



**'Terrorists' Life Sentence Reduced**

**Johannesburg, South Africa — (RNS) —** A court of appeals here reduced to 20 years the life imprisonment sentences of five South West African tribesmen convicted of terrorism last February.

The five are members of a group whose defense, in part, was financed by American church groups. Thirty tribesmen, most of them Lutherans, were convicted and imprisoned under a Terrorism Act passed after they were arrested.

In reducing the five sentences, the justices said the constitution did not give the court authority to rule on the validity of the Terrorism Act and its application to South West Africa.

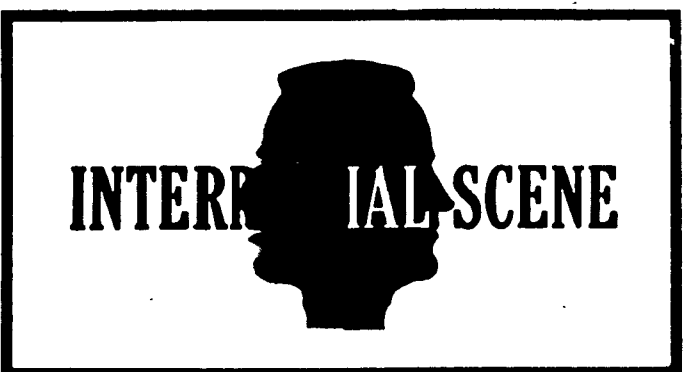
**Pope's Admiration Conveyed To Poles**

**Vatican City — (RNS) —** Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, Primate of Poland, has broadcast a special message to Poland conveying expressions of the Pope's admiration and support.

He quoted the Pope as saying to him:

"Please tell the bishops, the clergy, the religious orders, parents, youth and children — all the faithful — that we have full confidence in you.

"We believe that you are faithful to the Holy Church, that you are fighting for Christ's rights with dignity. We have much appreciation for you and for your attitudes, which we observe with admiration as an example for the contemporary world."



**Priests Hear Negro Speaker**

**Huntington, N.Y. — (RNS) —** A Negro Episcopal bishop and a Negro layman urged Roman Catholic priests on Long Island to press the fight for equal rights.

"A day does not pass that I am not reminded I am a Negro," Suffragan Bishop Richard B. Martin of Long Island told priests of the Rockville Centre diocese at their semiannual conference here.

Bishop Martin urged the priests to become intercessors for Black Americans and instruments of justice by which the dangerous trend of society can be reversed.

The layman speaker, Lawrence W. Pierce, chairman of the state narcotics control commission asked the priests to press for justice with the same earnestness with which they have rightly pressed for chastity.

**'Project Equality' Elects Pair**

**New York — (RNS) —** An Episcopal bishop and a Catholic priest head the largest Project Equality regional office here.

Suffragan Bishop Richard B. Martin of Long Island was elected president of the board of directors of the New York Metropolitan Office of Project Equality, a nationwide, interreligious fair employment program.

Msgr. Gregory Lawrence Mooney, executive director of the New York Archdiocesan Human Relations office, was elected vice president.

**GIs' Spiritual Caliber Praised by Chaplain**

By Fr. P. J. Burke, S.S.C. (NC News Service)

**Salon —** High tribute to the spiritual caliber of the American armed forces in Vietnam was paid by Msgr. (Ma) Gen. Edwin R. Chess, chief of U.S. Air Force chaplains, on a visit to four air bases in this country.

Msgr. Chess, a priest of the Chicago archdiocese, was in South Vietnam as part of a tour that includes U.S. air installations in Thailand, the Philippines, Taiwan, Korea and Japan and the headquarters of the Air Force in the Pacific Command in Hawaii.

Msgr. Chess cited improvements in broadening the ministry of American military chaplains and their "wide variety of approaches to serve the people."

Summarizing his impressions at the end of his tour here, Msgr. Chess said he was greatly gratified at the increase in Mass attendance and the reception of Communion

as a result of the various pastoral activities and approaches described to him.

"I cannot help but be impressed with the priests, with their own updating," he said. "They are well read and conversant. The younger priests here lack identity with the dissidents back home. There was nothing on Humanae Vitae in all the discussions."

The chief of chaplains found "an almost total absence of racial conflict" in the forces here as well as any signs of a narcotics problem.

"You begin to wonder," he said, "when you think of the problem back home. What helps is the awareness of the problem and the education programs to warn the men of the dangers of drug abuse."

"I have talked with commanders who emphasize the good caliber of the men who served in the armed forces and not only in the Air Force. I agree with them. They are high caliber."

**Rome Weddings Lose Luxurious Trimmings**

**Rome — (NC) —** The Rome vicariate has set a flat fee of \$32 for wedding costs in Rome's parish churches as one of a number of new rules aimed at curbing characteristic Roman indulgence in luxurious weddings.

The new norms were issued by Rome's vicar, Angelo Cardinal Dell'Acqua, and go into effect Jan. 1. Social considerations are to be subordinated and "the ostentation of luxury, pomp and worldliness is to be banned from the religious marriage ceremony."

Among the practical steps toward these goals, the rules limit all costs of a wedding in a parish church to \$32 and to \$64 for weddings in non-parish churches.

This ruling aims at the high costs charged by a number of fashionable "marriage" churches in Rome, some of

which are opened only for weddings, with costs running from between \$100 to \$200, not counting fees for various premarital documents and services.

The new rules also strike at another favorite Roman custom, the Sunday wedding. In the future, except for "proper reasons," weddings are to be celebrated on weekdays so as not to interfere with Sunday Masses and holy days.

The rules also specify that there should be ample time left between weddings celebrated on the same day, to preserve the dignity of the rite. It has frequently happened in the past that, at some of the more popular "marriage" churches, three or four weddings are scheduled on the same day within less than an hour of each other.

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