



Women of Uganda

Pope Paul VI will visit Kampala, Uganda, in late July to dedicate an altar to the 22 Martyrs of Uganda and address a meeting of African bishops. The African country is a land of vivid contrasts as seen in three studies of native women: left to right, a Bannabikira nun at prayer in the motherhouse of the congregation; a women's club member plait a basket at the Mascoli village community center, equipped by UNICEF to raise the educational and nutritional level of the urbanized Ugandan; a mother and child of the Kamarmoja tribe are typical of the rural population. (RNS)

Schedule for Pope's Trip to Uganda

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI's African pilgrimage — taking up three full days instead of the two earlier announced — will include an ecumenical encounter at the hill where Catholic and Anglican Africans died together for their common fidelity to Christ.

The Pope will also meet the Ugandan government leaders and parliament, several hundred bishops from throughout Africa, and some of the neediest and most deprived Africans in centers of social assistance.

On the hill where 13 Catholics and 15 Anglicans burned to death in 1886 rather than deny their Christian faith, the Pope will baptize a group of catechumens.

All this emerged from the program of the Pope's pilgrimage published (May 27) by the Holy See.

From the flying time allotted the Pope's plane in the schedule, 6½ hours from Rome to Entebbe, it seems unlikely that he will make any stops along the way.

There had been talk that he might stop in Alexandria, Egypt, at the invitation of Coptic Christians there. And the Sudanese government—since fallen in a coup d'état—had invited him to touch down at Khartoum.

The published schedule begins with the Pope's departure from Rome's Fiumicino Airport at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, July 31. It ends with his departure from Uganda at an unspecified time Saturday night, Aug. 2.

The Pope is due to arrive July 31 in Entebbe, about 25 miles from Kampala, where he will spend most of his time.

The schedule:

6 p.m. — Closing ceremony of the

meeting of the bishops of Africa. (This will take place at Gabe, a suburb of Kampala, in the pastoral center of eastern Africa.)

7 p.m.—Visit to the president of the republic, Dr. Milton Obote.

AUG. 1: 9 a.m.—At Kololo Terrace, Mass concelebrated by the Pope and representatives of the bishops of Africa.

12 noon—In the parliament house, meeting with the heads of state, the diplomatic corps and the members of parliament.

4 p.m. — Visit to social institutions and welfare centers.

AUG. 2: 8 a.m. — Departure for the sanctuary of Namugongo. (Namugongo, which roughly translated means "that hill," was the site of the execution on May 27, 1886, of Anglican and Catholic men and boys. The Catholics were among the 22 Ugandan martyrs canonized by Pope Paul in 1964.)

U.S. Layman to Travel With Pope to Geneva

Vatican City — (RNS)—An American layman and a Canadian cardinal will accompany Pope Paul VI on his trip to Geneva where the pontiff will address the International Labor Organization and confer with leaders of the World Council of Churches.

A Vatican announcement indicated that experts in many fields will be in the Pope's entourage when he makes his one-day visit to Geneva June 10.

Among them will be James J. Norris, Catholic Relief Services executive from the United States, and Maurice Cardinal Roy of Quebec. Cardinal Roy is president of the Pontifical Commission on Justice and

Peace and Norris is a member of that commission.

In designating Norris, Pope Paul gives another honor to a much-honored American layman who has spent more than 30 years of service to the Church. In addition to his Catholic Relief Services work, Norris has been president of the International Catholic Migration Conference.

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End Cuba Embargo, Colombia Bishop Asks

Buenaventura, Colombia — (NC)—The appeal of the Cuban bishops for the lifting of the trade embargo on their country by the American states has been endorsed by Bishop Gerardo Valencia Cano, vicar apostolic of Buenaventura.

The bishop, in a radio talk, said the "excommunication" of Cuba by other American nations since 1964, is "ironic," in view of the fact that these governments appear to be "more papist than the Pope, because the Holy See still maintains diplomatic relations with Cuba."

The Cuban bishops, in a joint pastoral letter in April, asked leaders in other American countries to seek an end to the five-year-old blockade of their country. The bishops said that there were critical shortages of basic foodstuffs and medicines among their people.

In 1964, the Organization of American States recommended that its members break diplomatic and trade relations with Cuba after Venezuela and other countries complained that the Cuban government was directly aiding Communist guerrillas in their lands. Blockade, however, excluded "humanitarian grounds," medicines and several non-strategic classes of goods.

tion. It is reported that Father Neto's body had three bullet wounds in the head and a wound in the throat, in addition to the rope lacerations caused by the hanging.

Among those who attended the funeral rites was Bishop Aloisio Lorscheider, O.F.M., of Santo Angelo, the general secretary of the Brazilian Bishops Conference.

At the requiem Mass for Father Neto, Archbishop Camara declared: "In this church we swear our allegiance to the struggle for the material and spiritual liberation of our people." From the pews the congregation responded: "We swear it."

U.S., Latin Bishops Talk Social Reform

Caracas, Venezuela — (NC) — A mixed committee of bishops from Latin America and the United States met here June 3-5 to discuss ways of implementing the Medellín guidelines on Church renewal and social reform.

An announcement of the meeting, issued by the Latin American Bishops Council (CELAM) secretariat in Bogotá, cited "a common feeling that the (Medellin) pastoral guidelines of the second general assembly of the Latin American bishops (last September) touch upon vital points for both the Church in Latin America and the Church in the United States."

The meeting was the fourth of its kind since 1965 between the U.S. bishops and CELAM delegates.

Arrangements for the meeting were handled by Bishop Eduardo Pironio, general secretary of CELAM, and by Bishop Joseph L. Bernardin, general secretary of the U.S. National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

On the agenda were a review of the work done under various programs of inter-American cooperation

between the Church in the U.S. and in Latin America — particularly in the fields of Religious and lay personnel, scholarships, and special projects — and the impact that secular affairs such as foreign policy, economics and culture have on religious issues and development.

Among the U.S. delegates to the Caracas meeting are: John Cardinal Dearden of Detroit, president, NCCB; John Cardinal Krol of Philadelphia, vice president, NCCB; John Cardinal Cody of Chicago, treasurer, NCCB, and Bishop Bernardin.

In Brazil:

Archbishop Charges Reactionaries With Murder of Priest

Recife, Brazil — (NC) — Archbishop Helder Camara of Olinda and Recife has charged that reactionary groups in Brazil are responsible for the murder of a close priest-friend.

The body of the priest, Father Henrique Pereira Neto, was found hanging from a tree on the campus of the University of Recife.

Father Neto, a sociology teacher and an aide of Archbishop Camara for youth affairs, had become very popular and was a friend of student leaders in Recife.

Following the death of Father Neto, Archbishop Camara said that Brazil's reactionary groups are convinced of their mission to save Western and Christian civilization and are killing those who they feel are a danger.

The archbishop said that there is a list of more than 30 persons in Recife who have been condemned to death by the ultraconservatives.

The chief suspect in Father Neto's murder is a terrorist organization called the Communist Hunt Command, whose members include ultra-conservative elements in the Brazilian armed forces. The organization considers progressive priests more dangerous than Communists.

Four gunmen who machinegunned the home of Archbishop Camara last October are believed to be members of the same group. A few days before that attack, the walls of the archbishop's house were covered by signs accusing him of being a "Communist" and a "traitor."

Archbishop Camara, an outspoken foe of social and economic injustices in Brazil, has launched a nonviolent social reform movement called Action, Justice and Peace.

Nearly 5,000 persons, singing hymns and the Brazilian anthem, walked in an eight-mile funeral procession behind the coffin bearing Father Neto's body. Police confiscated posters carried by students demanding that the murderers be brought to justice, but otherwise the funeral ceremony was peaceful, as the crowd heeded Archbishop Camara's plea in his brief eulogy to avoid violence.

As the priest's body was lowered into its grave, however, the mourners showed their feelings by waving white handkerchiefs.

Police officials here distributed a statement promising a full investigation.

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