

# Generalissimo Franco Says Spain Will Follow Teachings of Church

Madrid — (NC) — Generalissimo Francisco Franco told the people of Spain in a televised New Year's message that this country will obediently follow the social and doctrinal teachings of the Catholic Church "such as she preaches and desires in our times."

The 73-year-old Spanish leader promised (Dec. 30) that the spirit of the modern Church will be reflected in government laws and actions.

On international matters, Franco warned against weakening the Western Alliance through attempts to impose what he called a "rootless" concept of political unity. Following the lead of French President Charles De Gaulle, he rejected any plan for European unity and said the only workable goals are those of "a concept of the fatherland or of defense of the faith."

WHILE HE DID not go into details, Franco's reference to Catholic teaching certainly referred in part to the ecumenical council's declaration on religious liberty. The Spanish government, with the backing of Church authorities here, has proposed a new law that will grant a large measure of freedom to non-Catholic minorities in Spain. The legal ma-

chinery was halted until the council completed action on the measure.

He said he accepts the council "as a staunch support to continue with the creative task of building a state which will represent a most faithful . . . personification of the great principles of Christian public rights."

"TODAY," he said, "the Christian world feels profoundly moved by the vigorous lesson on social teaching offered by our Catholic Church through the Vatican Council."

He asked Spanish citizens to lend themselves to the task of creating a state that will be an example of the human family and a consolation for the Pope.

He praised Pope Paul's appeal for peace at the United Nations and said it gave new testimony to the fact that the Church is not indifferent to the problems of the modern world.

"We believe that the anxious desire for peace and social justice for mankind will find satisfaction only in a rebirth of spiritual values, in an effective renunciation of the use of force, in a pledge by all countries to assure a part of their military expenses for the support of joint action toward social-economic development on behalf of the needy," he said.

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end of the conflict in Vietnam.

"BUT, MOST beloved sons, what is this? If this is all we can do, it is very little indeed compared with the end to be achieved. We feel the scantiness of our efforts, humble and defenseless, strong only in human and Christian reasons which inspire them but weak before the enormous difficulties toward which they are directed. Once more the aid of heaven is necessary and therefore our diplomacy, so to speak, is beyond measure intermixed with prayer."

The Pope said his New Year's wish for the world is that 1966 will bring progress in peace, "the condition and fruit of every other good."

He told the crowd of his prayers and hopes that "the efforts which are being made during these days to settle the conflict in the Far East may have a happy outcome."

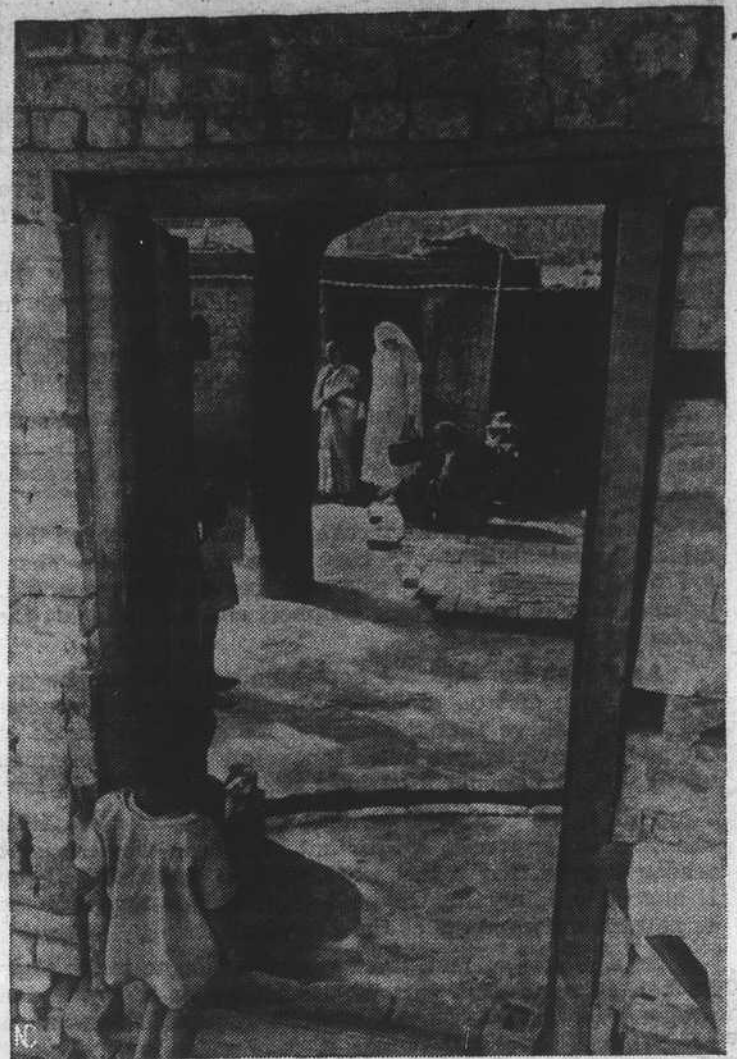
After a personal greeting to those present and their families, he extended a greeting to the entire Church "that the seed sown by the ecumenical council might vivify and sanctify it."

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1965. It is estimated that at least 40 sectarian hospitals in the state will come under its terms. Scholarship grants of up to \$200 per student will be approved in the opening year.

The measure is an amended form of a bill originally designed to provide direct appropriations exclusively to nonsectarian hospitals. The Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare cooperated in seeking the scholarship version of the bill as recommended by the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference.



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