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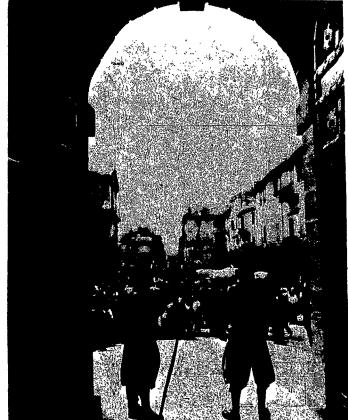
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the Dutch polled, 77 per cent

said life on the religious level

is "worse," 9 per cent said "better," 8 per cent felt no

change and 6 per cent had no



Swiss Guards on Duty

Papal Swiss Guards in their medieval costumes stand at the entrance to Castel Gandolfo, the Pope's summer residence. Vatican officials denied reports that the 70-man guard has threatened to strike, but admit there has been "some grumbling" over the \$160 monthly salary. (RNS Photo)

Portugese Students Religious

Lisbon, Portugal-(NC)-Nearly three quarters of undergraduate students in Portugal profess adherence to some form of religion, according to a recent study conducted by the Young University Catholic Students organization.

The survey showed that 69.9% of the students are Catholic and 1.3% Protestant, while .7% belong to other denominations.

Basque Priest Jailed

Madrid-(RNS)-A Basque priest has been jailed in Bilbao for refusing to pay a fine imposed for "antigovernment activities.'

Father Xavier Cruz Agurizar will join seven other priests imprisoned at Zambora on the Portu-

Cardinal Lifts Suspension Western Opinion Grim on Morality Of Protesting Priests Gallup Poll Says Princeton, N.J. -- (RNS)-Western opinion on the state

of religion and morality is Santiago, Chile-(NC)-The grim, according to the Gallup ecclesiastical censure of priests who participated in a During recent comparable demonstration involving a 14periods, a cross-section of citihour takeover of the cathedral zerns of twelve Western mations were surveyed by Galhere has been revoked by lup organizations. In seven Raul Cardinal Silva Henrinations, 50 per cent or more quez, S.D.D. of Santiago questioned said life is getting (Aug. 14). "worse" in terms of religion.

The priests were suspended The U.S. was the most pessimistic on the issue of morby the cardinal, Aug. 12, after ality. Seventy-eight per cent they joined with a group of said morals are declining, 8 some 150 laymen, mostly stuper cent said morals are "better," 12 per cent saw no change and 2 per cent had no dents, in a protest against what they called the wasteful spending on Pope Paul's visit to Latin America and the The Netherlands showed Church's alliance with the the greatest degree of pessimistic opinion on the decline

> The cardinal said the day after the takeover of the cathedral that the suspension of the priests would remain in effect until they came to him, repented and "condemed what they did."

In the U.S., 50 per cent The cardinal lifted the sussaid life is "worse" in terms pension with indications that of religion; 26 per cent said the priests are approaching "better," 16 per cent saw no to ask forgiveness and him change and 8 per cent had no make a declaration satisfactory to both sides. It was reported that-the cardinal's The Gallup Poll observed that in 1960 twice as many revocation of the censure folpeople said life was "better" lowed a letter from the priests promising obedience in terms of religion as said to the Church authorities.

The priests and laity who seized the cathedral claimed to be taking the action to unite with the people in their struggle for justice and love. After taking over the cathedral the group prevented regular communicants-from attending Sunday Masses, but held their own Mass before

> leaving the cathedral. To seize the cathedral, on the previous day (Aug. 10) the group planted about 20 persons in the confessionals and behind statuary. Shortly before dawn the following day, these persones opened one door and permitted the rest of the protestors to slip in. After that, only the press and radio representatives were

Police did not enter the cathedral and no arrests were reported.

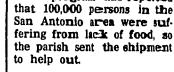
allowed in.

Cardinal Silva said he knew in advance of the plans- to occupy the cathedral and tried to dissuade each of the priests from participating. He failed, the card inal said, because the priests' "passion dominated the ideals of the Gospel."

The cardinal was informed of the events at the cathed ral

fice." **Church** Network Aid Hungry In San Antonio San Antonio -(RNS)- A Catholic church and a major television network share the credit for a step forward in

feeding the humgry here. Last week the local antipoverty agen cy received 36,000 packages of pudding sent by parishioners of St. Jean's Catholic church in Duluth, Mich., a fter watching the CBS special on "Hunger in America." The program had reported



Reorganization Due this activity helped

while he was on a pastoral visit to a rural area. He called the demonstration a "profanation of our cathedral church" and the "saddest event in the ecclesiastical history of Chile."

Cardinal Silva, commenting on some of the charges made by the demonstrators in a manifesto, said the Church in Santiago has always "generously undertaken service to the poor and humble and has proved its concern not only with words but with many acts."

The cardinal added that he has always been available for dialogue with his priests and cited his personal efforts to convince the priests not to take part in the cathedral demonstration.

Cardinal Silva, at a press conference, said that he respected the various currents of opinion in the Church but could not condome violence, because "great pain" to the head of the Catholic Church and "scandial for those humble souls who cannot understand acts such as those of the priests," involved in the cathedral "sit-in."

The cardinal said that 'change by violence" is ineffective, adding that the Church should promote just and necessary changes, but "in a spirit of lowe and sacri-

He said the visit of the Pope to Colombia for the Eucharistic congress was a special grace to Latin America, connoting the Pontiff's deep concern for "social justice and greater faith, love and grace."



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work in that state. Father Ferrer had left India (June 26) after a controversy over his activities in Maharashtra state and the Maharashtra government's refusal to let him stay there any longer. But popular support for the priest induced the Indian government here to say that he could return,

after a month out of the country, to any state that ould take him. except Maha-

That spokesman said that

normally there should not be any objection to the priest's

stay, but that no decision has

been taken so far on the

Meanwhile, following the home department's indication that Andhra Pradesh authorities have no serious objec-

tions to the priest's presence,

a former mayor of Hyderabad

predicted opposition by the people should the priest be

permitted to stay in the state.

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the state, ex-mayor B. Kishan Lal said that it was amazing

that a person who was found undesirable by one state

should be allowed to stay in

The 48-year-old Father Fer-

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guese border who were arrested on July 31, in a drive rashtraagainst young clerics accused of sympathizing with the rebel Basques.

They had refused to pay fines imposed on their conviction for barring the Spanish flag from their churches, for insulting public authorities and refusing to officiate at public ceremonies atended by the civil authorities.

Twelve other Basque priests were recently fined for similar offenses and, according to informed sources, the police are investigating the activities of 70 more priests in the Basque region.



Cardinal Against Nursing Degrees

Boston (NC) - Richard Cardinal Cushing says -he opposes "with great emphasis" the idea that nurses need college degrees. He referred to legislative proposals during the past year pertaining to nursing in general.

The cardinal said that nurses who have trained in hospitals "have one ambition-to utilize their training for the service of the sick, for bedside nursing. And they do it in most cases far better than college graduates," he added.

Rusk's Help Sought For Biafra

Washington, D.C. (RNS) - Protestant, Catholic and Jewish religious leaders urged Secretary of State Dean Rusk to use the nation's political and moral strength to open channels for relief to starving civilians in Nigeria and Biafra.



mortgages and debts. Earlier in Hyderabad, a But the work also aroused the ire of local politicians spokesman for the home department of Andhra Praclesh state said that the Indian and money lenders who complained that the priest was government had written to taking away their livelihood. his government to inquire ligious life were discussed in Hindu extremists also felt whether it would permit Fathe light of the Second Vatican that they were losing their ther Ferrer to stay in the influence over the peasants. Council.

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FATHER FERRER

many farmers to pay off their Naples-(RNS) - All Roman Catholic religious orders in Italy are expected to begin extensive reorganization programs in the near future. The changes were planned at a three-day meeting here in which all aspects of re-



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