

Pope Cautions Youths on Extremism



Pope Paul VI greets Sri Chinmoy Kumar during a private audience at the Vatican. Sri Chinmoy, a native of West Bengal, India, maintains Hindu spiritual centers throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe and the Far East. He is a resident of New York City, where he conducts weekly meditations for Hindu delegates to the United Nations at the U.N. Church Center. (RNS)

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul opened Holy Week with an address in which he conceded that the youth have a right to seek escape from some of the "cheap" conventional ways of today and set up for their generation a set of new guidelines for a life style. But he warned them against extremism.

The pontiff told thousands at the traditional Palm Sunday services in St. Peter's Basilica that along with their move for a new life style, the youth of today must be willing to accept responsibilities.

"Youth today," he said, "has a stronger tendency than the youth of yesterday to escape from conventional ways of behavior."

He said today's youth believe that they are "almost obliged to withdraw from obedience to the normal ways of family and social life."

"They prefer to assume an unrestricted and sometimes eccentric attitude," the spiritual leader chided in an obvious reference to more radical youth.

Some of these youths, he said, "yield to caprices of strange fashions and to passions that are amoral and anti-social, almost with pleasure in seeing themselves as contestors and subversives, and they let all know that society, as it results from modern evolution, does not please them."

Pope Paul said many youths display an attitude of "discomfort and rejection" of the materials that progress displays "at cheap prices," and "there is a search for primitive human expressions that are simpler, more sincere and more liberal."

He told the thousands of youths on hand for his address after the blessing of the olive leaves or palms, that "you know

better than anyone else this vast and complex phenomenon of restless youth. We believe we can find something profoundly interesting in this unrest.

"And that is the sincerity of our hearts which do not hesitate to denounce the emptiness of modern life. . . . It is an emptiness devoid of authentic and strong ideas, devoid of reasons that are worthy of giving life a meaning, a value, a faith."

The Pope said that many youths had sought "perhaps in attitudes of protest, those higher ideals and those proofs of courage and heroism to which your age feels itself entitled. . . . You have a need for a messiah in the depth of your hearts. . . . A need that our secular society has completely deluded."

Pope Confers With Haiti Aide

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul made it clear here to the new ambassador to the Holy See from Haiti that the Vatican, and the Catholic Church it represents, is willing to do all it can for social progress in any nation that gives it the freedom to do so.

The pontiff explained that the liberty of which he spoke was "religious freedom" and added that this would be the only demand the Church ever would make on any government.

The remarks were made as the Pope accepted the official credentials of Francois Guillaume, the new ambassador to the Holy

See for the Haitian government of President Jean-Claude Duvalier.

The senior Duvalier created considerable animosity between himself and the Catholic Church when some time ago he expelled foreign missionaries from his country.

Italian Mass Scheduled

A Mass in Italian has been scheduled Sunday, April 9 at Most Precious Blood Church at 11:30 a.m.

According to Father Peter Nobili, associate pastor of the church, the Mass is slated on a trial basis and will become a regular part of the Sunday schedule at Precious Blood if attendance warrants it.

Cdl. Cicognani Named Dean

Vatican City — (RNS) — Cardinal Amleto Cicognani has been named dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals after his election to the post by the cardinal bishops of the college.

The 89-year-old onetime Vatican secretary of state, steps into the largely ceremonial post which became vacant with the death of Cardinal Eugene Tisserant, who had held the post for more than two decades before he died Feb. 21.

The major importance of the post is that the "cardinal-dean" acts as spokesman for all cardinals at official ceremonies and is the man who keeps the day-to-day operation of the central headquarters of Roman Catholicism running in the time between the death of a pontiff and the election of his successor.

Vatican Tries Misson Contest

Vatican City — (RNS) — The headquarters of Roman Catholicism has entered a new field — the contest, with prizes for winners.

The Vatican Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples — the missionary arm of the Church — announced a contest among Rome-based journalists on the most meaningful articles on the need for missions today.

He said the contest was set up in an effort to "promote a greater awareness of the need to help in the evangelization and development of the world."

Latin Mass Scheduled

A Latin High Mass, sponsored by the Eastman School Newman Club, will take place at 4 p.m., April 9, at the Cenacle Chapel.

Fr. Paul McCabe, Newman chaplain, will be celebrant. The Gregorian Chant Choir, under the direction of Dr. Erich Schwandt, will sing the traditional chants for Quasimodo Sunday.

BOB CONSIDINE

On the Line



Irish tourism has been hurting. More's the pity because it's a lovely fair land with beautiful lively people.

Israeli tourism is growing, though the land of Milk and Honey is under constant threat of instant annihilation by the Arab nations whose bombs are only minutes away.

How come? Ireland's troubles are largely internal and thus visible to tourists. They hinge more on a fight for civil rights for Roman Catholics in Ulster, who have about as much chance of advancement and opportunities as blacks in Mississippi.

Centuries-old religious differences underlie the modern rights' dispute. Beyond that, there are sharp economic differences. The British welfare program provides more benefits in the North than the Dublin government feels it can extend in the South. Moreover, there is a feeling in the Republic — fully warranted, of course — that if Britain pulled out of Ulster it would take with it its shipyards, shipping, industry — in short, its jobs. The consequently united Irish government would encounter sore difficulty with national unemployment.

Israel's troubles are almost completely external, which magnetizes the unity of its peoples. Three times in its brief latter-day history its people have been called up to save themselves and the Land. (It is always spelled with a capital L, a mark of fierce pride.)

There are no defectors, no protests directed inward.

Life in the kibbutzim is perhaps as sternly austere as in the communes of mainland China. There is an absolute passion not to yield an inch of the gobs of lunarscape-type real estate ripped from Jordan, Egypt and Syria in the Six-Day War — unless, the last couple of Israeli administrations have said, Israel is given some puncture-proof guarantee by the United States

and Britain that both will rush in to help it if the Arab world ever made a move against whatever new borders might be agreed upon.

U.S. Jews visiting Israel are particularly impressed by the spartan spirit of the revitalized old homeland. They marvel at such demonstrations of togetherness as the recent Three Day March of middle-aged and older Israelis, many dressed in gay attire, through once hostile areas where Arab rule was broken in the 1967 war.

Some 20,000 joined the most recent march in apparently high good spirits, though buffeted through a 12-hour period by driving rain and hail. New York Jews, who know the culinary delights of the Stage Delicatessen and Grossingers, for example, bravely endure the rigors of the local kosher cooking — much more bravely, let's say, than the Americans of Irish descent accept the soggy grayness of middle-irish menus. (God save the Grille at the Russell, in Dublin, and the Saloon at the Old Ground in Ennis, Clare!)

A fourth Israeli-Arab war does not seem imminent. It may have by now occurred to the Arab world that Israel—whose people have been around these parts for 4,000 years, perhaps half of those years enjoying full independence — is back to stay. And to keep what it carved out of ancient ground that once was all its own. Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba summed it up pretty well in a recent press conference. He said the Arabs have developed an inferiority complex about pushing the Israelis into the sea. Besides, he added, the only country that could possibly demand that Israel tuck herself back within her once-tight borders is the United States. And that is very unlikely to happen because of a political fact, Bourguiba explained. "There are more Jews in New York City alone than in Israel," he said.

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