

# WEEK'S NEWS IN REVIEW

## Nixon Statement Praised

The Vatican City weekly has praised President Nixon's policy statement on Vietnam (May 14), calling it "a positive contribution to this prolonged and painful problem."

The weekly, *L'Osservatore della Domenica*, noted that the president's proposal that U.S. troops and North Vietnamese troops be withdrawn from South Vietnam within a year had been rejected by Hanoi. The article, signed by Federico Alessandrini, asserted that the U.S. policy in Vietnam is based on "helping South Vietnam protect its liberty from the communist threat."

## All-Africa Bishops to Meet

Thirty-two cardinals and bishops representing all national and regional bishops' conferences of Africa will meet in Gaba at the Pastoral Institute of Eastern Africa, July 28-30, for the first All-Africa Episcopal Symposium on problems of the Church on the continent.

The symposium was originally scheduled to take place in April but was postponed to coincide with the visit of Pope Paul VI to Uganda. It is hoped here that Pope Paul will address the meeting of the bishops at the close of the three-day sessions.

Host will be Laurean Cardinal Rugambwa of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

## More Preparation for Pope's Visit

Namugongo, Uganda—(NC)—With government assistance, early work on the construction of the new \$280,000 shrine to the Uganda Martyrs here will be speeded so that the foundations, flooring and steel structure of the edifice will be completed in time for the arrival of Pope Paul VI, July 31, on his historic visit to this country.

Pope Paul is expected to consecrate the site of the new shrine during his visit.

The altar in the martyrs' shrine will be built in Kampala. It will be a solid wooden block with steel legs. The relics of the martyrs will be placed in a glass enclosed case at the front of the altar.

## 'Demonstrate' for God

About 800 youths "demonstrated for God" at a colorful missionary rally in the Civic Arena in Pittsburgh.

The group, mostly teenagers, were part of a crowd of nearly 10,000 attending the final service of the Christian and Missionary Alliance's annual General Council.

They stepped solemnly forward at the close of the service to show their "availability to get involved in Christian witness."

Their action followed challenges, sounded by missionaries for more overseas workers. The Alliance is a 1,300-church denomination noted for its missionary emphasis, with a task force of some 850 serving in more than two dozen countries.

## People

Terence Cardinal Cooke of New York officiated (May 25) at a religious service in the White House, during which he offered a blessing and delivered a sermon. Cardinal Cooke is the first Catholic priest to preside at the East Room Sunday services initiated by President Nixon. . . . A layman has been named president of the Catholic University of Puerto Rico. The first layman and the first Puerto Rican to head the school, Dr. Francisco J. Carreras will assume his new post on July 1, taking over the office now held by Msgr. Theodore E. McCarrick.



**Tiny Picket**

A toddler does her part as she carries a picket sign during a demonstration outside a supermarket by the San Francisco Archdiocesan Social Justice Commission. The picketing was part of International Grape Boycott Day, in support of the striking farm workers. (RNS)

## Buffalo Bishop Defers Action

Buffalo—(NC)—In his first appearance before the three-year-old diocesan Priests' Senate (May 22) Bishop James A. McNulty of Buffalo deferred action by the organization until Fall.

His action precluded an anticipated Senate discussion over a personnel board proposed to aid in the assignment of priests. The bishop is reportedly cool to this idea.

Also expected was discussion over the ouster of Father Gerald R. Forton, who resigned May 12 as editor-in-chief of the *Magnificat*, diocesan newspaper. Father Forton's resignation was sought by Bishop McNulty after the two differed over editorial policy.

## 13 Magazines Win Citations

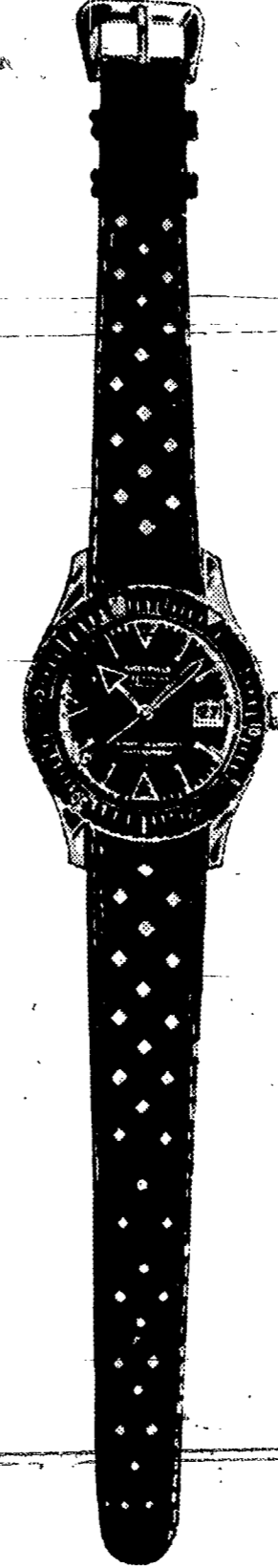
Atlanta—(RNS)—A total of 20 awards, including 8 for general excellence, were shared by 13 Catholic magazines at the 1969 convention of the Catholic Press Association here.

The top winner, with four awards including a general excellence citation, was the *St. Anthony Messenger*, a Franciscan monthly publication. It was cited for the best short story "A Child's Game" by Annetta Sanford; the best piece of an analytical or interpretive reporting, "The Navajo Indian Today" by Norman Perry, O.F.M. and the best piece of persuasion, "Let's Put an End to the Country Club Church" by John E. Hansan.

Thought magazine, a quarterly published at Fordham University, shared with the *St. Anthony Messenger* the general excellence award in the category of general interest magazines. Thought was also cited for the best piece of artistic criticism: "Thoreau's Epic o' Cape Cod" by John J. McAleer.

Three other magazines received two awards each: *Sign* for the best four-color and single-color covers, U.S. *Catholic Jubilee* for the best two- or three-color cover and the best photostory originating with the magazine and America for the best poetry and the article making the greatest contribution to ecumenism.

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## Eleven Newspapers Share Catholic Press Awards

Atlanta—(RNS)—Top awards for general excellence in their respective circulation categories were presented here by the Catholic Press Association to the Long Island—Catholic, Rockville Centre, N.Y.; the defunct Oklahoma Courier, Oklahoma City and the B.C. Catholic, Vancouver, B.C.

Awards in 12 categories were shared by 11 diocesan weekly newspapers at the CPA's 1969 annual convention—the first held jointly with the predominantly Protestant Associated Church Press.

The *St. Louis Review* captured three citations for best front page, best human interest feature story and best editorial page or section.

Among the double award winners was a paper which ceased publication in April, the *Oklahoma Courier*. Besides its general excellence award, it was cited for the best campaign in the public interest: a report on "Racism in Oklahoma."

The Long Island Catholic, cited for general excellence in the over-45,000 circulation category, also received an award for the best news story originating with the paper: reports on the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Photo awards went to *Magnificat* (Buffalo, N.Y.) for a single photo, "The Thinkers" by Lou Harasty and to the *Catholic Star Herald* (Camden, N.J.) for a photo story, "The Inner City."

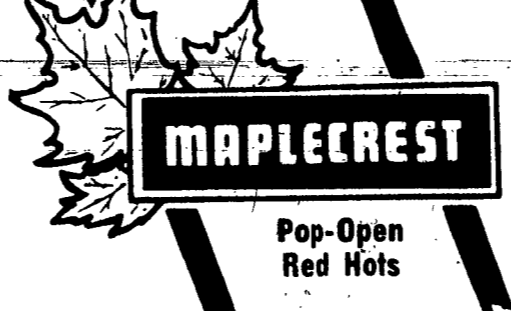
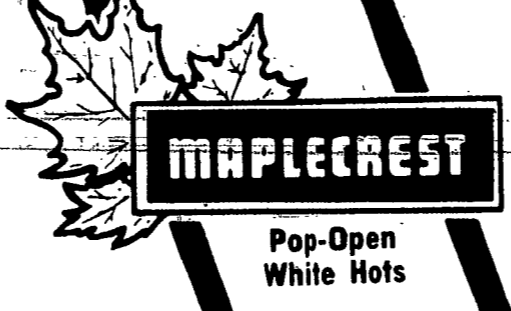
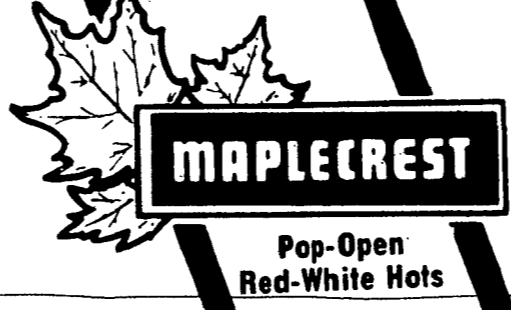
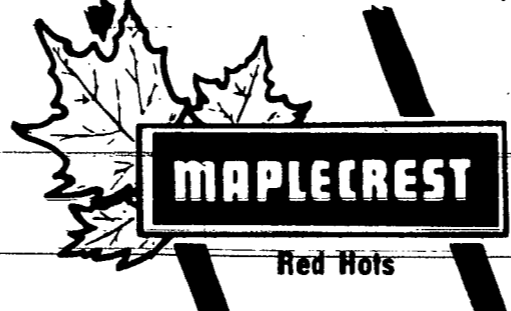
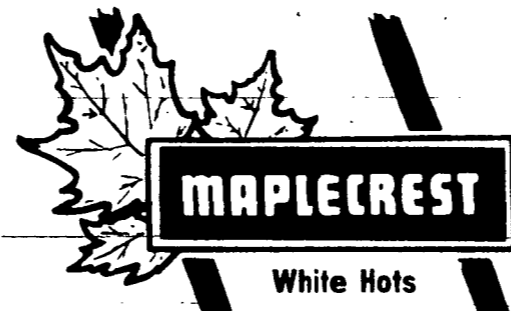
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