

Pope Paul escalates his efforts for peace

BY JAMES C. O'NEILL
VATICAN CITY — Pope

Paul VI made peace his first concern of the new year by sending personal messages to the leaders of the U.S., the Soviet Union, communist China and North and South Vietnam to urge them to work for a settlement of the Vietnamese war.

Separate messages were sent on January 1 to Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny, Red China's chairman Mao Tse-tung, President Ho Chi Minh of North Vietnam, and Gen. Nguyen van Thieu, leader of the South Vietnam government.

On Christmas the Pope had sent messages to the North and South Vietnam leaders thanking them for their "pacifist gesture"

L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican press office noted.

Verbal: the Holy Father, pleased by the true taking place in Vietnam, recommended with all the ardor of his pastoral concern not to neglect anything which might bring minds closer together, not to overlook any favorable occasion, however slight, to come to a peaceful and just solution of the crisis in Southeast Asia.

"These appeals of the Pope were certainly transmitted and there is no doubt that, as was the case in the recent past, they will be received with an aware spirit and with a profound consciousness of the responsibilities which at this moment are incumbent on the heads of people and of nations."

L'Osservatore Romano's editor, Raimondo Manzoni, gave a short speech over Vatican Radio on January 2 commenting on the Pope's messages to world leaders in which he noted that papal messages favoring peace had also been

sent to other top leaders and to the United Nations secretary.

"The recognition of the mission of peace of Paul VI is today shared throughout the world by many who look with hope to this intervention, lacking all temporal force and every form of self-interest, but which is by this very reason more valid due to its moral authority and human understanding."

Referring to his New Year's messages in his talk to the thousands who had gathered for his Sunday appearance above St. Peter's Square, the Pope dwelt on his frail means for achieving peace. He said:

"We have received with pleasure — because of the honor which is reflected on those who give it to us — the favorable echo of world opinion on our messages of yesterday urging new resolutions of mutual forgiveness, concord and reconciliation and calling for some effective mediation for the end of the conflict in Vietnam."

"But, most beloved sons, what is this? If this is all we can do, it is very little indeed compared with the end to be achieved. We feel the scantiness of our efforts, humble and defenseless, strong only in human and Christian reason which inspire them, but weak before the enormous difficulties toward which they are directed. Once more the aid of heaven is necessary and therefore our diplomacy, so to speak, is beyond measure intermixed with prayer."

The Pope said his New Year's wish for the world is that 1966 will bring progress in peace, "the condition and fruit of every other good."

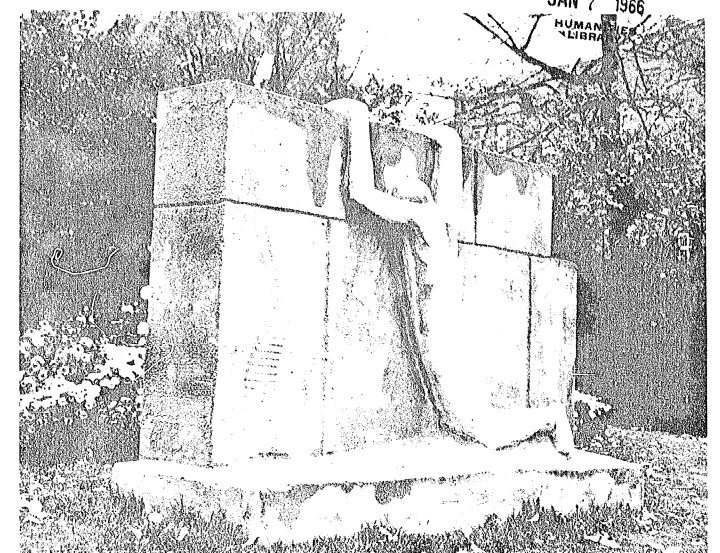
He told the crowd of his prayers and hopes that "the efforts which are being made during these days to settle the conflict in the Far East may have a happy outcome."

A personal greeting to those present and their families, he extended a greeting to the entire Church "that the seed sown by the (ecumenical) council might vivify and sanctify it."

"Greetings also to the entire world," he said, "with the wish that it make progress in concord, well being and justice, and especially in peace, the condition and fruit of every other good. Where peace exists, may it be protected and made to flourish. Where it does not exist, may it return."

A peaceful settlement in Vietnam is not an easy task, he admitted. "Precisely because of this, we invoke assistance from a Higher Power, may Mary, whose privilege of divine maternity we are celebrating, obtain it for us."

The tone of the four papal messages to national leaders was respectful and supplicating, and reflected clearly how strongly and intensely the Pope is concerned with the problem of peace in Vietnam. They came at a time when the U.S. government had launched a wide program of peace feelers, including President Johnson's sending Ambassador Goldberg to Hanoi to convey the President's message of gratitude for the Pope's peace actions in general.



BERLIN MEMORIAL—This West Berlin memorial commemorates those Germans who have died seeking freedom by climbing the infamous Communist wall dividing East and West Berlin. While it has been confirmed that 54 persons have been killed in attempting to cross the border since the wall was erected in 1961, the unofficial estimate is that three times that number have been slain. (RNS photo)

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FROM KENTUCKY Religion-Race body will move to Indiana

The executive board of the National Institute on Religion and Race met recently in Indianapolis and authorized the group's officers to incorporate in Indiana as a not-for-profit corporation. Headquarters of the Institute is being transferred to Indianapolis from South Union, Ky., where it was organized in 1962.

The new organization will service area Councils on Religion and Race throughout the United States and develop an annual program in Indianapolis. Cooperation will be sought to coordinate activities with the National Council of Churches, the National Catholic Welfare Council and the Synagogue Council of America.

Father Mario Shaw, O.S.B., coordinator of the Institute, told the criterion that an advisory board of trustees has been nominated to include representative Indianapolis citizens.

ROBERT M. JONES, of Los Angeles, is institute president. He is regional director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews for Los Angeles and Southern California. Vice president is Ralph Balfour Brick, executive director of the Interfaith Activities Commission of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Father Harvey Shepherd, O.S.B., of South Union, Ky., is secretary.

Other members of the executive board include: Dr. Lewis Wade Jones, coordinator of the Race Relations Department of the American Missionary Association at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.; Matthew Ahmann, director of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice; Charles H. Reynolds, Bowling Green, Ky., attorney; Dr. Nolan P. Howington, professor of Christian Ethics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; and Thurmond, Hopkinsville, Ky., industrialist and first chairman of the President's Citizens Advisory Commission on Civil Rights.

THE INSTITUTE will sponsor a national interreligious work-

Papal donation
PARIS—Pope Paul VI donated \$100,000 to aid victims of war in both North and South Vietnam "on the occasion of Christmas." The donation was announced here by Msgr. Jean Rouahin, president of Caritas Internationalis—the International Conference of Catholic Charities.

Bp. Perry consecrated by Delegate

By NEWELL SCHINDLER

NEW ORLEANS — A bishop here characterized as a "source of inspiration" in the consecration of the first Negro to be raised to the U.S. hierarchy in this century.

Bishop Robert E. Tracy of Baton Rouge, La., preaching at the consecration (Jan. 6) of Auxiliary Bishop Harold R. Perry, S.V.D., of New Orleans.

A delegation of 29 Indianapolis residents attended the consecration ceremony of Bishop Perry.

Wearing golden vestments which once belonged to the late Archbishop Joseph P. Rummel of New Orleans, a giant among champions of racial integration in this race-conscious area, Bishop Perry was consecrated by Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, Apostolic Delegate in the United States.

ARCHBISHOP Philip M. Hannan of New Orleans and Archbishop John P. Cody of Chicago, former spiritual head of the New Orleans archdiocese, served as co-consecrators.

"First, that today we are witnessing the episcopal consecration of the first Negro ever to be raised to the high office of bishop in order to serve in a diocese of the United States of America in this century."

"And, second, the fact that this bishop-elect has come through to the public—both here in the South as well as across the nation—as a highly cultivated person; a churchman with an impressive record of participation and leadership in the works of religion; a true 'man of God' in the modern tradition, fully in touch with the world around him, and sensitive to each."

Recollection set for non-Catholics

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat League will sponsor the annual Day of Recollection for non-Catholics Sunday, Jan. 9, at the retreat house, 3535 E. 50th Street, Indianapolis.

Father James D. Moriarty, Fatima director, will conduct the conferences, open to both men and women. The one-day event will begin at 10 a.m. with registration starting at 9:30 p.m.

Koreans ordained
SEOUL, Korea — Archbishop Paul M. Ro of Seoul in less than a fortnight has ordained 33 young Koreans to the priesthood, the largest group ever from Seoul's Holy Spirit major seminary.

Methodists to host 'exchange'

The fifth exchange visit between Catholics and other Christians and Jews in the Indianapolis area will take place Wednesday evening, Jan. 12, at the Meridian Street Methodist Church, 2500 N. Meridian St.

Sponsored by the Indianapolis District Council of Catholic Men, in cooperation with the other congregations, the exchange visit will be completed in February when members of the Methodist church visit a Catholic parish church.

Dr. Richard Laneoster, Meridian Street Methodist pastor, and men of his congregation will host Wednesday's meeting, to begin at 7:30 p.m. Both men and women are invited to attend.

Joseph Larmon, chairman of the DCUM's Ecumenical Committee, is handling arrangements for the Catholic visitors.

Four Indianapolis men in ordination class

Four Franciscans from Indianapolis will be ordained to the priesthood in Teutopolis, Ill. He will celebrate his First Mass at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, in Sacred Heart Church, Reception will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 in Sacred Heart Hall.

Officers of the Mass include Father Conan Mitchell, O.F.M., archpriest; Father Arthur Feltman, O.F.M., deacon; Father Randolph Boren, O.F.M., subdeacon; Father Roland Averbeck, O.F.M., will preach the sermon.

Rev. Mayer
Mayer entered the Franciscan seminary in 1952 upon graduation from Sacred Heart parish school.

His First Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, in Sacred Heart Church. The reception will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

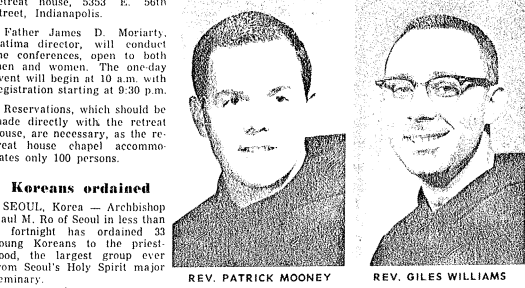
Officers of the Mass will be: Father Conan Mitchell, O.F.M., archpriest; Father Raymond J. Klefen, O.F.M., deacon; Father Ernest Stahl, O.F.M., subdeacon. The sermon will be given by Father Daniel L. Pfeischniffer, O.F.M.

Rev. Hartrich
Hartrich entered the Franciscan seminary upon graduation from St. Roch's parish school in 1952.

He will offer his First Mass at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, in St. Roch's Church.

Officers will include: Father Gordon Knese, O.F.M., archpriest; Father James Huetel, O.F.M., deacon; Father Angus Voss, O.F.M., subdeacon. Father Herman Doerr, O.F.M., will deliver the sermon.

The public reception will be given in the parish school hall from 4:30 to 7 p.m.



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Record set in donations to missions

By PAUL G. FOX

Contributions to mission activities of the Church during 1965 totaled \$545,226, according to the annual report issued by Msgr. Victor L. Goossens, Archdiocesan Director of Mission Societies. For the second consecutive year the amount passed the half-million mark, making the 10-year total contributions from Archdiocesan Catholics surpass \$4 million.

The largest single collection was taken up on Mission Sunday, amounting to \$88,701, an increase of \$8,000 over the previous year's collection. Visiting missionaries, representing religious orders and dioceses engaged in home and foreign mission work, collected \$92,191 for their various activities throughout the world.

SOCIETY for the Propagation of the Faith donations from individuals and families, totaled \$64,291 or an increase of \$2,560 over 1964. Children in parish schools contributed \$55,649 to the Holy Childhood Association, a pontifical organization.

Archdiocesan parishes during 1965 contributed \$26,525 to the Home Missions of the Archdiocese to support parishes which are not financially independent and need assistance for building projects and other maintenance. Mass stipends were distributed to missionaries in the amount of \$14,614, a \$2,000 increase.

RECIPIENTS of Home Mission funds included: American Martyrs parish, Scottsburg, \$10,000; private property in (Continued on page 9)

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