



Pope And Pilgrims

Pope Paul VI, greeting a group of Vietnamese pilgrims at his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo, bent down for a special conversation with a small boy. (RNS Photo)

More Reaction to Encyclical

463 Anglican Bishops Unanimously Reject Ruling

By JOHN A. GREAVES

London—(NC)—The 463 Anglican bishops attending the Lambeth Conference here passed without dissent (Aug. 6) a motion rejecting the papal ruling that mechanical or chemical birth control is contrary to God's law.

The conference stated that it appreciated the "Pope's deep concern for the institution of marriage and the integrity of married life. Nevertheless," the statement went on, "the conference finds itself unable to agree with the Pope's conclusion that all methods of conception control other

than abstinence from sexual intercourse or its confinement to the periods of infecundity are contrary to the order 'established by God.'"

The resolution reaffirmed the view of the last Lambeth Conference in 1958, which approved birth control by then stating that "the responsibility for deciding upon the number and frequency of children has been laid by God upon the consciences of parents everywhere. This planning, in such ways as are mutually acceptable to husband and wife in Christian conscience, is a right and important fac-

tor in Christian family life and should be the result of positive choice before God."

Family planning could be undertaken, it said, "in such way as are mutually acceptable to husband and wife."

The present Lambeth Conference took three sessions to decide on the final draft of the resolution, with some prelates wanting stronger wording and others suggesting that it was wrong to try to decide in a short debate what the Pope took five years to study.

Athenagoras Backs Pope Paul's Stand

Istanbul, Turkey—(NC)—Approval of Pope Paul VI's stand against artificial birth control has been expressed here by Ecumenical Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras I of Constantinople, leader of Orthodox Christians throughout the world.

In a statement issued at his headquarters here (Aug. 9), Patriarch Athenagoras called Pope Paul's encyclical *Humanae Vitae* "in line with the Bible."

"All books of religion, including the Bible and the Koran, favor the preservation of the family and in his encyclical, the Pope has followed the path of the Bible." "He could not have been expected to take any other stand," the Patriarch said.

Dutch Priests Stress Individual Conscience

The Hague, The Netherlands—(NC)—In sermons throughout this country the first Sunday of August (Aug. 4) Catholics were told that the final decision on how and when to practice responsible parenthood must be made by their individual consciences.

The encyclical was the sermon topic in all churches in the Netherlands. A few days before, the Dutch bishops had issued "provisional" guidelines to be used by priests in discussing the encyclical in sermons that Sunday.

The bishops' statement, entitled "Some Thoughts on the Encyclical *Humanae Vitae*," noted that the individual conscience cannot ignore the encyclical, but went on to say that "many factors that determine the individual conscience with regard to the conjugal act are already clear; for example, mutual love, relations in the family and social circumstances."

Pope Asks Blessing On Friends, Foes

Castelgandolfo, Italy—(NC)—Pope Paul VI has asked the Lord to bless all those who have accepted his ban on the use of artificial birth control, as well as those who have opposed it, in the hope that their consciences may be enlightened.

Speaking to visitors at his summer home here (Aug. 11), the Pope said:

"We ask that the Lord comfort our teaching with His authority, with His serenity and with His goodness. May all those be blessed who have accepted it as may also they who have rejected it, so that their conscience may be illumined and guided by doctrinal and moral, true and higher uprightness.

"If nothing else, they have been invited to reflect on a theme of such vital importance."

Red China Birth Control Hinges on Party's Needs

By GERMAINE SWAIN (NC News Service)

Hong Kong—Birth control and population-explosion propagandists work together in Communist China only when their partnership is needed to advance the Chinese revolution.

Birth control as "a means of killing off the Chinese people without shedding blood" was denounced by the *People's Daily* in 1962. In fact, between 1949 and late 1954 the size of China's population was regarded as "a source of wealth" by the Chinese authorities.

A birth control campaign was then quietly launched, though it was not admitted that this had anything to do with population. The official propaganda line was "protecting the life of the mother."

No such tender concern marked the major campaign launched by the ministry of health in May 1957, when it issued a directive favoring artificial abortion and contraceptive surgery.

The thoroughness and crudity of this campaign, which continued throughout 1957 into 1959, shocked many. An eyewitness description of propaganda in Shanghai appeared in Hong Kong's *South China Morning Post* of June 15, 1957:

"On bill boards, in the most crowded places all over the town in the windows of stores, inside and outside cities, there are displays of the human anatomy, posters spreading information on contraception and popularizing the methods aimed at prevention of births . . .

"The change from complete taboo to open encouragement has occurred overnight, so to say, without any intermediate stages and preparations. These displays, which leave nothing to the imagination, are equally accessible to mature people and to youngsters of all ages."

Still on a political see-saw the campaign was dropped in 1958 because it conflicted with the official policy that a large population would help the "Great Leap Forward"—only to be revived in 1962 when the failure of the Great Leap was being

20 Laity Leaders Criticize Document

New York—(RNS)—Twenty of the 24 Americans who were delegates to the 3rd World Congress of the Laity in Rome last October have signed a statement implicitly criticizing the encyclical *Of Human Life* for its opposition to artificial birth control.

"Human needs, human hopes and human welfare must influence our standard of right and wrong," the statement said. "The response was quite decisive," reported N. A. Giambalvo of Chicago, president of the National Council of Catholic Men. Giambalvo was one of the sponsors of the group's action.

Others included Mr. and Mrs. Patrick F. Crowley of Chicago, members of the Papal Commission on Birth Control, and Rawson L. Wood, chairman of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice.

They said they wished to reaffirm the resolution of the Lay Congress on the subject. This resolution, the statement recalled, had urged "a clear statement of the teaching authorities of the Church concentrated on the fundamental moral and spiritual values without proposing scientific or technical solutions to achieve responsible parenthood, leaving the choice of means to the conscience of parents in conformity with their Christian faith and in consultation with trained medical and scientific advisers."

" . . . promote marrying late, and give attention to family planning and service enterprises to enable the broad masses of women to participate in the revolutionary struggle and in productive labor still more effectively."

Seeds of Genocide Said Planted in American Soil

Detroit—(RNS)—The seeds of genocide are planted deep in American soil, according to philosopher Father James V. McGlynn, S.J., dean of the Graduate School of Detroit University. He holds that American attitudes that could lead to the extermination of Black Americans were inherited from British Common Law and traditional English philosophy.

Addressing a summer seminar on "Ethics and Moral Theology," Father McGlynn said the empiricism of British and American thinkers makes them "thing or object oriented, rather than person oriented." "If, then, people can be used to

our advantage, their rights can be sacrificed. Once this principle is accepted, there can be no moral basis for refusing genocide.

"For if we can subordinate any of the rights of another to our own utility, his right to life can be sacrificed if our need is proportionally great."

"It takes no great stretch of the imagination to see this sentiment of humanity deciding that the happiness of the overwhelming majority of man requires the extermination of unborn children, or sickly or old people or even nations or races," Father McGlynn said.

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