

## Irish Cardinal Charges Brutality

Armagh, Northern Ireland—(RNS)—William Cardinal Conway, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, has denounced the Ulster government's use of emergency powers of internment without trial and called for an inquiry into allegations of brutality.

"Internment without trial is a terrible power to give any political authority," the cardinal said here.

"The strong light of publicity should be focused not merely on reasons put forward to justify internment but also on the manner in which it has been exercised."

Under a Special Powers Act invoked Aug. 9, some 300 persons suspected of being members or supporters of the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA) have been summarily interned. IRA militants and supporters are Catholic. The move is aimed at putting down the terrorism gripping Northern Ireland.

Many Catholics, however, have been outraged by what they consider one-sided internment, with not even a token number of Protestant extremists netted. Catholics maintain that a so-called Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF) exists that is a Protestant counterpart to the IRA — an assertion denied by the Ulster government.

Cardinal Conway said there was "prima facie evidence that entirely innocent men, taken from their homes in the early hours of Aug. 9, were subjected to humiliating and brutal treatment by security forces."

"This evidence," he insisted, "should be open to rigorous and

independent examination. For an official spokesman to say, as he has done, that complaints should be forwarded to the police for examination must inevitably seem to those concerned in the climate of Northern Ireland at the present time as bordering on cynicism."

Meanwhile, Ulster's Prime Minister Brian Faulkner accused Prime Minister John Lynch of the Republic of Ireland of "cant, hypocrisy and falsehood," in calling for the abolition of the Ulster government in its present form.

Lynch, in a statement deploring violence, urged dissolution of the Protestant-controlled Northern Ireland administration and replacement by an administration in which Catholics and Protestants would take part equally. Catholics, who make up a third of the population, have had no representation in the offices of the state since partition in 1921.

In reply, Faulkner said, "We utterly reject the right of Mr. Lynch to dictate political settlements in Northern Ireland."

"It is now time to expose for what it is the cant and hypocrisy of the attitude of Mr. Lynch's government to the illegal Army (IRA) that is now engaged in murderous battle with British troops — in part of the United Kingdom," he said.

Ulster is a province of the United Kingdom. Lynch's remarks appeared to be aimed primarily at the British public and, through it, at pressure by London on the Ulster government.

Faulkner added that Lynch's speech was based on the prem-

ise that "reforms for the Catholic minority had not come about." "That," he said, "is a falsehood."

Faulkner concluded: "Let no one imagine that the people I represent are to be coerced from their fundamental principles by IRA violence, by Southern intrusion or by any other means."

Vatican City—(RNS)—Father Henri de Riedmatten, secretary of a newly-established Pontifical Council for Emergency Relief and Development (CERD) — also known as "Cor Unum" (One Heart) — said here that the organization would "in no way" interfere with the charitable work of Catholic social agencies already operating.

The task of CERD, he told Religious News Service, is to coordinate efforts and see to it that "irregularities or abuses of charity in the form of fly-by-night commercial enterprises set up in the shadow of Catholic aid" were circumvented.

As a case in point, Father Riedmatten cited certain cargo flights to Biafra during the Nigerian civil war which involved "illegal arms shipments," and

placed the Vatican in "dubious light," despite the obvious and "massive" humanitarian intervention of the Rome-based Caritas International (a federation of Catholic Charities).

The unauthorized flights, he said, were made under seeming sponsorship of Caritas International. He said that certain members of the organization had later been fired for their part in the operation.

Father Riedmatten's remarks were seen as further attempts by the Vatican to clarify the aims and function of the new administrative body set up by Pope Paul VI last July.

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## Official Says 'Trouble' Not Based on Religion

New York (RNS)—The government official responsible for security in Northern Ireland sees little chance that outside religious forces, such as the Vatican or the World Council of Churches, could influence the conflict there.

John Taylor, minister of state

## Pope Paul Discusses Liberty

Castelgandolfo — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI reminded Christians that human liberty, as a "reflection of the Divine," must always be oriented toward "the good," and ever be "respectful of the rights of others."

"It is true," he said, "that human liberty must be able to operate without hindrance." "But," he emphasized, "it must be oriented toward the good. This imperative orientation is called essential responsibility. It is called duty. And even though it is a personal prerogative, it must be respectful of the rights of others. Indeed, it cannot be separated from charity."

Referring to human liberty as "a reflection of the Divine," the pontiff said its right and proper use "converts our personal autonomy into an obligation to God and into voluntary and generous service of others."

for home affairs, said here that it would be "difficult" for the Pope or the WCC to have an effect on the contending parties in Northern Ireland because of their remoteness.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, general secretary of the WCC, had sent a telegram to the ecumenical agency's member Churches in Northern Ireland offering the services of the WCC for any mediation efforts they considered "constructive and possible."

Taylor said the current conflict was not religious but "a confrontation of the security forces and an illegal organization trying to overthrow the government by force."

His remarks were made at a luncheon in the Interchurch Center here and attended by church executives and representatives of the news media.

The current conflict in Northern Ireland, Mr. Taylor asserted, differs from that of 1968-69, which was marked by Protestant-Catholic riots.

The government has instituted measures since the 1968-69 riots to assure Catholics of equal opportunity in such areas as voting, jobs, and housing, he said.

Because of the reforms, he continued, the cry for ending the partition of the country had died down, and the IRA consequently initiated the new round of violence in an attempt to maintain their movement.

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