

# The Pope's Trip To Bogota



## Pontiff to Give 3 Addresses in Colombia

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**Bogota, Colombia**—Pope Paul VI will make three major addresses during his visit to Colombia for the 39th International Eucharistic Congress to be held here Aug. 18-25.

One address will be on vocations and the priesthood when he ordains several priests and permanent deacons shortly after his arrival from Rome on Aug. 22.

The second speech will take him by helicopter to a rural community, Mosquera, some 18 miles from Bogota, on Aug. 23 to tell an expectedly gathering of one million farmers to promote farm cooperatives and other associations for their greater well-being. The Mosquera rally is sponsored by Accion Cultural Popular (ACP), an organization responsible for literacy campaigns and community development in rural Colombia.

The same day Pope Paul will deliver another important address from the Eucharistic Congress grounds at El Salitre, this time reaching far beyond the Colombian borders, to restate most of the counsel in his encyclical, *The Development of Peoples*.

It is expected that Pope Paul will deliver some brief guidelines when blessing the headquarters of the Latin American Bishops' Council (CELAM) here. He will, however, deliver a strong appeal for pastoral renewal at the opening of the second general assembly of the Latin American bishops.

Detailed arrangements for the Pope's visit have been completed by congress authorities and Msgr. Paul Marcinkus of Chicago, an official of the Papal Secretariat of State. The Pope will spend some 60 hours in Colombia from Aug. 22 through Aug. 24.

He is due to arrive at El Dorado airport at Bogota shortly before noon on Aug. 22. He will ride seven miles in an open limousine to the cathedral, where he will grant a general audience to the bishops and clergy attending the congress. He will then bless those gathered in front of the church at Plaza Bolivar from the balcony of the archbishop's house. The plaza can hold 40,000 persons.

Pope Paul will then proceed to the apostolic nunciature, located in a well-to-do residential sector of the city, for some rest. Earlier warnings that the residence did not offer enough security facilities have been rejected by church authorities.

The ordination of priests and permanent deacons will take place at the congress grounds at 4 p.m. the same day.

Some sources say that the Pope will ordain 70 men as priests and 28 as permanent deacons. Several of the deacons are married and their wives will be present at the ceremony.

The ordinations will highlight one of the most pressing problems of the Church in Latin America, where the average ratio of priests is one to between 6,000 and 10,000 Catholics. Permanent deacons are regarded by many bishops as relief for many areas where priests can visit only once every two months.

Congress organizers have taken special pains to make Aug. 23 a symbol of the Pope's concern for the farmer. Accion Cultural Popular's Radio Sutatenza, which has been teaching some 250,000 peasants a year how to read and write, as well as the fundamentals of agriculture, community development and home economics, that day will inaugurate at San Jose, near Mosquera, a 550-kilowatt radio transmitter, one of the most powerful in Latin America.

After blessing the radio station, Pope Paul is scheduled to mount a large farm machine made in Colombia, the "combinada," which performs several planting and harvesting chores. He will ride on the machine for a mile and a half. At the end he will reliver his call to the farmers.

President Carlos Lleras Restrepo of Colombia will accompany the Pope during these ceremonies, traveling with him from the San Carlos presidential palace.

After a two-hour rest at the nunciature, Pope Paul will preside at the congress grounds over a concelebration of the Mass by several dozen bishops and hundreds of priests. Here he will deliver a major address on development needs and peaceful means to achieve a change of attitudes and structures throughout Latin America.

Pope Paul will concelebrate Mass for the poor at one of the suburban parishes in the slums the following morning. The Pope may visit briefly a few homes in the neighborhood, as he has done in his own diocese of Rome.

The name of the parish chosen for the event has not been announced.

The Pope's personal blessing of the new headquarters of CELAM is seen as an endorsement of the collective efforts of the Latin American bishops to formulate a timely and effective pastoral program throughout the continent and to bring the Church into a significant role in present development efforts and the temporal problems of the people.

The three-story building in north Bogota — completed with the help of Adventist, German Catholic aid organization, and furnished with grants from the U.S. Bishops' Committee for Latin America — will contain the general secretariat and seven of the 10 departments of CELAM.

While this blessing will be mostly ceremonial, Pope Paul will deliver the guidelines for pastoral work when he opens the second general assembly of the Latin American bishops at the Bogota cathedral, before returning to Rome late on Aug. 24.

The Eucharistic congress will include many other events, although those presided over by Pope Paul are expected to draw the largest crowds. Masses will be concelebrated in the 150 parishes of the metropolitan area, followed by neighborhood lectures and family-type gatherings, including "agapes," or supper reunions. Concerts, fireworks, folk dancing and singing will vie with Gregorian chant and theological discussions.

At least 10 international organizations will hold their meetings here during the congress.

Even jails and hospitals will join in the celebrations with special processions and Masses.

But without question what elates Colombians the most is not the 71-year-old Pope will make a 14,000-mile trip to see them and speak to them in Spanish.

## Camden Goal: Lay Council In Every Parish

Camden, N.J. — (RNS) — Initial organizational efforts in the formation of parish councils in the Camden Diocese have been reported by Msgr. Joseph F. Doherty, vicar general.

Msgr. Doherty was appointed by Bishop George H. Guilfoyle of Camden to coordinate efforts to establish lay units in each of the 120 parishes in the six-county diocese.

"An authentic parish council requires much planning and work," Msgr. Doherty stated. "We do not want councils on paper, but councils in reality. A pseudo council could possibly do more harm than good."

The deadline for the formation of the parish councils is Dec. 31. Msgr. Doherty said. By mid-July, each parish is expected to have a steering committee which will plan the establishment of its council.

## Indian Urges Expulsion Of All Missionaries

Bombay — (NC) — A prominent Indian political leader called for the expulsion of all foreign missionaries in the country's eastern zone as the answer to what he described as an "explosive situation" there.

Atal Behari Vajpayee, a member of the Indian parliament and president of the Hindu-oriented Jan Sangh party, included the ouster of missionaries in the Assam hills, the North Eastern Frontier Agency and Nagaland in a four-point plan to meet a threat to national security allegedly posed by missionaries and the agents of Pakistan and communist China.

Vajpayee spoke here (July 14) at a public meeting to mark Assam Day observed by his party.

He said that there was no denying

the fact that the demand for a hill state in Assam is inspired and backed by foreign missionaries.

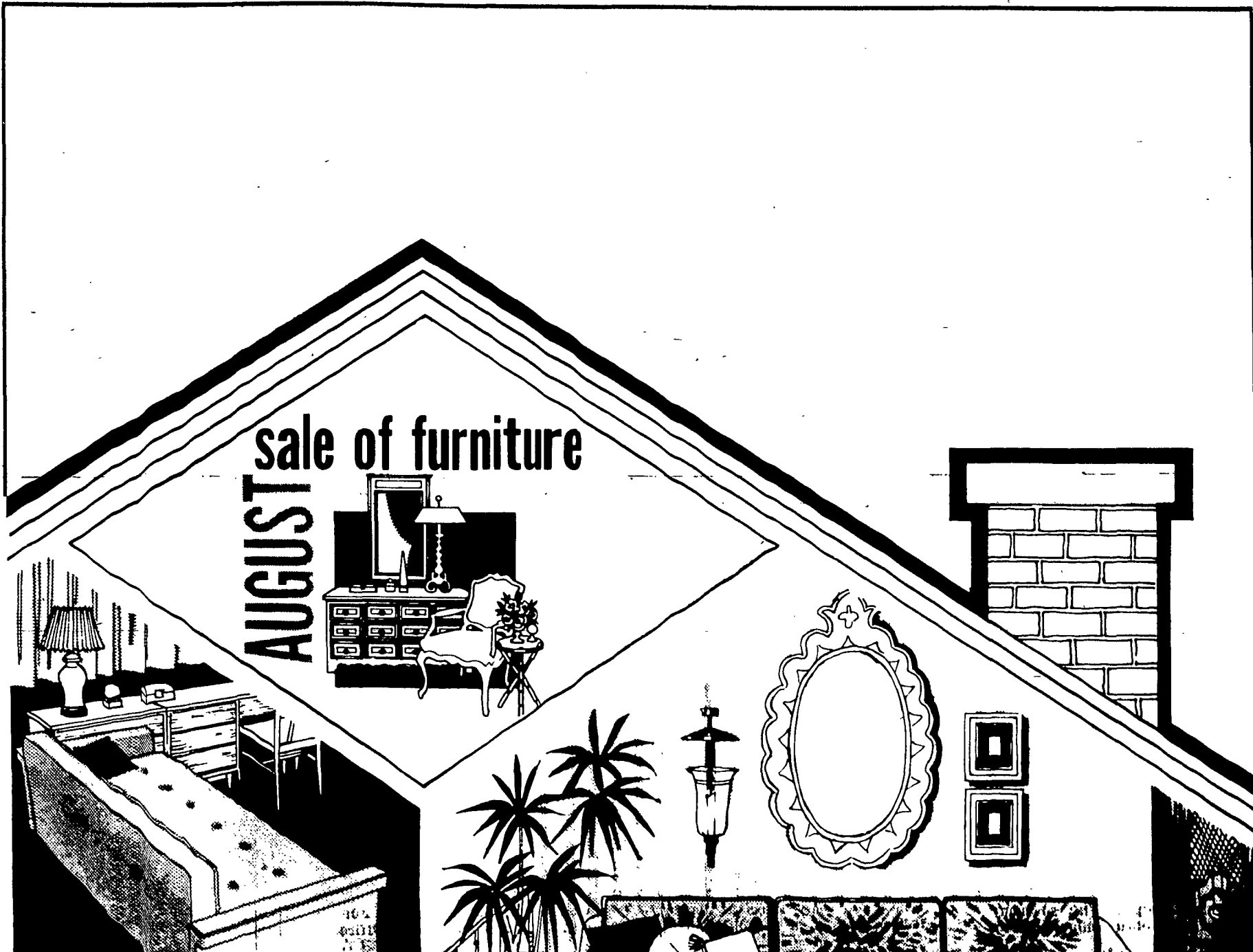
He added:

"Foreign missionaries have no business to be in such a strategic and sensitive area.

"Indian Christians are competent enough to look after their tribal brethren in Assam."

The Mizo tribesmen in the hills of Assam state have been in rebellion against the Indian government for the last 30 months. The rebellion in Nagaland has been going on for the last 12 years.

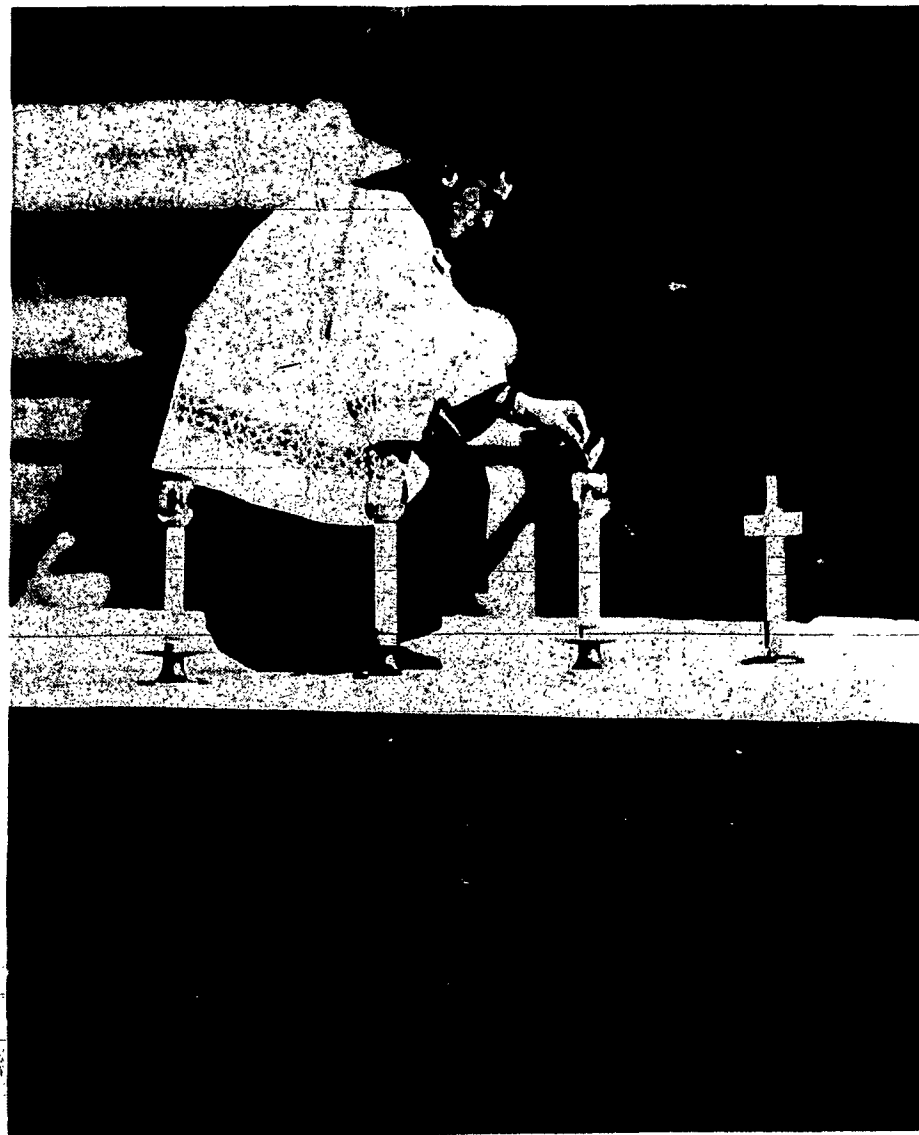
It was reported in New Delhi (July 17) that both the Mizos and the Nagas have been seeking aid from communist China.



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