

# Fr. Peyton Adds Guatemala to 'Family'

Hollywood—Just returned from Guatemala, where a country-wide family prayer crusade is in full swing, Father Patrick J. Peyton, C.S.C., was overjoyed to report that the employment of a new strategy, all based on the emphases and recommendations of Vatican II, is reaping rich rewards.

The silver-haired Rosary priest announced that his gamble of suspending all diocesan prayer crusades until his crusade policies could be up dated and his crusade leaders re-trained has now been proved right.

"These many months have been anxious months. We seemed to be so idle when the world needed prayer—and more prayer. I confess I've been eating my heart out, but now the strain has lifted, and the horizon is clear," Father Peyton exclaimed. "What will weld Latin America into the great and glorious continent that it is, is prayer. The faith is there. We must have faith in that faith and build on it."

The Rosary priest launched into some of the details of the nationwide crusade in the tiny Spanish-speaking republic of

Guatemala, which encloses ancient Mayan ruins.

"The Bishops of the country, 17 in all, of 11 dioceses, are united in the belief that a healthy nation must be structured on a healthy family life. And a necessary ingredient in a strong family life is family prayer. The truth contained in Family Theater's slogan: 'The Family That Prays Together Stays Together' has not been diminished one whit since the Rosary Crusades started. A true family life will (and must) blossom into prayer."

"What I have just participat-

ed in was the preparatory stage, what we call 'The Popular Mission.' We need to get everyone involved, and the preparatory stage involves the poor, the abandoned, the shut-ins, those who lack any semblance of training or a religious life, those who need to be brought to a higher understanding of the truth and the treasures of their faith."

Father Peyton praised the tremendous utility of his films for this work, particularly those which deal with the Mysteries of the Rosary. The films are shown out-of-doors to tremendous throngs, two films a night for seven nights and a single film on the eighth night. Attendance was estimated for the eight nights at 1,280,000.

When the Popular Mission comes to a close, there are outdoor Masses, processions, and other religious celebrations.

But so that there is adequate information about the timetable of the Popular Mission, local leaders are recruited early to help with the instruction and explain the action of the films.

"In Guatemala City, I saw an estimated 14,000 people standing before a single-motion picture screen. There was an outpouring of the whole populace. We had 76 projectors at work that night. Talk about visual education, the Gospel brought to life. Here it was. I've never been so excited in all the crusades I've conducted all over the world," Father Peyton confessed.

"I went from one projection site to another, and the story was the same, whole families watching the screen intently, mothers with babies clutched against their bosoms under their colorful shawls, and other little ones close by, clasped by their fathers. The people seemed spellbound, so thirsty were they to drink in the truths about our Lord and His Blessed Mother. How quiet it was while the pictures were showing, except for the material on the sound track, and then the wonderful human hum after the performances, when neighbors exchanged opinions with neighbors. It was not a carnival spirit, not at all, but a deep warm religious outpouring."

## Florida Bishop Plans to Use Secular Press

Jacksonville, Fla.—(NC)—The St. Augustine diocese has completed plans to enlarge coverage of Catholic news by taking a page in the daily papers of four cities.

Bishop Paul F. Tanner said this would be in addition to the coverage supplied by the Florida Catholic, which has served the St. Augustine, St. Petersburg and the Orlando dioceses.

Starting early in 1970, the bishop said, the pages will appear about 10 times each year in newspapers of Jacksonville, Tallahassee, Panama City and Pensacola.

Bishop Tanner has recommended that pastors throughout the diocese urge parishioners to continue to subscribe and to support voluntarily the Florida Catholic. At the same time, the bishop severed official connection of his diocese with the Orlando-based paper, which had been operating in the diocese on a quota plan of subscriptions assigned to each parish.

## UN CHURCH CENTER

New York — (RNS) — The Church Center for the United Nations will not be demolished as originally announced. It will be included in a \$300 million complex across the plaza from U.N. headquarters.

## New Delhi Official Urges Asian, African Missionaries for India

New Delhi, India—(NC)—An Indian official has declared that the government would welcome Christian missionaries from Asian and African countries.

Speaking at the 40th session of the All-India Conference of Indian Christians, I. K. Gujral, minister of state for information and broadcasting, said that the government felt that such missionaries have an affinity with India's own cultural and historical traditions.

Gujral said also that it is wrong in a secular state like India to speak of religious minorities and majorities, declaring that the first priority should be service to the poor, who form a majority in the country.

The official's statements came against a background of increasing government intolerance of missionaries from Western countries, who make up the vast majority of India's foreign Church personnel.

In September, all foreign missionaries were ordered out of the border areas of Assam state, where Mizos tribesmen have been agitating for independence for some time. Foreign missionaries have been accused of supporting the Mizos in their drive for independence.

but have consistently denied the charges.

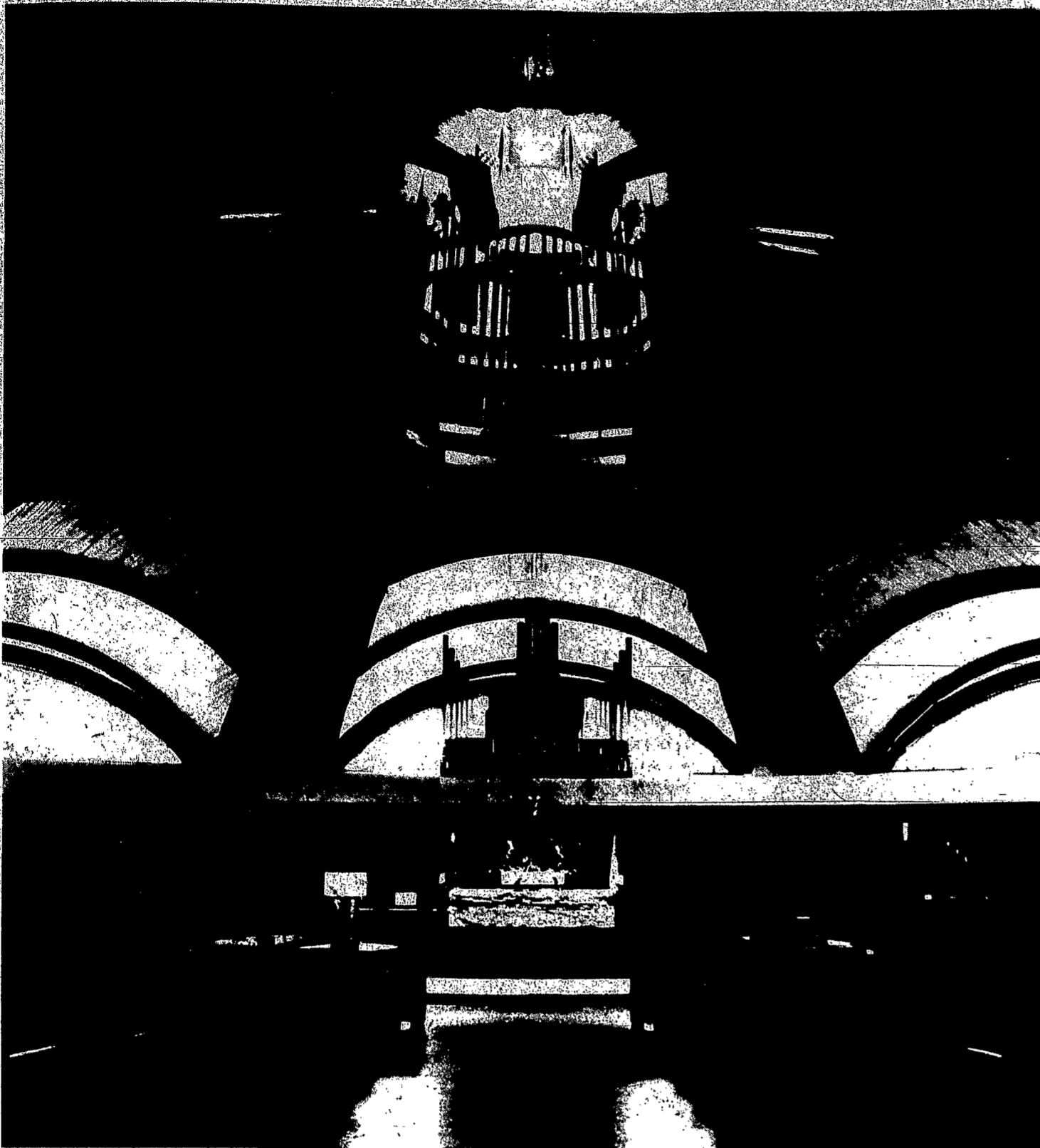
Government officials have insisted that India's policy on missionaries is "progressive Indianization" of all Christian missions in the country.

Gujral cited Christianity's contributions to the country's social and cultural development, and said that foremost among them was securing for Indian women their rightful place in society.

Lady Florence de Noronha, president of the All-India Council of Indian Christians, said that unity is India's greatest need. She complained of discrimination against Christians, citing particularly the anti-conversion bills in Bihar and Orissa states which she said seemed aimed at stifling the fundamental rights of Christians. The language bans conversions brought about by "force, fraud or inducement."

Dr. Abner F. Nelson, president of the Delhi association, said that Christians must help the government fight communism.

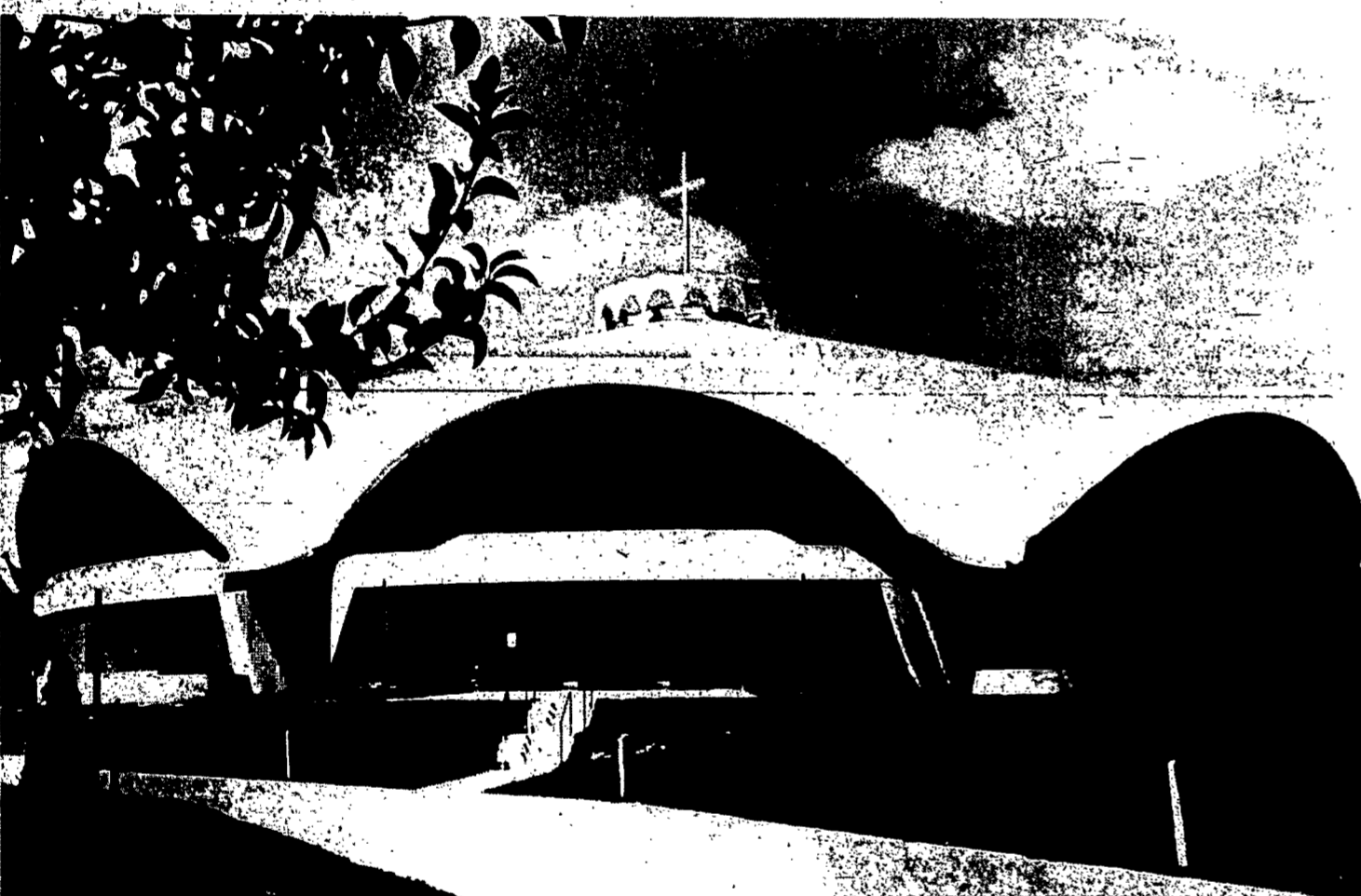
The All-India conference claims to be the only representative body of India Christians, including Catholics and Protestants.



Dominating the Interior

The main floor of Our Lady of Good Hope church in Milwaukee is dominated by a highly polished, white marble altar. Above it rises a wooden-beamed shell for roof. The beams are held in place by a tension ring formed by the outer brick wall and

a compression ring at the top of the structure which forms a skylight. The organ and choir are placed within the main area of the pews to increase participation in the services. About 1,300 people can be seated. (Religious News Service)



Church in the Round

The design of Our Lady of Good Hope church in Milwaukee reflects a growing trend in church design toward building a more practical and intimate structure. Instead of the long hall-type structure with the altar at one end, designers and architects are turning to the circular church. This de-

sign allows every to be closer to the altar, with greater group participation possible. Our Lady of Good Hope church, designed by Herbst, Jacoby, Inc., of Milwaukee, is an octagon-shaped structure with gently sloping arches which span 167 feet. Inside, there are no pillars to obscure views. (RNS)

## One Tough Seminarian

Dallas—(RNS)—The Dallas Cowboys star running back, Calvin Hill, is studying for the ministry but in at least one rough, tough game he couldn't "turn the other cheek."

In a recent game against the New Orleans Saints, the 22-year-old rookie sensation penalty for punching Saints cornerback Elijah Nevett.

Hill's sheepish defense was, "Nevett hurt me, and I got excited, so I punched him. The reason I was excited was all the yelling they were giving me from the sidelines. I guess I shouldn't listen to a lot of it, but it gets me. I guess I got higher for this game than I've ever been in a game in my life."

In the Dallas-New Orleans game, which the Cowboys won 33-13, Hill rushed for 109 yards on 13 carries.

Hill's excitement didn't end

with punching Nevett. When his gain was negated by the penalty, he threw the ball at Nevett.

After the game, he got into a pushing contest with linebacker Les Kelly on the ramp leading to the dressing room.

"I was sorry about that," Hill mused, referring to the ball throwing incident. "A player shouldn't do those things."

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## Minister Pay Lower Than Many Laborers

New York—(RNS)—A survey of ministers in 20 Protestant denominations reveals that their incomes are far below the averages of most other professionals and many craftsmen and laborers and that most clergymen feel they are underpaid.

Nevertheless, only one in 20 is thinking of leaving the ministry to secure more income.

The median income for full-time American ministers in 1968 was \$8,037, including salary, housing value, utilities, allowance, and fees.

The interviewers surveyed a random selection of 7,900 parish ministers; 57.9 per cent of them were returned.

Median income in the other denominations follows: United Presbyterian, \$9,301; Reformed Church in America, \$9,136; Episcopal, \$9,104; Presbyterian, U.S., \$8,882; United Church of Christ, \$8,591; American Lutheran, \$8,443; Lutheran Church in America, \$8,425; Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), \$8,392; Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, \$8,031; United Methodist Church, \$7,946; American Baptist Convention, \$7,490.

Of the \$8,037 median income, 76.4 per cent was in cash salary, 17 per cent in housing, 4.9 per cent in utilities, and 1.7 per cent in fees. One in six clergymen received less than \$6,000 in 1968, and one in six more than \$10,000.

The survey drew this "ministerial profile"—

"The Average American Protestant Minister in 1968 was 42 years old, married and was living with his first wife in the church parsonage; he had three children. He was well educated, having graduated from college and a three-or four-year seminary."

"He had had two or three ministerial jobs and a total ministerial career of about 14 years. The communicant membership of his congregation, located in a non-suburban town, was between 200 and 300 persons. He was satisfied with the ministry but slightly less satisfied with the church he was serving."

Nearly half the ministers wives are now working—about twice the number in 1963, according to the survey. Some ministers take outside jobs to supplement their income, 7 per cent working less than 20 hours a week and 9 per cent more than 20 hours.

## RELIGION COURSE

Canberra, Australia—(NC)—If current plans are followed the Australian National University here will be the first university in Australia to introduce a course in religion. Expected to start in the 1971 academic year, the course will give undergraduates a systematic study of religion as a part of the overall human scene.

## Notre Dame Center Gets New Director

Notre Dame, Ind.—(NC)—Direction of Notre Dame's Center for the Study of Man in Contemporary Society will be transferred Dec. 1 from Dr. George N. Shuster, who has headed the center since its start in 1961, to Father Ernest Bartell, C.S.C., it was announced by Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president of the university.

Shuster will devote much of the remainder of his time at Notre Dame to the development of one of the major ideas generated by the center, the Institute for Advanced Religious Studies at Notre Dame, which will explore the convergence of religion with other fields of study.

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