



**Dutch Journalism and the Church**

**Amsterdam — (NC)** — Dutch Catholic journalists have declared that communication between their medias and the Church "is, to a large extent, blocked by ecclesiastical authorities — especially in the center of the world Church."

The journalists claimed in a statement last week that Church authorities apparently have a defective "understanding" of the work and "specific responsibility of the Catholic journalist."

They said that "withholding of information," by church leaders, and "attempts to veil the truth about news facts that happen in the Church lead to incorrect reporting and as a consequence, to a faulty development of opinion."

The statement was the journalists' reaction to a speech given by Pope Paul VI in November. The Pope told officials of the International Catholic Union of the Press that the Church "expects a veritable positive collaboration" of the Catholic press, and he warned against "troubling and confusing the immense mass of the good faithful."

The Dutch statement said that it is the Catholic journalist's conscience — "which tries to discover Christ's plans for His Church in this time" — that must decide "how, and to what extent, he must mention those opinions within the Church that are still disputed."

Signing the statement were the editors of the Dutch Catholic newspapers, of KRO (a Catholic radio and television company), of KNP (the Dutch Catholic news agency) and of De Nieuwe Linie, a Catholic weekly.

**Priests Protest Activism Ban**

**Tucuman, Argentina — (NC)** — Thirteen priests of the Tucuman archdiocese have complained to their archbishop about his banning priests from unauthorized political activism.

The priests' letter to Archbishop Juan Carlos Aramburu, of Buenos Aires said his order threatened to turn the Argentine Church into a "Church of Silence." They asked Archbishop Aramburu how he could expect priests to remain silent about the realities.

A number of priests in the Tucuman archdiocese have joined sugar mill workers in demonstrating for back wages and against the closing of sugar mills. Most of the million people in Tucuman province depend on the sugar industry. Hundreds of workers have lost their jobs through a cutback in production, caused in part by falling prices on the world markets.

**School Criticism Felt in London**

**London — (NC)** — The Westminster archdiocese has stopped spending money because it is nearly two million pounds (\$5 million) in debt.

John Cardinal Heenan, in an unprecedented statement explaining that this was due largely to Catholic education, hinted that school building might have to be abandoned.

The present deficit is expected to rise by another \$2 million by the end of next year.

The archdiocese has a heavy bank overdraft and has borrowed from the government, insurance companies and various diocesan accounts, all of which involve interest and ultimate repayment, the Cardinal noted. Two-thirds of all revenue goes to the Catholic schools.

**Fiji Islanders Bury the Hatchet**

**Nabala, Fiji — (NC)** — Native Catholics and Methodists are burying the hatchet under a series of ecumenical services.

Whole villages belong to one or the other church, as a result of bitter tribal wars that predated the Christian mission era.

"The killings ended early this century," Columbian Father James Shiffer explained, "but mistrust and prejudice remained." The interfaith worship approach was tried.

Father Shiffer reported that "entire villages attended, along with Fijian chiefs and government officials. We had to spread mats outside to accommodate the overflow."

"A old chief summed up the spirit," Father Shiffer said. "As he rose to speak, the people lapsed into a respectful silence. He spoke of the old wars and misunderstandings and concluded, 'It is good that we are no longer strangers.'"

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**Albany Gets New Bishop**

**Vatican City — (RNS)** — Pope Paul has named Bishop Edwin B. Broderick to be the eighth bishop of the Albany, N.Y., diocese. Until his appointment Bishop Broderick was an Auxiliary of Archbishop Terence Cooke of New York.

The Albany diocese became vacant with the death on Jan. 5 of Bishop William A. Scully who had been in failing health since January of 1966. During that time Bishop Edward J. Maginn had served as Apostolic Administrator of the Albany See.

(Two days before the appointment of Bishop Broderick was announced, priests and laymen representing the Albany Committee on Episcopal Succession had met in Washington, D.C., with Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, the Apostolic Delegate. They presented a list of candidates for the next bishop of Albany.

(The Albany representatives then expressed hope that 72-year-old Bishop Maginn would be appointed ordinary of the diocese with the understanding he would resign in three years at the mandatory retirement age of 75.)

Bishop Broderick, 52, was episcopal vicar for Westchester County in the New York archdiocese. From 1964-68 he served as rector of St. Joseph's Seminary at Dunwoodie in Yonkers, N.Y.

Ordained in 1942, Bishop Broderick was named in 1947 to the staff of St. Patrick's Cathedral and from 1951-54 served as the first director of communications for the archdiocese. During that period he founded the Catholic Apostolate for Radio, TV and Advertising.



**New Head of Albany Diocese**

Bishop Edwin B. Broderick, the newly named head of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, N.Y., speaks with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Broderick of the Bronx at a luncheon in New York City on the day Vatican announced his appointment. The 52-year-old auxiliary bishop of New York attended a luncheon honoring a classmate, Msgr. John L. Guido. (RNS)

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