

# World Dangers Subject As Pope, Nixon Meet

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Vatican City — (NC)—Pope Paul VI and President Richard M. Nixon discussed world dangers that the Pope said are "assuming proportions of a vast and fearful conflagration."

Nixon and the Pope met behind closed doors for an hour and 15 minutes Sept. 28, much longer than the 45 minutes that had been foreseen by presidential planners or papal aides.

The President, according to a schedule released by the U.S. embassy, was scheduled to meet privately with Pope Paul for approximately 45 minutes.

While at the Vatican the President won the cheers of hundreds of American priests and seminarians of the North American College in the Clementine Hall waiting for him after his meeting with the Pope.

The President thanked them for a loud and vociferous welcome and quipped: "This is one American college an American President can go to and get a warm reception."

After leaving the Vatican, the President again changed his schedule. He had been due to board a helicopter waiting in St. Peter's Square to fly him to the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean, but instead decided to accompany his wife back to the hotel where she would spend the night.

The American limousine began going down the main street leading to St. Peter's and the President had the car stopped so that he could get out and shake hands with the cheering crowds.

The decision caught Italian police and U.S. security guards by surprise and caused a wave of apprehension as the crowd closed in on Nixon.

When Nixon finally returned to St. Peter's square to board his waiting helicopter, an aide called his attention to a window high up in the Vatican palace.

Standing there was Pope Paul, who waved farewell to the President. The President returned the wave with a smile and entered the aircraft for takeoff.

At Clementine Hall, the President met Cardinal John Wright, former bishop of Pittsburgh and now prefect of the Congregation of the Clergy.

Among those Nixon talked to at length were an American group of Benedictine abbots who were in Rome for a general chapter of their order. They photographed him from close up and slipped him papers to autograph.



Light Moment

President Nixon and Pope Paul VI share a light moment during meeting at the Vatican. (RNS Photo)

While applause and cheers echoed through the frescoed hall, the President mounted a small stand, waved and repeatedly said: "Hi."

The President told the seminarians that "I know as all of

## Mrs. Nixon Sees Rome's Boys' Town

Rome — (NC) — President Nixon's wife went to Rome's Boys' Town Sept. 29 and renewed acquaintance with its director, Msgr. John Carroll-Abbing, a long-time friend of the Nixon family. The director said her visit was a "a wonderful happening."

Boys' Town Mayor Gino Spano, 18, told her: "The boys of Boys' Town will remember you in their prayers."

President Nixon first met Msgr. Carroll-Abbing in 1947, when Nixon was a U.S. Congressman from California. The English priest has been working with homeless Italian boys since the end of World War II.

There are nine Boys' Towns in Italy patterned after the original one founded in 1917 by the late Father Edward Flanagan at Omaha, Neb. Mrs. Nixon said she never visited the original Boys' Town, but was greatly impressed with the one she saw in Rome. She promised to let Americans know that she had seen "democracy in action there."

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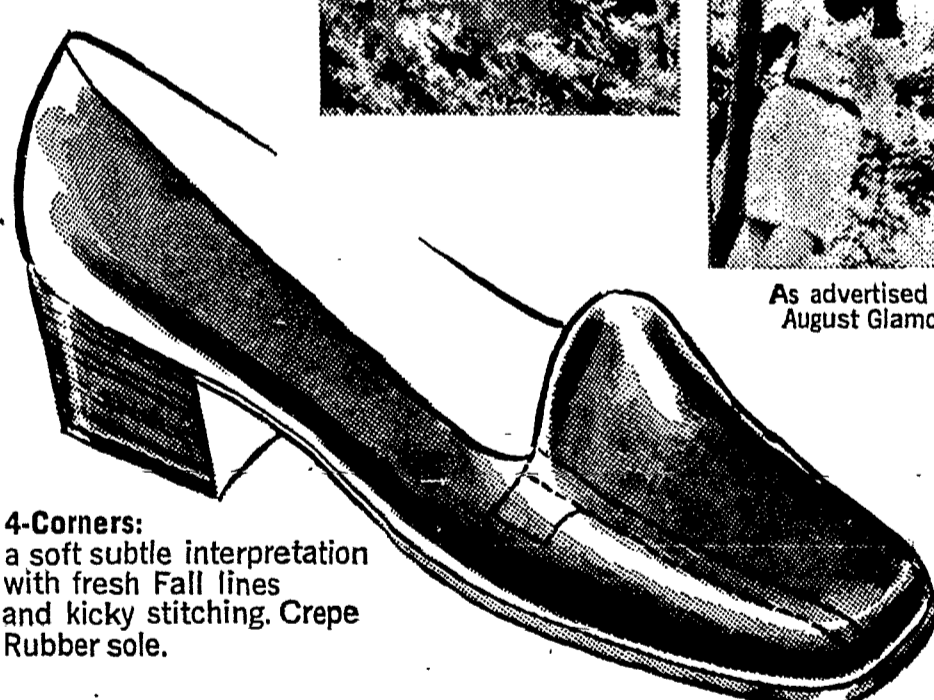
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