Cardinal Slipyi in New York

Josyf Cardinal Slipyi, right, wearing his crown-like mitre and holding the ornate crozier which is his staff of office, stands outside St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, with Archbishop Terence J. Cooke, left. The cardinal, spiritual leader of 6.5 million Roman Catholics of the Ukrainian Rite, offered a solemn pontifical Mass in that rite in the cathedral. With the two prelates is Father Bohdan Smyk, pastor of St. Cladimir's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Utica. (RNS Photo)

Jesuit Sees Intercommunion Step to Unity

New York — (RNS) — Intercommunion, the practice in which Christians of different Churches share the Eucharist together, "may very well be a major step" towards full Christian unity, according to Father Bernard Cooke, a leading Jesuit theologian.

Father Cooke expresses this view in a preface to the book "Is the Last Supper Finished?" by Anglican Father Arthur A. Vogel. It is cheduled for publication Aug. 21 by Sheed and Ward.

"The further we advance in serious ecumenical dialogue," Father Cooke says, "the more it becomes clear that the action of the Eucharist and the ministry which is exercised in it stand at the very focus of the questions that separate the various Christian Churches one from another."

"The action of the Eucharist," he continues, "is meant to be a key sign of Christian unity and until it becomes that, rather than a source of division, one cannot expect any real healing of the breach which now exists among Christians."

"It is in this context," he maintains, "that increasing interest has been expressed in the possibilities of intercommunion."

"This intercommunion," he adds, "will not of itself constitute Christian reunion in the full sense, but it may very well be a major step in that direction."

Pope Paul Welcomed By Cheering Crowds On Colombia Arrival

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the "tent and sawdust revival meetings" of the "U.S. Bible belt." They have criticized the spending of money on what they call a "worship rally" while large segments of Colombia's population are in extreme poverty.

Advocates of the Eucharistic Congress claims that the international meeting will spark a genuine renewal of the faith in predominantly Catholic Colombia which will spread throughout the 225 million people in Latin America. They also claim that this renewal of "the bond of love," which is the theme of the conference, will lead to a vigorous and successful push for socio-economic reforms in accord with the Christian norms of social justice.

"The Eucharist provides spiritual nourishment to the Christian Community of God whose members must be made aware of their obligations toward their brothers and sisters in Christ," explained Msgr. Mario Revollo ,press representative for the Eucharistic Congress.

"This strengthening of the Christian community will result in a change of mentality. Feelings of selfishness will be replaced by an authentic feeling of oneness in Christian community expressed through the promotion of social justice for everyone."

The congress will bring together the Pope, 20 cardinals of the church, 300 bishops, thousands of priests and nuns and hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from rural Colombia and the rest of the world. A theological meeting and other events will run concurrently with the congress.

This city of two million people has been preparing for the congress and the papal visit for more than a year. New expressways have been cut through the colonial streets. A municipal project called Paulo VI had been erected to house 12,000 pilgrims. It will later be turned over to city residents.

The congress site itself, in the outlying district of El Salitre, is composed of five seating and standing areas capable of holding 305,000 people. There is room for 750,000 more just outside the conference site. A circular temple in the middle is an open-air structure with a concrete canopy to keep off the city's frequent rain.

Bogota which is 8,355 feet above sea level in the Andes, has undertaken an ambitious beautification campaign for the papal visit. Public and church buildings have been sandblasted and washed and residents have been urged to spruce up their houses and stores and to cultivate their gardens.

Several thousand ragged urchins who usually haunt the streets in the center of town begging and picking pockets have been deported to camps in the country. They will be allowed to return after the congress is over.

Theologian Defends Encyclical

Newark, N.J. -- (NC) — A professor of dogmatic theology defended Pope Paul's encyclical on birth control and told priests who dissent from the encyclical that they are going against not only the Pope but "the consensus of his brother bishops as well."

"To lead (our people) by our preaching and counsel to neglect this document is a betrayal of our ministry, which is linked to that of the official church," said Father Anthony T. Padovano of Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, N.J.

Father Padovano addressed 300 fellow priests of the Newark Archdiocese at a meeting called to endorse the statement of dissent from the encyclical issued in Washington in the name of 87 theologians. At the conclusion of the meeting, 26 of the 300 Newark priests signed the statement of dissent, despite Father Padovano's defense of the encyclical.

"I accept the urging of some of my brother theologians that no American theologian be silent on this matter," Father Padovano stated. "I accept the encyclical Humanae Vitae without qualification."

"It has been evident for years now that no matter which way the decision went the church would have to sustain a shattering jolt," the priest continued.

Noting that the encyclical has been overwhelmingly accepted by the bishops, Father Padovano said: "If we dissent, our argument is not only with Pope Paul VI but with the consensus of his brother bishops as well."

Declaring that the Pope "was careful to see that more than one side would be heard," Father Padovano said, "I am determined that more than one side of the theological community will be heard on this issue."

"Since the release of the encyclical one side has been heard, loud and often, in the press and over the mass media. Those who disagree with them must now be heard, especially those who have demonstrated their endorsement of reform and renewal.

"Before liturgical reform and the civil rights issue became prominent in this country, a majority (of the church) were against both. Majority opinion is not, in itself, a guarantee of truth," Father Padovano said.

"There was no reason why Paul, or the international episcopate, was bound to accept the majority vote of a commission called in for consultation any more than the President of the United States must abide by the majority of his cabinet or endorse the latest plurality of a public opinion poll," the priest asserted.

"When Paul balanced his statements in previous encyclicals in an 'on the one hand, on the other hand' manner, he was ridiculed for indecisiveness by those same theologians who now dismiss him for having spoken decisively and unambiguously," Father Padovano stated.

Father Padovano stressed the need for compassion in implementing the encyclical. "Those who sin, will not be found only among those who reject this decision.

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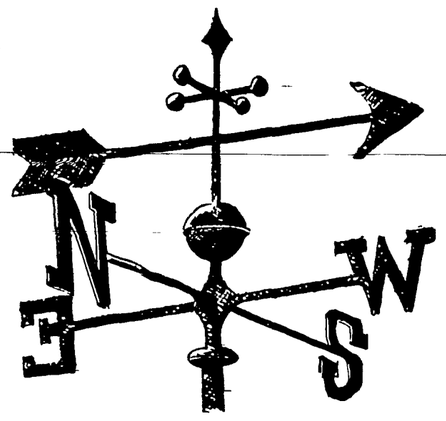

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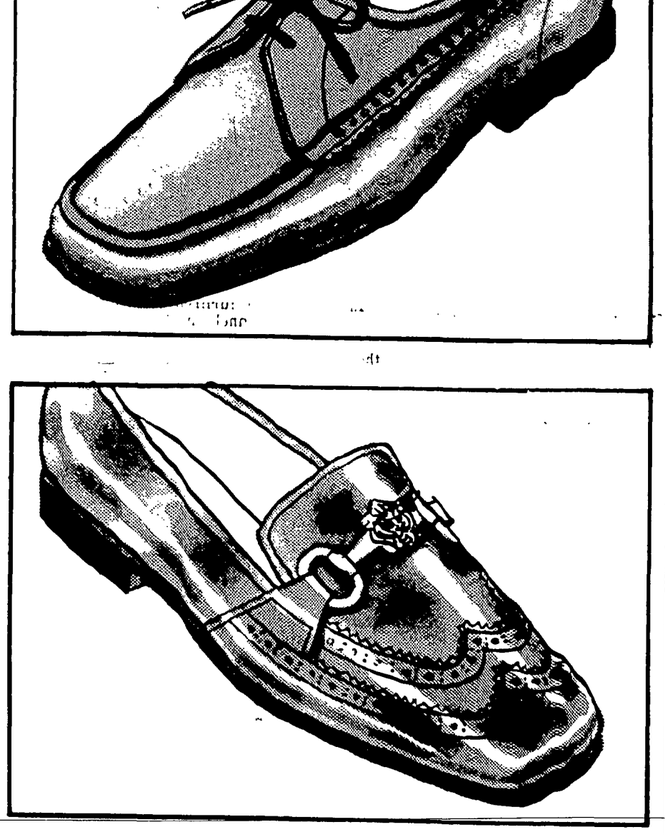

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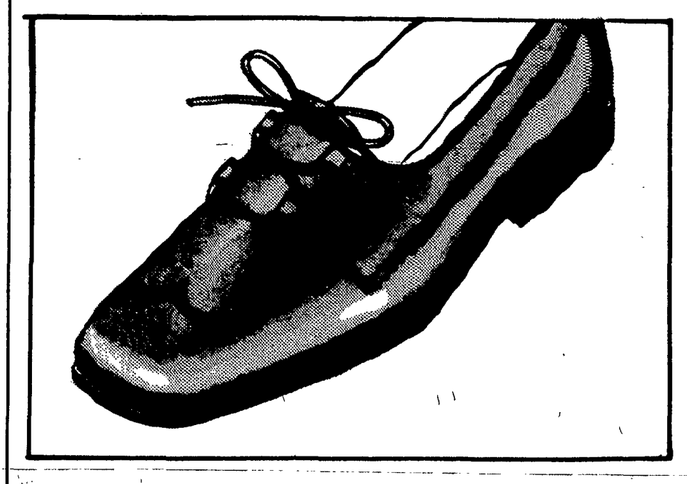

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Nigerian Criti

Rome—(RNS — Nigeria's ambass dor to Italy, John Garba, told Pop Paul during a 45-minute audience tha the Vatican's "secret" aid to Biafra provoking protest demonstration among Catholics throughout Nigeri

Describing his audience to th press here, the ambassador said h had also delivered a reply from Ge eral Yakubu Wowon, Nigerian hea of state, to a message sent him b the Pope on July 15.

The exchange of messages ha dealt with the Nigerian-Biafran wa and particularly with the disease ar starvation facing the Biafran ref gees.

Appealing for peace, the Pope ha offered his services as a mediator. H had also said that aid for the starvin Biafrans is needed immediately.

WCC Sends N

Geneva—(RNS)—The World Cou cil of Churches dispatched from he a second medical-relief team to wo on behalf of victims of the war b tween Nigeria and Biafra, Nigeri former eastern region which bro away over a year ago.

A doctor, three nurses and two sp sialized relief workers, all from De mark, left Geneva for Lagos whe they will be attached to the Christi Council of Nigeria and related to t International Red Cross. The Wor Council has stressed that it is co ceived for the civilians suffering both sides in the war.

Members of the second group we recruited in Denmark by Pastor V

U.N. Holds Pr

United Nations, N.Y. — (NC) Three children stood as symbols the starving children of Biafra at prayer service before the United N tions last Sunday.

The 1,000 persons attending t service pleaded with the U.N. me ber nations to intervene in the stru gle between Nigeria and its form

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4 Voluntary Agenc

Miami — (RNS) — Four volunt agencies have helped resettle 2 949 Cuban refugees registered si January 1961, the U.S. Departmen Health, Education and Welfare ported here.

Largest of the resettlement a cies is the U.S. Catholic Coinfere which during the period regist 196,949 Cubans and helped 120, find new homes in various parts the U.S.