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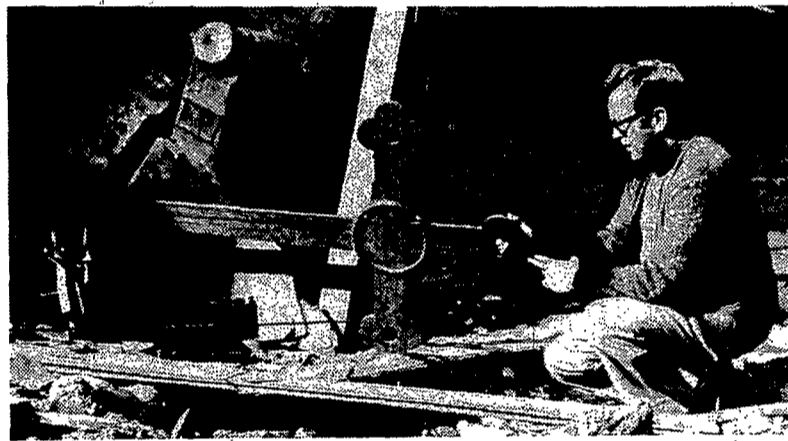
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A Landmark Goes Down

Demolition of the original school building at St. Francis Xavier, 314 Bay St., began last week. The building, in need of many improvements, was deemed too costly to renovate. In this sequence, the cross is carefully removed from the roof of the elementary school, which had served the community in one way and another since 1888. Father William J. Cosgrove examines the cross, with an eye toward hanging it in the rectory.

Photos by Ben Susso



End 'Scandalous Arms Race' — Pope Paul

Vatican City [RNS] — Pope Paul, in a message marking World Peace Day (Jan. 1, 1976), will plead for an end to the "collective egoism" of extreme nationalism and to the "flight towards death" implicit in the "ruinous and scandalous arms race."

Citing the U.S. atomic bombing of the Japanese city of Hiroshima as an example of a "butchery of untold magnitude," the Pope will contrast the approach of the late Mohandas K. Gandhi, the leader of the struggle for India's independence from Britain as an example of "what can be done by a weak man, armed only with principle of non-violence."

The text of the papal message was presented to newsmen at a press conference here Oct. 30 by Bishop Ramon Cascante Torella, vice president of the Vatican's Commission for Justice and Peace.

It is addressed to "statesmen, politicians, publicists, workers, sociologists, and economists," as well as to "citizens of the world and the followers of religions which promote friendship among peoples."

On the arms race: "There is a disproportionate growth and the example causes shivers of fear, of the possession of arms of every kind, in every individual nation."

His feeling that the "idea" of peace is progressing is tempered by the fact that manifestations contrary to the progress of peace are also progressing.

Commenting on nationalism, the Pope's message said:

"Accompanying the sense of national identity which is a legitimate and commendable expression of the many-sided oneness of a people, there is a rebirth of nationalism, which exaggerates national expression to the point of collective egoism and exclusivist antagonism."

Pope Paul's views on the arms race are as follows: "There is a disproportionate growth and the example causes shivers of fear, of the possession of arms of every

kind, in every individual nation. We have the justified suspicion that the arms trade often reaches the highest levels in international markets."

Pope Paul will criticize political ideologies that divide people from one another and find their reason for existence and activity in poisoning their ranks with hatred, causing conflict within the very fabric of society itself.

The Pope's message recognizes that peace "in historical reality, is a work of continual therapy. Its health is by its very nature frail, consisting as it does in the establishment of relationships between overbearing and fickle men. Peace demands a wise and unceasing effort on the part of that higher creative imagination which we call diplomacy, in-

ternational order or the dynamic of negotiations.

"What then are your weapons? Fear of unheard-of and fatal conflagrations, which could decimate, indeed almost annihilate humanity? Resignation to a certain state of endured oppression, such as colonialism, imperialism or revolution which begins as violence and inexorably becomes static and terribly self-perpetuating? Preventive and secret weapons? An egoistical organization of the economic world, which is obliged by hunger to remain subdued and quiet?

Or the magnificent organizational structures intent on rationalizing and organizing international life?"

The Pope feels that peace must be provided with "other" weapons. "What is needed above all are moral weapons, those which give strength and prestige to international law — the weapon, in the first place, of the observance of pacts. Pacta Sunt Servanda (Pacts Are to Serve Us) is the still valid axiom . . . for the stability of justice between nations, for the upright conscience of peoples.

Pope Paul says that if the consciousness of universal brotherhood "truly penetrates into the hearts of men, will they still need to arm themselves to the point of becoming blind and fanatic killers?"



Special Mass

Photo by Susan McKinney

Taking part in a special Mass for Vietnamese refugees Nov. 2 at Sacred Heart Cathedral are, from left, Khang, Khoa, and Khai. The Mass was said in Vietnamese by Father James Linh of Buffalo.

Newsprint Shortage

Due to a shortage of newsprint caused by a strike at Canadian paper plants, the Courier-Journal, is forced to limit the size of this week's edition. Hopefully, the problem will be solved soon.