

UNICEF Sees Rise In Biafra Aid; Worsening Situation

United Nations—(RNS)—UNICEF estimates that between 8,000 and 10,000 people are dying daily in Biafran-controlled territory alone, and that the situation is getting worse.

Although there has been a marked increase in the transportation and distribution of relief supplies, needs are rising even faster, the agency said. The situation will remain critical for many months to come because of the large numbers of people displaced by the conflict, the widespread destruction of crops and the very high density of the population in Biafra-controlled areas.

UNICEF also reported that: It has purchased and is forwarding by air 14 tons of drugs and medical equipment worth \$107,000 in response to a detailed request from Dr. Herman J. Middlekoop, Dutch medical missionary who is director of all Protestant medical relief efforts in Biafra.

It began operating a helicopter foodlift in late September to an estimated 200,000 to 300,000 refugees in the Calabar region of Nigeria under federal control. The foodlift, which is being expanded, will greatly speed up the distribution of supplies to inaccessible areas.

It is transporting food regularly from the Red Cross food depot at Calabar, on the Cross River, to its feeding station at Uyo, 30 miles to the west and about 20 miles from the warfront. One helicopter can make about 10 lifts daily, carrying a total of 12 tons. Supplies are moved in a parachute slung from a hook beneath the copter's belly, and the slings are unloaded without the aircraft touching down.

UNICEF's charter ship, the *Orlent Exporter*, arrived in early September with 5,000 tons of skim milk and food for children donated by the U.S. A second charter is scheduled to leave soon with another 5,000 tons of skim milk from the U.S. government. Two "bread ships" left Australia in mid-September with a cargo of 3,000 tons of flour donated by Australia.

For Biafran-controlled territories, supplies are airlifted from the offshore island of Fernando Po by the International Red Cross and from the island of Sao Tome by various churches. The airlift is supported with funds and supplies by the World Council of Churches and Caritas Internationalis. The Sao Tome relief effort works through a joint steering committee of International Church Relief Organizations currently led by Father Anthony Byrne.

Nigeria Can't Win, Biafran Says

Camden — (NC) — Nigeria's continuing effort to "wipe out the people of Biafra," especially the eight million Christian Ibo people, is a mixture of religion and economics "but it won't succeed," a native Biafran, who is a graduate of La Salle College, declared.

One of about 40 Biafran students in the Delaware Valley area, N. Ajilo Ibeh has lost two brothers in the conflict that followed Biafra's secession from the Nigerian Federation in 1967, and has had no contact with his parents in two years.

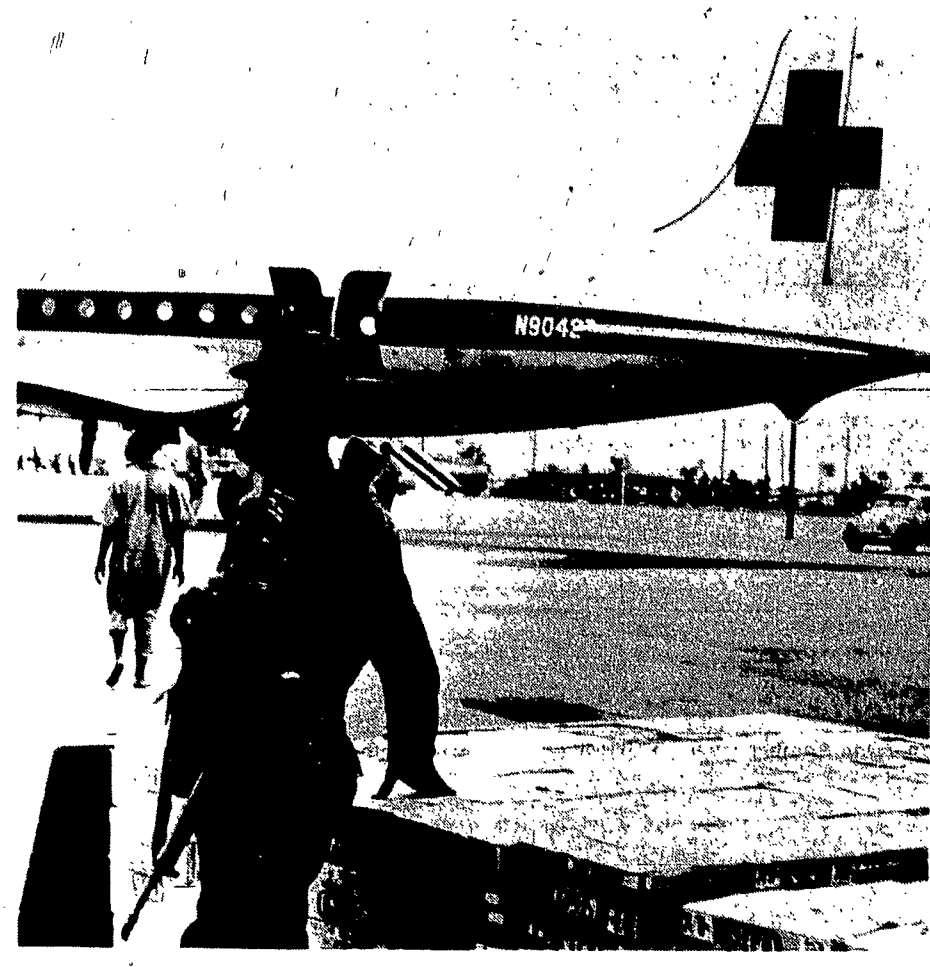
Ibeh said the underlying reasons for the conflict are Biafra's oil resources which Nigeria covets and the antipathy between the Moslem Nigerians of the north and the Christian Biafrans.

"Time is going to save Biafra because Nigerian unity is a sham. They are fighting a war of attrition and getting tired of trying to wipe us out. And that's when the war will be over, when they wipe us out or give up. They know we won't give up," he said.

Ibeh, who has been in the United States five years and resides in Philadelphia, is finance manager of an industrialization center in Camden. He was graduated from La Salle College business school in June and is making further studies at St. Joseph's College.

"I've decided that when I go back to Biafra — and I will go back — I will be more useful as a teacher than as a businessman," Ibeh said.

His people, the Ibos are predominantly Christian and make up the bulk of the Biafran population of some 13 million.



Lagos, Nigeria — A huge accumulation of food, guarded by a Nigerian federal soldier, is piled at the airport in Lagos awaiting shipment to needy Biafrans. As soon as the International Red Cross receives permission, it will begin to fly the supplies to Enugu for distribution to the starving thousands in Biafra. (RNS)

3 Agencies Criticize U.S. Over Biafra

By JOHN R. SULLIVAN (NC News Service)

Washington — Three U.S. religious agencies have strongly criticized the United States for failing to aid efforts to relieve victims of the war between Nigeria and its breakaway state of Biafra.

Their criticisms were voiced this week at a hearing on the war conducted by the Senate Subcommittee on African Affairs, chaired by Sen. Eugene McCarthy.

The American policy — which amounts to official aloofness and non-intervention in any part of the conflict — was defended by Sen. Edward Brooke of Massachusetts, Acting Assistant Secretary of State C. Robert Moore, and civil rights activist James Meredith.

Edward M. Kinney, assistant to the director of Catholic Relief Services and the man who is in charge of coordinating the CRS aid both to Biafra and the federally-held sections of Nigeria, told the subcommittee that "because of governmental inaction, the religious-sponsored voluntary agencies became 'bootleggers of mercy' in the name of humanity."

James McCracken, executive director of Church World Services, the relief arm of the National Council of Churches, said that on the best of nights (the only time relief supplies can be flown into Biafra) the combined relief effort can bring in only 100 tons of food and medical supplies.

"But the people need 500 tons a day. At the present rate we cannot even reduce the escalation of death by starvation."

Only massive help from governments can close this gap, the Protestant and Catholic directors insisted. The voluntary agencies simply can't do it.

Hyman Bookbinder, spokesman for the American Jewish Committee which, with other Jewish groups is shipping food and supplies to Biafra, also called for government programs. "It is unthinkable," he said, "that this powerful United States, acting in concert with other nations, or acting alone if necessary, cannot develop and execute a massive air-lift."

Estimates given by relief agencies indicate that some 6,000 persons — mostly children and old people — die daily from starvation in Biafra, and in large parts of the area recently taken over by Federal Nigerian troops.

By Their Calluses Ye Shall Know Them

Seattle — (NC) — Dr. Nola Moore told a meeting of physicians and other medical personnel, at Seattle University's institute on alcoholism, that the addictive drinker can often be identified by a callus developed on his "drinking arm."

Dr. Moore provides necessary medical care for elbow-benders who land in Seattle's city jail "drunk tank." He said a diagnosis of the addicted drinker is not easy, but there are certain typical indications — uncoordinated muscular action, frequent cuts and abrasions from falling, wounds received in brawls, and, of course, the calluses.

The physician's callus diagnosis did not indicate whether "elbow-bending" was more prevalent among right or left-handed drinkers.

\$20,000 For Urban Needs

Newark, N.J. — (RNS) — The Newark Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church has collected more than \$20,000 for Black Coalition for aid to the city's ghettos.

All funds will be used to alleviate hardship conditions in Newark's predominantly Negro Central Ward, he promised.

Billy Does Bit for Biafra

Newark, N.J. — (NC) — The check for \$8.30 made out to Catholic Relief Services came into the Newark chancery office with nothing more than the simple notation "for Billy."

It was attached to a newspaper clipping concerning the need for relief assistance for Biafra.

A call to Billy's parents, who asked to remain anonymous, revealed that the check was in memory of their

12-year-old son who died two years ago. His sorrowing parents, going through his personal effects, found the \$8.30 in his wallet.

It was money the youngster had earned on his own. They had kept the money as a remembrance until now, but donated it in his name because they felt Biafran relief was a cause Billy would have considered important.

St. Bernard's Grads Mark Jubilee

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Current downgrading of the priesthood or fear for its permanence should not discourage priest-graduates of St. Bernard's, Father Robert F. McNamara said in the homily preached at the Mass yesterday. Never a student at the Rochester seminary, he has been a professor there for 30 years and is famed as a historian and author.

"St. Bernard's Seminary is still trying to prepare its students to meet the needs of the people of their own land and in their own time," he said. "We will present to the Bishops men who revere the Church of the past, are knowledgeable about the Church of the present and will be ready to serve the Church of the future."

Pledging that the young priests of the future which St. Bernard's is training will measure up to the crises of these times, Father McNamara declared: "They may run faster than we have run. It is possible that they may run farther."

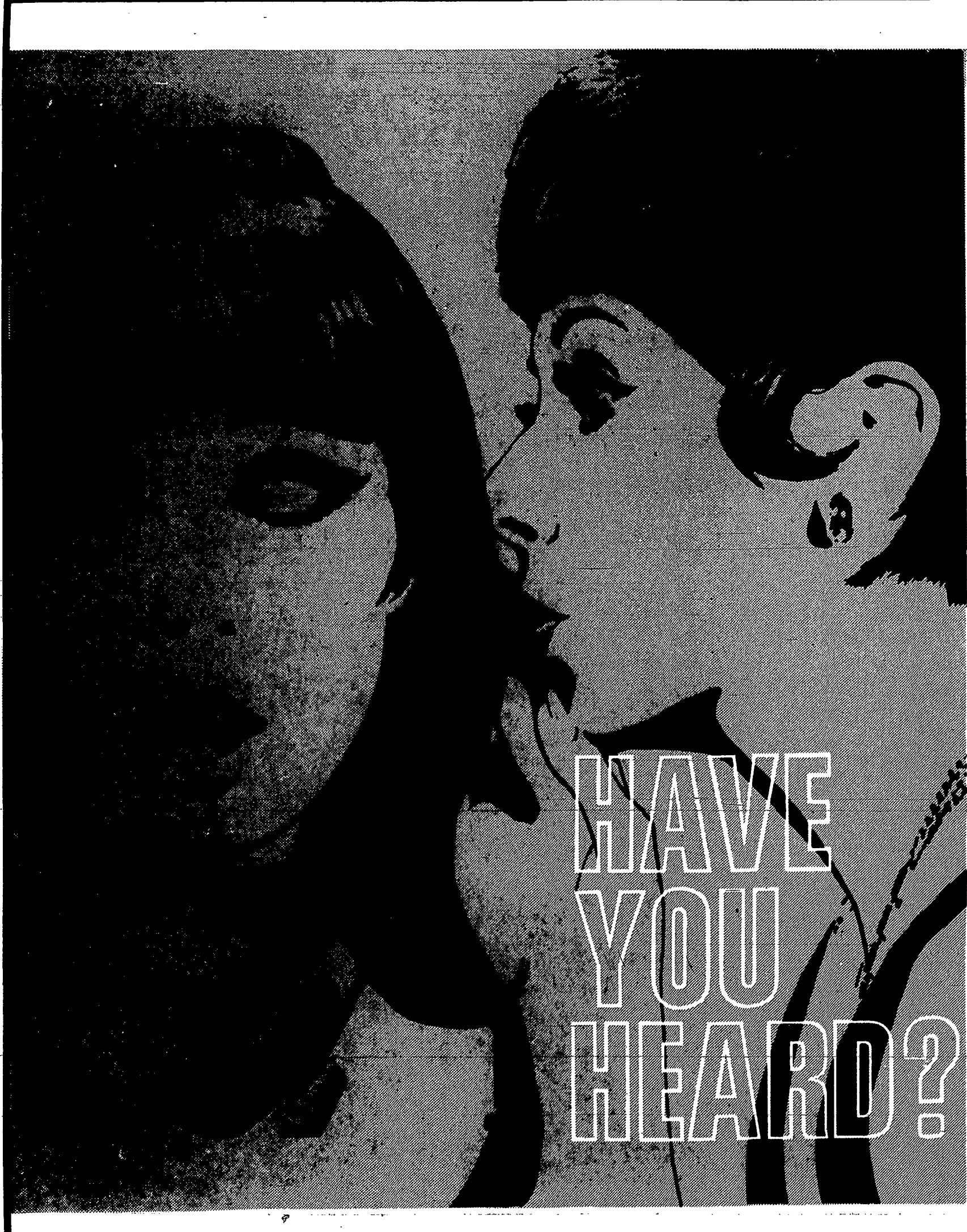
"Many would say that the priesthood seems suddenly to have lost its glamor. But has the priesthood ever been anything but a difficult and painful vocation? The aware priest must always say with St. Paul: 'I have been crucified with Christ and I live now, not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me.'"

Referring to the present defections which "have made the priesthood the subject of 'hard scrutiny'," Father McNamara said: "When a priest is

tempted to unshoulder the cross of his own crucifixion and doff the shiny robe of his own divine folly, he stands face-to-face with a temptation to disown an essential part of the role he has been called by God to play."

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen was principal celebrant of the anniversary Mass assisted by four priests representing alumni ordained in the 30's, the 40's, the 50's and the 60's.

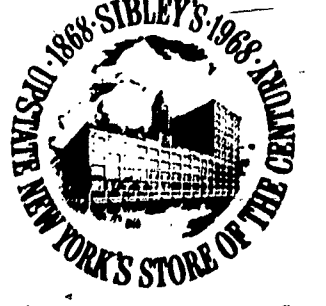
The Most Rev. Terence Cooke, Archbishop of New York, Archbishop John J. McGuire, auxiliary of New York, Archbishop Thomas A. Donnellan of Atlanta and Bishop Kearney were in the sanctuary. Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse and Bishop Lawrence B. Casey of Paterson, former Rochesterians were also present.



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