

U.N. Delays Irish Request

United Nations — (NC) — The Irish request that the United Nations General Assembly discuss the situation in strife-ridden Northern Ireland has been postponed.

The Assembly's general committee, which votes on the acceptability of new items, heard Ireland's Foreign Minister, Patrick J. Hillery, state that it is generally recognized that a large part of the population in Northern Ireland is being denied fundamental rights. He said the item should be dealt with in the Special Political Committee, because it has "political overtones" and involves relations between governments as well as peoples.

Lord Caradon of the United Kingdom reiterated the principle of non-intervention in domestic jurisdiction of a sovereign country. (Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom.) If the principle is violated, he said, no state would be free from similar allegations.

Lord Caradon argued that the United Kingdom is seeking a relaxation of tension in the area, and political debate in the UN would only prejudice his government's efforts. He then quoted at length from a statement of William Cardinal Conway of Armagh, Northern Ireland.

Cardinal Conway had stressed the need for a period of calm, warning that even a spark could produce an explosion. "It is therefore the solemn duty of every citizen to avoid doing anything or saying anything which could provoke that spark."



Refugee Cross

This wooden cross was erected at Houphouet-Boigny Stadium, Abidjan, Ivory Coast, marking the All Africa Conference of Churches Assembly program. The offering, collected at the bottom of the cross was designated for a refugee program at M'Boki, Central Africa Republic. This resettlement program for 20,000 Sudanese refugees is sponsored jointly by Roman Catholic and Protestant churches with the United Nations. (RNS)

'Manifesto' Response Debated

New York — (RNS) — Considerable controversy and apparent misunderstandings mushroomed in mid-September in the wake of Episcopal Church action in allocating \$200,000 for black economic development.

At stake is a question whether the Special Convention, concluded in South Bend, Ind., on Sept. 5 endorsed the Black Economic Development Conference (BEDC), which issued the Black Manifesto, demanding \$500 million in "reparations" from white churches.

Some local congregations have interpreted the convention action as supporting the BEDC and have vowed to cut donations to diocesan budgets.

Meanwhile, a special committee of five bishops named to head the drive held its first meeting. Bishop Charles F. Hall of New Hampshire, committee chairman, sent a letter to all denominational clergy saying the \$200,000 represents a "trust relationship" between blacks and whites and is a "positive answer" to the requests of black Episcopal clergy and laymen.

The issues hinge on a resolution passed at South Bend by both the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies of the Episcopal Church.

The convention stipulated that the National Committee of Black Churchmen (NCBC) would receive \$200,000, should the Executive Council approve it as disbursing of the funds.

Bishop Hall emphasized, as many of his fellow prelates around the U.S. were simultaneously doing, that the Special Convention had not accepted the Black Economic Development Conference's "concept of reparations."

"Reparations" and the ideology of the Black Manifesto were rejected, while the BEDC was given "recognition" as a "movement which is an expression of self-determination for the organizing of the black community in America."

Should NCBC goals be found in harmony with the scope of the Episcopal Special Program, the determination of whether BEDC receives all or part of the \$200,000 would presumably rest with the black churchmen's group.

Bishop Randolph R. Claiborne, Jr.,

of Atlanta and other Episcopal prelates, have issued letters stressing that no money will be asked from parish or diocesan budgets. The Georgia bishop said no funds would go from his diocese to the NCBC unless donors made the designation.

Coadjutor Bishop Harold Robinson of Western New York said that the convention-approved drive did not mean acceptance of the "rhetoric, tactics nor ideology" of a preamble

to the Black Manifesto. The preamble was written by James Forman, a chief BEDC spokesman.

The Western New York bishop observed that the Union of Episcopal Black Clergy and Laity had asked the denomination to "contribute money and moral support to BEDC." He added, "despite criticism to the contrary, most members of the convention were not motivated by the fear of blackmail or backlash."



Rare Privilege

Sister Sylvia Hammond, CSJ, distributes Holy Communion to an elderly Eskimo woman. Permission for the rare and unusual privilege was obtained from the Bishop Robert Whelan, S.J., of Fairbanks when he learned the nun and Sister Pauline Dib, C.S.J., were spending 10 weeks in remote areas of the diocese teaching catechism, arranging teachers' workshops and home visiting. Because there are far too few priests to cover the vast area, the nuns were able to distribute Holy Communion in the absence of a priest. (Religious News Service)

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Bishop Honors 2 Priests Killed in Auto Collision

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Owego state police said the westbound car carrying the priest was starting up a hill when the eastbound tractor-trailer veered out of control, crossed the center line and slammed into the car. The truck jackknifed and the trailer went up an embankment and rolled back down overturning upon the car. Both priests were pronounced dead on arrival at area hospitals. They suffered crushed chests.

Police later charged the truck driver, Homer Mott, 41, of Bradford, Pa., with reckless driving and with a labor law violation for not carrying a log book or time card. He was released from Tioga County jail on \$100 bail.

Among survivors of Father Mattie is his twin brother, Father Richard M. Mattie, assistant at St. Augustine's Church, Rochester. They went through school and were ordained together.

A cousin of Father Merkel, Msgr. Gerard Krieg, official of the Diocesan Tribunal in Rochester, described him as a priest to his fingertips, a fine priest who was responsible for many young men entering the priesthood. He was certainly instrumental in my vocation," Msgr. Krieg added.

Father Bartholomew O'Brien, Episcopal vicar for the Southern Vicariate and pastor of St. Mary Our Mother Church, Horseheads, described Father Merkel as "a man of brilliant intellect, whose zeal increased with age." Father Merkel was known around the diocese for the large number of converts he brought to the Church, and for the uniqueness of scripture courses he taught parishioners.

Father O'Brien noted that Father Mattie had served with

him for more than three years. He remembered him as "one of the kindest priests I've ever known." It always was a great joy to work with him," he said.

Father Merkel, born in 1907 in Rochester, was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Otto J. Merkel. He attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help School and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. He earned his master of arts degree at Niagara University in 1938 and his doctorate in philosophy there in 1941.

He was ordained June 11, 1931, by Bishop John F. O'Hern in St. Patrick's Cathedral Rochester.

His first appointment was as an instructor at Aquinas Institute, where he served for five years. He was named assistant at St. Mary's Church, Dansville, in 1937, and at St. Boniface Church in 1941. In 1942 he was appointed assistant at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, and in 1944 was transferred to assistant at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira.

During his stay in Elmira, Father Merkel did extensive work in convert instruction and also took extension courses from St. Bonaventure College and Alfred University leading toward his master's degree.

He was named pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Perkinsville, in 1951. While there he commuted to St. John Fisher College to teach English literature.

He was appointed pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Elmira Heights in 1954. He also served as a professor of religion in Elmira College.

Father Merkel is survived by five sisters and a brother, all living in the Rochester area.

They are Mrs. Anna Mae Tette, 28 Dakota St., Rochester; Agnes Merkel, 199 Grafton St., Rochester; Mrs. Kenneth (Rita) Dovan, 169 Brezeway, Irondequoit; Mrs. John Vezonski, 535 Norton St., Rochester; and Bernard Merkel, 220 Oneida St., Rochester.

Father David Mattie was born Oct. 17, 1932, in Hornell, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ignatius Mattie Sr. He attended St. Ann's School there, and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. He was ordained June 5, 1959, by Bishop James E. Kearney in Sacred Heart Cathedral.

His first assignment was as assistant at Holy Family Church, Rochester. He was transferred to SS. Peter & Paul Church, Elmira, on June 9, 1962.

He had been active in Elmira innercity activities, particularly in work with youth. He served as an adviser for two years in the ecumenical summer program in which high school and college students participated. He also was an adviser for an interracial group of teenagers formed about a year ago.

Besides his twin brother, Father Mattie is survived by three sisters, Mary Louise and Patricia, both of Hornell, and Mrs. Guy (Veronica) Casacci, 20 Woodbine Ave., Rochester, and another brother, Ignatius, of Hornell.

Auto Crash Kills Rochester Nun

Sister Mary John (Frances) Ruf, a Rochester native serving in the Buffalo Diocese, was killed Sept. 18 when the auto in which she and three other Sisters were riding collided with a dump truck near Wellsville, Allegany County. The other Sisters were injured.

State police said the truck driver, attempting to pass another car, swerved into the path of the Sisters' car.

Sister Mary John, 55, was a member of the Sisters of the Divine Child, whose motherhouse is in Belmont, N.Y., near Wellsville. The order conducts catechetical centers in villages throughout the diocese.

From 1965 until last June Sister Mary John was mother superior of the Sisters at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Rochester. Msgr. Joseph Curcione, pastor, said she had a special concern for poor families and individuals.

She attended Holy Family School, Rochester, and was graduated from St. Joseph's Commercial School. She was working at a children's day nursery when, in 1934, she entered the Franciscan Missionary Sisters. While at St. Francis she taught children at Schools 17 and 21.

Sister Mary John's survivors include a sister, Mrs. Ralph (Eva) Boothby; a brother, Conrad J. Ruf; three aunts, two nephews, a niece and two grand-nieces.

Auburn Plans Series On Catholic Information

Auburn — A Catholic Information Lecture Series will be held on ten consecutive Wednesday nights beginning Oct. 1 in Mt. Carmel High School here.

Sponsored by the adult division of the Eastern Vicariate Office for Christian Formation, the series will be conducted by William J. McMahon, a 1965 graduate of the Institute of Lay Theology in San Francisco.

Arrangements are being handled by Father John J. Glogowski, OCF coordinator. He said the lecture series will be

held each evening from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Fee for the series is \$2.50 per person. The public is invited to attend.

Series topics are listed as follows:

- God in Our Lives; Man; Problems of Suffering and Death; Prayer; Relationship between God and Man; Creation and Sin; Salvation History; Covenant; Moses, David, Jeremiah; Jesus the Christ; The Church of Christ; The Sacrament; Personal Contact with Jesus; The Commandments; The Christian Commandment.

CARDINAL WRIGHT GIVEN NEW JOB

Vatican City (RNS) — John Cardinal Wright, formerly Bishop of Pittsburgh who is now prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Clergy, was one of four prelates appointed by Pope Paul VI to the Pontifical Commission for the Revision of the Code of Canon Law.

METHODIST BISHOPS RECEIVED BY POPE

Castel Gandolfo (RNS) — Two Methodist bishops, returning from the Catholic-Methodist dialogue in Malta, were received in audience here by Pope Paul VI. They were Bishop Odd Hagen of Norway, president of the Methodist World Council, and retired Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of Philadelphia.

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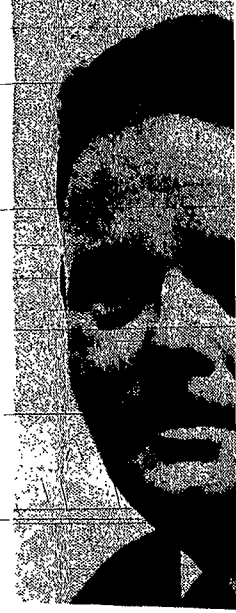
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New York — (Timothy S. Healy, S.J., five vice president versity, has been n sion for academic University of New

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In July, Father S.J., was appointed Rutgers, the State U Jersey.

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A native of New Healy holds a doct from Oxford Univ in philosophy from v College, a licentiate i Louvain University a education from Wo He did postgraduate Catholic College in and took additional in English at Fordh

Synod By U.

Dayton, Ohio — (North American t other Church' experts Pope Paul to improv of the Synod of Bis that he increase its

They were careful t their demands are n the Pope's primacy, that the Pope perso the synod's working gin in Rome on Oct.

The changes were the experts meeting, sponsored by the C of America at the E for Renewal at the Dayton.

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Ottawa — (NC) — must develop an awa of communications r whole range of the achieve a worldwide according to the ma charge of implement Augustine Ferrari-Ton dent of the Pontific for Social Communica

"The message (of th not only be read but not be static but mot must be seen to emen tion expressed in aud he told an audience University here.

"Effort must be n contemporary man w found, where he lives and sees."

Admitting the credi some structural diffic complete inform within the Church, he obstacles to be overco