

Ecumenism Will Continue

# Vatican II Observer Says Genie Is Out of the Bottle

Iowa City, Iowa — (NC) — A Methodist observer summed up the Second Vatican Council this way: "The ecumenical genie is out of the bottle and nobody is going to stop it up again."

Dr. Albert C. Outler, historical theology professor at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex., speaking at an ecumenical conference sponsored by the University of Iowa, expressed belief that the chapters on the people of God and on the laity in the constitution of the Church approved by the council, eventually may become more significant than the chapters on the hierarchy and collegiality.

**THE METHODIST** theologian said he found Protestants have been surprised at the diversity within the Catholic Church, especially as it is presented by the Oriental Rites. He said: "Catholics have got diversity. They just have a big corral where they bring them all together. This unfamiliar notion of unity could be quite important to Protestants."

Bishop John J. Wright of Pittsburgh, Catholic participant in the (April 21) program, expressed optimism over the council. He said: "Some feel this is a springtime mood in history, and others feel this is twilight. I don't know, I'm inclined to be an optimist. I'm the first to see spring — and consequently I'm frequently caught in blizzards."

**BISHOP WRIGHT** cautioned against hope that the council will bring immediate Christian unity, but added it will bring about clarity of issues and a number of differences between Catholicism and Protestantism will be highlighted.

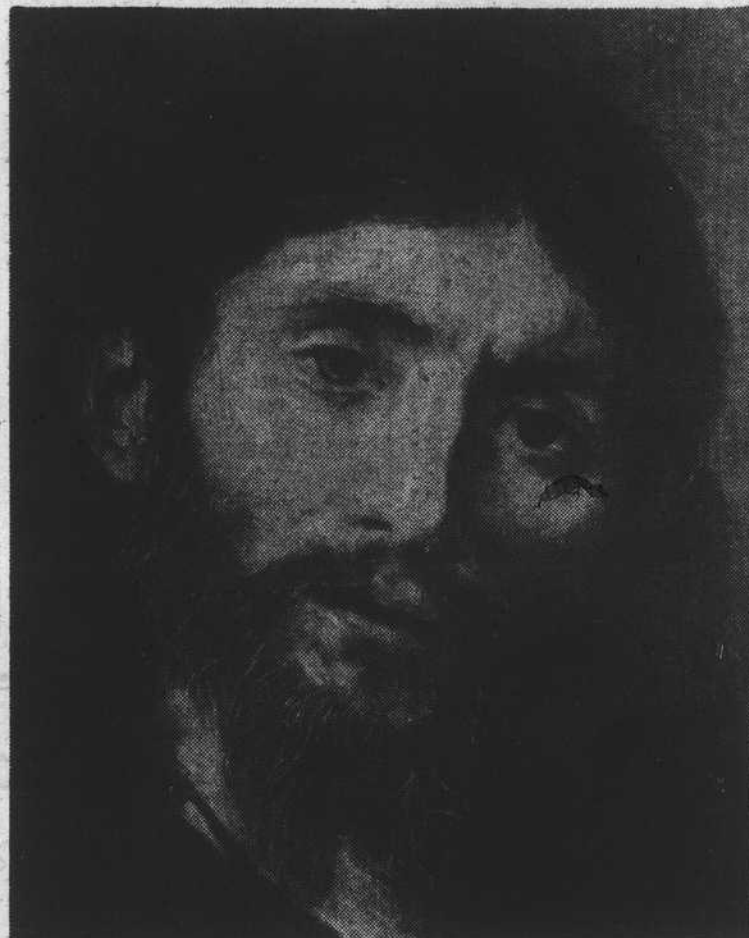
Bishop Wright declared himself in favor of decentralization in the Church with more responsibility at the regional level. He said a senate of bishops would not replace the Roman Curia but since the curia is a part of the organizational structure of the Church, and not a doctrinal necessity, it is open to thorough revision.

**DR. OUTLER ALSO** said that while the pace of the council has seemed slow to some observers, he feels protraction has brought about a massive education of the bishops.

"The council is the most important religious event since the World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh in 1910," he added.

The university program brought some 150 Iowa clergymen here. At earlier sessions there were talks by Dr. Samuel Sandmel, provost of

Hebrew Union College, and Dr. Nicholas Zernov, visiting professor of Eastern Orthodoxy at the University of Iowa.



**'THE HEAD OF CHRIST,'** painted by Rembrandt van Ryn in the late 1640s, has been acquired by the Fogg Art Museum of Harvard University. The oil sketch, only recently proved to be a genuine Rembrandt, has not heretofore been publicly exhibited. It is closely related to six other studies by Rembrandt on the same subject painted at about the same time. The painting's dimensions are 10 by 7 7/8 inches. (NC Photo)

## Montessori Schools in U.S. Are Permanent, NCEA Told

By John J. Daly, Jr. (N.C.W.C. News Service)

New York — Mario Montessori is "surprised" by the speed with which U.S. Montessori schools

have spread in the past decade, but he is convinced it is a permanent development, not a fad.

Montessori, son of Dr. Maria Montessori and her successor as head of the Association Montessori Internationale, Amsterdam, Holland, was interviewed during the 62nd annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association. He spoke at a session for elementary school teachers.

**MONTESSORI SAID** the organization and active support of many Montessori schools by lay Catholics, in some instances with an assist from parochial school authorities, is in keeping with the tradition of this method of education.

One of the first courses directed by the late Dr. Montessori, Italian-born physician-educator who died in 1952, was in a Catholic institution, he said.

In addition, he added, "Catholic involvement in this country is probably more directly explained by the organization of the first school, Whitby in Greenwich, Conn., by Catholics in the mid-1950's and by the many articles in Catholic periodicals and newspapers."

**THERE ARE NOW** estimated to be more than 100 Montessori schools in the United States. Most of them are educating children between the ages of 3 and 6, although Dr. Montessori herself worked with children from birth to 18 years. The method's aim is to permit the child to learn to control himself and his environment. Abstract concepts are taught through the use of specially constructed equipment.

### Chapel Hill Lecture

## Father Nogar to Speak On 'Evolution and God'

Rev. Raymond J. Nogar, O.P., will discuss "Evolution and God" Tuesday, May 4, 8 p.m. in arroll Hall, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

The lecture is second in the 1965 William Gaston Lecture Series, sponsored by the UNC Newman Apostolate.

Father Nogar is author of two books, "The Wisdom of Evolution" and "Evolution and the Future of Man," and coauthor of "Science in Synthesis." He has contributed articles to The New Scholasticism, The Thomist, The New World, The Critic, St. John's University Studies, The New Catholic Encyclopedia, and other journals of philosophy and science.

He belongs to the American Philosophical Association, the American Catholic Philosophical Association, and the American Anthropological Association.

After his B.A. in 1939 and graduate work in sociology at the University of Michigan, he received his doctorate in the philosophy of science at the Aquinas Institute of Philosophy at River Forest, Illinois,

where he is now teaching Philosophy of Science and Problems in Evolution. He has taught at Angelicum University in Rome. He converted to Catholicism in 1939 and then entered the Dominicans.

Dr. Theodosius Dobzhansky, one of the foremost geneticists and evolutionists today, states in the forward to "The Wisdom of Evolution," "His careful and conscientious weighing of the evidence leads Dr. Nogar to accept evolution as the best available account of the genesis of the living world and of men. He regards this account as fully compatible with the philosophy of Thomism and with the doctrines of the Catholic Church."

Father Nogar himself comments that his works develop "a rather novel evolutionary philosophy of life," synchronizing the natural Christian philosophy which "appears to stress the fixity of things" with evolutionary thought "which stresses the flux of things."

In the lecture he will also appraise the work of Teilhard de Chardin.

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By Silver Jubilarians

## Concelebration Planned In Jacksonville Monday

Five priests who were ordained for the Diocese of Raleigh in 1940 will join with His Excellency, Bishop Vincent S. Waters, in the concelebration of a Solemn Pontifical Mass at 11:00 A.M., Monday, May 3 at the Holy Child Church in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

This concelebration by a group of priests to observe their silver jubilee is believed to be the first such observance scheduled in the United States.

Host for the celebration is Rt. Rev. Monsignor Lawrence C. Newman, pastor of the Jacksonville Church. The other concelebrants will be Rev. Thomas J. Colgan, Pastor of St. John's Church, Roanoke Rapids; Rev. William McShea, Pastor of St. Charles' Church, Morganton; the Very Rev. Thomas E.

Curran, V.F., Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, and Deap of Pinehurst; and Rev. Vincent Mahoney, U.S.N.

Receiving a special remembrance in the Mass will be Rev. Philip Edelen, also ordained in 1940, who was killed in action while serving as chaplain with the United States Army during the Normandy invasion on June 10, 1944. Father Edelen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Edelen, will be honored guests at the observance.

On the preceding day (Sunday, May 2) Monsignor Newman will offer a solemn Mass of thanksgiving commemorating his twenty-fifth anniversary at noon. The speaker will be His Excellency, Bishop J. Lennox Federal, Ordinary of Salt Lake City, Father Albert Henkel of Holy Spirit Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, will be the archpriest. The other officiants will be classmates of Monsignor Newman: Father Thomas Guyder of St. Joseph's Church, Camillus, New York, deacon; and Father Joseph Ruggieri, Colonel, U.S. Army, sub-deacon.

A reception will be held at Horne's Restaurant from five until seven o'clock on Sunday evening.

At the Monday morning Mass Father Charles McGinley will deliver the sermon. Honory officiants will include Fathers Guyder, Ruggieri and Rev. George Rossbach, Base Chaplain, Camp LeJeune Marine Base.

A listing of the 1965 Silver Jubilarians with their respective assignments will be found on page 6 of this issue.

## 1965 Catholic Mother & Father To Be Selected

The Catholic Mother and Father of North Carolina for the year 1965 will be selected at a meeting of the Parent Educator Committee of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine late in May.

The selections will be made from nominations received by the Committee from the laity of the Diocese of Raleigh. Any person may recommend an outstanding layman or laywoman for the respective

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### NORTH CAROLINA CATHOLICS NUMBER FIFTY THOUSAND

The Catholic population of North Carolina is given as 50,247 in the Official Catholic Directory released on April 29. This represents an increase of 1,373 over the 1964 total of 48,874.

Catholics in the United States now number 45,640,619, a year's increase of 766,248.

In the Diocese of Raleigh last year there were 2,370 infant baptisms, 573 converts, 599 marriages, and 573 deaths.