In Geneva, Switzerland

Pope Renews Pleas for Unity, Social Justice; Lauds ILO, WCC

Geneva -- Prayers for Christian unity and another plea for worldwide social justice were voiced here by Pope Paul VI last Tuesday.

The Supreme Pontiff visited this bastion of Protestantism, the first reigning Pope to appear in the Swiss capital city in more than five centuries. The last was Pope Martin V in 1418.

Protestant, Orthodox and old-Catholic members in prayers for Christian unity. He invoked Christ's aid to "teach us to be truly sorry for the scandal of our divisions."

The Pope told the WCC that there was little likelihood that the Catholic Church will affiliate with it in the near future. "In fraternal frankness," he asserted, "we do not consider that the question...is so mature that a positive answer could or should be..."
Father Bede and Sister Alix

Golden Jubilees Abound
Parish at Clarksville

Clarksville -- A Benedictine and his sister, a Daughter of Charity, will celebrate the 50th anniversaries of their religious vows this Sunday, June 14. The lay jubilarians will be Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brouillet of Ozone.

Father Bede will offer the Mass during the joint celebration.

Afterwards, a dinner will be served to about 250 guests by members of the Holy Redeemer parish Mothers' Society.

Father Bede and Sister Alix will then pay a brief visit to New Subiaco Abbey, the Benedictine community of which the priest-jubilarians is a member.

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N. Little Rock -- The annual St. Joseph's Orphanage picnic, expanded this year into a two-day affair, will be held tomorrow and Sunday, June 14-15, on the orphanage grounds on Camp Robinson Road.

The sponsor, Little Rock Council 812, Knights of Columbus, has prepared for a record turnout.

The Saturday evening program, designed primarily for teenagers, will feature a spaghetti dinner to be served starting at 5 o'clock.

This will be followed by traditional mid-way attractions and a street dance.

The Sunday program will repeat the routine of past years. The midway will open in the early afternoon, and a barbecue beef dinner will be served starting at 5 P.M.

All proceeds will be used for the benefit of the orphanage by the Benedictine Sisters of St. Scholastica Convent, Fort Smith, who staff the institution.

Unconditional Surrender of U.S. Sought in 'Peace' Talks
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By Father Patrick O'Connor, S.S.C.

Paris (NC) -- What the Vietnamese communists are demanding here from South Vietnam and the U.S. virtually amounts to unconditional surrender.

That conclusion comes from weeks of studying their formal statements and attending their press conferences.

Steps taken by the United States to bring about negotiations appear to the communists to be the first steps of a retreat. Their reaction, accordingly, has been to take the offensive here and in Vietnam.

Here, in weekly meetings, they keep repeating their absolute unconditional demands, expressed in insulting language. In South Vietnam they have reacted with widespread military and terrorist measures.

In Paris they continue to call for the complete abolition of the present government in South Vietnam and the constitution, although this government is represented by an official delegation in the meetings here.

The communists also demand the unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. and other allied troops from South Vietnam.

They are still making these unconditional demands after more than one year of meetings between the American and North Vietnam delegations, after more than four months of four-party meetings. Thus they have made it impossible up to now to move forward an inch toward actual negotiations on peace.

The concessions so far have been made by one side -- the Americans and the South Vietnamese.

First, the U.S. halted all bombing raids on military targets in North Vietnam above the 21st parallel. Then the 20th parallel, one degree farther south, became the limit. Last November the U.S. halted all air raids above the Demilitarized Zone, thus giving immunity to military supply depots and transport lines for communist forces operating in the south.

For the November halt it was understood that the communists would reciprocate by halting all mortar and rocket attacks on the large population centers of Saigon, Danang and Hue. (That is, for a cessation of attacks on military targets they were to give up not only military but attacks on civilians.) They would also respect the Demilitarized Zone by staying out of it.

This understanding was not a written agreement. The communists wanted to keep the pretense of having exacted an unconditional halt to the bombing. But even according to an official American source, the understanding was perfectly clear on both sides.

The communists observed it for a few months. Then in February and March they broke it, in their post-Tet offensive, firing rockets and mortars.
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known in the Diocese of Little Rock than Father Bede Mitchel. He was born in New Orleans January 7, 1899. He graduated from Subiaco Academy in 1917, and then began seminary studies at the Abbey. He made his profession of vows September 8, 1919, and was ordained to the priesthood six years later.

Rockefeller Vetoes Aid to Church Colleges

Albany (NC) -- Gov. Nelson Rockefeller has vetoed a bill which called for the inclusion of church-related colleges and universities in New York State's $20-million program of aid to private institutions of higher learning.

But at the same time, Gov. Rockefeller stated once again he favors aid to church-related colleges. He indicated, however, that he thought the present bill, which was approved by the State Assembly in May, could not survive court tests of its constitutionality.

Father Bede has held several Arkansas pastorates. He was on the Subiaco faculty for 10 years and also taught at Corpus Christi Academy and at Laneri High School in Texas. He has given numerous retreats for laymen, Sisters and priests in many parts of the nation, and has preached countless missions. He also has been instrumental in numerous conversions.

Father Bede's step-mother entered the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in California following the death of the priest's father. She died in 1953.

Cardinal Cites Gospel Ban On Divorce

Rome (NC)--The president of the Italian Bishops' Conference, His Excellency Bishop Joseph B. Brunini of Natchez-Jackson met with the delegates at a lunch-}

The communists publicly spurned the offer.

The view from Paris shows the communist side retreat and anti-communist side retreating on, though not yet in Vietnam. The communists, losing militarily in Vietnam but feeling that they are gaining in the field of public opinion in the U.S., are emboldened by what they read and hear. They seem to be arguing thus: "Why should we yield an iota? We have only to keep repeating our demands here and causing more deaths in South Vietnam. Our opponents will keep offering us more and more, until we get all we want."

All they want is ultimately all of South Vietnam.

They seem to be confident that in the end it will be given to them, if not on a silver platter, at least wrapped up in some newspapers and a few copies of the Congressional Record.