

Vatican Again Criticizes Violence in Ireland

Vatican City — (RNS) — Against a background of unabating violence in Northern Ireland, Vatican Radio restated what it called the "already well-known" attitude of the Holy See on "the Irish question."

"The Holy See," said the broadcast, "relying on the teachings of the Gospel, has always condemned and still condemns terror, violence and intimidation from whatever source and by whomsoever they are exercised."

It said the Vatican, "together with the local (Irish) hierarchy," has consistently stressed to "the interested parties" that "it is not through violence and the bitter repression of violence, but only through justice and love that a suitable solution can be found to the grave problems" of the people of Northern Ireland.

Vatican observers saw in the reference to "violence" and the "repression of violence," a sharp denunciation of the terrorist campaign of the "provisionals" of the illegal Irish Republican Army (IRA), and of certain measures taken by the Ulster and British authorities to meet this violence, including what a British government called the "ill-treatment" of IRA prisoners.

Meanwhile, in an interview published in the Italian bi-weekly review, Rocca, Cardinal William Conway, Primate of All Ireland, said that although the Catholic minority in Northern Ireland "has the right to social and political justice," it is a "grave mistake" to have recourse to violence to achieve this end.

"This policy has been declared publicly more than 30 times in the last three years," he said, "and has been accepted by the great majority of Catholics."

Referring to the Ulster gov-

Mission Agency 350 Years Old

Vatican City (RNS) — The Vatican Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, which directs and coordinates missionary activity throughout the world, marked the 350th anniversary of its founding on the feast of the Epiphany.

The agency now oversees 135,508 missionaries who work among 51 million Catholics in mission areas throughout the world.

Pope Gregory XV established on Jan. 6, 1622 a permanent congregation of cardinals to have supreme control over all foreign missions, and direct work for unity with Protestant and Orthodox Churches. The agency was called the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

Dublin Archbishop Resigns at 76

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope Paul VI has accepted the resignation of Archbishop John C. McQuaid of Dublin, Ireland, 76, "for reasons of age."

Vatican Radio reported that Father Dermot Ryan, 47, a priest of the Dublin archdiocese, has been named to succeed the retiring prelate.

A member of the Holy Ghost Fathers, Archbishop McQuaid was born in 1895, ordained in 1924, and consecrated Archbishop of Dublin in 1940, the 47th in a succession stretching back over 900 years.

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Papal Message 'Hopeful', French President Declares

Vatican City — (RNS) — Responses to Pope Paul's World Peace Day message of Jan. 1 continue to flow into the Vatican from heads of state and from Orthodox and Protestant Church leaders, Vatican Radio reported. The broadcast quoted French President Georges Pompidou thus:

"While different continents are lacerated by murderous con-

licts, and nations are undergoing a period of anxiety in the face of future uncertainties, people of every religious belief cannot but rejoice at this appeal, which is so lucid and full of hope, reasonableness and charity."

Vatican Radio said laudatory messages had been received from Patriarch Ignatius Jacob III, of the Syrian Orthodox

Church of Antioch (Jacobite) and All the East; Patriarch Benedictos I of the Greek Orthodox Church in Jerusalem, and the Rev. Edmond Perret, general secretary of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, Geneva.

The central theme of the 1972 papal-sponsored World Peace Day was "If you want peace, work for justice."

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