

## Neither Saigon, VC Want Peace, Vietnam Legislator Says

SAIGON—Neither the Viet Cong nor the South Vietnamese government wants peace in that Southeast Asia country, a member of the Vietnamese House of Representatives said recently.

Speaking of his nation's leaders, Nguyen Huu Chung said "many of them are exploiting the war to make personal fortunes... and will be sorely disappointed if it ever ends."

Chung had equal criticism for the Viet Cong:

"The people do not like communism, the NLF knows it. That is why the Communists want the war to continue, the war is easier than the peace."

Father Michael Gannon of the University of Florida, Gainesville, spent his vacation in Vietnam, helping out as a chaplain and gathering material for a book. His travels took him from the DMZ in the north to the Mekong Delta in the south.

Chung made these and other observations in an exclusive interview with Father Michael V. Gannon. Father Gannon wanted to interview someone who wouldn't simply repeat hawkish or dovish language and Chung was recommended by Saigon friends.

"I am not a politician," Chung told Father Gannon. "I do politics, but I am not a politician. I do it as the reaction of a man before the situation of his country."

"Chung is by profession an agricultural engineer," Father Gannon wrote. For several years he worked for the U.S. Information Service at the Joint U.S. Public Affairs office, not far from the National Assembly building where we sit. He was elected a member of the Constituent Assembly which drafted South Vietnam's present constitution, and later was elected to the first House of Representatives under that constitution. Aged 29, he is one of the younger members of the

lower house and classifies himself as "anti-Communist but realistic."

Father Gannon's questions and Chung's replies:

"What do you mean by 'anti-Communist but realistic'?"

Chung: "By that I mean that I seek some kind of political accommodation between the forces of left and right in our society."

"On the left you have the Communists, representing the National Liberation Front (Viet Cong), North Vietnam, Russia, and China. On the right you have the nationalists representing the government of Vietnam and the United States. You have two

opposing forces. Each says that it is the sole political representative of the people of my country. If there is to be any kind of peace those two forces must come to the middle. I don't like communism any more than you do but somehow we must make an accommodation with the Communists. They must be given participation in the political life of the people."

Q. "You say arms are medicine?"

Chung: "For the moment only. And it did not have to be arms. Suppose the United States had helped France in 1954 to restore the situation here. Suppose your country had helped them to build a free, prosperous society, things would have been differ-

ent. Medicinal arms would not have been necessary. The deaths of your men would not have been necessary."

"Suppose the U.S.-sponsored pacification program had been started in 1954 — well in 1954 many Viet Cong were six years old. What did they know? If they had grown up in a healthy democracy, would they be fighting against us now?"

Q. "Is there a healthy democracy in South Vietnam at the present time?"

Chung: "There is democracy of a sort but it is not yet healthy. We are still in the beginning stages of de-

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## N.Y. Bishops Back Pope On Encyclical

NEW YORK (NC) — The 27 bishops of New York State, which includes the New York archdiocese and seven dioceses in the state, have assured Pope Paul VI in a cablegram they "totally accept" his encyclical on birth control, *Humanae Vitae*.

They accept it, they said, "not only as obedient children of a spiritual father, but also as humans who are so deeply distressed as our fellowmen at the dangers to our civilization and the decay of our national and domestic life."

The cablegram was signed by Archbishop Terence J. Cooke of New York; Coadjutor Archbishop John J. Maguire of New York; Bishop Edward J. Maginn, apostolic administrator of Albany; Bishop Francis J. Mugavero of Brooklyn; Bishop James A. McNulty of Buffalo; Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana of Ogdensburg; Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of Rochester; Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg of Rockville Centre; Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse; and the auxiliary bishops of the state's eight dioceses. New York State has a Catholic population of 6.5 million.

Following is the text of the cablegram:

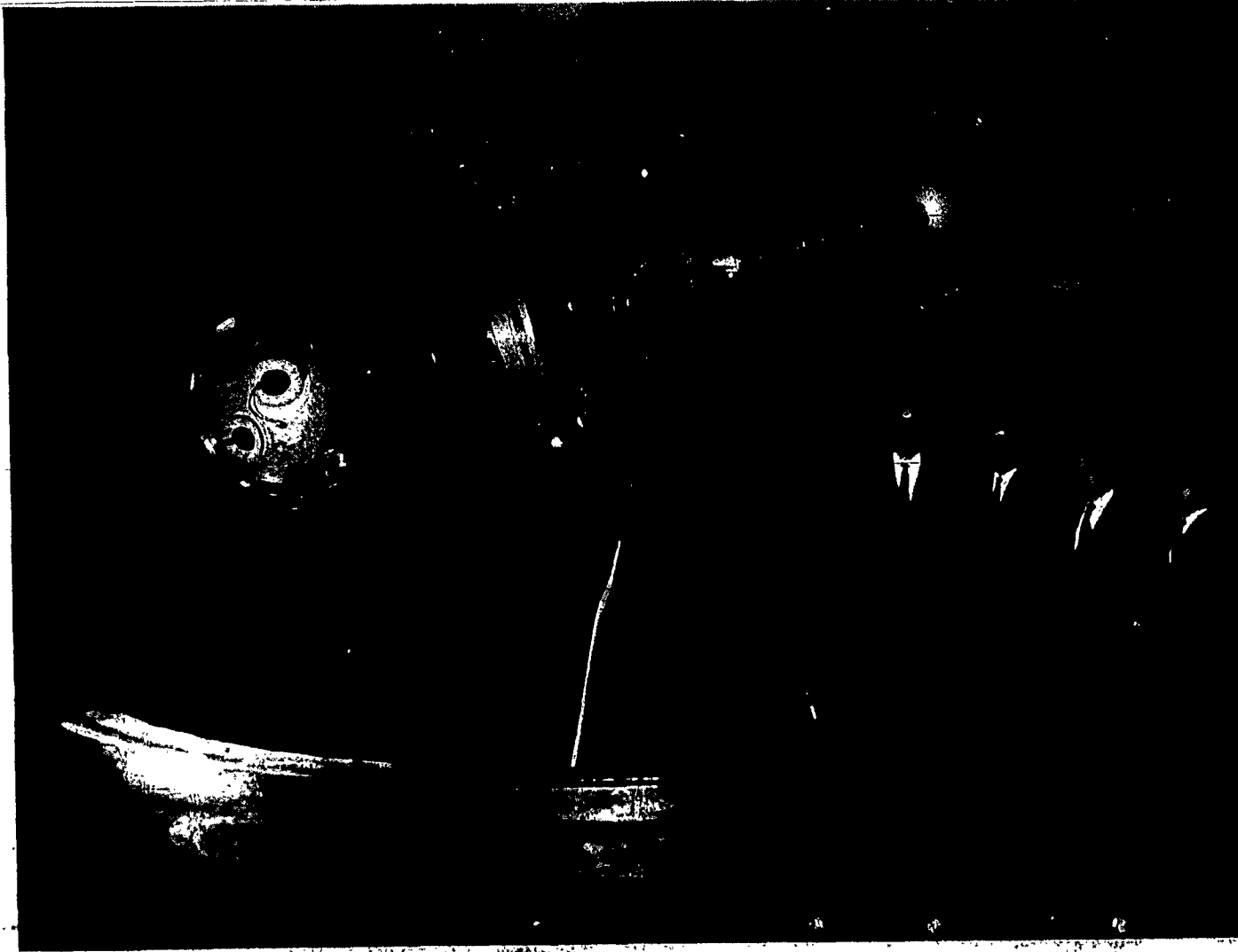
"Your Holiness has stated that never before in history did the teaching authority of the Church receive so much approval from the bishops as for the encyclical *Humanae Vitae*."

"All the bishops of New York State without exception, gathered today in conference in New York City, join this assembly of bishops in supporting your reaffirmation of the sacredness of life and the sublimity of married love."

"We see around us two attacks against the sacredness of life through violence, wars and the closing of the portals of life. The other attack is against the sublimity of love, through lust, carnality and perversion."

"As shepherds of the people of God we accept totally the encyclical, not only as obedient children of a spiritual father, but also as humans who are so deeply distressed as our fellowmen at the dangers to our civilization and the decay of our national and domestic life."

"We know that the Lord has 'chosen us out of the world' (John 15:19) and that as a 'separated people' we are called to be bearers of the Cross and to lead a life of sacrifice. We know also that we are summoned to that compassion which distinguishes the sinner and the sin, ever trusting in Divine Mercy."



The Zeiss Mark VI projector.

## Planetarium Will Open Sunday

With the aim of helping to meet the challenge of Space Age science and its ramifications, the Strasenburgh Planetarium will open Sunday, Sept. 22.

"Journey from Infinity" is the first show at the planetarium, 657 East Ave. near Goodman Street. It will be shown promptly at 2, 3, 4, and 8 p.m.; no one will be allowed into the showing after it begins. The display area is open from 1 to 10 p.m.

A part of the Rochester Museum and Science Center, the planetarium's \$2.3 million building is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Strasenburgh. Operating costs come from gifts, membership dues, and grants from the City of Rochester and Monroe County.

The planetarium will place emphasis on education of the young. Under the guidance of Donald S. Hall, its education director, it will offer special daytime programs for class groups each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the school year.

Beginning science students will be introduced to astronomy with a program titled "Earth, Sun and Moon." Intermediate students will see "All About Planets" and advanced students "Exploring the Universe." Two more shows, "Sky Scanning" and "Man in Space" are designed for general student interest.

"The programs were planned with the aid of area teachers and administrators and are coordinated with the

various curricula of the schools," Hall said.

Kingspin of the computer-controlled complex optical and photographic equipment at the planetarium's Star Theater is the \$250,000 Zeiss Model 6 projector. Also utilized in the 240-seat plush theater are 24 panorama projectors, 8 peripheral projectors and 200 special effects projectors.

After "Journey from Infinity," the planetarium will show "The Star of Christmas" Dec. 2 through Jan. 2

featuring the astronomical events of the first Christmas. "Holiday in Rio" will begin Jan. 3.

On weekdays there will only be one show a day at 8 p.m.

Admission is adults, \$1.25; children from kindergarten to sixth grade, 50 cents (no children under 5 admitted); students from seventh grade through college, 75 cents.

Special student class rates are available.

## A Religious Experience

By CARMEN VIGLUCCI

Jesus, who always was an impetuous youngster, flubbed his cue during dress rehearsal and went darting across the heavens to be consumed by the sun at the wrong time but the star-studded show at the sparkling, new Strasenburgh Planetarium still is one of the most thrilling and educational packages ever presented here.

Unless one is a veteran viewer of planetariums, he will be surprised to find himself in a kind of wonderland where the real, through computer-controlled duplication, becomes even more real.

As one steps from the lobby, still unfinished at the time of the press

preview, into the planetarium proper he finds himself under a sky which duplicates a September late afternoon. As the sky nightens a starry panorama unfolds which can be seen in reality only under the most ideal conditions.

During the next 45 minutes the mind is bombarded with scientific facts of the universe with talk of countless millions of miles measured by hundreds of millions of light years.

Ian MacLennan, the director, draws one in from the boundless realm of infinity to our own Milky Way galaxy to pinpoint a tiny speck of light which is our own sun, dim in

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## Seminaries Open With New Faculty, Social Field Work

The three-level seminary system of the Rochester Diocese began its academic year this week with a total enrollment of 243 students, a roster of new professors and an enlarged curriculum.

Principal factors in the expanded training of 125 seminarians from six dioceses at St. Bernard's will be elective courses offered through collaboration with the new Theological Studies Center at Colgate-Rochester Bexley Hall and an expanded "field education program" for practical pastoral formation.

Bexley Hall, with 82 students enrolled for 4 years of college work at St. John Fisher College, will be the center. Father Louis J. Hohman and new Spiritual Director, Father Lawrence Murphy.

On the Buffalo Road, the 1-year old Kings Prep welcomed 136 day-school-

ars, including 20 girls, and began assimilation of a broadened and deepened high school curriculum. Non-graded classes, a tri-semester year and an integration of theology material with other disciplines distinguish the program.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, offering Mass of the Holy Spirit for the students in the schools this week and addressing the faculty and student bodies stressed the supernatural goals of their work and the significance before God of their preparation for the priesthood.

Last evening at St. Bernard's, the Bishop preached on "What is a Vocation to the Priesthood?" applying the Old Testament story of Isaiah to the seminarians' search for holiness.

The Bishop said: "You are in the seminary to learn that God is holy, to know that you are unholiness and thus to change your unholiness to holiness through love of Christ crucified."

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Helping Migrants

Father Timothy Weider takes part with Paul Sanchez in a demonstration aimed at obtaining state protection for 15,000 upstate migrant farm workers. The picketers confronted assemblyman Frank G. Rossetti, D-Manhattan, chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Industrial and Labor Conditions, with the workers' demands. Bishop Fulton J. Sheen has pledged all help possible to the migrant farm workers in the diocese in the event they go on strike in the Fall.

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## 'Black Neighbor' Preaches at Cathedral

By MARGARET CONNOLLY

Sacred Heart Cathedral, as a parish church, is the center of a "lily-white" community: no one seems to know of anyone who has a black neighbor.

A "black neighbor" came in last Sunday — a Baptist preacher, who spoke at six Masses, to 5,000 people, at least, from a pulpit never before lent to a Protestant.

He was the Rev. Marvin Chandler of the Rochester Council of Churches. He talked about the meaning of love... "love risks rejection, asks no return."

He spoke of the anomaly of racism in the Christian community. He pointed out that Negroes are among "the people God loves."

The news was not so much in what he said as in the fact that he was there at all.

"I think the people are pleased about this," the rector, Father John S. Hayes, said afterward.

The next night, the Rev. Mr. Chandler was back for an informal question-and-answer meeting, and things began to shape up. The Northwest Housing Task Force, a religiously oriented neighborhood group, was out for signatures to a statement of its goal: "a balanced, integrated community."

The signers "will welcome anyone, regardless of race, creed or color," the statement says.

"We pledge ourselves to be good neighbors."

On Sunday, Mr. Chandler had said, of rich and poor, black and white, "The alienation that exists in Rochester today is a luxury we cannot afford."

His answers Monday suggested action. Stick together, work for open housing and hold firm against "block-busting," he advised. Study and fight the "blockbusting" process, which begins, he said, with the sale of unwanted property to people who can't afford the upkeep, and reduces a

neighborhood to a shambles, creating a new ghetto.

As for the churches as organizations, they could invest money in inner-city business, to help create "a circular movement of money within the ghetto," Mr. Chandler said. The people need the "symbols of stability that ownership control" provides, but now there is nothing but "outflow of capital."

"I can't leave much money with my brothers," he pointed out, "because they don't sell what I want and they don't get to keep what they take in."

The churches should realize also that their interest in public affairs carries considerable weight with elected officials, Mr. Chandler went on. Adequate policing of ghetto areas and trash collection service equal to that of better neighborhoods were goals he mentioned for political action. Tensions between police and black community are inescapable, he observed, because they come together only in time of trouble.



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