

Bishop Dies, Defended Basques

San Sebastian, Spain --- (NC)--- Bishop Lorenzo Bereciartua y Balerdi, 73, of San Sebastian, an outspoken defender of the Basque people, died here Oct. 23 of a heart ailment.

In September the bishop was the center of a political storm, when in a pastoral letter he protested arrests and the search of rectories and other residences as "violations" of the existing concordat between Spain and the Holy See.

The province of Guipuzoa in which his diocese is located has been under a state of siege as a result of what the government branded as terrorist activity by Basque clandestine groups.

The official press unleashed a barrage of criticism against the pastoral.

Bishop Bereciartua was born in the Basque country in 1895. He came to San Sebastian in 1963.

Laity Council Issues Bulletin

Vatican City -(NC)- The Vatican Council on the Laity has begun publication of a bulletin as an "official and regular instrument to keep people in touch with life and activities of the council.

In the first issue of "The Laity Today," Maurice Cardinal Roy of Quebec, president of the council, said that the scope of the publication would include the words of the Pope on questions of immediate concern to the laity; information about the decisions or activities of the laity council; international Catholic life and the major events of interest to lay people in various countries.

Airport Has Inter-Faith Church

London —(NC)— London Airport, which serves 13 million passengers a year and has a full-time staff of more than 40,000, now has its own permanent church.

The church, a three-demoninational ecumenical center with three altars serving the Catholic, Anglican and Protestant churches, was built entirely underground to cut out the permanent noise from the runways some 20 feet above.

Of the \$168,000 already donated \$60,000 have been contributed by the Church of England and \$60,000 by the Catholic archdiocese of Westminster. The rest has come from the Protestant Churches, the airport authorities, the City of London, and Britian's two state airlines, while one of London's old guilds, the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, presented an altar plate worth about \$12,000.



Nun-Doctor to Go to Biafra

Sister Mary Hilda (left), known in medical circles as Dr. Gloria Hester, discusses the stark realities of hunger in Biafra with her superior, Mother Stanislaus of Dublin, Ireland. A member of the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary, the nun is finishing her residency in Memphis, Tenn., city hospitals and at the famed St. Jude Research Hospital for Children. Sister Hilda, of Winona, Miss., is preparing to join one of the 23 convent-hospital communities operated by her order in Biafra.

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Some Latin Masses

New York-(RNS)-Donald ground Church whose mem-Thorman, the publisher of a controversial liberal weeklythe National Catholic Reporter-argues "for the resumption of Latin Masses on a limited basis" in his latest

Both the traditionalist and book, "American Catholics avant-garde Catholic, Thor-Face the Future." man says, "The traditionalists within largely because they dare to our midst," he admits, "have wish to depart from the norm handed down from above-a often been treated badly by us in an unloving and somenorm arrived at with little or no consultation with the times un-Christian manner." people involved.

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First in 600 Years

Catholic Bishop Visits Greenland

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NC News Service

Godthaab, Greenland-Greenland has had its first visit by a Catholic bishop in nearly 600 years.

Bishop Hans Martensen, coast S.J., of Copenhagen, spent three weeks visiting the tiny Catholic population of Greenland number six among the land. approximately 50 Catholics here. Most of the Catholics

Bishop Martensen's guide

Puerto Ricans Get Holy Day Dispensation

San Juan, P.R. — (NC) — Archbishop Luis Aponte of San Juan, chairman of the Puerto Rican Bishops' Conference, has announced that the Holy See has dispensed Puerto Rican Catholics from the obligation of attending Mass on "Feasts" (holy days), with the exception of Christmas and its octave, the Feast of the Circumcision (Jan. 1).

The dispensation is effective

The letter also explained

that with the dispensation, "it

is in no way intended to elim-

inate the Feasts (holy days),

and much less the devotion of

the faithful, which will be more meritorious because it

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The instruction went on to

say: "A holy day celebration

of this type requires 'by its

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If the 'communitary partici-

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does not, want to insist on the

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Eucharist, when it falls on a

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Vatican City - (NC) - In-

structions on adjusting the

liturgical calendar in some

countries where the Feasts of

the Epiphany, Ascension and

Corpus Christi are being

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on Thursdays.

Eskimo Catholics in Green

ther Finn Lynge, O.M.I., be U.S. Thule air base. Greenlieved to be the only Eskirno land has about 35,000 people. Catholic priest in the world. Father Finn is one of the three Catholic priests at the Godthaab station on the east

Sion purposes.

The bishop said in a radio interview that the presence of three priests among so few Catholics was for company in

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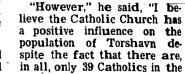
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the Catholic Church in Green land, because he had not expected "any Catholic developthe isolation of such a vast ment in the direction of conuninhambited country, rather versions. than for missionary or conver-

He cited the Faroe Islands, "We feel respect and re-sponsibility toward the work of the Danish (Lutheran) State Church in Greenland,' he said. "However, I believe it reasonable that the Catholic Chaurch should be represented up here, at least officially, and accessible to the people so that they may learn to know this segment of the Christman world.'

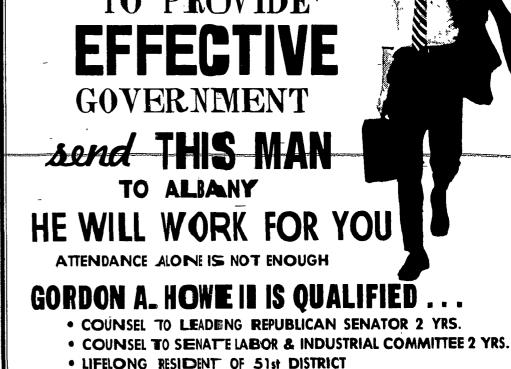
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where the Church has had a mission station since 1932 and operates a large school in Torshvn, stressing that the Church has educated a quarter of Torshavn's population without a single conversion having been recorded.



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Hindu Prayers Proposed For Liturgy

Bombay ---(NC)--- Catholic experts in Hinduism and Indian culture have suggested that suitable Hindu prayers and hymns be used in the liturgy.

At meetings held in preparation for a national seminar on the Vatican Council and the Church in India, they also called for "a profound change of attitude" on the part of most Indian Catholics and Church institutions toward the religions of India. All seminaries, they said, should give a major place in their curriculum to Hindu philosophy and spirituality.

Thousands of Families Restored

Geneva — (NC) — Twelve thousand migrants and refugees were helped to rejoin their families and start new life by the International Catholic Migration Commission in 1967, it was reported at the recent 18th session of the ICMIC's council.

Forty national delegates represented 20 countries. James Norris, assistant to the executive director of U.S. Catholic Relief Services was reelected ICMC president.

The ICMC council decided to look into inter-American and inter-African migration movements.

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is no incentive to dialogue or to try to understand each 'he observes. But there

\$1 Million Worth of Aid other." other, he observes, but there is a possibility that both can lose "as in the present case of the 'updated' liturgy which lic Medical Mission Board has is already on its way to be-coming traditionalized and sent \$466,763 worth of medicine, drugs and hospital supplies to

Nigeria and Biafra since the be-"Surely the Church is not going to be threatened be-

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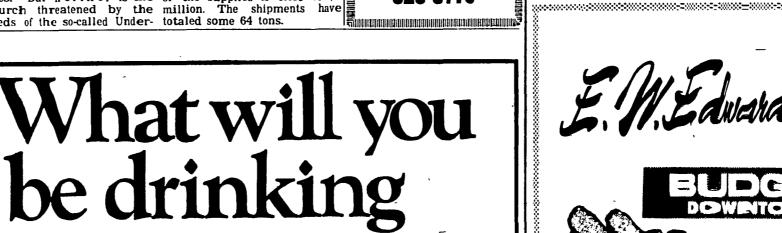
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