

AROUND THE WORLD

Bulgars Update—Julian Calendar Out

Sofia — (RNS) — The Bulgarian Orthodox Church has approved the adoption of the Gregorian Calendar and abandonment of the old Julian Calendar as of Dec. 20, 1968.

Adopted first by the Roman Catholic Church in 1582 and subsequently by nearly all of the world's governments and Churches, the Gregorian Calendar corrected slight inaccuracies in the earlier one which had been introduced by Julius Caesar.

The error in the Julian Calendar, amounting to a shortage of some 44 minutes and 52 seconds for each leap year, had a cumulative effect through the centuries which enormously complicated the calculation of Easter and other religious holidays.

In 1582, the discrepancy between the Gregorian and Julian Calendars was 10 days.

Pope Gregory XIII, commissioned by the Council of Trent, introduced the new calendar which was worked out by a group of scholars, and which is only 26 seconds longer than the true astronomical year.

Bishop Restored To Czechoslovak See

Bonn, Germany — (NC) — After being barred from the exercise of his ministry for more than 20 years, Bishop Stepan Trochta, S.D.B., of Litomerice, Czechoslovakia, met Sept. 15 with his clergy, it was reported here.

Bishop Trochta had received permission from the government to resume his functions, but because of the Soviet occupation he was reinstated Sept. 1 without solemn ceremonies.

The Czechoslovak Catholic paper Katolicke Noviny reappeared after a three-week suspension, with no changes in the editorial staff. It published an appeal signed by representatives of all Czechoslovakian Churches urging members not to react to recent events with hatred and rage, but with endurance.

Czech Catholic Group Disbanded

Bonn, Germany — (NC) — The Movement for Conciliar Renewal, a group of Catholic clergy and laity founded last May in Czechoslovakia, failed to receive government approval and has been disbanded, it was reported here Oct. 1.

The new organization had been founded to replace the disbanded government-back Peace Priests' Movement.

Vienna Paper Sees Czech 'Thaw'

Vienna, Austria — (NC) — A Catholic paper here reported that more children were registered for religious instruction in Czechoslovakia this term than at any time in the recent past. Volksblatt headlined the story "Thaw for Christians Continues."

The paper said that the Soviet-Czechoslovak agreement signed after the occupation of Czechoslovakia in August had not diminished the hopes for religious liberty that had stirred prior to the takeover of the country by Soviet troops.

Missioners Accused of Subversion

Cuttack, India — (NC) — The ultra-Hindu Jan Sangh party has accused foreign Christian missionaries of agitating for a separate state of Jharkhand in the tribal areas of northern Orissa.

The party called on the government to oust all foreign missionaries in the state, to nationalize schools, hospitals and other institutions sponsored by foreign missionaries and to suspend all government aid to tribal groups which have converted to Christianity.

Meanwhile, the Jan Sangh newspaper Organizer claimed in New Delhi that missionaries have revived the old independence theme in order to avenge government outlawing of mass conversions.

The missionaries also tempt Orissa tribes to embrace Christianity, and those who refuse are deprived of wheat, milk powder, fertilizer, etc., distributed by the missions, the paper charged.

**Catholic Fired from Viet Cabinet
Husband of Nazareth Graduate**

SAIGON — Philip Nguyen van Tho, minister of education, culture and youth, and the only practicing Catholic in the South Vietnamese cabinet, has been replaced.

(Van Tho's wife, the former Pauline Minh, is a graduate of Nazareth College and one of two women serving in the Vietnamese Senate.)

(She visited the campus in May of this year when she and other Vietnamese officials were touring the United States.)

The dispute between the prime minister and Tho began just over three weeks ago, when some National Assembly deputies charged that students could buy high grades in examinations in order to get scholarships to study abroad.

Prime Minister Tran van Huong then dismissed the head of the department in charge of examinations.

Dr. Tho claimed that this was not the correct line of action, because under civil

service regulations the official should not have been dismissed immediately but suspended pending an investigation.

The prime minister's press officer charged Dr. Tho with circulating a letter within the Department of Education criticizing the government and the prime minister.

The press officer said that any disagreement should have been kept within the cabinet, and that by airing it in public

Dr. Tho showed he lacked team spirit.

The new minister for education, culture and youth is Dr. Le minh Tri, a medical doctor.

The charge is the first in the Huong cabinet since coming into office in May 1968. Dr. Tho was named to the post in 1965. He studied in France and the United States and holds degrees from Yale and Northwestern universities. He is a dentist by profession.

Viet Chaplains, Soldiers Praised

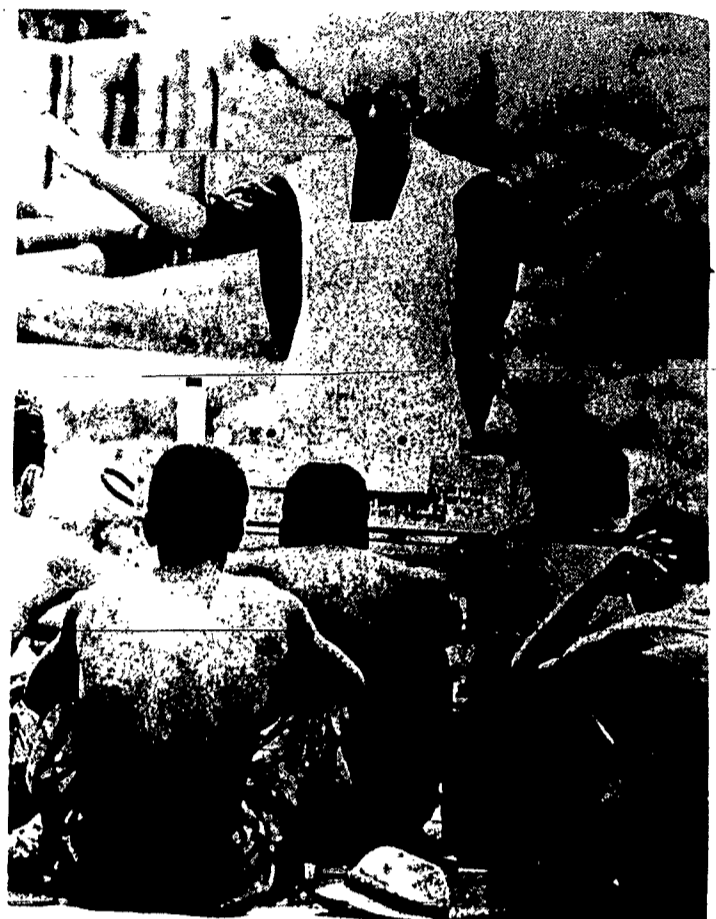
Portland, Ore. — (NC) — The chief of chaplains of the U.S. Army praised the current crop of Army chaplains, and the modern soldier — "these young men with long hair, tight pants and lousy music."

Msgr. (Maj. Gen.) Francis L. Sampson said: "These young men make great soldiers. They have a sense of the relation of rights and responsibilities and they have a deep compassion for each other, especially in combat zones. They're better soldiers than their fathers were."

Msgr. Sampson, who was graduated from Franklin High School here, returned to take part in the dedication of St. Anne chapel at Maryhurst College, a gift to the school from one of his former teachers, Julianne Holler.

Appointed chief of chaplains for the Army in 1967, Msgr. Sampson is responsible for 2,000 chaplains, 450 of whom are Catholic priests. He said today's chaplains are the best he has known in a career extending back to World War II, when he jumped with a paratrooper outfit in the invasion of Normandy.

"We're getting a very high type of applicant—bright and energetic," he said. "They are screened carefully by their denominations for academic background, physical condition and personality. They like to work with men



Stacked ammunition cases provide an altar for Chaplain John Resch as he offers Mass for artillerymen in a South Vietnamese combat zone. The Roman Catholic chaplain is airlifted by helicopter to 20 isolated artillery batteries each week. (RNS)

and they don't mind being in the swamps and jungles. We've never had quite as high quality chaplains as we have now, and that includes Protestant, Jewish and Catholic."

Msgr. Sampson said chaplains are "neither hawks nor doves" on the war. "People sometimes misunderstand and think we must be propagandists. Our only job is to ensure that men away from home have the right to free exercise and practice of their religion," he stated.

But the priest was critical of the reporting of the Vietnam conflict. "I don't quite recognize the Vietnam war as I have seen it, in the near caricature of the war portrayed, by and large, by news media," he said.

"There seems to be a tendency to focus on... instances of suffering, with the implication that it is caused by American troops there. And the media almost totally ignore that about 10,000 village chiefs and their families were executed by the Viet Cong. Or that presently almost the total war effort of the Viet Cong is sending rockets into civilian areas."

Msgr. Sampson will serve three more years as chief of chaplains, then return to his home diocese of Des Moines. "There, I hope I'll have a small parish in Iowa," he said.

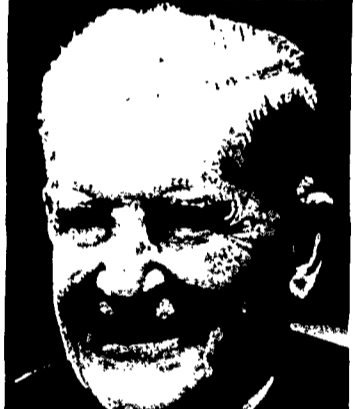
**His Epitaph
'I Tried'**

Brooklyn, N.Y. — (NC) — The vicar general of the Brooklyn diocese spoke an apt epitaph for Archbishop Bryan J. McEntegart, 75, retired bishop of Brooklyn — "I tried."

The archbishop died Sept. 30 at his residence here. His body was interred in a crypt beneath the altar at Cathedral College of the Immaculate Conception in the Douglaston section.

Msgr. Charles T. Diviney recalled: "One day during his last illness, I was alone with him for a few moments at his bedside. In an awkward and fumbling way, I tried to tell him how all of us, priests, religious and laity, deeply appreciated the astonishing things he had achieved in the relatively short period of 11 years that he was our ordinary. His response was: 'Well, I tried.'"

"I tried." Could any other



Archbishop Bryan J. McEntegart, head of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn for 11 years until his retirement on July 17 of this year, died Sept. 30 in his residence at 75.

phrase so aptly express the concept of a servant bishop? There is no ring of triumphalism here, no hint of harsh authoritarianism, no false pride, merely a simple statement like a cry from the heart. Merely, "I tried," the monsignor said in the eulogy at the requiem Mass (Oct. 4) for the archbishop in Our Lady of Perpetual Help church here.

Princess Heads Convent

Ellwood City, Pa. — Queen Victoria's granddaughter, the former Princess Helena of Romania, is mother superior of the first English-language Orthodox monastic house for women in the United States.

The new convent here was consecrated lately by Romanian, Greek and Russian Orthodox prelates. The princess, now known as Mother Alexandria, renounced her title and worldly goods several years ago.

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Archdiocese Bac

Detroit — (RNS) — of Detroit has given \$33,000 to the establishment of a Black Studies program.

Direct recipient of diocesan Development of Black Students at the

Lonnie Peck, chair group, said he hoped to finish by September 1969 teachers throughout the teach at the college.

The Archdiocesan D on a collection taken up of the archdiocese. The is in the hands of an i on which Protestants m

Meet Black Iss

Kansas City, Mo. — odist bishop urged an e meet the challenges of ghetto living and cynica

Bishop James Arms addressing the National a Disciples auxiliary, s

"Only when our eva ly and confidently mee power, hopeless ghetto cal wheeling will the ch filament of its evangelis

If evangelists are ladies, weak-kneed mal talk and look like the re all," the bishop added.

Disciples En

Kansas City, Mo. — Convention of Christia (Christ) approved a merg predominantly Negro N ary Convention (NCMC)

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Some of the Negr concern that their 500-c swallowed up by the t tional Convention, and at the meeting here, son and established a com actions affecting Negro

But Raymond E. B a member of the cauc ing was not an indicati the merger proposal, an on the convention floor tional ovation by black

LCA Opens Acc

New York — (RN) Ministry of the Luthera working checking acco tional Bank, the first l bank in Harlem.

The LCA agency's dom Bank, organized i star Jackie Robinson, w thousand dollars.

Arthur Midboe, an surer, said the Church in the Harlem bank, a and agencies have inve Negro-owned banks arc

Among those bank Bank of Chicago, the I Chicago, the Douglas S Kans., the Swope Parkv sas City, Mo., and Bere ciation of Philadelphia.

Black Histor

Lansing, Mich. — at incorporating Afro-A riculum of all subjects in Michigan has been a olic school superintende

The plan was devel History Committee app tentends last May.

The superintenden mittee of the Michigan tion Department, said i fully implemented by school year.

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