

# Pope Paul Marks Holy Week, Millions Watch Via TV Link

Rome — (NC) — Pope Paul VI commemorated the passion of Christ and His resurrection with calm devotion and the attention of literally millions of people.

On Good Friday the Pope as is his custom, participated in the Way of the Cross, by walking the 14 stations from the ancient Colosseum up to the hill at the end of the Roman Forum which was once the Temple of Venus and Rome.

As the Pope walked unprotected in a drizzling rain, thousands of Romans and visitors stood and prayed under a shed of umbrellas and hundreds of thousands more watched the hour-long Good Friday observance on Eurovision, the European multi-national television circuit.

On Easter the Pope celebrated Mass at St. Peter's and this was carried for the first time on a hookup to South America, as well as throughout Europe.

The Pope began his public ceremonies of Holy Week at St. John Lateran, his cathedral as bishop of Rome, on Holy Thursday. During the ceremonies he washed the feet of 12 seminarists of the major seminary of Rome. In this he followed, as he has in the past, a custom reinstated by Pope John XXIII.

During the Holy Thursday Mass there was no renewal of priestly vows, which had been suggested by the Vatican a month earlier.

Earlier in the day more than 100

Roman pastors and priests gathered at St. John's to renew their priestly vows in public. The renewal of vows, which has been likened by some to a "loyalty oath," took place during the blessing of oils presided over by Archbishop Ugo Poletti, viceregent of Rome.

Also on Holy Thursday some posters appeared on various Vatican buildings, including the press office, asking the Pope to repeal the so-called "New Mass."

The posters were put up by a conservative Italian organization known as Pro Ecclesia Romana (For the Roman Church), and denounced the vernacular Mass and its new variations as a "Lutheran Last Supper."



Bishop Benedict Coscia of the Brazilian diocese of Jatai will be host to Bishop Hogan when he visits Rochester Sisters of St. Joseph in that area.

## Bishop Notes Mission Need

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school in a nearby city of 15,000 called Canal San Sinao.

The next leg of the trip was to Cachoeria Alta, 25 miles away, where three Sisters live as catechists and teachers in a junior high school.

On Sunday he will return to Uberlandia and fly back to Rio de Janeiro on Monday evening.

Before leaving, the Bishop, praising the spirit which had marked the presence of the St. Joseph Sisters in Brazil, the Mercy Sisters in Chile and the two diocesan priests stationed in La Paz, Bolivia, said he was anxious to see how they live and what conditions they must work under.

"None of our people in Latin America were specially trained for this mission work," he said. "The Sisters had been in school work here and the priests in ordinary parish assignments. Mission work requires a very special type of person with a good 'frustration tolerance'."

He said that because he had received no reports that the diocesan missionaries were unhappy or unsuited for their role in foreign cultures, "I go with no prejudices or pre-assumptions" to see how they are weathering the "rigors of missionary life."

Following the three Brazil stopovers this week, the Bishop will fly to La Paz, Bolivia, to spend a weekend with Fathers Peter Deckman and Edward Golden, and then to Santiago, Chile, to see the two mission stations of the six diocesan Sisters of Mercy.

## Abortion Roundup Massachusetts Says 'Nay'

Boston — (RNS) — A package of bills aimed at drastically revising the 125-year-old Massachusetts abortion law which, in effect, would have legalized abortion in the state, was killed by the Massachusetts House by a roll-call vote of 184-to-32.

The legislative body, after some debate, voted its refusal to discuss the package any further.

The defeated proposals were aimed at neutralizing the Massachusetts abortion statute, enacted in 1845 and

recently upheld by the state Supreme Court.

The key measure in the package would have abolished the law which now makes abortion a criminal offense, while another provision was intended to establish a commission to study the question of abortion in the state.

An additional provision would have permitted abortions for married women who wish to limit the size of their families, and for unmarried women who are unwilling to bear an illegitimate child.

## Abortions Jump in Hawaii

Honolulu — (RNS) — As expected, Hawaii's newly liberalized abortion laws have resulted in sharp increases in the number of abortions at hospitals here.

In the first full week since the statute went into effect (March 11), the Kaipolani Maternity and Gynecological Hospital performed 46 abortions. This compares with only 70 therapeutic abortions during the 11-month period ending Jan. 1.

Kapiolani is expected to handle most of the operations under the new law. At Queen's Medical Center, the state's largest hospital facility, 13

abortions were performed in the first week, compared to "about two a month" record in the past.

Although administrators of Kapiolani had warned that only 32 abortions a week could be performed because of the heavy load of other surgical cases, the hospital was finally forced to take the extra 14.

Hawaii's new abortion law repealed most sections of its 101-year-old statute. The only requirements now are that the operation be approved by a licensed physician and performed in a licensed hospital after a 90-day waiting period.

## 'The Painful Bird's Eye View'

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul urged people everywhere to work for the reparation of damage done by evil in the world — keying on the Middle East crisis, "public torture" and kidnappings in Latin America, and the growing traffic in drugs throughout the world.

Addressing thousands during his pre-Easter general audience, the Pope referred to his present view of the world's ills as "this painful bird's eye view" which covers the "immense unmet need for sufferings of a great part of humanity."

Stressing that in the work of salvation "we must also be conscious of evil both our own and the evil that is in the world," the Pope declared "sin is greatest obstacle to our union with God which is our true life."

"That is why Easter must bring us to repentance and lead us to our reapproaching God and our salvation," he added.

The pontiff said "we must all work for the reparation of damage done by evil in the world. There is much im-

piety, hypocrisy, injustice, wickedness, delinquency, cruelty, cowardice, human weakness in the world. There is also much racism, ethnic and social discrimination, drug trafficking and deprivations of developing peoples and denial of religious liberty in some parts of the world."

Observing that while there are "so many painful events" taking place in the world, Pope Paul said he was struck especially by the military conflicts in the Middle East and Far East (Vietnam) which instead of being halted are "growing sharper and longer."

At the same time he saw as "disconcerting omens" and "irrational phenomena" the steady increases in arms production which he said often constitutes the largest part of commerce between the major industrial powers and the weaker nations.

Pope Paul said he hoped that "for

the honor of those nations dear to us" (presumably Brazil and other Latin American nations) "an end will be put to cases of public torture which he said have gained the public eye and to which he himself has responded.

"What makes us suffer acutely," he continued, "is the intolerable and wretched organized traffic in drugs which are poisonous not only physically but morally, and this traffic is increasing especially among the young."

The Pope also called for some kind of alleviation of conditions found among the developing nations and in various social strata, adding that "what makes us suffer, even if we have to suffer in silence, is the denial of religious liberty . . . found in so many places and where there is not even respect for the pious and pacific possession of the Christian faith."



Spy Comes Into the Fold

William Jordan, 58, a former wartime British intelligence agent, is ordained by John Cardinal Wright, prefect of the Congregation for the Clergy, during ceremonies at St. Paul's Basilica in Rome. Father Jordan was parachuted into Greece in 1942 where he worked with a resistance group and maintained a secret radio link with the Western allies. He was twice put before firing squads, but managed to talk himself out of execution. (Religious News Service)

## Racial Bias, Violence Hit By Pontiff

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has denounced racial intolerance and the use of violence in the defense of liberty and justice.

"Racial intolerance and iniquitous ethnic and social discrimination," the Pope said, "seem to us ignoble relics of the past."

He added a denunciation of the use — in the defense of liberty and justice — of "violence, revenge, reprisals, acts of terrorism and guerrilla warfare," particularly against defenseless populations.

The Pope told his weekly general audience March 25 that the Christian has to be aware of evil if he is to cope with the future and he went on to speak of various evils in the modern world.

Awareness of evil, he said, is not pessimistic but realistic.

The evils that killed Christ — wickedness, hypocrisy, injustice, wickedness, delinquency, cruelty, cowardice, human frailty — are still present, the Pope said.

## Jewish Leader Lauds Catholic Attitudes

Buffalo — (RNS) — An executive of the American Jewish Congress said here that he has noted a "surprising reversal of roles" in official Catholic and Protestant stands on Israel.

"The Catholic Church from the Pope down is friendly toward Israel while Protestant Churches have become more and more hostile," observed Will Maslow of New York, executive director of the AJC.

Speaking at a meeting here, he said the World Council of Churches (WCC) had adopted a resolution alleging injustice to Arabs in Israel.

Maslow referred to the WCC resolution adopted in Canterbury in 1969 which said, "In supporting the establishment of the State of Israel, without protecting the Palestinians, injustice has been done to Palestinian Arabs, which should be redressed."

He quoted Dr. Franklin Littell, professor of religion at Temple University, who said that "the attitude of organized Protestants in the U.S. toward Israel betrays a covert antisemitism."

"The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has appointed an institute on Catholic-Jewish relations," he pointed out, "while the National Council of Churches finds no necessity for such an institute."

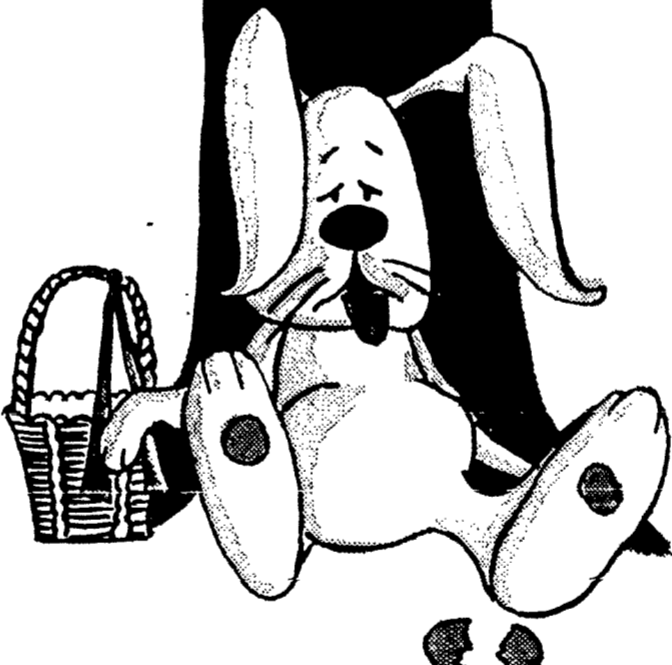
Maslow also held that the World Council of Churches had invited representatives of most of the world's religions to a conference in Beirut, Lebanon — but not one Jew.

Commenting on U.S.-Israel relations, the executive said American attitudes are "decisive for Israel," because if the U.S. remains its friend, Israel can "ignore the rest of the world." He called President Nixon a "friend of Israel."

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## Cardinal Heenan Celibacy

London — (RNS) — Charges celibacy is an obstacle to voca were spiritedly attacked by Cardinal Heenan of Westminster meeting with diocesan clergy in Westminster Cathedral Hall.

The cardinal, who made clear support of the Pope's defense of bacy, told his priests: "The specious of all arguments used to tack the rule of celibacy is to it an obstacle to vocations."

"The Greek Orthodox Church Egypt, despite a married clergy recently reported the virtual disappearance of vocations. There are vacant posts in Protestant churches in England. Colleges of divinity, Anglican and nonconformist, regularly being merged or closed

"Shortage of vocations comes from celibacy but from a lack of religious faith and the spirit of denial. The abolition of cel-



John H. Davis, manager of Alabama, feeds cattle after re-jah Muhammed to continue farm property will not be across the state to farmla black majority. Ku Klux the Black Muslims

## Alabama 'Crime' A

Birmingham, Ala. — (NC) — spiritual leaders of Alabama Caicism deplored a "cowardly and cal" denial of civil rights to a munity of Black Muslims and a that law enforcement officials ish the crime.

"The honor of our state dem no less," said Bishops Joseph G. of Birmingham and John L. Mobile in a joint statement.

They referred to the fatal peing and shooting of 64 cows farm run by Black Muslims near ville.

The Black Muslim commu bought the tract of land last for \$220,000 from Ray Wyatt, a City automobile dealer. Oppos within the white community cro up immediately. Wyatt's automa agency building was virtually des ed by fire.

The Ku Klux Klan bought "bu property near the farm, and as I type activity increased, the I Muslim community considered se the land and moving across the to Greene County. After the ki of the cattle, the remaining her more than 200 head was move the Greene County farm.

Ollie Hall and John Henry I the Ashville farm managers, de against selling the property be conditions were unsatisfactory.

Bishops Vath and May said in joint statement that "Alabama

## Brooklyn C Postpone F

Brooklyn, N.Y. — (RNS) — chial school officials in the Di of Brooklyn, the third largest R Catholic school system in the U States, have delayed the registr of more than 12,000 first-grade p for the September term.

According to Father Franklin patrick, diocesan superintendent schools, the action was taken "ing the outcome of present legis moves to provide state funds to public schools."

The announcement was made following a meeting of the 228 pa in the diocese which was pre over by Bishop Francis J. Muga

The registration date, which been set for April 13, has been layed until May 5.

"The number of children for v we can provide an education in diocesan elementary schools," F Fitzpatrick explained, "will de on just how much money is ava to run those schools."

Last month the Parent Tea Association of the Brooklyn di recommended that the first grad system be closed and the 2 prospective pupils begin their e tion in the public schools. The case, the only completely urba in the nation, consists of the