

What the 'Trouble' Is About

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usual response of the violently independent Irish was such as to provoke still more repression.

Optimists believed — in vain — that the Irish problem was resolved in 1921 with the division of Ireland into an independent state and a smaller United Kingdom enclave, Northern Ireland, or Ulster. (Although this name is often used as a synonym, Ulster is actually a province of the Republic of Ireland. Ulster was the early northeastern province of Ireland whose borders approximated those of Northern Ireland.)

The establishment of the Irish Free State — 26 of Ireland's 32 counties — came after a period of conflict as acute and bloody as any in English-Irish history. A home-rule bill, passed in 1914 but suspended during World War I, had been violently opposed by many Irish Protestants, who demanded separate status for Ulster, and the country was close to civil war.

Resentment of continued English rule encouraged the extremism of the Irish nationalists, and retaliatory English repression of nationalism only hardened the militance of groups

such as the Irish Republican Brotherhood, which led the bloody Easter Monday rising in Dublin in 1916. By the war's end the Irish Republican Army was engaged in continuing guerrilla warfare with the "Black and Tans," recruits from England.

The 1921 agreement was, in effect, a peace treaty, but within Northern Ireland there has been, at best, only a sullen absence of actual conflict between the Protestants and the Catholics, who are a one-third minority in a population of 1.5 million.

The mutual dislike — even hatred — flared into violence last October, when a civil-rights demonstration on behalf of Ulster's Catholics clashed with the largely Protestant police and with Protestant extremists.

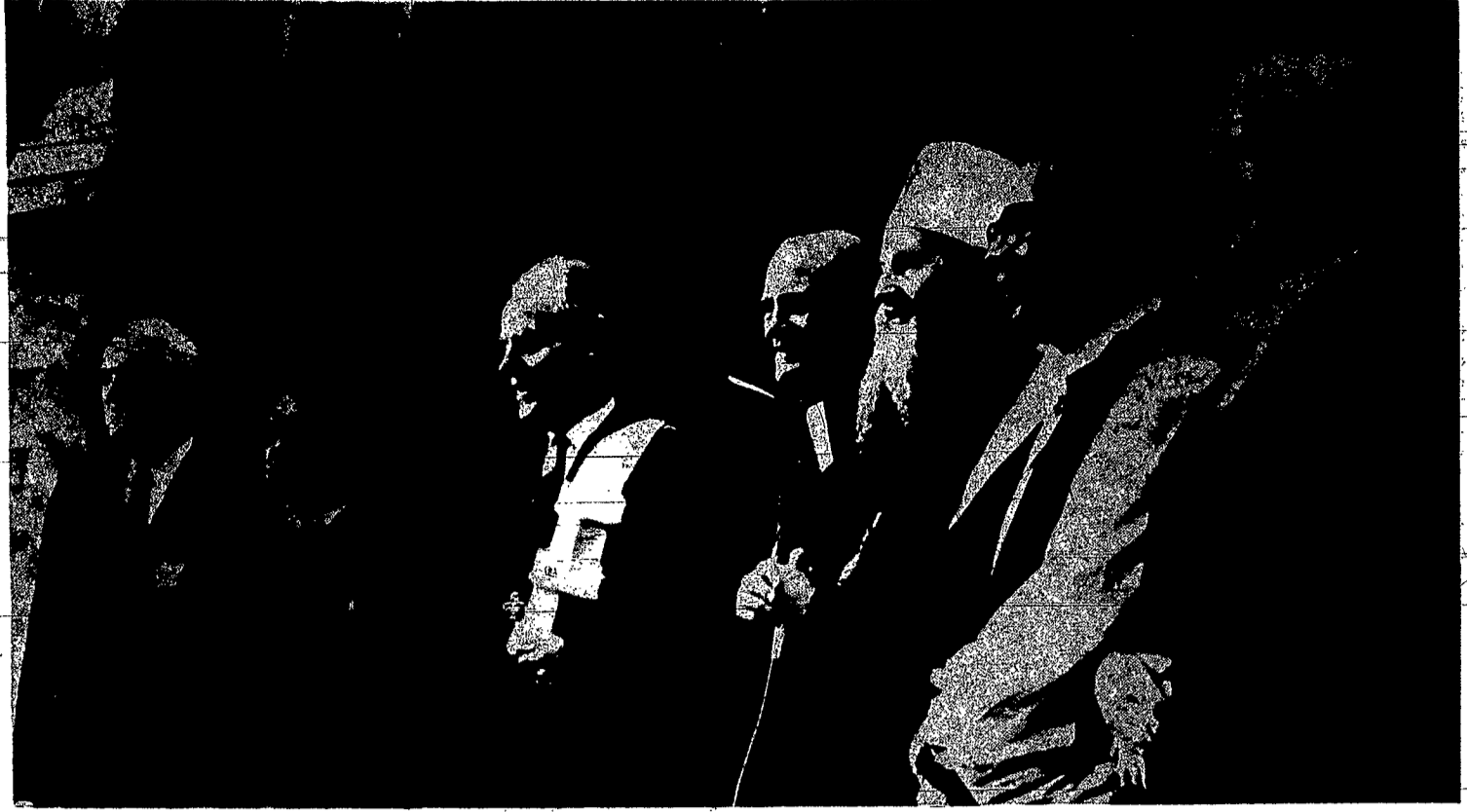
In political and social terms, members of the two religious faiths cite good reasons for their siege mentality. Catholics can vote according to their numbers in elections for the British and the Ulster Parliaments, but local voting has been restricted to property owners, most of whom are Protestant. Voting districts have been gerrymandered, and Catholics complain of discrimination in jobs and housing.

On the other hand, Protestants fear that if Catholics won equal rights, they would use them to end the ties to Britain and would unite Ulster with the overwhelmingly Catholic republic in the south.

Though Protestants still outnumber Catholics here by 2 to 1, they fear the long-run implications of a high Catholic birth rate. They hold up the banner of the status quo with the slogan "Home rule is Rome rule."

Basically the Catholics sought the end of the segregated society that has discriminated against them in such areas as jobs, housing and the vote. Promises of cautious reforms seemed only to tantalize the Catholics and outrage the Protestants. After a further outbreak of violence in April, and the loss of support in his party, the Prime Minister, Capt. Terence O'Neill, resigned.

The violence died temporarily with the replacement of Captain O'Neill by Maj. James D. Chichester Clark at the end of April, but it revived in July when Protestant groups began their traditional parades celebrating the 279th anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne, which brought a Protestant victory at Londonderry.



WCC Leaders At Canterbury

Top leaders of the World Council of Churches, including five of six presidents, pause outside Canterbury Cathedral before a worship service opening sessions of the policy-making WCC Central Committee. From left to right (a president unless otherwise noted) are: Dr. John Coventry Smith, U.S.A.; Dr. D. T. Niles, Ceylon; Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, honorary president; Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, general secretary; Patriarch German of the Serbian Orthodox Church (Yugoslavia); Bishop A. H. Zulu, South Africa, and Dr. Ernest A. Payne, England. (Religious News Service)

Bishop Pleads With Nixon on Biafra Help

New York — (RNS) — In an impassioned telegram to President Nixon, Bishop Edward E. Swannstrom, executive director of Catholic Relief Services, asked whether "something further" cannot be done for dying children in Biafra "before it is finally too late."

The bishop's telegram specifically mentioned a long-standing request by Joint Church Aid—USA, the American interfaith religious agency sending relief airlifts into Biafra, for additional C-97G transport jets to carry additional food and medicine. He noted that "dozens" of these craft, no longer being used by the government, are available.

"Are we about to allow once again the dull, staring eyes of dying Biafran children to silently but accusingly reproach us as they slip needlessly into the sleep of death before their time?" Bishop Swannstrom asked the president.

He noted that Red Cross flights have been suspended entirely and that "the present flight level to Biafra is woefully inadequate and incapable of stemming retrogression to the mass starvation of last Fall."

"Now that we have conquered the Moon," the telegram said, "what a gigantic stride for mankind it would be if we could halt the senseless starving to death of innocent children. The cost of our space men's back pack alone would finance one hundred mercy flights to Uli."

"The dozens of additional aircraft of the same type we use, unneeded by our government, are still being put aside to waste away. Our long-standing petition to Professor Clyde Ferguson (President Nixon's liaison with Biafra relief agencies) for two more C-97G's is still alive."

Pope Aided Ecumenism, Protestant Leader Says

(NC News Service)

Canterbury, England — Pope Paul VI's visit to the World Council of Churches' headquarters in Geneva in June helped the ecumenical movement, rather than hindered it as some churchmen have said, WCC general secretary Dr. Eugene Carson Blake said here Aug. 13.

Speaking at the opening business

Put Religion of Love To the Test, Pope Urges Rioting Irish

Castel Gandolfo — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI, in his first direct extended, public reference to the disturbances in Northern Ireland, supported the civil rights objectives of Roman Catholics there but urged them to seek their goals by non-violent means.

He said he had hoped that religion would never again be the cause of violence among men and noted that other "historical, social and political motives" are involved in the disturbances.

"Even if the aspiration to the recognition of equal civil rights for all citizens is beyond discussion," the Pope said, "one should never get there by means of violence or riots."

Referring pointedly to the fact that "those who are fighting each other are Christians," the Pope emphasized recent ecumenical activities in his pleas for a solution based on "justice and peace."

"Where would our ecumenical efforts lead to," he asked, "if the religion of love — far from provoking implacable struggles — could not, when put to the test, demonstrate as real and effective its requirements of reciprocal forgiveness and mutual concord?"

session of a 10-day meeting of the WCC's central committee, Dr. Blake, a U.S. Presbyterian, said Pope Paul had put the matter of Catholic membership in the WCC "officially on the agenda for the first time."

In his report to the central committee as general secretary, Dr. Blake singled out a remark of the Pope that has been criticized by some Protestants and Catholics. Pope Paul, by saying "We are Peter," had referred to the view that he is the literal successor to the Apostle Peter as the vicar of Christ.

Dr. Blake said: "I am very glad Pope Paul made his position clear and did not feel the necessity to disguise it with diplomatic glosses. In this he showed that he understood better than some others that the ecumenical movement requires honesty and truth from all. It is not to degenerate into an movement of mere politeness and tolerance."

After referring in the same annual report to rapidly developing cooperation between the churches, Dr. Blake said:

"All this, however, must be seen in relationship to many areas of the world, notably in Northern Ireland, where members of our churches reveal themselves as not having progressed in their ecumenical thinking from the dark centuries. The danger of polarization of attitudes is obvious."

Dr. Blake spoke as fighting prompted by religious animosity raged uncontrollably in Londonderry and was beginning to flare up in other sections of Northern Ireland.

POPE OFFERS TO MEDIATE

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI has offered to mediate in the border dispute between El Salvador and Honduras. L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily newspaper, said here.

Injunction Sought On Defense Dept. Grape Purchase

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — Cesar Chavez's striking United Farm Workers has filed federal suit for an injunction prohibiting the U.S. Defense Department from purchasing grapes in excess of its 1967 orders.

The union's lawyer, Marty Garbus of New York, accused the Department of being the "buyer of last resort of scab grapes" and "deliberately" attempting to break the strike and boycott of the Farm Workers.

The suit filed in the Federal District Court of Washington, D.C. alleges that the Defense Department has violated its own regulations to remain neutral in labor disputes and that its purchase of grapes for the present year will amount to 16 million pounds as compared with 6.9 million pounds last year.

The union has been conducting a nationwide boycott of table grapes in an effort to gain recognition as the bargaining agent of migrant farm workers.

The boycott effort, which has received the support of many church groups and clergymen, has brought about a 20 per cent reduction in grape sales in the 36 largest cities of the country, according to union spokesmen, and a 40 per cent reduction of such sales in New York City.

Communion Celebrated After Moon Landing

Houston — (RNS) — Bible reading by U.S. astronauts during space travel was defended by Colonel Michael Collins of the Apollo 11 crew as he appeared here on a nationwide television program.

Meanwhile, Colonel Edwin Aldrin, Jr. explained in a national magazine how he celebrated Holy Communion on the lunar surface.

Col. Collins, who piloted the command craft while Col. Aldrin and Neil Armstrong were on the moon, discussed a suit to ban religious practices by on-duty astronauts.

Mrs. Madalyn Murray O'Hair filed in an Austin Federal court to stop Bible reading or other religious practices by U.S. spacemen on the earth, in space or around the moon. She particularly objected to Col. Frank Borman reading from Genesis during the Apollo 8 flight last Christmas Eve and to religious observances on Apollo 11.

"Maybe we ought to say a prayer" for Mrs. O'Hair, said Col. Collins and "maybe she will see the light." Mrs. O'Hair's objection to prayer in public schools resulted in the 1963 Supreme Court action outlawing compulsory classroom prayers. She has won a hearing on the space issue.

Col. Aldrin's account of Communion on the moon appeared in

Life magazine. The astronaut said he stowed some Communion wine, bread and a chalice in the lunar module. After the module sat down, he took the elements from storage and placed them on a small table in front of the abort guidance-system computer.

The chalice was given to Col. Aldrin by Rev. Mr. Dean Woodruff of the Webster Presbyterian church here. The clergyman said earlier that the bread came from the loaf used by the Houston congregation on the Sunday of the moon walk.

In writing of his Communion, Col. Aldrin added:

"I offered some private prayers, but I find now that thoughts, feelings come into my memory instead of words. I was not so selfish as to include my family in those prayers, nor so spacious as to include the fate of the world. I was thinking more about our particular task, and the challenge and the opportunity that had been given us."

"I asked people to offer thanks in their own way, and it is my hope that people will keep this whole event in their minds and see beyond minor details and technical achievements to a deeper meaning behind it all: challenge, a quest, the human need to do these things and the need to recognize that we are all one mankind, under God."

Key Roles for Women In Canadian Parish

(NC News Service)

Oshawa, Ont. — At the 11 a.m. high Mass on Sundays at the French parish of L'Assomption de Notre-Dame here, it's not unusual to see a couple, dressed in white albs, serving the priest at the altar, a woman reading the Epistle, altar girls as well as altar boys (all dressed in white albs) in the sanctuary; and when necessary, a lay Brother helping to distribute Holy Communion to the people.

Also serving have been teams of brother and sister, father and daughter, mother and son, and engaged couples. The idea which first started with fathers and sons serving, is well received by most of the parishioners, said Mrs. Gilles Rousseil. She herself once served with her husband at an evening Mass. "We were proud to do it, there was a feeling of closeness to God," she said.

Mrs. I. Gilbert whose son has been serving as an altar-

boy, has her name on the list and hopes to serve with him at the fall Masses.

She herself has read the Epistle at Mass at least eight times. "I also think this is a good idea. People pay more attention when they see lay people reading. We are so used to priests reading in the past."

"People generally have accepted these changes and are very pleased," said the pastor, Oblate Father R. Sanschagrin. "Some are naturally a little shy at first, but are very proud to serve Mass." The entry procession and recessional include all lay servers, readers, altar boys and altar girls. Half of the epistle readers are women.

All Masses are in French and the whole congregation sings the high Mass, with such parts as the Gloria, Sanctus, Agnus Dei in French.

In charge of the liturgy is a group of men headed by chairman Leopold Bergeron. Two couples take up the Sunday collections.

Illinois Plans Study Of Parish School Needs

Springfield, Ill. — (NC) — already heavy burden on tax-payers, Gov. Richard B. Ogilvie is proposing legislation creating a commission to study the problem of aid to private and parochial schools.

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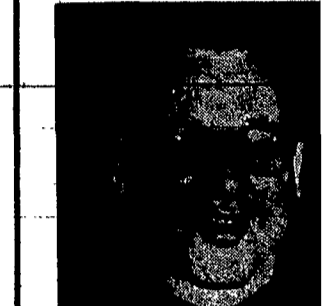
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Text of John Cardinal (13), honoring the three

To the age-old question, "To whom shall we be gathered today to proclaim that he is an inquirer, capable of our struggles and grave responsibilities?"

Today we proclaim "man" with Neil Armstrong traveled the paths of the moon.

Today we pray that he be more than "one" but a brave step to the moon, the sacrifices of so many, the links binding us on the earth.

Once before, men and women were a babe in the end result was a babe. Today let us commit our guaranteeing that we are our best men, to enrich history, the age of the angels," the Psalm over the work of your Name throughout the earth.

May All Live as I

Text of Terence C. come in honor of the A

O Lord of the Universe, three courageous men, in peace for all mankind.

We thank You, O Apollo 11 has given to us of vision and dedication and advanced the frontiers of man.

O Lord, here in the earth as the Astronaut human family. May we Apollo 11 to have the overcome poverty and live as brothers.

Grant us, O Lord, so that on the good progress for all men and women.

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scar on my arm trying to get my things in the house.

"But I found out it was possible. They had taken everything they set my house on fire. They even took the things. They left me and the nothing."

"And I had five little children and my husband was in prison camp. It was horrible."

As the years wore on, she conducted an investigation. The man who had ordered the task of salvaging the meager remains of their man and material.

Then, several weeks ago, a magazine broke the story that the German Army had passed along the execution of more than 100,000 German soldiers, auxiliary of Munich.

The bishop admitted that he had in the tragic years earlier and asked Filetto find it in their hearts to give him.

Within hours after the Filetto was besieged by an army. This time there were no uniforms.

It was an army of new people and Communist soldiers. The old wounds, scarred a quarter of a century, were ripped open. Left behind, right Communist underlings as well as Germany men, the bishop be tried for murder.

Others spent their time trying to wipe up hatred none of the villagers.