

Ecumenical fathers greet statements on religious liberty, Jews with warmth

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—Ecumenical Council fathers gave warm and prolonged applause today to the presentation of historic statements on Catholic relations with Jews and on religious liberty.

The statements declare that Jews should not be made scapegoats for the crucifixion of Christ and proclaim the right of all men to the free exercise of religion according to the dictates of conscience.

Although the statement on religious liberty received the greatest applause, the council fathers gave close attention to the presentation on the statement of Jews made by Augustin Cardinal Bea, head of the secretariat for promoting Christian unity.

The German-born cardinal said the statement was a purely religious matter and that there was no question of the council getting mixed up in difficult

cult questions of Arab-Israeli politics.

Some Oriental council fathers had objected Monday that the special treatment of the Jews in a document on Christian unity could lead to the persecution of Christian minorities in the Arab world.

Cardinal Bea told council fathers that his secretariat has informed Arab states of the non-political nature of the proposed statement.

The document is intended to recall what the church of Christ has received through the Old Testament of the Hebrews and that the church in modern times is the continuation of the chosen people of Israel, Bea made clear in his presentation.

Despite the cardinal's speech, three more prelates today objected to the inclusion of the statement on the Jews in the overall document on Christian unity.

Emile Cardinal Leger of Montreal, Canada, said both the chapter on the Jews and that on religious liberty should be decreed as separate documents.

Bishop Emile De Smedt of Bruges, Belgium, gave the presentation of the chapter on religious liberty on behalf of Cardinal Bea's secretariat.

His report was greeted with what the official council spokesman called "the longest, warmest and most general applause of this session."

Bishop De Smedt said the proposed teaching on religious liberty climaxed a doctrinal evolution on the dignity of the human person and religious liberty which reached its peak in Pope John's last encyclical "Pacem in Terris" (Peace on Earth).

The religious liberty chapter, prepared partly at the urging of the American church hierarchy, proclaims the right of individuals to follow their consciences in religious matters and to worship freely or refrain from worship without government interference.

If approved, this would be the first unequivocal Catholic statement of this view. The church has traditionally held that "error does not have the same rights as truth," a position which has sometimes been interpreted as a denial of religious liberty.

Top Demos see Florida back in fold

MIAMI (UPI)—State Democratic leaders, with one notable exception, were in agreement today with President Kennedy's prediction that Florida would return to the Democratic fold in the 1964 presidential election.

Top level Democrats pointed to the enthusiastic receptions given the President on his whirlwind tour of Florida Monday to back up their optimism.

But Gov. Farris Bryant, who also traveled with the Kennedy party, was hesitant to say outright that Florida would swing back to the Democrats after voting Republican in the last three presidential elections.

"It's too early to say, or at least for me to," Bryant said.

But he added he was encouraged by Kennedy's reception in Tampa and the Miami area. The President was greeted, in ideal weather, by relatively large and friendly crowds.

Florida GOP Chairman Tom Brown of Tampa strongly disagreed with the President and state Democrats.

"Mr. Kennedy is sadly mistaken if he thinks the Democrats are going to carry Florida," he said. "The Republicans will win again, and Mr. Kennedy will lose by an even bigger margin than he did in 1960 if Barry Goldwater gets the nomination."

Among the crowd of 4,000 persons at Miami's International Airport were several men waving "Goldwater for President" signs. Taking note of the hecklers, Kennedy said he had been making "non-partisan" speeches until then, "but I come here as a Democrat and express myself as a Democrat."

He praised his administration's program and Florida's progress under it and made the prediction the state would vote Democratic next year.

Farmers back from session

SPECIAL TO THE BULLETIN
FORT ROCK — Central Oregon farmers returned the past weekend from the three day session of the Oregon Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts held at Grants Pass.

Gunster Arends of Bend, a supervisor of the Midstate Conservation District, spoke to the convention briefly about the Bend public school's conservation program at the elementary level. He displayed several copies of the syllabus prepared for use by teachers. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Thorson, Redmond, also attended the sessions.

Also stressing the need for conservation education was Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon College, who addressed the group at the November 14 banquet. He noted the absence of teacher training in this area.

Representing the Fort Rock-Silver Lake Conservation District were Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Parks and Everett Green. The Parks placed third in the annual soil judging contest.

A convention highlight was the annual speaking contest for high school youths. The five finalists represented 1360 students who entered at the local level. A trophy and a \$50 savings bond were awarded to Lois Hobson, a senior at Merrill High School, for her top performance. Donors were the J. R. Simplot Company and the state association of districts.

Rockefeller says he's 'more encouraged' than ever that he'll win GOP nomination

WASHINGTON (UPI)—New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller wound up a support-seeking visit to the nation's capital today on an optimistic note. He said he was "more encouraged" than ever that he would win the 1964 GOP presidential nomination.

Rockefeller, the only announced Republican presidential candidate admitted, however, that he is running behind Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, R-Ariz., but he expressed "no doubt" that he would overtake Goldwater in the months ahead.

The New York governor met with a number of GOP senators during his visit. Sources said he attempted to discount reports that he was in the presidential race merely to stop Goldwater and make way for a third candidate. Rockefeller was said to have emphasized to party leaders that he is in the race for keeps.

Rockefeller was accompanied by his bride since May, Margaretta (Happy) Rockefeller, who described the capital visit as her "most exciting" since her last one—a wartime trip when she pedaled to the city on her bicycle from an aunt's home in nearby Arlington, Va. It was Rockefeller's first Washington visit since announcing his candidacy.

Rockefeller, often holding hands with Happy, met groups of tourists and congressional employees during a three-hour,

hand-shaking tour of the Senate Monday that included a subway ride, a view of the Senate in session, three short news conferences, lunch, thousands of photographs and hundreds of autographs.

Monday night he met with a small group of Republicans at dinner in his Washington mansion. He described the dinner

Group to hear county sheriff

New members will be initiated and Sheriff F. C. Sholes will be guest speaker at a dinner-meeting of the Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson Legal Secretaries Association, set at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 20 at the Thunderbird Restaurant in Bend.

The following are eligible to attend and apply for membership: persons licensed to practice law or engaged as secretaries, stenographers, typists or clerks in any law office, or persons employed in a court, trust department of any bank or trust company, or in any public or private institution directly engaged in work of a legal nature, including all public officers, who can meet the qualifications of membership.

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session as strictly informal. He said that he asked for no commitments from anyone and that the meeting was for an exchange of views on the campaign.

The group included Republican Sens. Clifford Case, N.J., George D. Aiken, Vt., Thomas H. Kuchel, Calif., John Sherman Cooper, Ky., Leverett Saltonstall, Mass., J. Caleb Boggs, Del., Jack R. Miller, Iowa, and New Yorkers Jacob K. Javits and Kenneth B. Keating. GOP National Chairman William Miller and Sen. Winston L. Prouty, R-Vt., were invited but presumably could not make it.

A Rockefeller spokesman said national and international matters were the topics at the four-hour, round table discussion. All agreed that President Kennedy "should, can and will be beaten" in 1964 by any Republican candidate, including Goldwater, he said.

SINGLE FIRE REPORTED

Only fire reported Monday was in an electric heater at the 1054 Milwaukee home of Mrs. Jim Prentice, caused by lint in the heater. It was out when firemen arrived. They used a smoke ejector to clear the air. Only other call was to the 800 block on Wall Street, where Christmas decorations fell into the street when the cable holding them broke. Firemen moved the decorations.

Search made for victims of Atlantic City blaze

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (UPI)—A huge construction crane pushed aside the rubble of the Surfside Hotel today in a search for the remaining 16 victims of Monday's pre-dawn fire which killed 25 elderly guests.

Police officials called relatives of the victims to a meeting this afternoon to inform them of what they have found in the rubble. They hoped the meeting would help relatives in identifying the bodies.

Seven bodies and part of an eighth already have been removed from the smoldering debris of the tragic fire and another person died in a hospital from injuries.

Det. Capt. Albert Wilson, in charge of search operations, called off the hunt late Monday night because the rubble of the Surfside Hotel, where the victims were trapped, was "too hot in the center, too smoky and it was too dark."

A three-man FBI team has arrived here to help identify the bodies which may prove difficult if not impossible in some cases.

Many Buildings Damaged

The spreading fire, with flames that soared 200 feet, destroyed four other hotels and damaged four additional guest houses which housed non-residents other than taken maintenance staffs.

Milton Rauer, 48, the owner of the Surfside, six of his relatives, eight guests and three employees made their way out safely through the billowing smoke and flames shortly after

the flames erupted about 4:30 a.m. (EST).

Fifty-six pieces of fire equipment and more than 450 firefighters, including those from nearby communities, battled the flames but for the most part all they could do was watch helplessly while the 60-year-old frame building was leveled.

City Commissioner Meredith Kerstetter, director of public safety in charge of police and fire operations said Monday that the Surfside "was routinely inspected in June and that it measured up to fire safety regulations. However the fire department will be alerted to continue a thorough investigation of all buildings."

Fire Chief Warren Conover said that at the Surfside "they were as safe as they could get

in a frame building. Usually we have been blessed when one of these frame buildings catches fire that somebody sees it, now that the vacation season is over and not so many people around, well. . . ."

Atlantic City, a jammed seaside resort area in the summer has the second largest ratio of elderly population in the United States next to St. Petersburg, Fla.

Rauer said later the fire was "a quick, sudden thing—a blast of flame."

STRESSES RELATIONS

ROME (UPI)—Algerian Ambassador to Italy Taieb Boulharouf said Monday night that predominantly Moslem Algeria will soon establish diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

At an embassy reception for Algerian Ecumenical Council fathers, he stressed the good relations between the state and the Roman Catholic Church in Algeria.

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Higher ceiling sought on debt

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The administration sent budget director Kermit Gordon before the Senate Finance Committee today in its drive to raise the legal limit on the national debt.

Gordon was slated to testify on a House-passed measure that would increase the present \$309 billion temporary ceiling to \$315 billion, starting Nov. 30 and extending through next June 29.

If the measure isn't enacted by Nov. 30, the debt limit will drop back to its permanent level of \$285 billion. This would create an embarrassing situation for the government which has been showing a debt balance of about \$307 billion.

During Monday's hearing at which Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon testified, Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen questioned the practicality of the permanent debt limit which, he said, "actually is something of a semantic illusion" under present fiscal conditions.

The Illinois senator said that the "temporary" limit reminded him of a character in a play—an uncle who "came to visit his family for a weekend and stayed 17 years."

Dillon, in response to questioning, testified that the federal budget probably could not be balanced until fiscal 1967 or 1968, so the Treasury could not hope to shave much off the public debt before then.

Dirksen said that even if the budget were balanced at that time, it seemed unlikely that the debt would revert to the \$285 billion in less than 25 or 30 years.

Area Chamber meets tonight

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PRINEVILLE — The Central Oregon Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular quarterly meeting tonight in Prineville at the Ochoco Inn, beginning at 7 p.m.

A discussion on the proposed recommendation of the Oregon Chamber Executives group as to certain tax measures will be led by R. P. McRae, Prineville chamber president.

Representatives will attend the meeting from Bend, Redmond, Madras, Culver and Prineville.



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