

**Stem Divorces**

TRENTON, N.J. — (NC) — The New Jersey State Assembly has unanimously approved a resolution to establish a commission to study the state's divorce laws. The measure, already passed by the Senate, is expected.

Among them are a family court which would serve as counseling agency as well as divorce court, lengthening of the present three-day waiting period as an obstacle to quick marriages, and a warning to young persons of the seriousness of marriage.

**Switch Grades**

CLEVELAND — (NC) — Assumption parish here will reinstate the first grade and drop the eighth grade next fall.

The first grade was closed last year. The pastor said the change was made because a survey showed a third of the students leave parochial schools in the seventh and eighth grades to transfer to public junior high schools.

**Mixed Marriages**

PEORIA, ILL. — (NC) — Nearly half the marriages in the Peoria diocese in 1966 were mixed marriages, a survey showed. The poll showed mixed marriages were 47.2 percent compared to 36.4 percent ten years ago. The survey also showed there were 1,202 converts in the diocese in 1966, lowest number since 1945.

**Newspaper Board**

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — (NC) — A seven-member board of

laymen and priests has been named to direct policies of the Evansville diocese newspaper. The Bishop said the board will assist the editor in direction of the paper.

**Baptized by Pope**

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — Pope Paul VI personally baptized two babies as part of the inauguration of the pastoral visit to the diocese of Rome and to mark the restoration of the baptistry to St. John Lateran, the Pope's cathedral as bishop of Rome.

The baptistry, parts of which are 1,500 years old, has been undergoing extensive restoration.

**Hole-in-One**

BALTIMORE — (NC) — Bob Hope, comedian, cheer-spreader and golf buff, now probably will want back the set of golf clubs. Hope gave the set to Father Joseph A. Sellinger, S.J., president of Loyola College here. With Father William F. Troy, S.J., of Washington, Steve Langhoff of Milwaukee and Edward J. Donnelly of this city, Father Sellinger gave the clubs their baptism at Baltimore Country Club. On the 152-yard eighth hole, using a six-iron, Father Sellinger scored a hole-in-one.

**Curtain Opens**

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — Eight hundred Yugoslav priests and laymen were received in audience by Pope Paul VI (April 3), who found their visit "a most consoling sign of the reawakening which is full of promise." The group is the largest Yu-

goslavian pilgrimage to visit the Vatican in recent years. The pilgrimage was the first major one after the Holy See and the communist government of Yugoslavia reached an agreement to improve relations ruptured for 14 years.

**Lebanese Cardinal**

BEIRUT, Lebanon — (NC) — The leader of the largest Christian community in this country has criticized "foreign subversive elements" for trying to destroy national unity and called on President Charles Helou to rid the country of those who "are spreading trouble and subversion."

The attack on the "subversives," made by Cardinal Meouchi, Maronite-rite patriarch of Antioch, was interpreted here as a denunciation of Lebanese supporters of President Gamal Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic and believed to be directed by pro-Nasser groups.

**Card. Mindszenty, 75**

BUDAPEST — (NC) — Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, observed his 75th birthday (Mar. 29) in the United States legation here, where he took refuge on Nov. 4, 1956, when the Hungarian uprising was smashed by the communist regime.

An embassy spokesman said the cardinal spent the day quietly, reading and in prayer.

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Russian fisherman, Vyacheslav Hohrin, first Russian citizen treated in a private mainland Alaska hospital since World War II, gets a cheerful greeting from Sister Philius, Providence Hospital director of nurses. (NC Photos)

**Soviet Fisherman Treated  
In Alaska Nuns' Hospital**

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — (NC) — He didn't understand the language but the message of kindness transmitted by the care he received during his long weeks of recuperating at Providence Hospital here made a strong impression on Vyacheslav Hohrin.

Hohrin, a 20-year-old Russian fisherman suffered a serious kidney injury while on his trawler off Alaska's coast.

Not only the language barrier made the hospital strange to Hohrin. Operated by the Sisters of Charity of Providence, the hospital has many religious symbols in evidence and prayers are recited morning and evening over a broadcast system.

Shortly after his arrival, Hohrin made it clear that the religious symbolism did not impress him. A Russian-speaking

priest attempted to give him a blessing but the young fisherman protested bluntly, "I am a Russian. I have no God."

Before leaving the hospital, Hohrin, the first Soviet citizen to be treated in a private hospital on Alaska's mainland since World War II, had made several friends among the staff of nuns.

When he left to return to his ship, he expressed gratitude and praise for the care he had been given.

"He didn't indicate in any way that he had changed his ideas about America," Sister Barbara Ellen, the hospital administrator, explained, "but we feel quite certain some of his preconceived notions have been altered if not discarded."

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**Pope Appoints Delegates  
to Eucharistic Congress**

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has named Julius Cardinal Doepfner of Munich as his delegate to the fourth National Eucharistic Congress of Ecuador. It will be held at Cuenca May 28-June 1.

The Pope also named Archbishop Sante Portalupi, apostolic Nuncio to Honduras and Nicaragua, to serve as his delegate to the first National Eucharistic Congress of Honduras, to be held April 13-16, at Tegucigalpa.

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