

A long the way Changes provide hope this season

Christmas, 1989

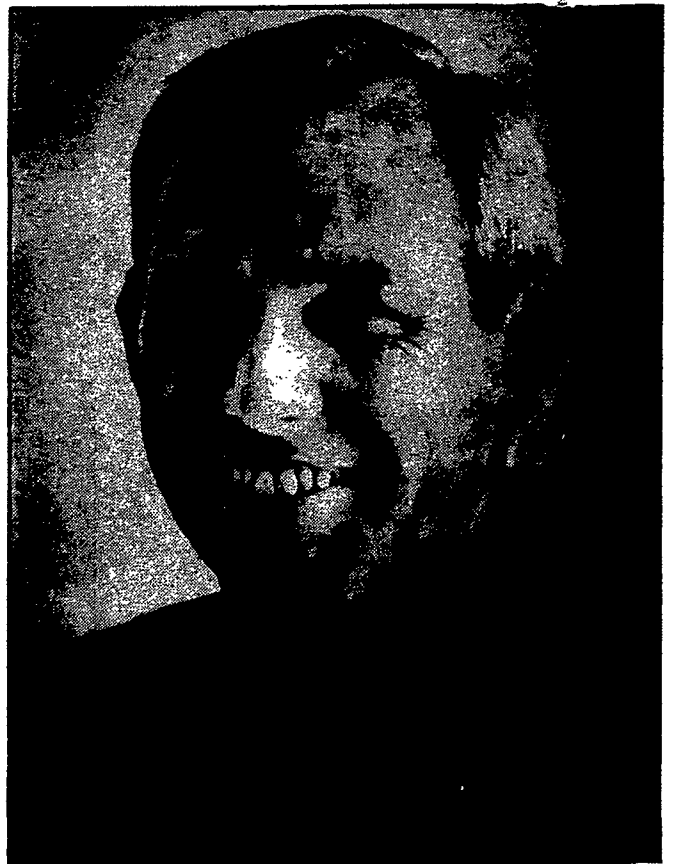


My dear People:

In a few days, we will commemorate once again the birth of our Savior. These Advent days have been filled with the spirit of the ancient prophets calling the people to readiness. That spirit of expectation seems epitomized in Mary, the Virgin Mother, who nobly and wonderfully puts herself within the guiding hands of God. The Christmas scenes we will construct in our homes and churches call us to witness again the humble beginnings of the Messiah.

The rapidly changing events in the world, especially Eastern Europe, give us great cause for hope this Christmas season. Such events invite us to renew our prayer to the Prince of Peace. They summon further efforts by world leaders to work for justice within nations and to embrace peace as its binding force. The Preface of Christmas reminds us: "Today in Jesus a new light has dawned on the world. God has become one with His people and they have become one with their God."

May these joyous days of Christmas bring God's richest blessings into your heart and the hearts of your family and friends. May the spirit



of this season truly imbue all nations with a sense of deep freedom, real justice and tender peace. Christmas joy to all of you!

Your brother in Christ,

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