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Cardinal Wyszynski

Says Pope Paul VI Is Poland's Friend

Berlin — (NC) — Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski has told the Catholics of Poland that His Holiness Pope Paul VI bears toward Poland the same warm feelings of the late Pope John XXIII.

The Cardinal Primate of Poland wrote of Pope Paul's close ties with Poland in a letter from Rome to his people shortly after the papal election. He told them that the first greeting the new Pope said to him after the election was in Polish: "Niech zyje Polska" (Long live Poland).

THE CARDINAL in his letter recalled that in 1923, as plain Father Giovanni Battista Montini, the Pope worked at the Warsaw nunciature at the side of the nuncio, who later became Lorenzo Cardinal Lauri, and the present Carlo Cardinal Chiarlo. And when he was assigned to the central administration of the Church in Rome, the primate continued, Msgr. Montini ministered to the spiritual needs of residents of the Polish home operated by the Grey

Ursulines and the Polish Institute. The future pope was concerned with Polish matters both while he served in the Papal Secretariat of State and as Archbishop of Milan, See Says Pope, page 7A

Charlotte Principal Assigned New Post

The Very Reverend James M. Darby, S.M., Provincial Superior of the Cincinnati Province of the Society of Mary (Marianists), announced that Bro. Robert Cassidy, S.M., Superior-Principal of Charlotte Catholic High School is assigned to Moeller High School, Cincinnati 42, Ohio, effective August 15, 1963.

The Cincinnati Province of the Marianists assumed operation of Charlotte Catholic High School in September, 1961. Bro. Cassidy is the first Marianist Superior-Principal. Since that time the Cincinnati Province was divided, and Charlotte Catholic is now staffed by the Marianists of the New York Province. Bro. Cassidy's home, Newry, Pennsylvania, is in the Cincinnati Province and, with this change he will permanently be a member of his home province.

The New York Province has not, as yet, announced the new Superior-Principal for Charlotte Catholic High School

Priest Expert

Predicts Council Decree On Christian-Jewish Ties

CINCINNATI — (NC) — A priest expert on Christian-Jewish relations said "there is every reason to hope that the council will have something to say on the ties that bind Christians and Jews together."

Msgr. John Oesterreicher said here that these ties are "of a truly ecumenical nature since both Christians and Jews consider themselves, and are sons of Abraham."

The monsignor is director of the Institute of Judaean-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J., and a member of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity. He made his statement during a visit here.

He said that "at no time was there contemplated or drafted a mere condemnation of anti-Semitism by the (Second Vatican) council."

"The Church has denounced anti-Semitism several times in the past," he continued, "and these denunciations stand. They will remain in force. The council, however, as envisaged by Pope John and equally, I am sure, by Pope Paul, is not to issue or reiterate condemnations but to make Catholics everywhere see the great problems of today in a fresh and positive light."

(Father Gustave Weigel, S.J., theologian at Woodstock (Md.) College, stated in Atlantic City recently that a statement on anti-Semitism was prepared for the council's first session last fall. But it was not presented, he said, because, though theological in nature, it might be misconstrued by the Arab states as a political statement. He said that for the same reason he does not expect the coun-

cil's second session, opening September 29, to adopt a statement condemning anti-Semitism.)

Msgr. Oesterreicher said the Christian-Jewish relationship is a deeply human one, and the council "dealt with this aspect when it solemnly proclaimed the dignity of every human person, and the brotherhood of men that exists and must be made more and more operative among individuals, nations, races and continents."

"The Christian-Jewish relationship is further one among heirs . . . of a basically common heritage of Hebrew Scripture," he stated. "The recent popes — Pius XI, Pius XII and John XXIII — referred more than once to this kinship and its several implications. If the council lasts long enough to take up . . . many of the issues

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AT WORLD COUNCIL— Father Raymond E. Brown, S.S., (above) American scripture scholar will address the World Council of Churches in Montreal, Canada, on July 16. Father Brown is professor of scripture at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md.

HUNGARY WILL ALLOW NAMING OF BISHOPS TO VACANT SEES

Vienna — (NC) — Deputy Premier Gyula Kallai of Communist Hungary told newsmen here that his government will approve assignments by His Holiness Pope Paul VI of new bishops to head his country's vacant dioceses.

He said that the government's only requirement is that "the bishops respect the laws of the Hungarian State," and added:

"We have no intention of obstructing such a measure [by Pope Paul] and we are sure it will be useful."

Meanwhile, it was also reported here that improved Church-State relations was one of the topics discussed by U Thant, Secretary General of the United Nations, in his talks with Hungarian leaders during his visit there in early July.

Of Hungary's 13 sees, seven are either vacant or have ordinaries who are impeded in their work. Two of the three archdioceses — Eger and Kalocsa — are vacant, and the third is headed by Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty of Esztergom, now living in asylum at the U.S. Legation in Budapest.

Pope Welcomes Greek Orthodox Pilgrims at Sunday Audience

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Paul VI welcomed to Rome a group of Greek Orthodox professors and students and told them that this center of the Catholic world is in "great and wonderful harmony with your own hearts . . . with your faith in Christ the Lord."

He gave a special Sunday audience (July 7) to a delegation from the Vellas School in Greece.

THE ORTHODOX teachers and

students were in Rome as guests of the Catholic ecumenical organization known as UNITAS. They were introduced to the Pope by Father Charles Boyer, S.J., president of the International Unitas Association.

Pope Paul, addressing the group in French, paid tribute to the heritage given the western world by pagan and by Christian Greece.

"Are not we all in some way disciples of Greece?" he asked. "All of us have felt the influence

of her history, her language, her heritage of thought and of art, her place in the tradition of Christianity. Her saints, her patristic literature and her liturgy are venerated throughout the Christian world, or at least — and we do not hesitate to say so — throughout the entire Catholic world."

NOTING THAT the group was the guest of the Unitas association, Pope Paul continued:

"Is not this visit, for which we give thanks to the Lord, within the category of events which Our predecessor John XXIII — who loved Greece so much — liked to view as what he so aptly called 'signs of the times'?"

The Pope went on to say that the Greeks were in Rome "as explorers, sincere explorers," adding: "We are happy that you can observe from its focal point the panorama of the Catholic Church and contemplate from close quarters the face of this ancient and modern Christian Rome which most of you have read about in books but which the majority of you have not known through direct experience until now."

POPE PAUL said he hoped the visitors might come to know "the heart of Rome, the profound religious truth which characterizes it and which constitutes the source of its authentic historical and spiritual life. We are certain that penetrating its heart, you will have discovered the great and wonderful harmony with your own hearts. We mean with your faith in Christ the Lord.

"Beloved students, illustrious professor, may this contact prove beneficial and salutary for all of you. This is Our most sincere wish. Allow Us to voice the wish in your presence that many of your compatriots may follow you one day and that through your example they too may undertake this Roman pilgrimage."

Priest Surprised To Find His Name Used in Spy Case

AMSTERDAM, N.Y. — (NC) — A priest here said it was "a great surprise" to him that a man arrested by the FBI in Washington, D.C., on spy charges had used his name.

Father Robert Keistutis Baltch, assistant pastor at St. Casimir's church, said he knew nothing about the arrest of the man using his name until he was informed of it by a radio newsmen.

The FBI arrested on charges of conspiring to spy for the Soviet Union a man using the name Robert Keistutis Baltch. Arrested with him was a woman calling herself Joy Ann Garber Baltch. The woman had taken the name of Joy Ann Garber, a housewife in Norwalk, Conn.

The FBI said the couple had adopted the names of the two Americans some time before 1959. It was not disclosed whether the arrested couple is married.

Father Baltch went to Lithuania with his parents in 1933 and studied there, returning to the U.S. in 1947.

Father Baltch said his parents' original name was Balcys, and when they became nationalized citizens of the U.S. they took the name Baltch.

He said his middle name, Keistutis, is a common one for Lithuanians to take, and that in the 13th century there was a grand duke of Lithuania by that name.



OBSERVE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS 60TH BIRTHDAY — Three bishops and a governor joined in the 60th anniversary celebration of the Catholic Daughters of America, held in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, in conjunction with the meeting of the Supreme Directorate. Shown left to right are: Bishop Vincent S. Waters of Raleigh, N.C., national chaplain; Margaret J. Buckley of Chevy Chase, Md., supreme regent; Governor William W. Barron of West Virginia; Bishop Joseph H. Hodges of Wheeling, W.Va., and Bishop William G. Connare of Greensburg, Pa., episcopal moderator of the Junior Catholic Daughters. The C.D.A. was founded in Utica, N.Y., June 18, 1903. They have a membership of 215,000.