

# Ecumenical Council Shows Pope Paul Committed To Christian Unity

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last of three dispatches by United Press International's religion writer summing up the work of the second session of the Ecumenical Council.

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VATICAN CITY (UPI) — Pope Paul VI has demonstrated at the second session of the Ecumenical Council that he is wholly committed to the great vision of church reform and Christian reunion which animated the late Pope John XXIII.

Any doubts which may have lingered in the minds of liberal Catholic bishops about Pope Paul's attitude have been removed during the past few weeks.

Quietly but forcefully, he has thrown the weight of the papal office behind the council fathers who are striving to renew and modernize the Catholic Church, and to remove roadblocks from the long road to Christian unity.

His influence often has been exerted in subtle and indirect ways, because he is very anxious to avoid any appearance of dictating to the council. But it has been made clear to all—even to the adamant conservatives on the council's key theological commission—that the Pope meant exactly what he said in his opening address to the council on Sept. 29.

At that time, the Pontiff summoned the church to "move forward boldly" along the path marked out by his predecessor, John XXIII.

**Means Business**  
Even before the council convened, Pope Paul was trying to make clear to his old colleagues in the Roman Curia—the citadel of stand-pat conservatives—that he meant business about reform. In a remarkable address to the Curia on Sept. 21, he said bluntly that it deserved criticism and needed reform. He added he would not tolerate any efforts on the part of Curia members—who are supposed to function as the Pope's secretaries—to sidetrack the work of the council.

But old habits die hard. Although consistently outvoted on the council floor by huge majorities, the preservers of the status quo, led by Alfredo Cardinal Ottaviani, still wield enormous power in the backstage machinery of the council. They are particularly well entrenched in the theological commission, which must pass on all documents affecting doctrine. Ottaviani is chairman of this commission.

Early in this council session, it became obvious to the fathers that there was going to be trouble about getting Ottaviani's commission to bring to a final vote a document which asserts that bishops have a divine right to share with the Pope in the government of the church. Pope Paul had said in his opening address that this document was the most important business of this council session, and its basic principles were approved by overwhelming majorities in a series of test votes on Oct. 30. But the word filtered back to liberal bishops that Ottaviani's commission was simply "sitting on" the document, rather than preparing a final draft for formal adoption.



**EXPERIMENT WITH CHAIRS** — President Johnson changed chairs during conferences with world leaders at the White House. Occupying the Executive Office for the first time, Johnson met with Emperor Haile Selassie and sat in the big soft chair at left. Later the President conferred with Prime Minister Ismet Inonu of Turkey and sat in the upholstered rocking chair at right. The Executive Office of the White House has been redecorated and refurbished since President Kennedy's death. (UPI)

The suspicion that the crucial document had been pigeonholed was heightened when Ottaviani and other conservative cardinals closely allied to him declared in council debate that the Oct. 30 votes were not binding on the commission, and that the whole issue of bishops sharing power with the Pope was still unsettled.

This outraged the liberal bloc. The lid blew off the simmering dispute on Nov. 8, when Joseph Cardinal Frings of Cologne, Germany, ripped into Ottaviani at a tense and dramatic council session. Frings said it was "indeed amazing" for the theological commission to suggest that the issue was unsettled. He bluntly reminded the commission that it is supposed to "function only as a tool of the council and to execute the will of the council fathers."

Within hours after Frings' speech had electrified the council, the Vatican grapevine was passing the word that Pope Paul had called Frings into his office and had expressed wholehearted agreement.

A few nights later, when the theological commission was holding a meeting with Ottaviani in the chair, a papal attendant arrived, bearing a message. Its contents have never been made public, but persons present said that it was a handwritten letter from the Pope, and that it expressed quite forcibly his desire that the commission proceed expeditiously with its proper work of carrying out the expressed will of the council fathers.

**Expands Commissions**  
The Pope later expanded membership of the commissions to make them more liberal in make-up, more responsive to the council majority, and more responsive to its will. That same night, Ottaviani appointed several sub-commissions to begin working on the details of the church government document. There is no hope that it will be ready for

voting before the present session ends Dec. 4, but council fathers anticipate it will be the first order of business when they reconvene next fall.

This episode is typical of the undramatic and often secret backstage role which Pope Paul has played in the council. His hand rarely shows in public, but the fathers are learning that his views are accurately represented by the four moderators whom he named to preside over the council—and particularly by one of them, Leo Joseph Cardinal Suenens of Belgium.

**Leads Liberal Bloc**  
Cardinal Suenens has emerged as the Pope's closest friend and confidante. He is also leader of the council's liberal bloc. It was Suenens whom the Pope chose to deliver an address at the midpoint of the session, ostensibly to honor the anniversary of Pope John XXIII's election, but actually to reawaken in the minds of the council fathers the shining image of Pope John's ideals.

Pope Paul listened from the papal throne in St. Peter's as Suenens spoke, and warmly embraced him at the end of the speech. There could be no more eloquent way of telling the council fathers where Pope Paul stands on reform and reunion.

The brilliant, scholarly pontiff with deep-set eyes may never have the popular touch which endeared his predecessor to all mankind, but as one noted American theologian commented, "It would be hard to conceive of a Pope better qualified, by experience and attitude, to carry through the work which Pope John began."

**Richard A. Mack, FCC Head Under Eisenhower, Dies**  
MIAMI (UPI)—Former Federal Communications Commissioner Richard A. Mack, the last of the prominent figures in the 1958 television grant scandal, was found dead Tuesday on a sheetless bed in a dingy apartment.

An autopsy was scheduled to determine the exact cause of death, but Homicide Detective E. E. Bergquist said there was no indication of suicide or foul play in the death of Mack, 56, whose body had been in the apartment an estimated five to eight days.

Investigators said they found a few bits of food in a small refrigerator and about 40 cents in pennies, nickels and dimes stacked neatly on a kitchen table.

**Improper Influence**  
Mack, a member of the Florida Railroad and Public Utilities Commission before being named to the FCC by President Eisenhower, and Miami attorney Thurman Whiteside were indicted on charges of using improper influence in the award of Channel 10 in Miami to Public Service Television, Inc., a National Airlines subsidiary.

They were tried together, and a mistrial declared when the jury deadlocked. In a second trial at which Mack was too ill to be defendant, Whiteside was acquitted but later killed himself. The charges against Mack were dropped.

Mack resigned from the FCC after his indictment. He suffered a nervous breakdown, once underwent alcoholic rehabilitation in a sanitarium, and was divorced by his wife.

**Yamhill Employes Turn Down Union**  
PORTLAND (UPI) — Employes of Yamhill Plywood Co. at McMinnville have rejected a proposal to designate Local 3-213 of the International Woodworkers of America to represent them, a spokesman for the National Labor Relations Board said today.

The vote was 53 to 16. The union struck the plant June 6. The firm has operated since late in June with a replacement crew.

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SALEM (UPI) — Mrs. Betty Roberts, Portland, has filed notice that she will be a Democratic candidate for the state legislature, Sixth District, East County Sub-District of Multnomah county.

## Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor, and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mrs. T. F. — He blames his low grades in college on us.  
George F. — I should have gone to an out-of-town school.

Mrs. T. F. — George should be grateful to be going to college at all. Instead, he keeps complaining that he couldn't go to a university away from home. He attends a Grade-A school only 40 minutes away. This case for us the disappointment of being unable to afford dormitory fees and high tuition rates. He says his mid-semester marks are low because we're noisy.

George F. — Somehow I was able to get A's and B's in high school, despite my mother interrupting my homework with snacks, my father turning on TV full blast, and my sister's screaming girl friends. But college is hard. If I have to live home, home has to change or I'll never pass the finals.

The Council: At best, it's a tough few years for both parents and college-age kids, no matter who lives where. A psychiatrist's own daughter, we're told, shook hands with him at the start of the first semester and said, "No matter what happens, let's wind up friends." To puncture George's vision of ideal study conditions in dormitories, we remind him that there are usually goof-off types who breeze in and out of a fellow's quarters, hi-fi addicts, hog-callers who yell to each other. His recourse there or at home would be to appeal for consideration, or flee to the library. . . . Certainly there are many advantages to living at home during college—financially, emotionally, socially. The rub here is that Mrs. F. may not be aware of the added intellectual pressures George is undergoing. Let's hope the family can give him: (1) A quiet, private spot to study in; (2) Some leeway on mealtime and his share of chores; (3) Few family demands for participation; (4) Reduced pressures as to marks. With these modifications, there's no place like home for celebrating—not even a frat house.

**Property Taxes Paid By Area's Ex-GIs**  
Ex-GIs with Oregon veterans' farm and home loans in Jackson and Josephine Counties paid an average property tax of \$258 and \$210, respectively, this year, according to a report from H. C. Saalfeld, Salem, director of the state's Department of Veterans' Affairs.

In Jackson County some \$235,826 was paid on 915 loans and in Josephine County \$81,637.95 on 390 loans. Average tax statewide was \$278.

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**Small Worlds Around Us**  
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**Royal Jelly Is The Sole Nourishment of Queen Bee**  
Ponce de Leon hunted vainly for that mythical fountain of youth, but he wasted his time. Alchemists over a period of thousands of years, have searched frantically for that which would prolong human life beyond its allotted time. Scientists, even today, are hoping for a drug, a hormone or a miracle that will do what was expected of the Fountain of Youth had it been located.

**Married Once**  
Strangely enough, the queen is married only once, and her husband dies before the honeymoon is hardly begun. From the time she was a tiny larva until she dies or is dethroned, she will eat nothing but royal jelly, which would seem to make this material about the most potent elixir man has ever imagined. . . . a substance made from pollen, dew from plants, and secretions from glands smaller than the human eye can see.

**Controlled Number**  
Entirely due to her efforts, the number of bees in the colony is strictly controlled. The number of wax makers, pollen gatherers and hive roustabouts are all kept up to the prescribed level in each category. Yet she has nothing to do with the administration policy of the colony; nothing to say about the divisions of bee classes which are to be developed from the eggs she lays.

Her sole duty is to produce eggs. Each egg, as soon as it is laid, is carried away by a worker bee and placed in a cell where it can be watched by other workers, who will decide whether the resultant baby

will be a worker, a drone, or maybe even a future queen. Actually, the queen is merely an egg laying machine, turning out bee eggs on a production line basis, and at a fantastic rate. She can produce as many as 3,000 eggs in a 24-hour period; that's about 125 an hour, or two every minute. She can keep up the pace for as many as five years, thereby producing in her life time nearly six million eggs. And she accomplishes all this on a diet of royal jelly.

**Symbolic Salute**  
The statue of Steven M. White, known as the father of Los Angeles harbor, appears to raise his hand in symbolic salute over the City Hall as the building is lit with a cross in memory of the late John F. Kennedy. (UPI)

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