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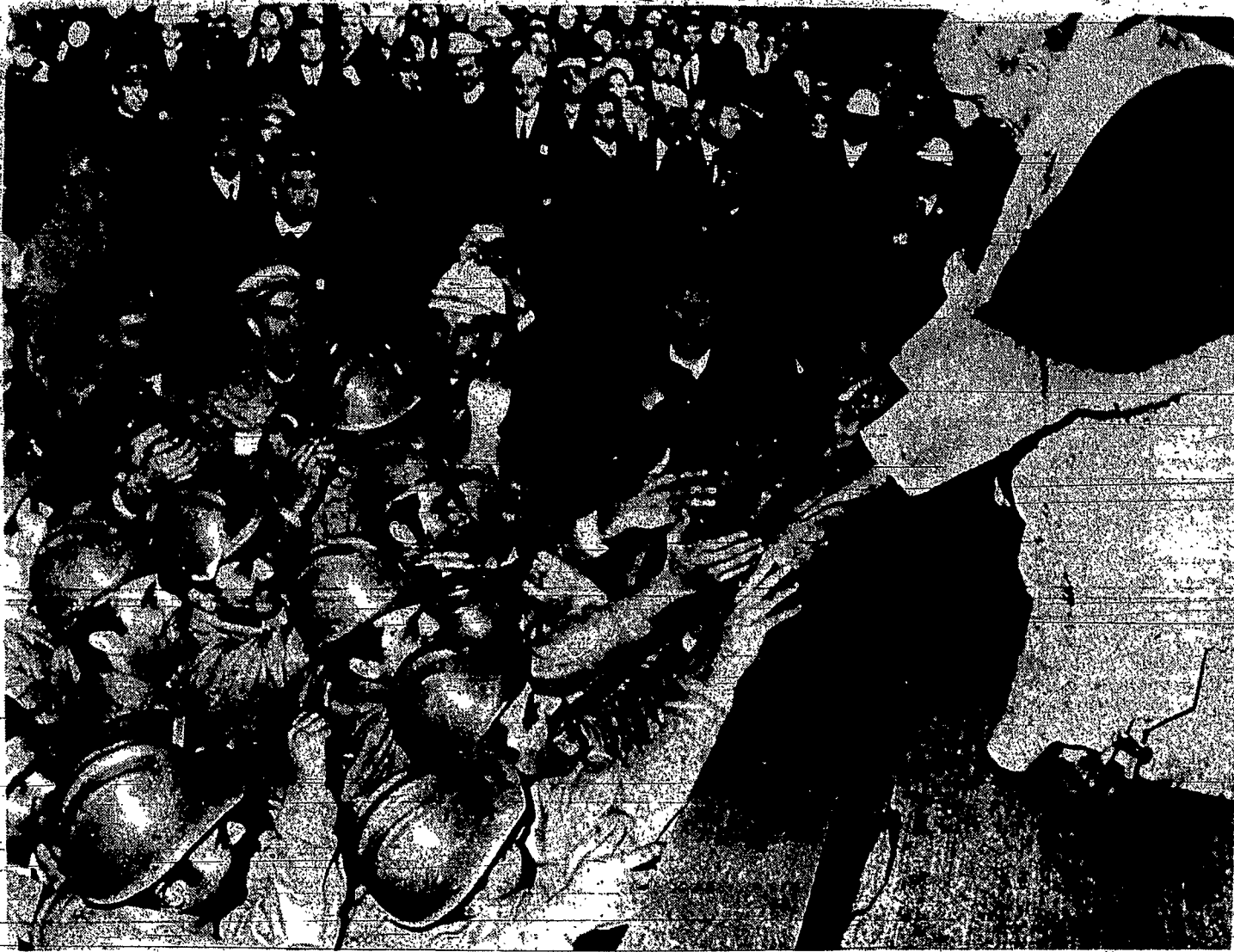
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Pope and Steelworkers

Pope Paul VI reaches to touch the hands of helmeted workers after celebrating a Midnight Mass at a giant steel mill in Taranto, Italy. More than 15,000 workers, clad in overalls and plastic helmets, crowded into a vast "cathedral of steel" they had built for the pontiff's visit. (RNS)

150,000 at Pope's Christmas Blessing

Vatican City — (NC) — An estimated 150,000 persons gathered in St. Peter's Square at noon on Christmas to receive Pope Paul VI's traditional blessing to the city and the world.

Following his return from Taranto, the Pope slept a few hours but was up in time to celebrate Mass in St. Peter's basilica at 11 a.m. The Mass was simple and the thousands in the basilica from all parts of the world joined in answering the Latin responses.

As soon as the Mass was finished, Pope Paul left the altar and went to the central balcony overlooking the

square. The day was one of warm sunshine.

The Pope delivered his Christmas greeting in a strong voice, showing no weariness from his long night. Essentially the message was "We must be born again, we must start over again, be born again today, recom-mence today.

"Many things took their beginning from this feast. From it, by the fact of that birth the dignity of human nature has been re-established and exalted. From it, the potential unity of the human race became manifest.

"From it, every human being has

become sacred, worthy of every care and respect. From that event, arose this criterion, that he who suffers, who is little, poor, a slave, fallen, merits care, help, respect and greater justice. From it, that despair which fills the depths of the heart of the deceived and the sinner, obtains a right to hope, to live again.

"This is our wish for you, brothers and sons, for those who hunger and thirst for justice, for those who suffer in pain and poverty. Our wish, that peace and concord may be born again among men who are still engaged in unending conflict, is a wish for the Church, a wish for the whole world."

Message to World

Peace Is a Duty, Pope Declares

By JAMES C. O'NEILL
(NC News Service)

Vatican City — "Peace is a duty." This is the central theme of Pope Paul VI's message to the world in connection with the observance of the second Day of Peace, set for Jan. 5 in the dioceses of the U.S.

The papal message is addressed: "To all men of good will, to all those responsible for the development of history today and tomorrow; hence to those who guide politics, social directions, culture, education; to youth, rising up in its yearning for worldwide renewal, we again proclaim this imploring and solemn word: peace."

Developing this theme he declared: "Peace is the duty of present history. Whoever reflects upon the lessons which past history teaches us will proceed at once to declare that a return to war, to struggle, to massacre, to the ruins caused by the psychology of conflicting arms and forces, even to the death of men who are citizens of the earth, the com-

mon fatherland of our life in time, that such a return is absurd.

"Understanding, negotiations, arbitration and not outrage, blood and slavery must intervene in the difficult relationships between men. No precarious truce, unstable equilibrium, fears of reprisals and revenge, successful conquest or fortunate arrogance, can guarantee a peace worthy of that name. Peace must be willed. Peace must be loved. Peace must be produced.

"It must be a moral consequence. It must spring up from free and generous spirits. A dream it may well seem, but a dream which becomes a reality by virtue of a new and superior human concept."

The Pope paid special attention to the fact that this Day of Peace observance coincides with the 25th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and that the theme of the peace day is "The Promotion of Human Rights, the Way to Peace."

Commenting on the intimate connection of the two concepts, "Where human rights are not respected, defended and promoted, where violence or fraud is done to man's inalienable freedoms, where his personality is ignored or degraded, where discrimination, slavery or intolerance prevail, there true peace cannot be."

In the second part of his letter Pope Paul traced the relationship of peace to the Gospel of Christ and to Christians. Summing up this relationship the Pope said:

"The peace of Christ which derives its spirit from redeeming sacrifice, is not a fear of might and resistance; the peace of Christ, which understands pain and human needs, which finds love and gifts for the little, the poor, the weak, the disinherited, the suffering, the humiliated, the conquered, is not a cowardice tolerance of the misadventures and deficiencies of man with no fortune or defense. In a word the peace of Christ is, more than any other humanitarian formula, solicitous of human rights."

Pope to Consecrate Buffalo Auxiliary

Washington — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has named Msgr. Bernard J. McLaughlin to be titular bishop of Mottola and auxiliary to Bishop James A. McNulty of Buffalo.

Msgr. McLaughlin is the vicar general of the diocese of Buffalo and pastor of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Kenmore, N.Y.

The Pope himself will consecrate Msgr. McLaughlin in St. Peter's basilica at the Vatican on Jan. 6. The Holy Father will consecrate several other newly named archbishops and bishops at the same time.

Bishop-elect McLaughlin was born in Buffalo, Nov. 19, 1912, and studied at the Buffalo diocesan preparatory seminary and at the Propaganda College in Rome. He was ordained in Rome on Dec. 21, 1935. He holds a doctorate in philosophy.

The bishop-elect has been assistant pastor at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Buffalo, advocate and secretary of the diocesan matrimonial tribunal, vice chancellor, chancellor, 1953 to 1968, and vicar general.

World Peace Day: The Bishop Reflects

By BISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

On this Sunday, dedicated to peace, we make the following reflections:

1. We are grateful for the principle of self-determination and the voting system of the General Assembly of the United Nations where Mauritania, with 780,000 people, has the same vote as the United States with 200,000,000 people.

2. We trust that there will be an outlawry of nuclear weapons of destruction. There is now no difference between killing soldiers and mothers and children. In World War I, 10,000,000 were killed of whom 5% were civilians. In World War II, 50,000,000 were killed of whom 50% were civilians and 50% were of the military. In the Korean War, 9,000,000 were killed of whom 84% were civilians and 16% were soldiers.

3. Peace is conditioned upon remedying the imbalance between nations. The Tropic of Cancer is the dividing line of the earth. About 25% of the population of the earth, that is above that line, enjoy 75% of the world's trade, investments, resources and wealth. The 75% below enjoy only 25% of the wealth.

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Fathers Gefell Assist Him

Archbishop Cooke Ends Vietnam Visit

By FR. PATRICK J. BURKE
(NC News Service)

Saigon — Ending a 4½-day visit to United States servicemen in Vietnam (Dec. 27), Archbishop Terence J. Cooke of New York, military vicar for the U.S. armed forces, summed up his impressions.

"It's been a marvelous experience and I have been so impressed with the dedication of our military men and the effort they are making to preserve freedom and also to promote the peace," he said.

"I have been very impressed by the chaplains I have met, they are cer-

tainly very impressive men and we can be very proud of them. They have done so much to keep the morale of our military men so high. I do think that everyone over here has a sense of purpose and a sense of mission."

The archbishop had just concelebrated Mass in Queen of Peace church for lay members of the American community in Saigon. Concelebrating with him were: Msgr. James P. Rigney, Msgr. Gerard J. Gefell, Rochester, N.Y., Father (Major) Frank Knabb, Buffalo, N.Y., and Father (Capt.) James J. Lichtefer, Louisville, U.S. Army.

Msgr. (Col.) Joseph G. Gefell, U.S. Second Field Forces staff chaplain, read the Epistle and his twin brother, Msgr. (Col.) Gerard J. Gefell, U.S. Army staff chaplain, read the

Gospel. They are both of the Rochester, N.Y. Diocese.

Archbishop Cooke was guest of honor at a luncheon in the Queen of Peace rectory, hosted by Father Robert Crawford, C.M., Philadelphia Vincentian, who is in charge of the church for the American community.

About 50 Catholic chaplains attended the lunch as did Chaplain (Col.) Gerhardt W. Hyatt, MACV command chaplain, whose office had the primary responsibility for the archbishop's visit. He thanked the archbishop for visiting the troops and hoped he would come back again next year.

A chaplain from each of the services spoke a few words of thanks in appreciation of Archbishop Cooke's visit. For the Army, Msgr. (Col.) Joseph G. Gefell; for the Air Force,

Father (Col.) Stanley W. Spiewak, Albany, N.Y., 7th air force staff chaplain; for the Navy, Father (Cdr.) John Bargeur, Newark, N.J., staff chaplain for U.S. Naval Forces in Vietnam. Msgr. (Col.) Gerard J. Gefell, escort officer for the entire visit, introduced the speakers.

Replying, Archbishop Cooke said: "I knew that something wonderful happened on those Christmas visits because I lived for 12 years with Cardinal Spellman and year after year I would see him go on the trip and he'd be exhausted as he would start off. But inevitably he would come back filled with dynamism, filled with a new nerve, filled with the spirit of going back once again because he'd always talk of going back for another Christmas visit. And I understand it now much, much better."

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Inaction by Regents Hit

Act on Education, Legislature Told

(Special to the Courier-Journal)

Albany — Educators representative of 20 per cent of New York State's school population this week called on the new 1969 State Legislature to pick up the education ball which the educators say, "was badly fumbled by the New York State Regents."

All agreed that the crisis facing nearly 1 million students in non-public schools of the State is so serious that the new Legislature must take "reasonable and effective action" to meet the non-public school needs this year.

The comments came in response to the 1968 legislative recommendations of the N.Y. State Board of Regents which were published here a few days before Christmas.

Typical of the strong reactions were: "How any body responsible for educating all elementary and second-

ary children in the State, can fail to assign a high priority to the vital role played by the non-public sector escapes me," said Syracuse Msgr. Thomas J. Costello, Chairman of the New York State Council of Catholic School Superintendents.

"It is nothing short of amazing that the educational leaders of New York State have flagrantly ignored 20 per cent of the children in the elementary and secondary grades of this state" (in their Legislative Recommendations), said Rabbi Morris C. Sherer, Executive President of Agudath Israel of America.

The Regents' recommendations include a requested increase from \$760 to \$860 in per pupil education costs, together with a net increase of \$700 million for state education over the current year. Total budgetary requests are for \$2.5 billion.

What disturbed the non-public school educators was the fact that the Regents' requested additional

support for public school children only.

Msgr. Costello said the Regents had heard testimony, back in September that 57 out of every 100 Catholic School pupils in New York State reside in the Big Six Cities (Albany, Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester, New York, Yonkers) and it is these urban areas which the Regents particularly pointed out as in greatest need.

Since the Regents have recognized the crisis in urban schools, and in fact they cite the "crisis in urban schools" as among the factors to be considered in the overall study of re-financing for education, the non-public school educators were astounded to find such a large segment of New York State's students excluded from the Regents' concern.

"While the Regents have proposed programs to meet the needs of urban education," said Msgr. Costello, "they have failed to recognize and provide for the urban child whose parents elect a non-public school."

New Eucharistic Prayer May Be Used This Sunday

The Courier-Journal is reprinting below Eucharistic Prayer III, one of the three new canons for the Mass. This particular canon is recommended for Sunday and Feast Day Masses and we urge all to clip it out and use it at Sunday's Masses until missalettes and other printed versions of the canons are available.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

First Acclamation of the People
Praise to the Holy Father

Holy, Holy, Holy . . .
Father, You are holy indeed, and all creation rightly gives You praise. All life, all holiness comes from You.
Through Your son, Jesus Christ Our Lord,
by the working of the Holy Spirit,
From age to age you gather a people to Yourself,
so that from East to West
a perfect offering may be made to the glory of Your name.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit
And so, Father, we bring you these gifts, creation rightly gives You praise. All life, all holiness comes from You.
Through Your son, Jesus Christ Our Lord,
by the working of the Holy Spirit,
From age to age you gather a people to Yourself,
so that from East to West
a perfect offering may be made to the glory of Your name.

The Lord's Supper

On the night He was betrayed,
He took bread and gave You thanks and praise.
He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said:
Take this, all of you, and eat it:
This is my body which will be given up for you.
When supper was ended, He took the cup.
He gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said:
Take this, all of you, and drink from this is the cup of my blood,
The blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for you and for all men
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.

Memorial Acclamation of the People
PRIEST: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
PEOPLE: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

The Memorial Prayer

Father, calling to mind the death, Your son endured for our salvation,
His glorious Resurrection and ascension into heaven,
And ready to greet Him when He comes again,

We offer you in Thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice. Look with favor on Your church's offering, and see the victim whose death has reconciled us to Yourself.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit
Grant that we, who are nourished by His body and blood may be filled with His holy spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ.

Intercessions: In Communion With the Saints

May He make us an everlasting gift to You and enable us to share in the inheritance of Your saints, with Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, with the Apostles, the martyrs, (name) and all Your saints, on whose constant intercession we rely for help.

For the Church

Lord, may this sacrifice, which has made our peace with You, advance the peace and salvation of all the world.
Strengthen in faith and love your pilgrim church on earth:
Your servant, Pope Paul, our Bishop Fulton,
And all the bishops, with the clergy and the entire people Your son has gained for You. Father, hear the prayers of the family You have gathered here before You.
In mercy and love unite all Your children wherever they may be.

For the Dead

Welcome into Your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in Your friendship.
We hope to enjoy for ever the vision of Your glory, through Christ Our Lord, from whom all good things come.

Concluding Doxology

Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. All reply: Amen.