

# East Berlin... a Prison with Sidewalk Cafes

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Berlin — Most West Berliners boycott the Communist-run S-Bahn, the electric railway that serves the divided city, but I bought a ticket for 30 pfennings (7.5 cents) and stepped aboard.

A few minutes later I was showing my passport to an East Berlin guard at the Friedrichstrasse station. He commented approvingly on the visas for Moscow and Warsaw, told me I had to change five marks into East German currency and passed me quickly through.

When I stepped into the street I was behind the Wall, where machine guns keep more than a million East Berliners under one of history's largest house arrests. Before the Wall went up in 1961, more than 2½ million East German residents had fled communism by way of Berlin.

Today they still try to leave. It is as tough as escaping from a modern prison. The guards are armed and they shoot to kill.

A day earlier I had entered the Communist sector by bus at Checkpoint Charlie, where I watched uniformed guards push mirrors-on-wheels under every vehicle to make sure there were no freedom-seekers clinging to the gas tank.

The free streets of West Berlin, still under Allied control, burst with shoppers, taxis, private cars, trucks, buses and well-dressed workers.

Behind the machine guns of the East, lines form at an occasional tobacco shop and there are some busy book stores. But instead of West Berlin's merchandise displays — which rival New York's — the windows of

East Berlin feature pictures of bearded Walter Ulbricht, whose power is backed by an estimated 20 Soviet divisions in East Germany.

For five hours I walked, crossing the River Spree on Friedrichstrasse, strolling along Unter den Linden from Marx-Engels-Platz to the Brandenburg Gate, which is "verboten" to foreigners.

I passed what remains of the once-famed Adlon Hotel, and not far down the street an unmarked bunker where Adolf Hitler killed himself.

At a colorful sidewalk cafe I sat in the shade of an umbrella for ice cream and coffee—and there went the 5 marks I had changed when I entered Communist territory.

A few steps from the cafe was St. Hedwig's cathedral, damaged by fire during the war but handsomely redesigned and restored in 1963. Of Berlin's half million Catholics, 106,000 live in East Berlin.

An attendant told me that St. Hedwig's was the first Catholic church to be built in Germany after the Reformation. It dates from 1773. She said it is one of 57 Catholic churches in East Berlin, compared to 159 in West Berlin.

It took only a few minutes to clear the guards, board the elevated train and return to West Berlin. Many East Berliners would give years to spend those few minutes on a train headed for freedom. Many give their lives in full to the Communist gunners who patrol the Berlin Wall.

Everywhere I've gone, in East Berlin and West, there has been friendship for the individual American. There also has been great reserve

about American actions, especially in Vietnam (the subject of a sermon in a West Berlin church I attended on Sunday). The arcade of the Berlin Hilton includes a shop window with a picture of President Johnson, on which the shopkeeper had written: "Ami stay home."

There are now some 2.2 million West Berliners, living in subsidized

prosperity 100 miles from the free part of Germany.

The Communists are harassed — emotionally, politically, and intellectually — by the presence of a freedom outpost inside the territory they have staked out for themselves. In sharp contrast to the East, West Berlin in 1966 had a per capita gross product greater than that of France or Britain.

## 2 Christian Papers Merging

London — (RNS) — Two noted Christian journals, one basically Roman Catholic and the other interdenominational, will merge Aug. 1 under an arrangement just announced here.

They are the monthly "Search", which was launched seven years ago by Michael de la Bedyere after he left the editorship of the Catholic Herald following 30 years in that post, and "The New Christian", which was launched as an inter-church fortnightly in 1965.

## German Bishops Urge War Objectors' Aid

Munich, Germany — (NC) — The Munich archdiocese has appointed a priest to provide pastoral counseling for conscientious objectors to military service.

The German Bishops' Conference at its spring meeting decided to encourage the establishment of bureaus in the various dioceses to counsel conscientious objectors.

Both have circulations extending beyond the shores of Britain.

An official announcement said Mr. de la Bedyere, who is 68, would join the editorial board of New Christian. His two consultant editors on Search, John Todd and Andrew Boyle, both Catholics, would contribute occasionally to New Christian.

## Former Synagogue Purchased by Camden Diocese

Camden, N.J. — (NC) — Bishop George H. Guilfoyle of Camden has announced the diocesan purchase of a five-building complex formerly owned by Beth-El Synagogue for \$175,000. He said the structure will be used for diocesan projects of service to the community.

Located in the city's Parkside section, the complex includes a synagogue, a school building, two residences, and an auditorium. The Beth-El congregation has moved to a new site in another part of the city.

Bishop Guilfoyle said he hopes the center will have varied community service. "It is not intended that the Parkside Catholic Community Center will become a typical parish, but a center providing social, welfare and educational services as well as religious services to the people of the surrounding area."

## New Liturgy, Folk Masses 'In' with Teens

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"I'd like to be a nun but I'm not talking about it in school. The boys would just make fun of me and the attitude would be 'stay away from her, she's going to be a nun.'"

"What they should do is glamorize the vocation more in church. The new habits are a step in the right direction."

Extending the same thought, we asked if she thought priests should be allowed to dress the same as laymen. (A recent article in a national magazine by a priest recommended such a step as a way to break down barriers between the priesthood and the laity.)

The teen-ager, however, took a much more traditional position than the priest.

"Definitely not. Priests should stay the way they are. After all they are not ordinary people. With so many men wearing Nehru collars priests are in fashion, anyway."

Another girl said she thought

churches were too exclusively for the male.

"I can see why there are no women priests, but how about something like women ushers or some kind of duties on the altar. Sometimes we think that the only important woman in Mass is the statue of the Blessed Mother."

In the same vein, a teen-ager said he'd heard of Offertory processions in other churches but not in his. Young people would like this added ceremony, he thought.

Combining all this with the fact that the survey showed teen-agers believed the guitar Masses related to them, pastors who have youth Masses might consider using youth exclusively, including girls, as ushers, lectors, etc.

One girl in an ethnic parish felt that deference to the older generation has cost her a chance to sing in the choir.

"The choir only sings at the 11 o'clock Mass and in the old country language. I don't know the language and don't have the courage to try for the choir although I'd like to."

—Choir membership seems to be her main problem since the rest of the Masses, including the hymns, at the church are in English.

So, as they are on almost every issue, teen-agers are concerned about their religion, from the over-riding topics to minute details, which should be of more than passing import to at least one pastor.

"Our priest leads the singing," says one self-proclaimed music critic, "and, man, he sure should hire somebody else."

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## Speakers At WCC Assembly

Uppsala, Sweden — Speakers of varying backgrounds addressed plenary sessions of the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Uppsala. Among them were:

Top left: Prof. Barbara Ward (Lady Jackson), the British economist who holds a professorship at Columbia University, New York City. A Roman Catholic, Miss Ward took part in a discussion on rich and poor nations. (Miss Ward writes a column for the Courier-Journal's Commentary Page.)

Top right: Robert Maurer, a student at New York's Union Theological Seminary, was a member of a youth delegation which had speaking but no voting privileges; The young people pressed for more social involvement and greater attention to world crises. Maurer is a member of the United Church of Christ (USA).

Bottom left: American novelist James Baldwin, author of many best selling books, told the Assembly that the Churches have "betrayed" black Christians.

Bottom right: Dr. Theodore A. Gill, former president of the San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, Calif., urged the Churches to get "brassily practical" in their approach to education. Dr. Gill has conducted a two-year special study on educational development for a WCC unit. (RNS Photo)

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# The Pope Trip to Bogota

## Pontiff to

By JAIME FONSECA  
— NC News Service

Bogota, Colombia — Pope Paul VI will make three major addresses during his visit to Colombia for the International Eucharistic Congress to be held Aug. 18-25.

One address will be on the priesthood when he visits the city and another in the town of Medellin. He will also address the congress in Rome on Aug. 22.

The second speech will be by helicopter to a rural area near Medellin, some 18 miles from the city. He will tell of the experience of one million farmers who have formed cooperatives and associations for their mutual benefit. The Mosquera rally, sponsored by Accion Cultural (ACP), an organization for literacy campaigns and development in rural Colombia.

The same day Pope Paul VI will address the congress in Bogota. He will also address the congress in Bogota on Aug. 22. He will ride in an open limousine to the airport where he will greet the congress. He will then fly to Bogota from the airport. He will stay at the archbishop's house. The trip will last 10 days.

It is expected that Pope Paul VI will bless the headquarters of the American Bishops' Council here. He will, however, strong appeal for pastoral care of the opening of the second assembly of the Latin American Bishops.

Detailed arrangements for Pope's visit have been completed by congress authorities and M. Marcinkus of Chicago, an advisor to the Pope. The Pope will spend some 60 days in Colombia from Aug. 22 through Sept. 24.

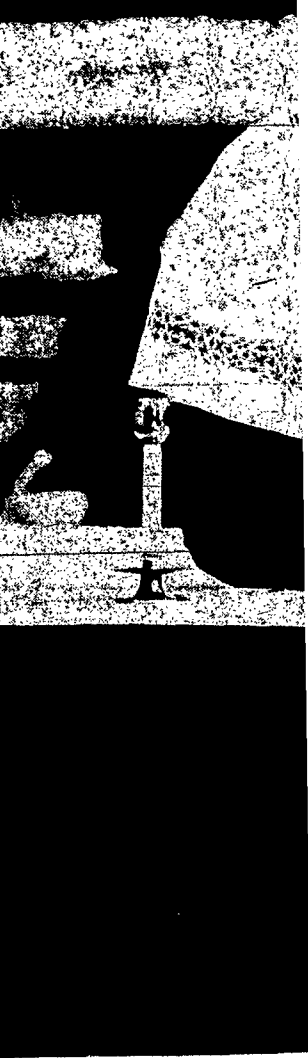
He is due to arrive at Bogota shortly before 10 a.m. on Aug. 22. He will ride in an open limousine to the airport where he will greet the congress. He will then fly to Bogota from the airport. He will stay at the archbishop's house. The trip will last 10 days.

Pope Paul VI will then proceed to Medellin, local well-to-do residential sector, for some rest. Earlier that the residence did not have enough security facilities and was rejected by church authorities.

The ordination of permanent deacons will take place at congress grounds at 4 p.m. on Aug. 22.

Some sources say that 70 men as permanent deacons. The deacons are married and their wives will be present at the ordination.

The ordinations will highlight the most pressing problem in Latin America, the shortage of priests. The average ratio of priests to Catholics is between 6,000 and 10,000. Permanent deacons are regarded as a relief in areas where priests are scarce every two months.



## Preparation

In order to light the candles in the altar. The wicks are