

# THE WEEK'S NEWS IN REVIEW

## Spanish Priest Sentenced

Despite reported "strong pressure" from the Vatican for acquittal and violent clashes during his closed-door trial, Father Mariano Gamo was sentenced to three years in jail for preaching a sermon interpreted as an "anti-government" attack.

The priest, who directed a parish community of worker priests and laymen in Moratalaz, a poor section of Madrid, gave the sermon during a two-month state of emergency proclaimed last February following student-worker disorders throughout Spain.

## Mrs. Wright Dies, Cardinal's Mother

Boston — (RNS) — John Cardinal Wright, prefect of the Vatican's Sacred Congregation of the Clergy, was the principal concelebrant here at the funeral Mass for his mother, Mrs. Harriet L. (Cokely) Wright, who died (Dec. 28) at Marion Manor, South Boston.

Cardinal Wright flew in from Rome to join in offering the Mass at St. Angela's Church, Mattapan, his mother's parish for 54 years. Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston presided at the Mass and gave the final absolution.

Mrs. Wright attended Boston schools and was a student of Boston history all her life. She was a member of the League of Catholic Women of Boston, a member of the Chapel Guild of the Cenacle, Brighton, and belonged to the Catholic Daughters of America of Mattapan and St. Angela's Ladies Sodality.

## Bishop Ross Dies; Japan Missioner

Tokyo — (RNS) — Bishop John Ross, S.J., a longtime missionary in Japan who conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on many American servicemen, died here Dec. 28, his 94th birthday.

A member of the Jesuit community at Sophia University in the Japanese capital, Bishop Ross had been hospitalized for three months. He suffered a stroke in 1964 which impaired his speech and partially limited movement, but it was only during the past year that he had been totally bedridden.

In the post-war years in Tokyo, Bishop Ross gave many retreats and confirmed hundreds of Allied personnel living in or passing through Japan.

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## 5 Laymen Named To New Detroit 'Due Process' Panel

Detroit — (RNS) — Two priests, a nun and five members of the laity were named to posts created here to implement the new "due process" procedures for settling Catholic Church disputes in Michigan.

On the archdiocesan level, John Cardinal Dearden of Detroit, appointed a five-member Archdiocesan Conciliation Panel and a clerk of the new Archdiocesan Office of Conciliation. He also named two members of the ten-man Provincial Arbitration Board of Michigan.

Following this move by the cardinal, any Catholic — layman, nun, priest or Brother — in the Detroit archdiocese having a grievance involving Church administration may ask for conciliation and, if that fails, for arbitration.

Parties to any grievance will be asked to submit statements of position within 10 days. The panel will then seek a conciliator acceptable to both sides, or appoint a person of its own selection. Thirty days will be normal settlement time.

If a settlement is impossible, the case will be referred for binding arbitration to

Father Gamo, 38, was arrested the day after he preached the contested sermon when police raided the apartment he shared with other worker-priests. Police said they confiscated the Basque petitions in the apartment, but defense witnesses claimed the petitions belonged to another priest who had moved from the apartment.

A second priest, charged with promulgating "illegal" propaganda, was acquitted in a separate trial. Father Jose Maria Tores was tried for allegedly having read, during a sermon in his Barcelona church, a letter calling for an investigation into the condition of people arrested during the national emergency last Spring.

## Sentence Reduced For NDU Students

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — The University of Notre Dame reversed its decision to expel five students involved in a November campus demonstration. The reversal was made at the request of a university appeals board.

Father James L. Riehle, C.S.C., dean of students, assented to a university appeals board's request for "executive clemency" and reduced the penalty to suspension for the rest of the term, which ends Jan. 20. He also reaffirmed the suspension of five other students who played roles in the same demonstration.

The 10 students can apply for readmission next term.

## Chicago Cathedral Remodeled

John Cardinal Cody, during his celebration of Midnight Mass marking the reopening of Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, urged his congregation to "present a symbol of hope and confidence" as does "this old yet splendid reborn cathedral."

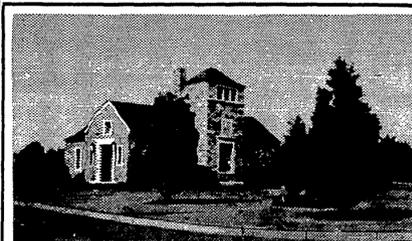
Cardinal Cody, with 11 other priests, concelebrated the Mass in the newly-constructed and newly-renovated edifice, first erected nearly 100 years ago.

The prelate described the cathedral as "a bridge of ages between us and our ancestors," and also as "a bridge committed to Christ's word, to Christ's work, to Christ's peace."

## News Capsules

Mississippians were urged by 1971 gubernatorial candidate Jimmy Swan to withdraw their children from public schools rather than let them attend racially integrated schools. . . . A government survey of racial isolation in the nation's public grade and high schools shows that in some respects segregation is almost as extensive in northern states as in the South. . . .

The Pope received a protest dossier alleging barbarism in Brazil. . . . Bishop Joseph Mittathani of Tezpur, India, said his diocese has lost "almost all" its foreign personnel as a result of government moves against missionaries. . . . A portrait of Chinese Communist leader Mao Tse-tung that had hung in the Vatican press hall has been removed in the wake of publicity aroused by discovery of its subject.



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**BIAFRA FUNDS SOUGHT**  
Geneva — (RNS) — The International Red Cross (IRC) headquarters here issued an appeal for funds to help innocent victims of the civil war in Nigeria. The appeal, addressed to various government and national branches of the Red Cross, said that if the response was inadequate, "future action of IRC in Biafra would be severely curtailed."

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## World Syn Top Religi

(NC News Service)  
Washington — The second World Synod of Bishops which met in Rome during October was rated first among the top ten stories of 1969 according to a survey of editors conducted by NC News Service.  
The Synod was unique in that only one topic—collegiality, or the relationship between the pope and the bishops—was on the agenda. Yet the event provoked news in, before it took place because of the controversy and speculation preceding the actual meeting.

In second place, according to the Catholic editors in the U.S. and Canada, was the financial crisis in Catholic schools. Many stories in 1969 were concerned with mergers, closings, and state aid—considered "crucial to continue operations."

Voted No. 3 story was Bishop James P. Shannon's resignation as auxiliary of St. Paul and Minneapolis and his subsequent marriage.

The next seven top stories chosen by the editors were:

- 4: U.S. Bishops' fall meeting in Washington.
- 5: New Mass Order promulgated and U.S. Bishop approval of the English translation for it.
- 6: Pope Paul VI's visit to World Council of Churches and International Labor Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.

## Statement of Condition

ASSETS: As of January 1, 1970		LIABILITIES:	
First Mortgage Loans . . . . .	\$26,068,545.47	Savings Accounts . . . . .	\$26,171,678.62
This includes mostly loans on homes in the Chemung Valley areas. Equal monthly payments are made by the borrower until the property is debt-free.		This includes the savings of individuals, families, partnerships, corporations, civic and social organizations. Savings are insured up to \$20,000 by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation.	
Property Improvement Loans . . .	\$271,266.54	Loans in Process . . . . .	\$315,889.44
Loans made under Home Modernization loan plans . . . . . All repayable in 5 years or less.		These loans have been made and the funds set aside for disbursement. Most of these loans are for the construction or modernization of homes in the Chemung Valley area.	
Other Loans . . . . .	\$140,000.33	Advances Due Banks . . . . .	\$300,000.00
Made to members who use their passbooks as security.		Other Liabilities . . . . .	\$162,528.45
Student Loans . . . . .	\$296,190.52	Deferred Credits . . . . .	\$118,803.63
Loans made to college students for educational expenses under provisions of the New York State Higher Education Assistance program.		Interest paid in advance by borrowers and other unearned income.	
Real Estate Owned . . . . .	\$2,065.69	Reserves . . . . .	\$2,511,258.86
Shares in Savings and Loan Bank and Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank of New York.	\$322,700.00	Each three months, a portion of our earnings is set aside to strengthen the association and further assure the safety of savers' and investors' accounts.	
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Office Building and Equipment	428,697.09		
Cash on Hand and in Banks . . . .	260,939.15		
Government Bonds . . . . .	1,570,202.90		
Prepaid Expenses . . . . .	219,561.32		
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