Christian Renewal in the Modern World."

In other developments at the meeting:

• U.S. Sen. George McGovern, D-S. Dak., a delegate, said he is bothered by the "self-righteous and intolerant" criticism of the U.S. Vietnam role voiced at the meeting.

Describing himself as a long-time critic of the U.S. position, McGovern said the war would be ended "not so much by the conscience of the world as by the pressure of opinion brought by U.S. citizens. Don't underestimate the intelligence, sensitivity and common sense of the American people."

• The 209 U.S. clergymen at the assembly issued a petition of support for the Rev. William Sloane Coffin Jr., Yale University chaplain, recently convicted in Boston of conspiracy to aid and counsel others to violate U.S. draft laws.

• The Catholic bishops of Canada in a message to the WCC said they had called on Canadian Catholics to join in prayer crusades for the assembly's success.

This world body of Protestant and Orthodox churches has centered its concerns around the development of new Christian answers to the large human and moral problems facing the 20th century.

Any analysis of the Uppsala assembly leads necessarily to the conclusion that, despite many differences among Christians as a whole, Christians are uniting around the basic necessity in our day of forming a new world community founded on justice and peace.

"As a fulfillment of what is taken by many delegates as the call of God to the Christian churches today, much of the concern for Christian unity and the institutional merging of churches has taken a back seat. Advancement toward Christian unity is not looked upon as unimportant, but, because of the emergency situation in the world at present, consideration of what formerly was called "life and work" have taken precedence over doctrinal and theological matters, or what has been called "faith and order."

If any single voice gained the unanimous support of the assembly, it was that of Barbara Ward (Lady Jackson). This is significant because the internationally prominent British economist, who will teach next fall at Columbia University in New York City, is a Catholic. Barbara Ward gained a standing ovation for her eloquent appeal on the subject of "Rich and Poor Nations."

(Miss Ward writes a column for the Courier-Journal which appears regularly on the Commentary Page.)

"We live," she declared, "in a physical and material planetary society which has been created by economic and political drives and not by moral purposes." The consequences of the economic and material unity that we now have, she affirmed, "confront us with the necessity of devising the moral policies for the rest of the century and beyond."

Because the exploding world could be reached momentarily and because the Christian churches have a moral imperative to do something, Miss Ward made a ringing plea to the delegates to help solve the critical human imbalances by "going after" the national and political systems in order to gain 1% of the nations' gross national product (GNP) for foreign aid.

"Unless the members of the assembly, she declared, do something, 'we might just as well not have come here.'"

Bishop Retires In Brooklyn

Washington — (NC) — Retirement for reasons of impaired health of Archbishop Bryan J. McEntegart, 75, bishop of Brooklyn has been approved by Pope Paul VI, who appointed Msgr. Francis J. Mugavero to succeed him as spiritual head of the Brooklyn diocese.

Bishop-designate Francis John Mugavero, 54, is a native of Brooklyn, son of Angelo and Rose Pernice Mugavero of Brooklyn. He was educated at St. Ambrose parish school, Cathedral Preparatory School and Cathedral College in Brooklyn, and Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington, N.Y.

Colorado Group Urges Abortion Law Revision

Denver — (NC) — An interfaith organization opposing Colorado's new relaxed abortion law has launched a campaign for drastic revision of the statute during the state legislature's 1969 session.

The Colorado Joint Council on Medical and Social Legislation adopted a statement attacking the 1967 law primarily on constitutional and legal grounds.

Denver attorney John E. Archibald, council president, drafted the statement, which challenged Colorado Gov. John Love for saying the statute is "working well." It also challenged the law's chief advocates, Congressmen Richard Lamm and Carl Gustafson, both of Denver, for saying that the law had produced few problems, that there had been no abuse of its provisions, and that little opposition to the statute exists.

The council statement said:

"There is a substantial body of public opinion which is fundamentally opposed to abortion of any kind. Others who feel that abortion, in certain carefully delineated circumstances, may be justifiable, nevertheless are seriously disturbed by the Colorado abortion law in its present form and the looseness of its operation.

"Both the foregoing viewpoints," the statement said, "though differing from each other with respect to certain of the theological and moral implications of abortion, are united in the proposition that the present Colorado abortion law must be amended to eliminate its most serious defects."

The Colorado law permits abortion if all three members of a special hospital board judge that continued pregnancy is likely to result in death of the mother or the serious impairment of her physical or mental health, or would likely result in the birth of a child suffering a grave and permanent physical or mental defect.

In addition, abortion is permitted within the first 16 weeks of preg-

nancy resulting from rape or incest, including statutory rape of a girl younger than 16.

The council statement said medical personnel do not have adequate protection under the law in cases where they might refuse to perform an abortion on medical or legal grounds.

The council said its members are "united in the strong conviction" that the law is in need of immediate revision to:

— "Safeguard and protect the rights of the innocent unborn.

— "Provide protection to all medical personnel at hospitals which object to abortions for any reasons—not merely medical or moral ones.

— "Restudy the rape grounds for abortion and administration thereof.

— "Put a sensible time limit within which abortions may be performed, such as 16 weeks in all cases—not just rape cases."

Presidential Unit Asks Abortion OK

Washington — (NC) — A Presidential advisory council has recommended the repeal of laws making abortion a crime, and recognition of the full legal rights of illegitimate children.

The council, headed by former Sen. Maurine Neuberger of Oregon, was appointed by President Johnson to suggest ways of improving the status of women. Its recommendations were proposed by various citizen study groups.

The council proposed drafting a model law that would give greater recognition to the property rights of married women; include voluntary separation as grounds for divorce, and allow women to establish their own domicile for all purposes. Six states now give women that right.

Retreatants Hear from Pope, LBJ

Washington — (NC) — Delegates to 40th annual National Catholic Laymen's Retreat Conference here were reminded of the current crises facing the world and the nation in messages from Pope Paul VI and President Lyndon B. Johnson.

The messages were read at the convention's opening session (July 17) in the Mayflower Hotel by Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle of Washington, convention host.

"In the words of the recent Vatican Council," the letter from the Vatican said "the laity should vivify their lives with charity and express it as best they can in their works. Let each one remember that he can have an impact on all men and contribute to the salvation of the whole world by public worship and prayer as well as by penance and voluntary acceptance of the labors and hardships of life. By such means does the Christian grow in the likeness of the suffering Christ."

"The tried and true institution of closed retreats is a potent means to enliven men's love of God and neighbor; the prayer and penance they entail can indeed have a universal effect, and help in the redemption of mankind," the letter continued.

The President's statement said:

"Please accept a grateful nation's thanks, and a President's profound appreciation for your inspiring contributions to the life and legacy of our people."

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The Area Youth Ministry

Its Aim: Reach Kids in the Streets

A unique youth service and an unusual ecumenical effort on the part of 11 churches in northwest Rochester has been quietly growing since February 1967 into a seemingly successful organization involving 50 adult volunteers and operating on a donated budget of over \$11,000. This is the first in a three-part series on the "Area Youth Ministry," located in a storefront at 534 Dewey Ave.

By PATRICIA ROESCH
A year ago a vacant meat market on Dewey Avenue underwent a slight transformation. It changed into the office of Christ Presbyterian Church. From this office an ecumenically-sponsored, largely volunteer organization called Area Youth Ministry (AYM) searches for the teenagers who are not in church. This "storefront church" has ex-

tended itself to sidewalk Christianity, and through a street ministry now involving 11 Protestant and Catholic parishes, has reached out to touch more than 400 teenagers in Rochester's northwest sector.

AYM has brought together resources, money, volunteer lay people, and clergy to create a moving, growing, unique youth service.

The churches involved in AYM are Ascension Episcopal, Christ Presbyterian, Dewey Avenue Presbyterian, Grace Methodist, Holy Apostles', Holy Rosary, Lake Avenue Baptist, Sacred Heart Cathedral, St. Anthony's, St. Patrick's, and Wesley Methodist.

That is all but one of the major Christian churches between Main Street, Ridge Road, Mt. Read Boulevard and the Genesee River.

Michael "Mike" Losinger, the sal-

Parish Vote Saves Mt. Carmel

Parochial democracy saved a school temporarily as parishioners of Mt. Carmel Church in Rochester voted this week to reduce part of the present school program rather than close it altogether, as had been proposed.

A total parish "Christian Formation program," designed to reach all families, which would have replaced the functions of the school for its present 445 children, will, however, begin on a limited scale, as soon as possible, Father Gennaro Ventura, pastor, announced.

The parents' decision, reached at a Tuesday evening parish meeting of 132 people, was a compromise, Father Ventura admitted.

"Our people see the need for a Catholic school education for their children and hope to maintain our school structure. At the same time, recognizing the nature of the parish and changes which may come in the next few years, they agree that a broad educational reach to touch the whole family of each parishioner, rather than a modest portion of the children, is quite essential for the faith and religious practice of the parish."

"The people showed us that they want to keep the school building open and active as a base for the future growth of the program which will cover the total needs of all families of the parish."

Specifics of the plan for reducing the present program of the school in order to free personnel and finances to permit establishment of the family program will be presented to the parishioners at Masses next Sunday after the pastor and faculty have conferred this week with the Education Office of the Diocese and the City Board of Education officials.

The consensus of the parish meeting was that grades from kindergarten to 8th grade be retained but that a "modified education project" which covers 117 children in "slow learners groups" be abandoned.

These children would be absorbed into nearby public schools 27, 14, 6

and 9 if the Diocesan school office and the city Education Office come to terms about their placement.

Some parents and faculty, Father Ventura said, believe that the inner-city public schools are better suited to serve the slow-learners and the culturally underprivileged than Mt. Carmel school is.

Father Ventura admitted: "I must help the whole parish in future weeks to see the value of the adult program we have proposed. In the meantime, lay committees have been formed to work out details of the home-visiting by the Sisters. I will begin at once to search for a director of the adult and family education program."



"The Place," a coffee house with adult supervision, at Dewey Avenue Presbyterian Church, opens its doors to 40 or 50 teen-agers twice each week.

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