



After landing at Washington airport churchmen head toward their first appointment led by Bishop Hogan and Rev. Carl Smith.

'FRUSTRATING' DAY FOR PEACE PILGRIMS

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Bishop Hogan and Episcopal Bishop Spears enter Senate Office Building side by side after a long day of fruitless meetings in Washington.

A warm welcome home rendered by some 200 persons at Monroe County Airport took the edge off a sometimes chilly reception given a group of Rochester clergymen when they took their peace message to the nation's capital Monday.

The clergymen, including Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, spent the day in Washington visiting area congressmen to express their disapproval of the recent escalation of the Vietnam War. They characterized the day as "very frustrating and very sad."

In a statement released at an airport press conference on their return Monday night, the group declared:

"We are frustrated because we went to our nation's capital to speak about peace and all we heard about was war.

"We are also sad because we wanted to talk about people — the poor, ordinary people who have suffered for over 30 years in a worsening war — and all we heard about were tactics, strategies, national honor, which is really a pretty name for political face-saving."

The group characterized Congress as "impotent to determine whether our country shall have war or peace."

Though the statement declared "our congressmen were indeed most gracious" there was a feeling that Sen. Buckley's office was less than that. The group was met in a reception area instead of the senator's office and Bishop Hogan termed this "symbolic" of the reception given the delegation.

The group singled out Sen. Javits for special praise. He was the only official in open sympathy with the visitors.

He bluntly told the group "you're wasting your time coming to see me," because he already agreed with the clergymen's aims.

He declared: "Get out of Vietnam, there's no other way."

He asked the group's permission to publish its statement in the Congressional Record and accused President Nixon of leaving the nation "in a quandary" by his actions in mining North Vietnamese ports.

He advised the group to concentrate on lobbying efforts concerning the state's 39 congressmen. He estimated more than half support the President's policy.

Javits termed the President's
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Church in the Diocese... on the Move

A layman writing in a Vatican City weekly has painted the American Catholic Church as in a "frightening and distressing" situation. He traces his conclusions at least partly to Catholic publications which he says report on defections and accounts of turmoil "with an air of triumph" (Page 24).

This week's Courier-Journal particularly contradicts such an attitude as a wealth of stories point up a Church dynamically on the move.

Staff writer Barbara Moynihan comes up with four stories showing perhaps a changing Church but not a "distressing" one.

On Page 7 she tells of the increasing number of nuns serving as pastoral assistants.

On Page 17 she has two stories showing how the Church is meeting some of its educational problems. There is an interview with the new lay principal of St.

Andrew's School; a fresh look at Fairport Assumption's unique approach which has gained national recognition.

A description of how Sisters are preparing for more involvement in community work is on Page 8.