

Hong Kong Added to Pope's Trip

Vatican City —(RNS)— Pope Paul will visit Hong Kong during his forthcoming journey to the Far East.

The Vatican announced that the Pope will stop over in Hong Kong on Dec. 4, prior to flying to Ceylon, where he will begin his return flight to Rome.

The pontiff will also visit Samoa and then meet Indonesia's President Suharto in Djakarta.

So far, the only announced event scheduled for Hong Kong is a papal Mass in the city's stadium. But the fact that the Pope will spend even a few hours in Hong Kong, which is practically on the doorstep of Communist China, has given rise to various speculations and reactions.

A first reaction, reported in local Hong Kong radio broadcasts, held that the papal visit is a gesture of friendship for the Chinese people.

Many people in the Far East are of the opinion that the Pope is trying to improve the climate for re-establishing some rapport with mainland China.

The Vatican said the Pope will leave Rome on the morning of Nov. 26 and begin his return journey from Ceylon on the evening of Dec. 4.

He will arrive in Manila on Nov. 27 where he will participate in a session of the Bishops' Conference of Southeast Asia.

On Nov. 29, en route to Sydney, Australia, the Pope will stop over in Pago Pago on the island of Samoa and travel to western Samoa, where he will celebrate a special Mass. He will return to Pago Pago in the afternoon and then go on to Australia.

After a four-day visit to Sydney, where he will attend a session of the Bishops' Conference of Australia, New Zealand, Papua-New Guinea and Oceania, the pontiff will travel to Djakarta, Indonesia on Dec. 3.

In addition to meeting Suharto, the Pope will celebrate Mass in the Djakarta stadium and visit the city's Cathedral.

The following day, Dec. 4, the Pope will fly to Hong Kong.

On the evening of Dec. 4, Pope Paul will fly to Colombo, on the island of Ceylon, where he will meet with Ceylon's Prime Minister, Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike. After celebrating Mass at the Colombo airport, he will begin his long flight back to Vatican City.

Woman Chairman, Catholics Named To Union Board

New York — (RNS)—Union Theological Seminary has elected its first woman chairman and its first Catholic board members.

At a meeting of directors here, Mrs. Horace Havemeyer Jr., of Dix Hills, Long Island, N.Y., was elected chairman of the board.

She succeeds John N. Irwin II, a New York lawyer who resigned after being appointed Under-Secretary of State by President Nixon.

Catholics elected to the board are Msgr. Myles M. Bourke, rector of the Corpus Christi church, located near the campus of the interdenominational seminary, and a layman, James B. Griffin, a Notre Dame graduate who is a General Foods International executive.

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Imprisoned Jesuit Given Award

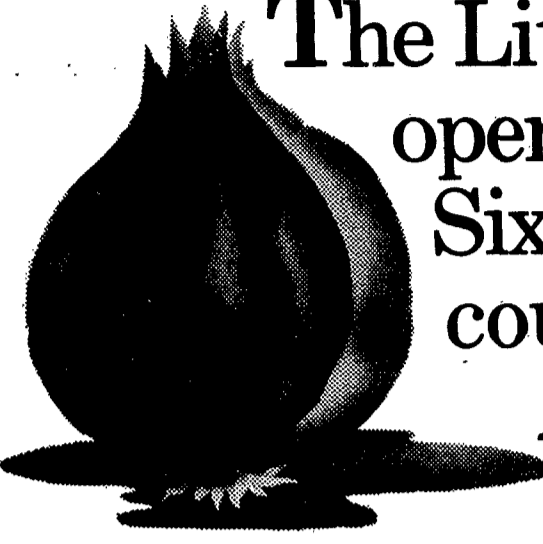
New York — (RNS) — Father Daniel Berrigan, S.J., now serving a prison sentence for burning draft records, was the recipient, in absentia, of the annual Martin Buber Award at the Little Synagogue here.

The priest was cited "for humanitarian endeavors on behalf of people, for inspiring dedication to high ideals, for outstanding activities exemplifying love of man and spiritual truth."

Cardinal Calls UN 'Best Hope'

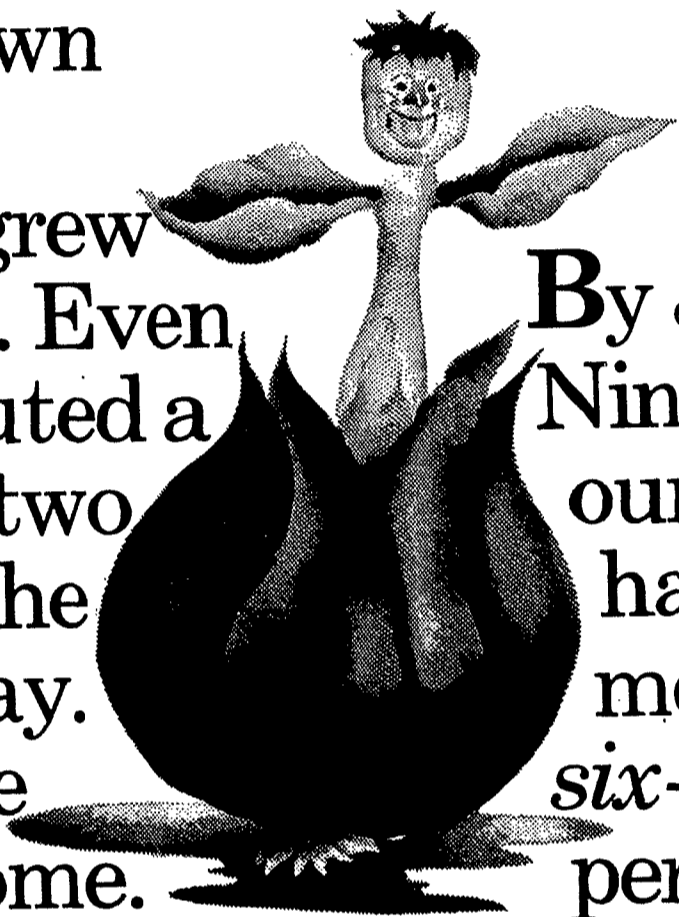
New York — (NC) — The United Nations is "still our best hope for achieving world peace," Cardinal Terence Cooke declared here.

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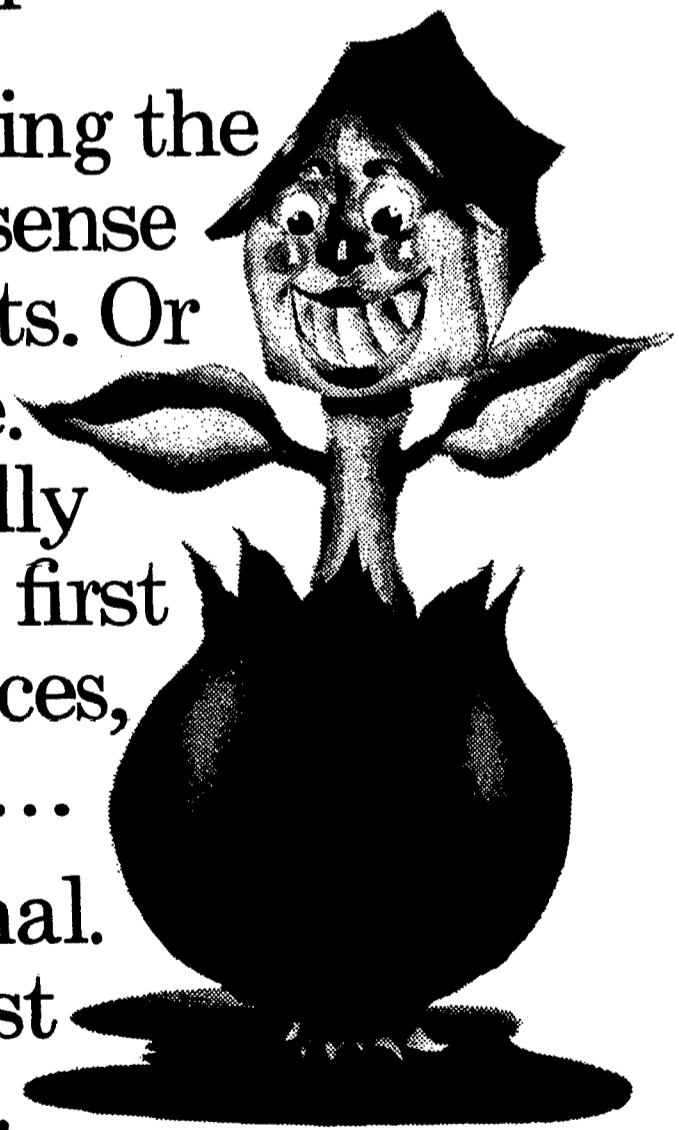
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