

## AROUND THE WORLD

### Irish Provide Kennedy Memorial

Birmingham, England —(NC)— A mosaic memorial to the late President John F. Kennedy has been erected in a garden within the shadow of St. Chad's Catholic cathedral.

The mural, 40 feet by 10 feet, depicts the President surrounded by people of all races with hands outstretched toward him. Among them is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The mural, paid for by the city's Irish community, stands in a garden of flowers with a waterfall and pool provided by the city corporation. It was dedicated by Archbishop George Dwyer of Birmingham.

### German Bishops' Reject Catechism

Bonn, Germany —(NC)— The German Bishops' Conference has rejected the "Fundamental Catechism" of Father Hubertus Halbfas as a denial of divine revelation.

They said that the book equates the Christian faith with non-Christian religions in such a way that the missionary aspect of the Church is obscured.

The bishops stated that they would not hinder theological discussion seeking understanding of the faith, but that Father Halbfas' book went beyond permissible limits.

### No Change For Britain at Vatican

London —(NC)— The British government has rejected again a perennial request from a member of Parliament that it raise its representation at the Holy See from a legation to an embassy.

Britain's diplomatic representative takes 58th place in order of precedence at the Holy See, even behind eight other Commonwealth countries and Yugoslavia, Ethiopia, Monaco and San Marino. The Vatican representative here, Archbishop Igino Cardinaline has no diplomatic standing at all.

"The Pope's unremitting effort for world peace and reconciliation aided by so many able emissaries deserves from this country the full recognition that it gets from almost all others," the Tablet, a Catholic weekly review, commented. "On grounds of courtesy, common sense and sheer convenience a change should be made now."

### Canadian Bishops Choose Peru

Ottawa, Ont. —(RNS)— Three Canadian bishops serving in Peru, faced with a choice of losing their jobs or becoming citizens of their adopted land, have chosen the latter.

Two Franciscans, Bishop Damase Laberge and Bishop Laurent Guibord, and Bishop Guetave Prevost of the Missions Etrangères have been directing apostolic vicariates in Peru. Now these jurisdictions are to be raised to full diocesan status and the law of the land insists that dioceses be headed by Peruvians.

"I have been a Peruvian by choice and affection for 12 years," said Bishop Prevost.

### Students Rebelled Against System, French Professor Says

Uppsala, Sweden —(RNS)— Student rebellions in France were directed against a "feudalized, centralized university system" and the "technocrats" who set patterns for society, a French professor told a visitor's session during the World Council of Churches' Assembly here.

"They are refusing to be educated for competition," said Prof. Andre Philip, of the Organization for Economic Development in Paris.

"They want education for a society of dialogue and cooperation. They are fighting not for another type of state, necessarily, but for another type of thinking."

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Relief workers in London stand surrounded by supplies which they are prevented from distributing to thousands of starving persons in Biafra. President Johnson of the U.S. made an indirect appeal to the two opposing military rulers of the year-old Nigerian civil war to end the fighting and concentrate on the task of saving lives. The United Nation's Children's Fund (UNICEF) also made a special appeal for worldwide aid for the starving war victims. (RNS Photo)

## Air Relief to Biafra Must Grow, Catholic Welfare Director Says

New York — (RNS)— Massive airlift operations offer the only realistic hope of reducing starvation death rates in Biafra, according to the chief of Catholic relief missions to the embattled land.

Father Anthony Byrne, director of emergency Biafran operations for Caritas International, the worldwide Catholic welfare agency, told a press conference that airlifts must be continued and augmented despite their great cost, difficulty and danger.

"I personally believe at least 2,000 people are dying of starvation every day in the refugee camps," Father Byrne said. Others place the daily death rate as high as 3,000.

In all there are 608 camps in Biafra containing four and a half million refugees. "But there isn't much difference between these and the ordinary peoples in the villages," the Irish clergyman declared.

Biafra, former eastern province of Nigeria, has been cut off from the sea by Federal forces. Many organizations concerned about relief for citizens of the new country have suggested a direct land corridor through Nigerian-held territory as the only workable, long-term solution to the problem of getting food and supplies into the area.

The Federal government's announced policy of attempting to shoot down relief

planes has seemed to make such a land corridor necessary.

Father Byrne said, however, that a corridor cannot be opened — despite formal Nigerian permission for it. Biafrans themselves refuse to accept the land corridor, he explained, for fear any food passing through enemy territory will be "poisoned."

"You must understand that there is in this part of the world a very deep-seated, traditional fear of poison," he told newsmen. "Acceptance of food is a symbol of friendship. Therefore we cannot expect Biafrans to receive food from Nigerians," he said — pointing out that food which came through Nigerian territory would appear to be coming from Nigeria itself.

The CWS official said the need of the refugees was about 30,000 tons per month, but that agencies could only manage to airlift some 300 tons per month.

Father Byrne, director of Caritas International airlifts into Biafra, said that the international Catholic agency will soon be able to fly some 87 tons a night into Biafra from the offshore island of Sao Tome.

(Even with the projected 2,000 tons a month, however, the aid would still fall far short of the actual need. UNICEF estimates the need to be 1,000 tons daily. The

aid agencies have been hoping for an overland route into the area.)

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) said that as of July 10, aid totaling \$564,000 have been made to Biafra, through Caritas. The figure is in addition to a total of \$1.3 million relief to areas held by the Federal Government of Nigeria.

CRS also said a ship loaded with 6,500 cases of baby food left New York for Lagos, Nigeria on July 19, and that a \$250,000 shipment was scheduled to be shipped before the end of July to the Nigerian-occupied port of Calabar, with the hopes that a land corridor may be opened at that time.

To date, he has organized 34 flights into Biafra carrying almost 400 tons of food, clothing and medical supplies.

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He contributed to the Catholic Encyclope tions.

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