

New York Notebook

Tuesday, 3 a.m. — Security is already in force along First Avenue on the morning of the pontiff's arrival. The gray saw-horse barricades are ready for emplacement in front of the U.N. buildings and small clusters of uniformed police position themselves every few yards on either side of the street.

The display is "more precaution than anything else," says NYPD officer Martin O'Grady, a parishioner at Our Lady of Lourdes in Queen's Village.

With him are Officer

A Familiar Face, A Kindly Action

This is why the former mayor of New York, John Lindsay, didn't attend the pontiff's Mass at Yankee Stadium.

Lindsay and wife were standing on the uptown subway platform in Grand Central Station when they overheard an elderly couple discussing the Mass and their hope of getting tickets to it from a scalper.

Addresses Jews

By John Dash

New York — The pontiff who wept at Auschwitz poignantly addressed himself to the Jewish community while in New York.

Both his opening words and his final words on the island of Manhattan made special reference to the Jews.

At Battery Park he said, "I address a special word of greeting to the leaders of the Jewish community whose presence here honors me greatly."

"A few months ago, I met with an international group of Jewish representatives in Rome. On that occasion, recalling the initiatives undertaken following the Second Vatican Council under my predecessor Paul VI, I stated that 'our two communities are connected and closely related at the very level of their respective religious identities,' and that on this basis 'we recognize with utmost clarity that the path along which we could proceed is one of fraternal dialogue and fruitful collaboration.'

"I am glad to ascertain that this same path has been followed here, in the United States, by large sections of both communities and their respective authorities and representative bodies. Several common programs of study, mutual knowledge, a common determination to reject all forms of anti-Semitism and discrimination, and various forms of collaboration for the human advancement, inspired by our common biblical heritage, have created deep and permanent links between Jews and Catholics. As one who in my homeland has shared the suffering of your brethren, I greet you with the word taken from the Hebrew Language:

"Shalom!"

That allusion to sharing the suffering of your

Richard K. Hauser and Detective Joseph Juliano. Midway through their tour of duty standing on the nearly empty avenue, the three fall into discussion of the other times when there was such evidence of police protection: a visit by the president, a "week or two" when heads of state met in General Assembly, and, of course the 1965 visit of Pope Paul VI.

Three sophomores from Columbia University, Mark Berti, Mike Voudouris and John Collier, were the first

Lindsay introduced himself, and from his breast pocket produced two VIP tickets and handed them over to the couple, just as the stadium-bound train doors were closing.

Lindsay, an Episcopalian, said he was moved by the pontiff's presence and declared that the visit was "the most dynamic thing to happen to the city."

brethren," was sounded earlier by Pope John Paul at the United Nations in General Assembly when he said:

"Today, 40 years after the break of the Second World War, I wish to recall the whole of the experiences by individuals and nations that were sustained by a generation that is largely still alive. I had occasion not long ago to reflect again on some of those experiences, in one of the places that are most distressing and overflowing with contempt for man and his fundamental rights — the extermination camp of Oswiecim (Auschwitz) — which I visited during my pilgrimage to Poland last June. This infamous place is unfortunately only one of the many scattered over the continent of Europe. But the memory of even one should be a warning sign on the path of humanity today, in order that every kind of concentration camp anywhere on earth may once and for all be done away with.

"And everything that recalls those horrible experiences should also disappear forever from the lives of nations and States, everything that is a continuation of those experiences under different forms, namely the various kinds of torture and oppression, either physical or moral, carried out under any system, in any land; this phenomenon is all the more distressing if it occurs under the pretext of internal 'security' or the need to preserve an apparent peace.

"You will forgive me, ladies and gentlemen, for evoking this memory. But I would be untrue to the history of this century. I would be dishonest with regard to the great cause of man, which we all wish to serve, if I should keep silent, I who come from the country on whose living body Oswiecim was at one time constructed."

to arrive at the U.N. in hopes of getting an edge on seeing the pope up close.

Passing the hours, the three played frisbee in the empty street, the white disc soaring through the early-morning darkness as the U.N. tower loomed over their playground.

As Pope John Paul II landed at La Guardia, the crowd at the U.N. was swelling greater and greater. Banners proclaimed welcome to him from many church groups. Thousands were singing songs, organizing cheers, looking down First Avenue for the motorcade. Delegates from every nation of mankind scurried through the gates. And suddenly an overwhelming roar down the street heralded the arrival of the pope, a roar picked up at once at the U.N. gates. As the open-topped car bearing the pontiff passed in parade there were screams and cheers and wild applause. Tears were streaming down a thousand faces, tears of joy at the sight of the man.

Yankee Stadium presented an awesome sight last Tuesday night. As the pontiff lifted up the most sacred Body of Jesus during Mass thousands of flash bulbs went off — the Lord raised up in a galaxy gone nova.

Two evening swifts darted over the crowd at Yankee Stadium, one landing on the head of a startled observer at the Mass. "I really didn't know whether it was Pentecost or not," he jokingly confided.

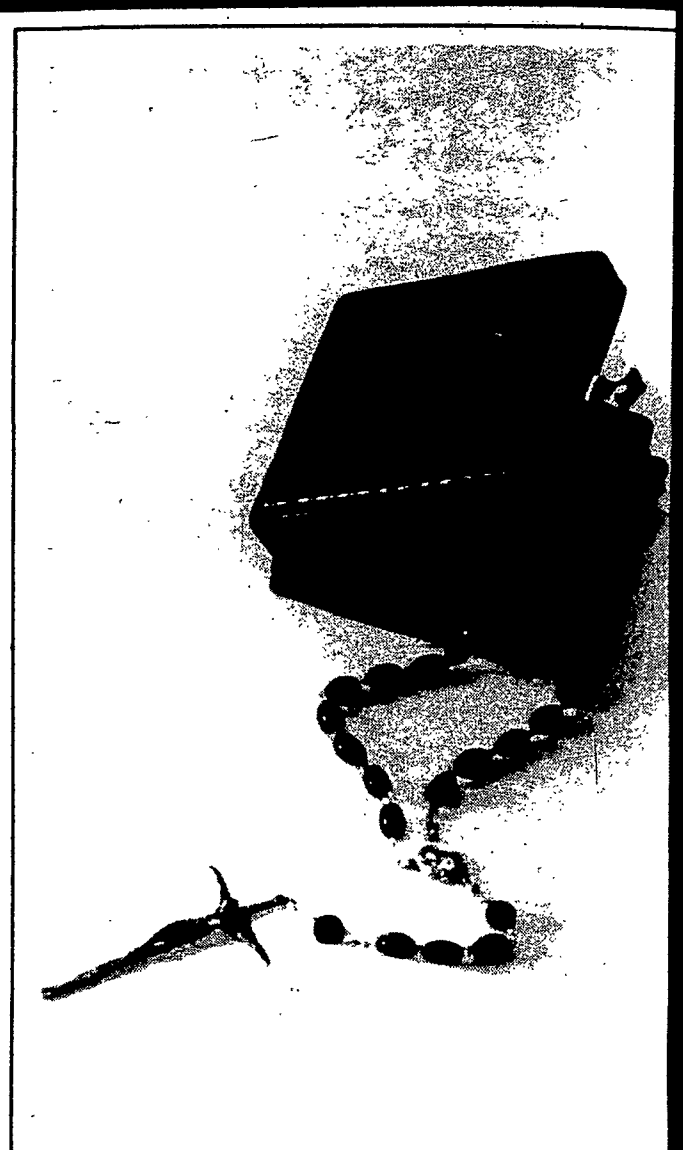
Even the notorious 42nd St. strip of pornography, and worse, purveyance was remarkably empty of patrons. Even the police marvel at how quiet the street was when the pope visited New York.

Rumor had it that the Secretary of State and several Arab statesmen met in New York coincidentally with the pope's visit — and that there were extensive phone conversations with a third party.

Howard Kepler, a special education teacher in Manhattan, sends his best to friends in Rochester and Geneseo where he studied.

The holy father to his priests and sisters: "In this prayer of praise we lift up our hearts to the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, bringing with us the anguish and hopes, the joys and sorrows of all our brothers and sisters in the world. And our prayer becomes likewise a school of sensitivity, making us aware how much our destinies are linked together in the human family. Our prayer becomes a school of love — a special kind of Christian consecrated love, by which we love the world, but with the heart of Christ."

The former Bishop of Rochester, Archbishop Fulton John Sheen, fell to his knees in homage to Pope John Paul II at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The pontiff tenderly lifted the frail octogenarian to his feet and embraced him, as the congregation saluted with applause both beloved men.

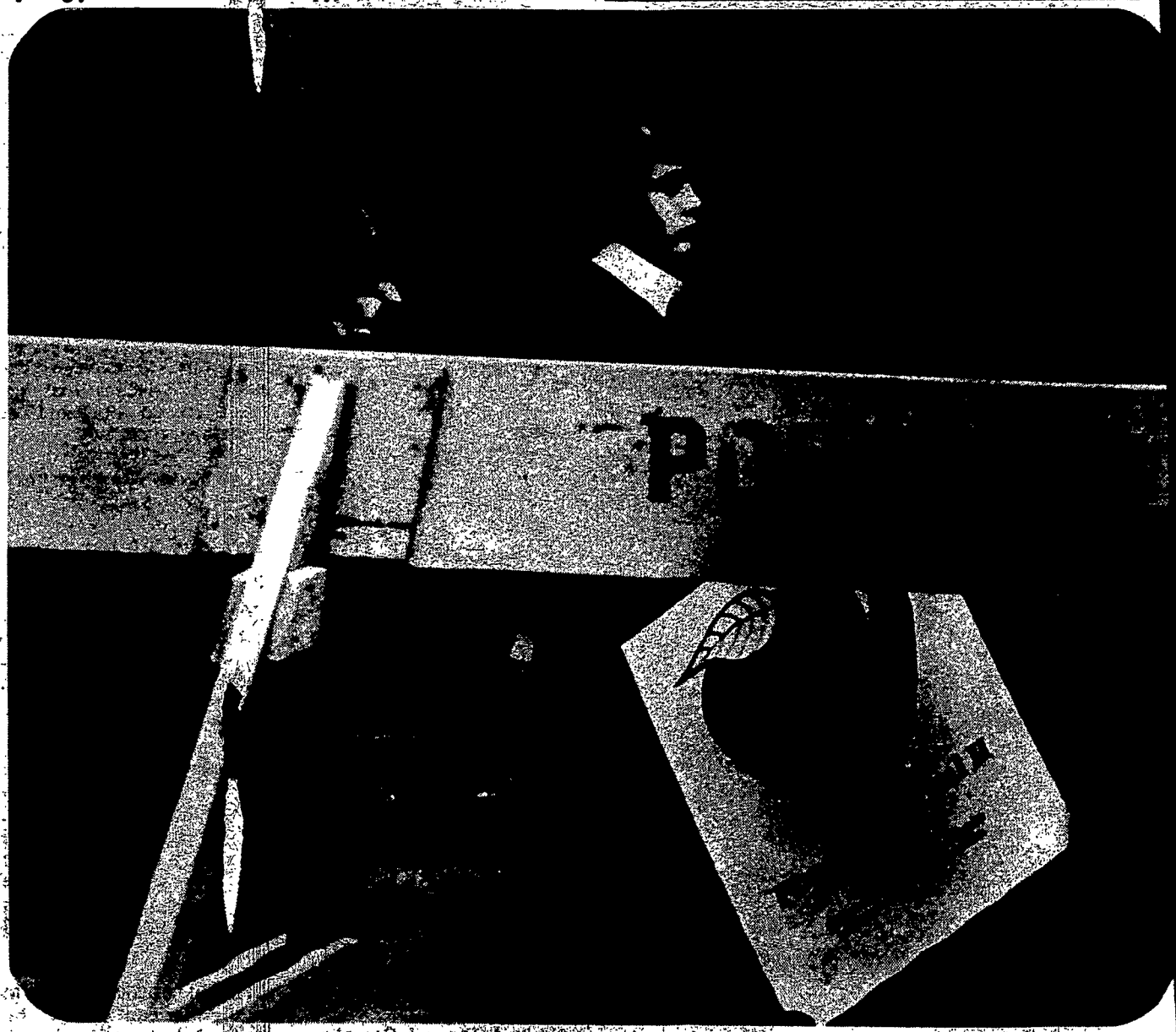


The pontiff presented this gift to Bishop Clark.

A Gift Of Prayer

New York — Shortly following morning before the pontiff's Yankee Stadium Mass was to begin, an aide delivered invitations to each of the state's bishops, including Bishop Matthew H. Clark. The invitations asked them to attend a reception for Pope John Paul II at the cardinal's residence at 7:15 the

When Bishop Clark was greeted by the pontiff, the pope made mention of the area the diocese covers, and presented Bishop Clark with this rosary. The crucifix modeled after the one atop the pope's pastoral staff. — Dash



Gone By

A little girl stares down First Avenue after the pontiff's motorcade passed by, her one hand safely in the grip of her father, her other hand holding a poster of welcome. The posters, printed in many languages and distributed by the Archdiocese of New York, were in evidence throughout mid-town Manhattan.

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