



**Strange Sight**

A cross on the back of a GI's helmet provides an incongruous touch beside a big gun at an artillery base near the Cambodian border. (RNS Photo).

## Irish Eye Policy Change On UN Admitting Red China Overpopulation Not Near—Nixon Aide

By RICHARD STEWART

Dublin — (NC) — Ireland's policy on the admission of Red China to the United Nations may be modified in the light of current developments, according to Ireland's Foreign Minister Patrick Hillery.

In the past, Ireland has voted against admission.

Hillery, in an interview in the Irish Times, said:

"I believe that Peking-China is a major world power and that it would be in the interest of world peace if some means could be found of bringing that world power into the UN."

He also said he believes that Nationalist China — on Taiwan — "has a right to its own self-determination in regard to its government, its relationship with mainland China and its representation in the UN."

"These considerations are important and our policy has been

to seek means of implementing them through agreed solutions. That this policy has not been successful to date is not reason in itself for abandoning it.

"Basically we want mainland China in. I firmly believe that Peking should be in, and we are seeking ways in which we could contribute towards that end.

"It may be that Formosa (Taiwan) should have to apply for admission as Formosa."

Foreign Minister Hillery also commented on diplomatic links between Ireland and East European communist block countries.

Hillery implied that rapidly developing trade patterns may lead to a shift in traditional policy.

He said "there is no objection in principle to opening embassies in communist countries. The question is: is it worth it from a trade point of view, or from the point of view of protecting our citizens abroad."

## Overpopulation Not Near—Nixon Aide

Washington — (NC) — A member of President Nixon's Council of Economic Advisers told an audience at American University here that he saw "little reason to expect overpopulation" around the world.

Although admitting that some of the world's poor nations might be overpopulated at the present time, Hendrick S. Houthakker said there was "no evidence" that overpopulation was a general threat.

Speaking on problems of economic development, Houthakker called population control as a development aid "a simple-minded idea."

"As far as I am aware," he added, "it has not been demonstrated that there exists any close, causal relation between the growth of per capita gross national product and the growth of population, and there is no obvious reason why there should be."

"There is little reason to expect overpopulation for the world as a whole in the foreseeable future," Houthakker continued. Regional overpopulation is a problem of the distribution of population, rather than of the quantity of people, he said.

## 'Birth Not Business Of Government'

Los Angeles — (NC) — Evangelist Dr. Billy Graham told a TV audience here that government involvement in birth control efforts had neglected "spiritual guidance" and urged that the government stay out of birth control programs.

The prominent Protestant preacher added that the government had no place in the bedroom, which he called the proper preserve of a man, his wife and God.

### PAULIST OFFICER

New York — (RNS) — The current vicar general and first consultant of the Paulist Fathers, Father John A. Carr, C.S.P., has been elected vice president of the community. A 58-year-old native of Oneonta, N.Y., he will assume his new duties at the order's General Assembly in June. He will serve on the Paulists' three-man presidential board with Father Thomas E. Stransky, C.S.P., the president-elect, and a first consultant who will be nominated by the president and approved at the General Assembly.

by confession. Long lines of Catholics waiting for entry to the confessional box were common.

"That is not the way to communicate in the seventies," said Father Francis L. Eschweiler, pastor of a suburban church.

"We are sinners together and we come to confession to support each other," Father Eschweiler said. "We sin against the community. Such sin is social. It is not vertical sin, just against God. We ought to forgive our neighbor, and he ought to forgive us."

The general confession will become an officially approved form of penance within three to five years, the priest predicted.

A directive allowing general confession was issued by the Milwaukee archdiocesan chancery office last August, after the practice had already been launched on a limited scale. The instructions included an admonition that opportunity still be granted for private confessions.

Group confession services at St. Gregory the Great include readings from Scripture, common prayer, time for examination of conscience, group recitation of the Act of Contrition, and absolution by a priest. Confessions are heard in private afterward.

## 'General Confession' Popular in Milwaukee

Milwaukee—(RNS) — Faced with the fact that many Catholics are refusing to confess in a box with a screen and a curtain separating them from the priest, some churches here are offering general confession services.

Response was described as "tremendous" by Father Carl A. Last, associate pastor of St. Gregory the Great church, which scheduled the services almost daily during Holy Week.

Strict rule for many years required Catholics to perform their "Easter duty" by receiving Holy Communion, preceded

## A Bit of Home For Cardinal

Pittsburgh — A bit of Pittsburgh's "ould sod" was delivered to John Cardinal Wright in Rome when 170 area students visited him during Holy Week.

The cardinal, Pittsburgh's former bishop, told his visitors that more than 400 people "from home" had been in to see him in the past 10 days. The sod, in a jar labeled "a bit of Pittsburgh," came from a garden spot outside St. Paul's Cathedral where the prelate used to greet his parishioners after Mass.

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# Agreement Reached In Grape Strike

By GERARD E. SHERRY

Los Angeles — (NC) — Agreement between striking farm workers and three Coachella Valley table grape growers was announced April 1 at a press conference held here under the auspices of Archbishop Timothy Manning of Los Angeles.

Involved in the unprecedented settlement are the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO, led by Cesar Chavez and growers who produce one eighth of the Coachella table grape crop and about 1% of the total California crop.

The agreement is the nation's first labor contract covering table grape pickers.

The two sides were brought together through the mediation efforts of a committee of bishops, established by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops at their annual meeting last November. It was delegated to study the table grape dispute in the San Joaquin and Coachella valleys of California and to make recommendations as to possible solutions.

Some 750 workers out of a total union-membership of 22,000 are covered by the contract.

The settlement between the growers and the union calls for a three-year contract with wages set at 1.75 an hour plus a picking bonus for 25 cents per box. In addition, the growers agreed to a 10-cent per hour contribution to the union health and welfare fund, plus a 2-cent per box contribution to an economic development fund operated by the union for workers too sick or too old to work.

Questioned at the conference, Lionel Steinberg, president of the David Freedman Co., said that "the bishops' committee had a significant role in our efforts to reach agreement with the union. I doubt we could have arrived at an equitable solution without their counsel and encouragement."

Chavez also had high praise for the bishops' committee and said the union intended to do everything possible to make the agreement work, for the benefit of both sides. But he made

it clear that strike activity will be intensified within the next few days against those table grape growers in the Coachella Valley who still refuse to bargain with his union. The grape harvest season begins there in mid-May.

Although Chavez noted that the agreements did not equal contracts signed earlier with wine grape growers, he said that the table grape growers' recognition of the union represented an essential victory.

Chavez also emphasized that the boycott of non-union table grapes will not only be continued but stepped up throughout the country. He said that a special label for union picked grapes had been designed and would be used by firms covered by the contract. The UFWOC leader said his organization would help promote the table grapes of the firms accepting the union.



**Melkite Archbishop**

Archbishop Joseph Tawil, 56, is shown during his installation as head of the Melkite Rite Catholics in the U.S. The installation ceremony, conducted in Boston's Our Lady of the Annunciation Melkite Cathedral, was performed by Apostolic Delegate Archbishop Luigi Raimondi. Archbishop Tawil, former Patriarchal Vicar in Damascus, succeeds the late Exarch Justin Najmy. (RNS Photo)



**Child of War**

For all of her young life this Vietnamese girl has known war. She lives at the Ben Het Special Forces camp. Unlike other conflicts, the Vietnamese children travel with their soldiering fathers. (RNS Photo)