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Pope Sees 'Gleam of Hope' On Eve of U.S.-Soviet Talks

Vatican City (NC) — The scheduled resumption of disarmament talks by the United States and the Soviet Union are a "gleam of hope," but successful negotiations "will not be easy" because of more sophisticated weapons systems, Pope John Paul II said Jan. 1.

He specifically criticized "projects for global space systems" at a time when the United States is studying the feasibility of establishing a

space-based defense system against nuclear attack. The plan, popularly known as the "Star Wars" system, has been highly controversial in the United States and strongly criticized by Soviet authorities as an obstacle to arms reductions.

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko were scheduled to begin talks Monday (Courier-Journal press time) in Geneva, Switzerland, to

discuss resumption of arms talks. The pope praised the planned meeting and said negotiation "is the choice of wisdom." But he warned that "every time the parties return to the negotiating table the problems are more vast and intricate" because of improved weaponry technology.

"To the continental and planetary installations are now added projects for global space systems while the production of more

sophisticated devices are consumed in a competition of continuing supremacy," the pope told 35,000 people in St. Peter's Square.

He said successful arms reduction talks should involve "a new philosophy of international relations" which renounces the self-interests and ideologies that feed subversion and hate.

Other criteria for successful arms reduction, he said, include:

• Conviction by the

superpowers that "in matters of survival or destruction" they run the same risk.

• Consideration of the legitimate requirements and interests of all parties.

• Emphasis on effective systems of treaty verification.

"The security of all — still conceived today as the balance of power — could be obtained with a lower level of armaments if efficient systems of verification are accepted," the pope said.

Money saved by reducing

arms should be used to fight hunger and promote development in poor countries, the pope added.

The pope's talk is part of a series of initiatives he has taken in the 1980s to get superpowers to agree to a continual reduction of arms. These have included speeches, personal letters to world leaders such as the heads of state of the United States and the Soviet Union, and commissioning a series

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Christmas Appeal Total over Years Tops \$700,000

The Christmas Appeal, a fund-raising drive for the Diocese of Rochester, has reached a milestone in its history. The total amount raised over the years has topped \$700,000.

The appeal, which began in 1954, is a joint effort of the diocese and the Roman Catholic Church in Rochester. It is a time when the faithful are encouraged to contribute to the fund for the relief of the poor and the needy.

In addition, the appeal also supports the work of the diocese's various ministries and programs. The fund is used to support the diocese's social services, education, and health care programs.

Persons wishing to participate in the appeal should send donations to:

Diocese of Rochester
Christmas Appeal
123 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14614



Sesqui Babies Blessed

Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

Father James Lawlor, left, pastor of Old St. Mary's Church downtown, blesses a group of infants born in the parish during the sesquicentennial year at a service on Friday, Dec. 28. From left, Joseph and Mary Lynn Heining, and daughter Claire; Judy and Michael Jones, daughter Christina; Ann Bierman and David Perry, son Andrew; Timothy and Linda Quinlan, sons Thomas and Timothy; Margaret Conboy, daughter Alexandra; Jane Roland, son Paul and daughter Samantha; and Shaun and Donna Klos, daughter Shannon. In the foreground is the parish's time capsule, scheduled to be opened in the year 2034. More photos of blessing on Page 3.

Ethiopia Relief Seen Falling Short

By NC News Service
Catholic Relief Services has announced that 1.6 million tons of emergency food will be needed to feed an estimated 10 million people in danger of starving to death in Ethiopia in 1985, while two African leaders say current relief efforts are falling far short of need.

CRS is the overseas aid agency of the U.S. bishops and the largest private distributor of American food in Africa.

According to CRS executive director Lawrence A. Pezzullo, the agency will provide at least 300,000 tons through commodity donations from the United States, European nations, Canada and other countries.

CRS has received \$25 million in donations toward African famine relief in the last eight weeks, of which \$10 million will be dedicated to the immediate distribution costs in Ethiopia. Some

As of Courier-Journal presstime Monday, Rochester diocesans have contributed \$97,200.57 to the Catholic Relief Services campaign to provide food for Ethiopia. Anyone wishing to participate should send donations to Catholic Relief Services-Ethiopia, Diocesan Missions Office, 123 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14614.

private contributions will go toward seeds, tools and farm animals to assure a food crop for the country in 1985.

However, two top officials in Africa have called international aid to the continent inadequate.

Peter Onu, interim secretary general of the Organization of African Unity, said aid to Ethiopia and other drought-affected African countries was "grossly inadequate," and urged African nations to help each other

rather than rely on outside aid.

Adebayo Adedeji, executive secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, predicted that up to 6 million tons of food will be needed by the continent in 1985, as opposed to 3.3 million tons needed in 27 African countries in 1984.

He added, however, that food aid to Africa "as important as it is, is simply not enough. In fact, it is totally inadequate."

He said Africa needs help

in transportation, food storage, resettlement of millions of people displaced by the drought, and many other areas.

"Unless this is done, and most urgently, Africa will suffer from, and the world will witness, an unparalleled catastrophe," he said.

"What we're seeing in Ethiopia is just the tip of a much larger program," said Pezzullo, explaining that CRS is expanding projects geared toward victims in some 24 sub-Saharan African

countries ravaged by drought and famine eventually feeding themselves. "In addition to stepping up our emergency aid in ongoing CRS programs throughout the area, we are building our new development initiatives on decades of experience in Africa helping families attain self-sufficiency," he said.

Meanwhile, with 300,000 people having starved to death since March, immediate aid was still seen as vital. In response to the crisis, Egypt agreed Dec. 27 to re-route 2,300 tons of U.S. food to Ethiopia. "In view of the critical situation in Ethiopia, this arrangement has been sought to save time," said Douglas Broderick of CRS's Cairo office.

The Egyptian freighter, holding 1,000 tons of powdered milk, 1,000 tons of instant corn soya mix and 300 tons of other foodstuffs, was scheduled to sail Dec. 30.

President Condemns Bombings

Washington (NC) — President Reagan Jan. 3 condemned as "violent, anarchist activities" attacks against abortion clinics and promised that he will do everything possible to bring the guilty to justice. Clinic operators and other backers of legal abortion had called for Reagan's condemnation of the actions. The bombings were also denounced by Archbishop James A. Hickey of Washington and Bishop J. Keith Symons of Pensacola-Tallahassee. Reagan asked that all federal agencies cooperate in the investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Actor Paul Newman Contributes \$250,000 For Ethiopia

Actor Paul Newman has donated \$250,000 to Catholic Relief Services to aid victims of the famine and drought in Ethiopia.

The money came from Newman's corporation "Newman's Own," which makes salad dressing, spaghetti sauce and popcorn. The corporation turns over all of its profits to charitable organizations.

According to CRS spokeswoman Marina Gruenman, the \$250,000 donation is the largest single contribution from a corporation CRS has received for the Ethiopian crisis.