

Church Loses Battle in Africa but Gains Friends

GWELO, Rhodesia — (NC)—Despite the condemnation by Catholic and Protestant church leaders of proposals for a new Rhodesian constitution, a predominantly white electorate gave overwhelming approval for a constitution that would institute an apartheid-like way of life in this country.

The approval in a special referendum June 20 was a victory for Prime Minister Ian D. Smith, whose government unilaterally proclaimed its independence from Britain in November 1965.

Voters also approved a proposal to proclaim Rhodesia a republic and to cut the formal ties that remain with the British monarch.

The way is now clear for the government to introduce its proposed constitution in parliament.

In early June the country's five Catholic bishops "publicly condemned" the constitutional proposals as "irreconcilable with God's Law." Protestant church leaders had described the proposed constitution as "a potential tool of tyranny."

Although this ecclesiastical condemnation of the proposed new constitution may not have made much impact on referendum day, it is of tremendous significance for the future of Christianity in Rhodesia and the whole of Africa.

This is particularly true for the 1,200-word pastoral message, "A Call to Christians," issued by the Catholic bishops of Rhodesia.

Although the Catholic bishops had signed a document worked out by the leaders of most Protestant churches, they felt compelled to issue a fur-

ther statement of their own, which was less ambiguous than the interdenominational "Message and Appeal from Church Leaders."

The thousands of African Christians in Rhodesia who had been hoping patiently for a word from their Church leaders are pleased, comforted and "proud of our bishops."

The white Christians on the other hand, especially the 25,000 Catholics, who had been praying nervously that they be spared an episcopal statement this time, were embarrassed and bewildered. Most of the outcries against "the clerics who meddle into politics" are addressed to the Catholic Church, and the dilemma of Rhodesia's white Catholics is therefore bigger than that of the white Protestants.

Now that the church leaders of Rhodesia have spoken—and the Catholic bishops have spoken clearly—Christians in the rest of black Africa have new hopes for their own local churches and gained new confidence that Christianity is not an imperialist import in Africa.

"The Christian faith has become more credible in Rhodesia and the whole of Africa," said Garfield Todd, a former prime minister of Rhodesia. He added: "This is especially due to the bold statement of the Catholic bishops of this country. Their pastoral message has cleared the air and opened up a new future for the Church in Rhodesia."

Scoring points for the Catholic Church in the rest of black Africa or even for the black African population in Rhodesia was, however, of no concern for

the five Rhodesian bishops when they wrote their joint pastoral. They had the constitutional proposals before them, which, in their opinion, were in direct conflict with the "constitution" God had given to all men. The bishops, faithful to their teaching office, felt conscience-bound to explain to Catholics "and all men of goodwill" the serious moral implications of their vote in the referendum.

The first reaction of Rhodesia's white Catholics to the pastoral was a numb silence. Gradually, the abject letters appeared in the daily press, in which Catholics publicly disapproved of their bishops' "meddling." Letters were also sent to individual bishops in which Catholics announced their "resignation" from the Catholic Church.

One morning, the base of the large crucifix which stands in front of the Catholic cathedral in Salisbury was covered with 18 election posters of the Rhodesian Front party, proclaiming "Rhodesia First. Vote Yes." This was, obviously, in protest against the bishops' statement.

The bishops' pastoral certainly put Rhodesia's white Catholics to a test of loyalty on referendum day. After the clear statement that "the proposals for the new constitution are in many respects completely contrary to Christian teaching," the white Catholic voters had to decide between party allegiance—most of them belong to Ian Smith's Rhodesian Front—and the loyalty toward their bishops and their Church.

The Dutch Reformed Church (DRC), which did not sign the Protestant leaders' statement, came out with hostile words against the Catholic bishops' pronouncement. But the African congregations of the DRC in Salisbury soon complained that members and elders of the African Reformed Church had never been consulted and issued a statement that "as Africans in Rhodesia, we support the petition laid down by other Christian churches."

Open division also has plagued the Presbyterian Church. The moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Mashonaland signed the "Message and Appeal from Church Leaders," but his colleague in Bulawayo publicly disassociated himself from it.

In the Anglican Church there now exists a break-away group that calls itself "The Church of England in Southern Africa." Their stronghold is the small farming town of Fort Victoria, where they hold their services in a Dutch Reformed church. Their leader, the Rev. B. H. Wright, openly supports separate development and the Rhodesian Front.

At the end of another pastoral letter, "Peace Through Justice," which the Catholic bishops issued in 1961 on social justice for black Africans, they observed: "Some may find in this instruction, as they found ever in Our Lord's teaching, hard sayings, and may be tempted to walk no more with Him."

This temptation of Rhodesia's white Christians is today more real than it was eight years ago. But these weeks of trial have also brought great spiritual benefits to the Church of Rhodesia. As never before, Christians were confronted with the ultimate claim of Christianity. As the Salisbury Catholic monthly, The Shield, put it: "It's justice and love, or it's nothing."



State KC Deputies Greet Masonic Official

State Knights of Columbus deputies greet Masonic official at annual Communication of Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F&AM of New York State, in New York City. Greeting was in line with practice instituted by KC of inviting organization leaders to their annual convention. From left are: KC State Deputy James E. Foley; KC State Deputy-elect Wallace Stevenson; Edward Lawrence, Grand Master, Prince Hall Lodge.



Honored for Ecumenism

Catholicos Khoren I of the Armenian Holy See of Cilicia (Lebanon) receives Chrysostom Order in Washington for his service to ecumenism from Father Armand Jacopin of Byzantine Melkite Rite. He was cited especially for working toward closer Armenian-Catholic relations. Catholicos Khoren was on three-month tour of U.S., first visit of any head of Cilician See to North America. (RNS)



Layman Succeeds Nun as Head of College

Sister Gabrielle Jussion, RSCJ, outgoing president of College of the Sacred Heart, Newton, Mass., leads her successor, Dr. James J. Whalen, on tour of campus. Sister Gabrielle is leaving after 13 years as president. Dr. Whalen, now executive vice president of Ohio University, will be first layman to head one of 200 schools and colleges conducted by the Society of the Sacred Heart throughout the world. (RNS)

Soviet Invasion a Favor to Czechs?

The author of the following article is former head of the NC News Service Rome bureau, who recently spent several months in Czechoslovakia.

By MSGR. JAMES I. TUCEK (NC NEWS SERVICE)

The Czechs commonly say that the Russians did them a favor when they rolled in with their tanks one summer night in August 1968.

As far as the nation is concerned, the presence of the Soviet troops, which is armed invasion and armed occupation pure and simple, has given them a cause for national unity which they have not known since the national uprising against the Nazis in 1944.

The Communist government of Czechoslovakia is embarrassed and that increases the hopes of the general populace, who long ago became disenchanted with their Communist government yet saw no way out. The Russian invasion and subsequent bully tactics have made it clear to every Czech that his country has become one vast prison with the Russians as jailers.

As far as the Catholic Church is concerned, its position is strengthened. This is because the Church has been the greatest opponent of the Communists and now many former foes have become her friends and are quietly supporting her efforts, even in high and official places.

The unity which the Russian occupation has created in the Czechs is heartening and inspiring. It expresses itself mainly in a spirit of dignified non-cooperation.

For example, the day after Jan Palach's funeral (he was the university student who burned himself to death in protest over government censorship), one of the mourners with tears in his eyes said to me: "Did you see the funeral? The quiet and dignified procession of thousands of mourners was the greatest protest we could have made."

On the other hand, on May 29, the day after the young Pragans celebrated the victory of the Czech ice hockey team over the Russians by going on a rampage and burning out the Soviet Air Lines ticket office, everyone to whom I talked was ashamed of their "unworthy conduct."

President Dubcek went on the radio that night to talk to the nation and said that he understood how the young patriots felt but that their conduct was a shame to the nation.

Shortly after the August 1968 invasion—a leaflet—printed in tens of thousands found its way to every corner of the country. It was a "Ten Commandments of Non-Cooperation" which called for the removal of street signs in the cities and highway signs in the country and counseled everyone to give the

Judaism's Mobility Cited by Professor

South Orange, N.J.—(RNS)—Describing the story of Judaism in America as one of "swift upward mobility," a Yeshiva University professor claimed here that Jews in this country have achieved a position of importance disproportionate to their numerical percentage—a mere 2.9 of the total population.

Prof. Marshall Sklare made this estimate at a session of the Menorah Institute at Seton Hall University here.

Ninety Christians and Jews attended the institute from 20 states and Canada. Sister Rose Thering of Seton Hall, a co-director, said although it was the first time the institute was held at the school, she hoped it would be continued here.

Co-sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Institute for Judaean-Christian Studies, for institute was aimed at fostering a renewed vision of the Christian bond to the Jews by attempting to gain a deeper understanding of modern Jews and tracing the roots of the Church in Judaism.

In his opening remarks Msgr. John M. Oesterreicher, director of the Institute of Judaean-Christian Studies, said its main purpose was "to contribute to our self-understanding of the Church, for without this new self-understanding there can be no vision of the role of Jews in the history of salvation."

Prof. Sklare attributed the position of the Jews in America today to the way they

High-School Costs Cause Deficit

Buffalo — (NC) A report disclosed here that operation of the diocesan high school program was the chief cause for a \$2,483,277 deficit operation in the Buffalo diocese last year.

AUBURN, N.Y.

★ FIVE POINTS LIQUOR STORE Inc.
Phone AL 3-6051
64 Franklin St. Auburn, New York

OCKENDEN DAIRY
Golden Crown Premium Milk
"Auburn's Finest Dairy Products"
117 Dunning Ave. AL 3-7951

GENEVA, N.Y.
FINGER LAKES
laundries and Cleaners
COMPLETE HOME SERVICE
Diaper Service
Telephone 789-3300
511 Washington St. Geneva, N.Y.

Phone Established
2761-2847-1989
GENEVA MILK CO.
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS
W. North, Cor. Maple Street

JEFFERSON MOTOR INN
Famous for Fine Food Since 1894
Featuring: Regular Dinner, Every Night, Famous Gourmet Smorgasbord
SIX COURSE DINNER, Every Night Except Monday
Reservations Requested. Pleasant Satisfaction. Always Guaranteed
NEW HOTEL ANNEX
Plan On A Weekend in Watkins Glen • Call 525-2741

TRIPLE 5 STAMPS TOMMY KAIN'S
ATLANTIC SERVICE STATION
"THE ORIGINAL INDEPENDENT"
GAS - OIL - BATTERIES - LUBRICATION - WASHING
ACCESSORIES - TIRES - TUBES - ROAD SERVICE
MINOR REPAIRS
DAVIS and SIXTH STS. RE 2-9478

STONE'S RESTAURANT
WATKINS GLEN, N. Y.
Open Daily
Home Baking — Home Cooking
Just a Stone's Throw from the Post Office
Owners, Edna & Bob Stone

The House of Quality Home Furnishings
Fine Furniture By JAMESTOWN LOUNGE
CONANT BALL BIGELOW
DREXEL RUGS and BROADLOOM
HALLAGAN KARASTAN RUGS

J.P. & M. Sullivan
DISTINCTIVE FURNITURE • RUGS • DRAPERIES • APPLIANCES
ELMIRA, 115 E. WATER ST.

Your magic carpet in the Twin Tiers.
Over 10,000 square yards. Alexander-Smith, Bigelow, Cabin, Crafts...
Over 200 remnants and mill ends...
Shop at home
Monday and Friday till 9
Weekdays and Saturday till 5:00
A trained carpet estimator will call on you with a complete selection of samples from which to choose. No obligation.

elmira rug company
in Elmira
FOUR #328 THE MARBLE HALL (1 MILE SOUTH - WESTINGHOUSE CIRCLES) PHONE 722-9982

LOLL'S PHARMACY
R. C. LOLL, PHARMACIST
PRESCRIPTIONS
OUR MAIN BUSINESS
OPEN TILL 11 P.M. DAILY
903 DAVIS ST. ELMIRA
RE 2-6674

M. L. ALLEN & SON
Quality Furniture
Phone 6-8481 62 Bridge St. CORNING, N.Y.

A. W. BEILBY & SON
Funeral Home
139 Walnut St. Dial 6-9121 CORNING, N. Y.

KELLY REXALL DRUGS
"ABOVE ALL—A REAL DRUG STORE"
HAVE YOUR PHYSICIAN CALL
RE 2-0597
PRESCRIPTIONS DELIVERED
(Marion Mack, R.P.H.)
227 HOFFMAN ST. ELMIRA, N.Y.

SERVING LUNCHES 11:30 TO 2:30
DINNERS 5 P.M. TO 10 P.M.
ALA CARTE TILL 12:30 A.M.
CLOSED SUNDAYS

BUS HORIGAN'S TAVERN
DAVIS at SECOND ST.
ELMIRA, N. Y. 732-9381

POLISH IMPORTS
• CHERRY WISNOWKA • VODKA ZUBROWKA
GOLDWASSER • VODKA WYBOROWA
KRUPNIK HONEY LIQUEUR
From Czechoslovakia
Cherry - Blackberry - Raspberry - Strawberry
WINES BY JELINEK
\$2.15 4/5s Qt.
WE DELIVER Phone RE 2-0420

Jerry's Liquor Store
Jeremiah F. Hourihan, Prop.
1009 COLLEGE AVE. — ELMIRA

GAROSCIO'S
Tile & Marble
Real Clay Tile
Rubber - Asphalt Tile
RE 2-0252
414 W. SECOND ST.

STEPHEN BEDNAREK, Prop. G.H. & J.T. Kelly, Inc.
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING CONTRACTING
Fixtures and Supplies
115 WEST FIRST STREET
RE 3-9148

RUPTURE-EASER
A strong firm-fitting washable support for the lower back...
Double \$6.95
No fitting required

MISS KELLEHER WINS X-RAY SCHOOL PRIZE
Horne — Miss Diana Marie Kelleher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelleher of 67 Buffalo St., won the St. Michael's award given annually to the student who has the highest average for the two-year course at the St. James Mercy Hospital School of X-Ray Technology.

Vatican City — (NC) — A series of three Vatican stamps commemorating the coming visit to Africa by Pope Paul VI will be issued on July 31.
The stamps are worth 25, 55 and 250 Lire (4, 9 and 40 cents), and will be valid until Dec. 31, 1970.

Stamp Issue Will Mark Pope's Tour

RUPTURE-EASER
A strong firm-fitting washable support for the lower back...
Double \$6.95
No fitting required

GEROULD
PHARMACISTS
RE 3-6696
Delivery Service
130 S. MAIN ST. ELMIRA
F.T., F.M., Wm. R., P.I. and G. W. STEED
Professional Pharmacy

JEFFERSON MOTOR INN
Famous for Fine Food Since 1894
Featuring: Regular Dinner, Every Night, Famous Gourmet Smorgasbord
SIX COURSE DINNER, Every Night Except Monday
Reservations Requested. Pleasant Satisfaction. Always Guaranteed
NEW HOTEL ANNEX
Plan On A Weekend in Watkins Glen • Call 525-2741

TRIPLE 5 STAMPS TOMMY KAIN'S
ATLANTIC SERVICE STATION
"THE ORIGINAL INDEPENDENT"
GAS - OIL - BATTERIES - LUBRICATION - WASHING
ACCESSORIES - TIRES - TUBES - ROAD SERVICE
MINOR REPAIRS
DAVIS and SIXTH STS. RE 2-9478

STONE'S RESTAURANT
WATKINS GLEN, N. Y.
Open Daily
Home Baking — Home Cooking
Just a Stone's Throw from the Post Office
Owners, Edna & Bob Stone

The House of Quality Home Furnishings
Fine Furniture By JAMESTOWN LOUNGE
CONANT BALL BIGELOW
DREXEL RUGS and BROADLOOM
HALLAGAN KARASTAN RUGS

J.P. & M. Sullivan
DISTINCTIVE FURNITURE • RUGS • DRAPERIES • APPLIANCES
ELMIRA, 115 E. WATER ST.

Your magic carpet in the Twin Tiers.
Over 10,000 square yards. Alexander-Smith, Bigelow, Cabin, Crafts...
Over 200 remnants and mill ends...
Shop at home
Monday and Friday till 9
Weekdays and Saturday till 5:00
A trained carpet estimator will call on you with a complete selection of samples from which to choose. No obligation.

elmira rug company
in Elmira
FOUR #328 THE MARBLE HALL (1 MILE SOUTH - WESTINGHOUSE CIRCLES) PHONE 722-9982

LOLL'S PHARMACY
R. C. LOLL, PHARMACIST
PRESCRIPTIONS
OUR MAIN BUSINESS
OPEN TILL 11 P.M. DAILY
903 DAVIS ST. ELMIRA
RE 2-6674

M. L. ALLEN & SON
Quality Furniture
Phone 6-8481 62 Bridge St. CORNING, N.Y.

A. W. BEILBY & SON
Funeral Home
139 Walnut St. Dial 6-9121 CORNING, N. Y.

KELLY REXALL DRUGS
"ABOVE ALL—A REAL DRUG STORE"
HAVE YOUR PHYSICIAN CALL
RE 2-0597
PRESCRIPTIONS DELIVERED
(Marion Mack, R.P.H.)
227 HOFFMAN ST. ELMIRA, N.Y.

SERVING LUNCHES 11:30 TO 2:30
DINNERS 5 P.M. TO 10 P.M.
ALA CARTE TILL 12:30 A.M.
CLOSED SUNDAYS

BUS HORIGAN'S TAVERN
DAVIS at SECOND ST.
ELMIRA, N. Y. 732-9381

POLISH IMPORTS
• CHERRY WISNOWKA • VODKA ZUBROWKA
GOLDWASSER • VODKA WYBOROWA
KRUPNIK HONEY LIQUEUR
From Czechoslovakia
Cherry - Blackberry - Raspberry - Strawberry
WINES BY JELINEK
\$2.15 4/5s Qt.
WE DELIVER Phone RE 2-0420

Jerry's Liquor Store
Jeremiah F. Hourihan, Prop.
1009 COLLEGE AVE. — ELMIRA

GAROSCIO'S
Tile & Marble
Real Clay Tile
Rubber - Asphalt Tile
RE 2-0252
414 W. SECOND ST.

STEPHEN BEDNAREK, Prop. G.H. & J.T. Kelly, Inc.
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING CONTRACTING
Fixtures and Supplies
115 WEST FIRST STREET
RE 3-9148

RUPTURE-EASER
A strong firm-fitting washable support for the lower back...
Double \$6.95
No fitting required

MISS KELLEHER WINS X-RAY SCHOOL PRIZE
Horne — Miss Diana Marie Kelleher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelleher of 67 Buffalo St., won the St. Michael's award given annually to the student who has the highest average for the two-year course at the St. James Mercy Hospital School of X-Ray Technology.

Vatican City — (NC) — A series of three Vatican stamps commemorating the coming visit to Africa by Pope Paul VI will be issued on July 31.
The stamps are worth 25, 55 and 250 Lire (4, 9 and 40 cents), and will be valid until Dec. 31, 1970.

Stamp Issue Will Mark Pope's Tour