

# No Compromise on Equality -- Warren

New York — (RNS) — Chief Justice Earl Warren said here that there can be no compromise on the doctrine of equality in the United States.

He partially attributed current racial strife to departures from the understanding of equality built into the nation's constitutional charter, and he appealed to every level and division of government to use its resources to turn promises into realities.

The 75-year-old head of the Supreme Court delivered the final address in a series celebrating the centennial of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, the article guaranteeing national citizenship to all persons born in or naturalized by the U.S.

New York University Law School sponsored the celebration. Earlier speakers included Associate Justice Abe Fortas and Harvard Divinity School professor Dr. Harvey Cox.

Justice Fortas was among the 500 persons who heard the Chief Justice, Mr. Fortas, nominated by President Johnson to succeed Mr. Warren,

recently asked that his name be withdrawn after a Senate filibuster blocked a vote on the nomination. He and Mr. Warren both received standing ovations at NYU.

Failure of the Fortas nomination to pass caused Justice Warren, who had announced his wish to retire, to resume his seat when the Supreme Court opened its Fall 1968 session on Oct. 7.

At NYU, he spoke on the topic, "The Fourteenth Amendment: Retrospect and Prospect." Congress in 1886, he stated, wrote into the Constitution "sound commit-

ments to equality before law" regardless of the race or national origin of persons.

But only today, he said, is the threshold being reached when this commitment can be translated into realistic action. Mr. Warren noted that some progress toward equality had been made in the past century but that unfulfilled promises had too often been substituted.

The relevance of the 14th Amendment for 1968, Mr. Warren said, can be seen from the warnings about the threats of racism contained in the report of the National

Advisory Commission on Civil Disorder.

The Chief Justice discussed the five Civil Rights Acts passed in the 18 years following the Civil War and raised questions about why there was no rights legislation passed again by the U.S. Congress until 1957.

He explained that the Supreme Court in the late 19th and early 20th centuries shared with Congress the blame for actions and attitudes which withheld equality from the Negroes.



Pope Kiri I, played by Anthony Quinn, addresses his cardinals in the Vatican in a scene from "The Shoes of the Fisherman." The film adaptation of Morris L. West's highly-popular novel of the first Russian to become a Pope will have its world premiere in New York on Nov. 13. The Vatican in-

terior scenes, such as the audience chambers shown in this photograph, were reconstructed at a studio in Rome. The Sistine Chapel, scene of the papal election conclave, was reproduced to scale on a mammoth sound stage and insured for \$750,000.

## Help For Water Project Sought

Bangalore, India — (RNS) — The Mysore state government has appealed to Catholic Charities and other relief agencies for assistance in the development of its water resources.

R.N. Vasudeva, chief secretary of the government, pointed out that funds sanctioned for the purpose remain partly unused because of a lack of qualified personnel and equipment. He appealed specifically for cooperation of Church agencies

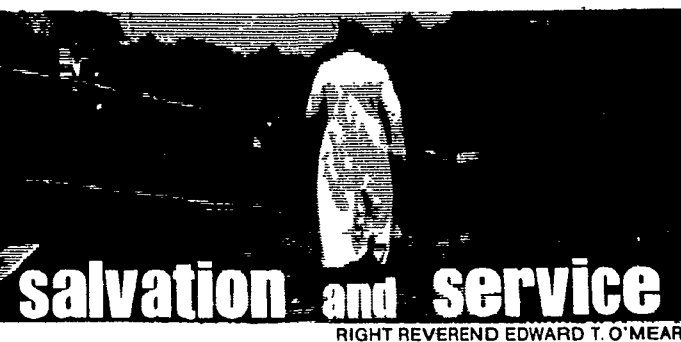
with a central water wells construction society proposed by his government.

Represented at the meeting were U.S. Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities of India, the Indo-German Social Service Society, a Protestant unit; the Methodist Church's overseas relief agency, the American CARE organization, the U.S. Agency for International Development and UNICEF.

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But somehow along the way, we have forgotten how to be happy with each other. We seem to disregard the fact that Christianity is also a religion of joy, that Jesus has unceasingly reminded us that he will turn our sorrow into joy, that our "hearts will rejoice." Louis Evely says of us: "We act as though we are specialists in bad news, when in fact we have been told by Christ that we are to be the bearers of glad rejoicing."

But if the majority of us are content to be glum Christians, there are others who have penetrated the joyous side of religion. They've realized the wonder and greatness of their faith, and they've become so overwhelmed at the thought, that they cannot contain their happiness. These are the missionaries—men and women so convinced that they've got something good, that they want others to share in their joy. Their happiness is catching; their Christianity, contagious.

Missionaries celebrate Thanksgiving every day of the year. They prove their gratitude to God for the gift of faith by their willingness to share it with others. (After all, sharing our gifts with others is a sure sign of gratitude for those gifts.)

Missionaries respond daily to the needs of others. They answer pleas for warmth, love and affection. And in this joyous response they share their most precious gift—their faith in a living God, a God who loves men and cares about them. Like the apostles, missionaries want to shout about the goodness of God from rooftops. They want the whole world to know that God is alive. (For there is real joy in knowing that.)

Missionaries represent the entire People of God on the mission field. And we must be as convinced as they are that God is present among men. We, too, must want others to share our great gift of faith. Our Christianity must also become contagious. But if missionaries are to continue in this joyous proclamation of the "good news" of Christ, they must have our support.

During this time before Thanksgiving, it might be well for us to examine our own attitude toward the gift of faith. If we are truly grateful for it, we will want the whole world to share this gift. We will want to share the "good news" of Christ with those still seeking a meaning to life. We will support our brother missionaries in their mission efforts around the world. We will give thanks by giving.

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