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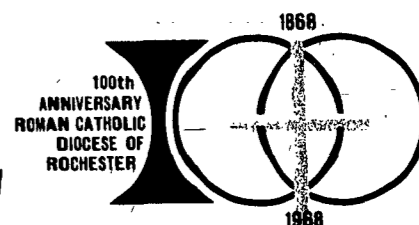
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## Six Czech Bishops in Pre-Invasion Conference

Prague—Six Czech and Slovak Roman Catholic bishops crossed the sunlit square between the archbishop's palace and Hradcany castle for a historic meeting with Czechoslovakia's president, Ludvík Svoboda.

The meeting took place before the Russian-bloc invasion of Czechoslovakia Tuesday night.

Under Communist regimes that preceded the present experiments in democratization, the six bishops had suffered nearly 20 years of persecution, along with the rest of the Czechoslovak church.

Bishop Karel Skoupy of Brno, Moravia, who led the delegation, was the first to be restored to his bishopric last May by the new government after 18 years of enforced separation from his diocese.

Bishops Josef Hlouch of Ceske Budejovice, Bohemia, and Stefan Trochta of Litomerice, Bohemia, had spent the last five years under house arrest. Bishop Trochta, sentenced to 25 years in 1948, is believed to have also served seven years in prison.

Also attending the conferences were Slovak Bishops Ambroz Lazik of Trnava and Robert Pobosny of Roznava, and the most Rev. Frantisek Tomasek, the apostolic administrator of Prague.

## Pope Hopes Use of Space Key to Peace

Castel Gandolfo, Italy—(NC)—Pope Paul VI has expressed the hope that new space explorations may destroy "the barriers which still impede peaceful relations" among nations.

The Pope's hopeful thought was contained in a letter to the meeting of the First International Conference on Exploration of Extra-Atmospheric Space.

The Pope, however, sounded a warning about exploitation of space. He singled out such possibilities as "if the benefits of space utilization were to benefit—at the expense of justice—only a certain group of nations to the exclusion of others; if the increased transmission facilities were to become an instrument for ideological propaganda aiming at spreading subversion, at kindling hatred, at strengthening racial discrimination and at setting peoples and social classes against one another instead of uniting them."

The Pope noted that "the progress of a scientific nature has not always been accompanied by similar progress in the field of morals, law and of international cooperation." He pointed out that a preliminary agreement on space use had been reached last year but he added that "it is necessary to work out, without delay on overall 'space law' to coordinate and discipline these matters."



Pope Visits with Pilgrims

Pope Paul kneels to clasp the hand of a sick boy while listening to his mother during a weekly general audience at the pontiff's summer residence, Castel Gandolfo. At the audience the Pope said many Catholics have hypocritical attitudes toward sin. (RNS Photo)

## Priest Shows Way in Rural Education

Bogota, Colombia—(NC)—Msgr. Joaquin Salcedo, founder and director of Action Cultural Popular—whose work of adult education by radio moved Pope Paul VI to include a trip to a rural town 15 miles from Bogota in his Colombian itinerary—wants to encompass all of Latin America with the work.

His Radio Sutatenza started 21 years ago in a little town of 3,000; the people wanted to learn how to read and write, and to improve their farming and their homes.

Today Action Cultural Popular teaches over 200,000 men, women and children every year, and its successful system of radio schools operates in other countries of Latin America, Asia and Africa.

The United Nations' Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), says that this is the way to push adult and child education in underdeveloped countries.

"Colombia is now in the forefront of rural education in the world," Msgr. Salcedo said, "and we want to place our experience at the service of the whole Latin American continent."

Pope Paul will bless the powerful 250-kilowatt transmitter during his brief journey to San Jose, near Mosquera.

Msgr. Salcedo concentrates his programs in five areas: reading and writing, mathematics, health, basic economics and religion. These programs are broadcast at scheduled hours—usually when farmers come home, or at dawn before they leave for work—to thousands of "schools" in village homes, crossroads, country stores, church sacristies.

The backbone of the effort is the "teacher," a leader in the community who may be a youth, a mother, an elderly man. The students gather around the receiver for an hour or two, and then take some homework.

A few figures give an idea of the magnitude of the Sutatenza effort:

• Since 1963 alone, some 100,000 radio receivers have been bought by the farmers for their schools, which number some 23,000 now with the same number of teachers and about 210,000 students.

• From 1961 to date ACP has distributed some 1.6 million textbooks under the basic titles of "Health," "Numbers," "Earth," "The Alphabet," and "I believe in God." The textbooks have also gone to prisons and army barracks. Most of the draftees are peasants.

• There is the weekly El Campesino, with a circulation of 120,000 after 10 years of continuous growth. Another project is the Farmers' Library, a publishing venture dealing with such subjects as the Gospels, mother and child care, first aid, vegetable and fruit gardens, savings cooperatives, how to improve farm yield, games and fun, cows and civics.

## Pope Paul Greeted By Huge Throngs On Bogota Arrival

Bogota—(RNS)—The arrival of Pope Paul VI yesterday (Thursday, Aug. 22) to spend 60 hours on Colombian soil attending the 39th International Eucharistic Congress set off a long-planned welcome reflecting the enthusiasm and pride of all Latin America.

Huge, cheering crowds at the Bogota airport and along boulevards leading into this city of two million people demonstrated in true Latin style that the first visit of a Pope to South America was wildly appreciated.

The Holy Father will preside at massive gatherings of the pilgrims who have gathered for the religious exercises of the Congress and make several side-trips into rural Colombia.

Pope Paul will also speak at various sites, planning four major addresses on topics ranging from Latin America's shortage of priests to the Church's renewed role in the socio-economic development of Latin America.

Many activities have been scheduled for the 70-year-old leader of the Roman Catholic Church during his three-day visit. Pope Paul will visit a farm community 18 miles outside of Bogota where he will speak to rural workers and inaugurate a radio transmitter to be used for educational programming.

He will visit a lower middle income parish on the outskirts of Bogota, where he will celebrate Mass and visit a neighborhood family.

The pontiff's other activities will include blessing the new headquarters of the Latin American Bishops' Council (CELAM), ordaining 138 priests and 28 permanent deacons and presiding at a simultaneous wedding ceremony for 25 couples.

Concern has been expressed that Bogota's 8,600 foot altitude, combined with the Pope's advanced age, recent illness and reported general fatigue, may prove harmful to his health. Officials of the Eucharistic Council stress that the Pope's doctor will be traveling with him during the visit.

"We anticipate no special problems regarding the Pope's health as a result of Bogota's altitude or the Holy Father's schedule during this visit," the planning committee said.

"The schedule of the Pope will not be very strenuous. The Holy Father will be able to take sufficient time to rest each day from after lunch until 4 p.m. when he resumes his schedule."

"In addition to this his evenings have been left free to assure that he is able to get ample rest."

There is no disagreement, however, on the shortage of pilgrims who were expected to strain housing and transportation facilities in Bogota almost to the breaking point. Hotels, which only a few days ago were turning away reservation-seekers with explanations that all rooms had been booked in advance for the expected influx of pilgrims, now have ample rooms available.

Hotel managers and restaurant owners join Colombia's president Carlos Lleras Restrepo in placing a large share of the blame on foreign newspaper reports of crime in Bogota.

The Pope "will find a nation at peace" when he reaches Bogota, President Lleras said in a nationwide radio broadcast. "Colombia will receive the Pope with all the fervor of a Catholic people."

In a previous broadcast, in July, he had warned that extremists were planning strikes and demonstrations during the Congress and had said that the government would not hesitate to bring the full force of law to bear on agitators.

The week-long meeting of Catholics from all parts of the world devoted to the worship of the Eucharist, the public administration of several other sacraments, theological discussion, processions and prayers, is intended to revitalize the Catholic faith in Colombia and throughout Latin America.

It is also intended to inspire a commitment to social action, as Pope Paul indicated in his commission to Giacomo Cardinal Lercaro, his legate to the Congress. The Pope called the Eucharist "a bulwark against error and inspirer of activity in the social field."

He instructed Cardinal Lercaro: "Greet not only the people of Colombia but all who have come there from all over the world, so that afterward they may draw from the Congress of Bogota the stimulus and the strength to settle their common social problems in harmony."

Despite this emphasis, critics of the Congress have compared it to

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## Pope Reveals Goals for His Colombia Visit

By PATRICK RILEY  
(NC News Service)

Castel Gandolfo, Italy—Before flying to the Eucharistic Congress in Bogota, Pope Paul VI described the goals of his pilgrimage in terms of the Eucharist and its symbolism.

"First of all, we wish to render the homage of faith and charity to the Eucharist," he told the crowds who had come to his summer home for the usual Sunday blessing (Aug. 18).

He said that he hoped to meet "the poor, the whole immense populace lacking rank and lacking bread." He immediately added the hope that the sacramental symbol of bread might also be realized in the "multiplication of social and economic provisions for the hunger of humble people."

Another desire he expressed was that the Eucharist "be a sign of unity first of all for believing, Catholic people and an affectionate recall to unity for all dear Christian brothers."

The Pope said, "The Eucharistic Congress is a triumph, yes, a triumph of Christ, humble and silent but true and alive in the sacramental renewal of His redeeming sacrifice. I will draw all things to myself." He said, "Those who would diminish this external aspect which springs from sincere hearts, perhaps forget that one day in the Gospel others too failed to applaud the popular messianic celebration at Christ's entry into Jerusalem in the middle of the crowd that waved palms in His honor."

## Prayer Ban Wrong, Majority Feel

New York—(RNS)—According to the Louis Harris Survey, 78 per cent of American public opinion feels that the U.S. Supreme Court was wrong in banning prayer from public schools.

The issue of school prayer was included in a list of statements on the high court put to 1,346 Americans in light of the controversy over confirmation of Justice Abe Fortas as Chief Justice.

The statement posed was: "The present court makes it harder to ban prayers from schoolrooms." Seventy-eight per cent agreed, 11 per cent disagreed and 11 per cent was not sure.

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## Lambeth Confrontation

# Bishop Barrett Urges Ordination of Women

London—(RNS)—Two American bishops, including Bishop George W. Barrett of Rochester, N.Y., clashed with an Australian archbishop when Anglican prelates attending the decennial Lambeth Conference here publicly debated the question of ordaining women.

Bishop Edward R. Welles of West Missouri and Bishop Barrett took stances favorable to women priests in the Anglican Communion, and verbally tangled with Archbishop Marcus Loane of Sydney.

The Australian primate bluntly declared that if the priesthood of the Church were thrown open to women it would be "the death knell of the appeal of the Church to men."

"In many dioceses in the Western world," he added, "ordinary men are inclined to see the Church as the concern of women and children. If you have a woman becoming the incumbent of the parish, will not the ordinary man be convinced that this is so?"

Bishop Barrett maintained that the

theological and sociological arguments against women priests were unsound. He was a member of the Lambeth section on Renewal of the Church in Ministry which made the proposal to ordain women to the priesthood.

"If we are going to reject this section we had better be wary of telling the world anything about racial discrimination," said Bishop Barrett. Bishop Welles, in his rejoinder to anti-feminist sentiment on ordination, suggested that perhaps Christianity

had not converted the world "because we have not used our womanpower."

Archbishop Loane was supported by Bishop Ian Shevill of North Queensland, Australia, who said ordination of females "could destroy the unity we could achieve with the Catholics and other Churches with which we have historic associations."

The proposal was contained in a report made to the conference by Archbishop Donald Coggan of York, chairman of the ministry renewal section. "There seems to be good reason to take a fresh look now at the question," he said. He had earlier asked the bishops to act and speak courageously on ordination of women.

Most of the debates of Lambeth Conferences are held in secret. The one-day public discussion of the proposal on women was suggested by Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury, head of the world Anglican Communion.

The debate was not followed by a vote. The report from the ministry section was scheduled to be acted upon at the end of the month-long meeting, closing on Aug. 25.

Decisions and recommendations made by the Lambeth Conference are not binding on the Churches and Provinces which belong to it. Historically, however, positions expressed have considerable influence.

## Diocesan Schools Make News in '68

This week the Courier-Journal salutes the new school year with a special education supplement. The "one-room school" pictured here, filled with computers and teaching machines instead of potbelly stoves and rows of desks, illustrates our theme of educational innovation in the Rochester Diocese.

