

Pope Supports Protest Over Radio Seizure

Vatican City [RNS] — Pope Paul has sent a message of support to the Portuguese Roman Catholic Patriarchate in a crisis over a Communist takeover of the Church's radio station, Radio Renascenca.

In a telegram to Cardinal Antonio Ribeiro, Patriarch of Lisbon, Cardinal Jean Villot, Vatican Secretary of State, expressed the Pope's concern over recent "sad events" which pose a threat to "the peaceful living of the members of the Portuguese ecclesial community, especially of the (Lisbon) Patriarchate."

Occasion of the papal message was an attack on a group of between 500 and 600 Catholic demonstrators by thousands of left-wing workers outside the Patriarch's residence on June 18.

The Catholics, who included many women, children, and nuns, were peacefully protesting the occupation of Radio Renascenca last May 27 by Communist-led employees.

The leftists, demonstrating in support of the Communist takeover of the facility, which is the official voice of the Portuguese Catholic Church, surrounded the Catholics, screaming "Death to the Fascists!" Under a barrage of rocks and sticks, the Catholics took refuge in the patriarchal residence, where they were

beseiged overnight and had to be evacuated by about 300 troops with seven armored cars.

Referring to this event in the telegram, Cardinal Villot said: "The Holy Father wishes to convey to your Eminence, to your brother bishops, and to the faithful a word of goodwill and encouragement, together with the assurance of a spiritual presence and his confident prayer to God that justice, brotherly solidarity, and love will soon lead to the hoped-for equitable solution of peace, and prosperity, in a truly brotherly spirit.

"As a confirmation of these wishes, expressed in prayer, he sends the comfort of his apostolic blessing."

Meanwhile, the Portuguese Catholic bishops issued a joint statement on June 22 denouncing the leftist mob's attack on the Catholic demonstrators as "an attack on fundamental liberties."

The statement placed the blame for the violence on the leftist counter-demonstrators, flatly contradicting an earlier statement by the left-leaning military security forces COPCON which claimed that the Catholic demonstrators were responsible.

COPCON is headed by General Otelo Carvalho, a powerful member of the Revolutionary Council, the policy-making organ

of the ruling Armed Forces Movement. Gen. Otelo advocates the replacement of political parties by Cuban-style workers' commissions.

In a related conflict over a Communist-led workers' occupation of the Socialist-oriented newspaper Republica, Gen. Otelo, in a COPCON communique, called the newspaper's Socialist editorial staff a lot of "bourgeois" who opposed the working classes.

Meanwhile, in response to the current political turmoil, the Revolutionary Council issued a 5,000-word policy statement declaring itself in favor of democratic socialism and a pluralistic society.

The statement underscored "the necessity for the reinforcement of a firm revolutionary authority by the armed forces," but repudiated "violent or dictatorial means" to reach its goal of a classless society.

Declaring the intention of curbing the mass media as part of a broadly based policy to destroy capitalism, the statement said that the ruling Armed Forces Movement would take over some

newspapers to become mouthpieces of the military. The national state radio and TV would also have to be controlled, it said.

The statement said the military would tolerate "free expression and discussion of opinions," but would crack down on organizations that "systematically disturb public order and disrespect the rules fixed for the construction of socialism by a pluralistic way."


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DRYDEN MATINEES

Free matinee movies for senior citizens are scheduled for Thursdays during July at the Eastman House Dryden Theatre, 900 East Ave. Screenings will begin at 1:30 p.m. Informal discussion and refreshments will follow. Dinner at Eight will be shown July 3; Pygmalion, July 10; The Thin Man, July 17, and Dr. Lekyl and Mr. Hyde, July 24.

AS I SEE IT



Pat Costa

There are those television viewers who claim that TV is still a vast wasteland, free of any virtue. To those cynics and skeptics I can only say that they must be watching the wrong shows. As for myself I find TV a veritable storehouse of learning, an inspiring institution of higher education, an absolute pillar of pedagogy, etc., etc., etc.

Below find just a sample of what the dedicated TV viewer could have learned in just one week watching just one kind of show—the noble game show. Answers follow.

1. How long does it take to fry an egg on the surface of Venus?
2. Which state has "Home on the Range" as its official song?
3. What do doctors say is the single most important thing to have in your medicine cabinet?
4. Who played the president in "Seven Days in May"?
5. Is pellagra an African state, a disease or kind of insect?
6. Whose theme song was "I'm Back in the Saddle Again"?
7. Can you hurt an elephant's feelings?
8. Are gorillas loners?
9. Is the official language of Switzerland Swiss?
10. Who is the author of the book "Murder on the Orient Express", from which the hit movie was made?
11. What profession did Waldorf and Escoffier follow?
12. Was Thomas Jefferson ever vice president of the United States?

13. Where is Escudo spoken besides in Brazil?
14. Was Peter Rabbit related to Flopsy and Mopsy?
15. Should you rush to a hospital if you accidentally swallow ascorbic acid?
16. What instrument did Chico Marx play?
17. What is finnan haddie?
18. Vermilion is a serious problem in the ghetto. True or false?
19. Isadore Barmash is a prime ingredient in making Scotch whiskey.
20. Macaroni and cheese is the official national dish of the United States.

Answers:

1. Not long. The surface is 600 degrees.
2. Kansas.
3. Aspirin.
4. Fredric March.
5. Skin disease.
6. Gene Autry.
7. Yes.
8. Gorillas sometimes travel in packs of 25 or more.
9. There is no such language as Swiss. The Swiss people speak Italian, French, German and Romansh.
10. Agatha Christie.
11. They were chefs.
12. Yes.
13. Portugal.
14. Yes, their brother.
15. Ascorbic Acid is vitamin C.
16. The piano.
17. Smoked haddock, a favorite dish in Scotland.
18. False. Vermilion is a shade of red.
19. Barmash is a reporter for the New York Times.
20. False.

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