

AROUND THE WORLD

Nigerian Belittles Reports Of Starvation in Biafra

United Nations, N.Y. — Nigeria has agreed to U Thant's suggestion that he send a special representative to Lagos to help resolve technical difficulties preventing massive food and medicine relief for starving millions on both sides of the civil war.

Ambassador Edwin Ogbu informed the Secretary General that the federal government had no objection to such a mission on condition that it is conducted "purely on humanitarian grounds."

At a press conference the new Nigerian ambassador took pains to deflate reports of mass starvation in both rebel-held and federal territory. He stopped short of claiming that there was actually no starvation at all.

Mr. Ogbu was openly critical of a recent statement by Pope Paul which expressed the pontiff's concern with the war's punishment of innocent civilians. He said his government had protested the statement through the papal representative in Lagos.

The Nigerian diplomat said the Pope was "misinformed" about the situation in Biafra. Calling the Holy Father's attitude "most unfortunate," the ambassador claimed that the Vatican was trying to inject religion into the issues by implying that there was "a religious war" between the largely Christian Ibos in Biafra and the predominantly Moslem Hausas on the federal side. "There are more Christians outside the rebel area than inside," he held.

Several times during the press conference, Mr. Ogbu suggested that instead of harping on the issue of humanitarian aid to the victims of the war, the press should pressure the rebel leaders to give up their secessionist ideas and thus help their people get food quickly.

He denied that his government was using the people's hunger as a weapon in the war. But he saw justification in the economic blockade which had caused the present situation.

The ambassador said his government remained determined to shoot down any plane flying into Biafra without authorization. He said that (Catholic) Caritas' plea to allow its planes to fly during daytime was rejected. Some food is getting into the rebel



Hungry Biafran Child

A child suffering from protein starvation sits with her mother at a Red Cross clinic in Enugu, Biafra, waiting for treatment. (RNS Photo)

areas on clandestine flights at night. Mr. Ogbu cast doubt on the reported agreement on a "mercy corridor" through which food would reach the hungry areas by land. He said that his government had rejected the rebel demand that besides a committee of six African countries to supervise the shipments, there should also be the representatives of Gabon, Ivory Coast, Zambia and Tanzania, which have recognized Biafra as independent.

South Vietnam Religion Council Spurns Coalition

By FR. PATRICK O'CONNOR (NC News Service)

Saigon — South Vietnam's Council of Religions has issued a statement rejecting a coalition government, with Communists included, as a solution for Vietnam. The council comprises Buddhist, Cao Dai, Catholic, Confucianist and Hoa Hao representatives. The statement was adopted unanimously.

In a preamble the council "declares solemnly" that authentic religious bodies cannot freely organize religious practice and development under an atheistic communist regime.

It declares further that religious believers cannot serve an unjust, totalitarian and inhuman government, since under this regime a man is only an instrument used by the party.

Accordingly, while a reasonable solution is being sought for Vietnam, the council "categorically rejects" any proposal for a coalition government with the communists or their auxiliary forces. (This clearly refers to the National Liberation Front.)

African Seminary Opened

Kampala, Uganda — (RNS) — The Catholic bishops of East Africa have established a pastoral center for the training of priests at Gaba, Uganda. Its first class has 43 students from Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, South Africa and Nigeria.

'Old Newspaper Man' Dies a Cardinal

Madrid — (NC) — Angel Cardinal Herrera y Oria, a social activist who entered the priesthood after a career in the journalistic world, died July 28. He was 87 years old.

He had retired last year as bishop of Malaga.

Cardinal Herrera, founder of the famed daily El Debate, was ordained to the priesthood in 1940, at the age of 53, and named to the Malaga see in 1947, after seven years as a parish priest in his home town. He became a cardinal in 1965.

The cardinal, who was proud to refer to himself as "an old newspaperman," had headed a doctore that embraces one of the country's leading seashore resort and tourist areas. There are about 870,000 Catholics there.

He was born in Santander Dec. 19, 1886, one of 13 children, and studied at the College of San Jose, the University of Deusto, Bilbao, and Salamanca University.

In November, 1909, he became the first president of the National Catholic Association of Propagandists. In June, 1911, he helped to arrange an International Eucharistic Congress in Madrid. The daily newspapers seldom mentioned the religious event, a fact that the young man concluded was a "conspiracy of silence." He decided to counterattack with a modern, genuinely Catholic daily newspaper. The result was El Debate.

He headed El Debate from 1911 to 1933 and established a host of social action groups,

such as the National Catholic Farming Confederation, and Educational Information Office, an organization for Spanish Catholic youth, a school of journalism, a center for university studies and a labor institute.

Cardinal de la Torre Dies at 94

Quito, Ecuador — (NC) — Carlos Maria Cardinal de la Torre, 94, the oldest cardinal in the world, the first cardinal in Ecuador's history, died July 31 of kidney disease and prostate trouble. He was named to the College of Cardinals by Pope Pius XII in 1953.

His death reduced the number of cardinals to 104.

During the more than 20 years in which he administered the Quito archdiocese, he established a Catholic University of Ecuador, set up many normal, catechetical, and parochial schools, and encouraged the radio apostolate.

CRS Distributes Food, Clothing

Cochin, India — (NC) — The U.S. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) distributed nearly 150 million pounds of foodstuffs in India last year, it was announced by John P. Douglas, local program assistant of CRS.

Permission Sought For Mixed Marriage in Anglican Cathedral

Exeter, Eng. — (RNS) — The Anglican Bishop of Exeter, Dr. Robert Mortimer, will marry his son, Edward, to a Roman Catholic in Exeter Cathedral if the Vatican approves.

Edward Mortimer, a 24-year-old Fellow of All Souls' College, Oxford, is engaged to be married to Miss Elizabeth Zanetti, a 23-year-old London University graduate. The wedding is scheduled for October and Bishop Mortimer said he hoped to be able to perform the ceremony.

Mr. Mortimer is currently a Paris correspondent of The Times of London. His fiancée works for a London publisher. Bishop Mortimer, who is 65, is one of the Church of England's leading theologians.

Epistle Manuscript Photo-Copied

Vatican City — (RNS) — The oldest known manuscript text of the two Epistles of St. Peter has been published here in a special edition to mark the 19th centennial of the saint's martyrdom.

A photo-copy edition of the papyrus text was presented at a press conference by Augustine Cardinal Bea, secretary of the Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity.

Cardinal Bea said that Pope Paul had asked for the photographic reproduction in order to give experts every possible opportunity to study the text in its original form.

The available evidence indicates that the small codex of which the papyrus was a part was not prepared for liturgical use but for private reading, probably by a wealthy member of the Christian community living in Egypt during the third century.

Injustice Charged In Portugal

Lisbon, Portugal — (NC) — Leaflets charging social injustice in this country were distributed at the closing ceremony of the Year of Faith in Lisbon's Sports Stadium.

Dozens of young people distributed the leaflets during the hours-long service.

The leaflet called for an authentic renovation under God and declared it was the duty of everyone to inform himself of unjust conditions and to fight for their correction. It cited the outlawing of strikes in Portugal, the exiling of persons without trial and censorship of the press.

British Churches Ask Aid For Biafra

Edinburgh — (RNS) — The Church of Scotland, which has a substantial Presbyterian following in war-torn Nigeria, has appealed for donations towards relief work there. The appeal referred particularly to famine in Biafra.

Meanwhile, efforts to end the war were discussed here by a delegation from churches in Switzerland, which had met with Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury and John Cardinal Heenan of Westminster. The delegation issued a statement saying the Swiss people were "alarmed" by news of the plight of the Biafrans.

Cardinal Heenan has asked priests in his diocese to appeal to their congregations for prayers and funds.

Priest To Form Political Party

Montreal — (RNS) — Father Hubert Falardeau, the Montreal priest suspended for political activity, has announced he is going to form his own political party.

Father Falardeau, known as the "priest of the poor," said his party would field candidates on all three levels of government — municipal, provincial and federal — with the representatives coming from "the people, laborers, firemen, carpenters and priests."

Father Falardeau, 45, was suspended from his priestly duties when he announced his intention to run for Parliament in the June elections. He lost his bid for office, but finished second in a five-man contest. The archdiocese said that Father Falardeau would remain suspended until he has indicated he will abandon his political involvements.

'Narcotics Priest' On Duty in Saigon

Saigon, Vietnam — (NC) — An American priest with 34 years' experience in dealing with drug addiction is in Saigon at present as part of a world tour to study drug addiction around the world.

Msgr. James F. Kelley, pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish in Ridgewood, N.J., has been interested in the subject since his student days at the University of Paris when he wrote his thesis on "Behaviorism," which included two chapters on drugs.

He was president of Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J., from 1935 to 1949.

The priest said, "Drug addiction is a problem not confined to the ghetto anymore, but is a problem for middle and upper class America. I was in South America in January and February this year, and now am visiting in Southeast Asia. From here I go to Laos and then on to Israel and Greece before heading home." The purpose of his tour is to study and observe the subject and to make recommendations where necessary.

Msgr. Kelley is president of the 80-member Bergen County (N.J.) Narcotics and Drug Abuse Council, as well as being a special adviser to the prosecutor's office there.

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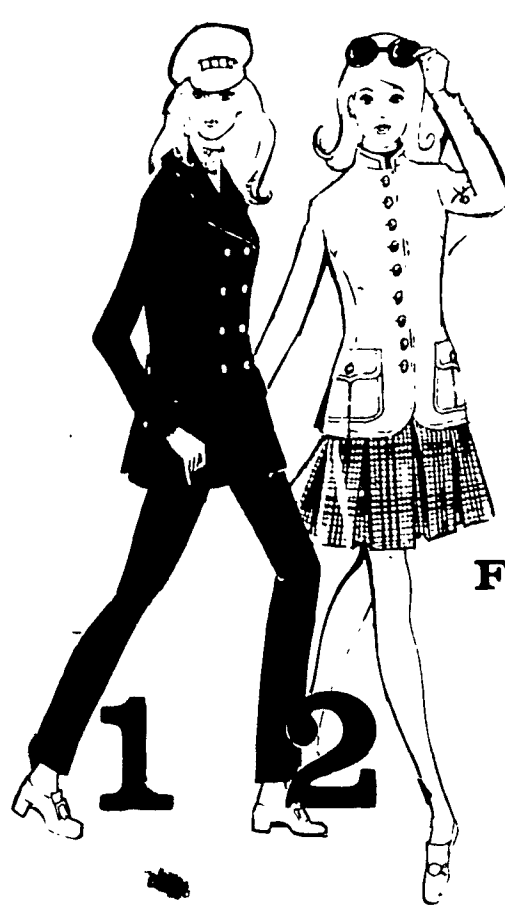
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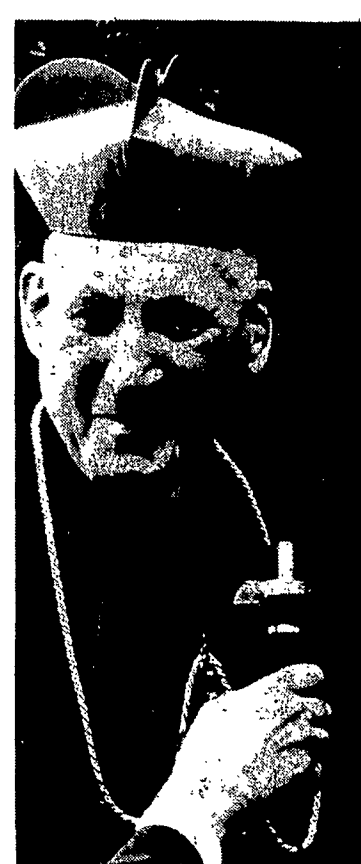
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Diocese Plans

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The new Archbishop evaluation of Economic : will study "not only the but the readjustment of conditions."

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Compulsory Stud

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