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OVER SIX MILLION impoverished children of all races and religions in 70 countries received school lunches last year from Catholic Relief Services-USCC, overseas aid and development agency of American Catholics. For many, such as these children in Sierra Leone, school lunches are the only substantial meals they receive. The global aid programs of Catholic Relief Services are made possible through support of the annual Catholic Bishops; Overseas Aid Fund Appeal, schedules to run this year from March 17 to 24, culminating on the latter date—the fourth Sunday of Lent—with a special collection in churches throughout the nation. (NC Photos)

Urgent Need Seen For Urban Solutions

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — Efforts so far undertaken to meet the housing, crime and governmental crisis of the nation's cities have shown little success, and the need for workable solutions is becoming more urgent, four experts in urban affairs said at a symposium on "Contemporary Urban Problems of America" sponsored by the College of Business Administration of Notre Dame University.

"Urban goals, policies and programs—no matter how desirable and urgent—will not be realized unless we can develop better political and administrative capabilities," said Prof. Donald C. Stone of the University of Pittsburgh.

Stone's major recommendation was a metropolitan approach to such problems as pollution and transportation. But he noted that this will not be possible in most states until their constitutions are changed to permit home-rule by individual communities.

PHILIP KLUTZNICK, a Chicago businessman who has years of experience in urban housing, warned that unless a strong national policy is developed and implemented in the field of housing

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207 Cox Avenue Asheville, N.C. America "will be headed for a type of apartheid."

The policy, he indicated, should include open housing laws, better opportunities by non-whites to improve their earnings, and massively funded public housing, rent supplements and low interest rates.

Prof. Lloyd E. Ohlin of the Harvard Law School looked cautiously at the nation's rapidly rising crime rates. Many factors, such as improved reporting procedures, he said serve to limit the usefulness of these recent statistics. "No one can prove on the basis of available information that people today have a greater propensity to commit crime that they did formerly," he said.

"FEAR OF crime is so often

associated with fear of Negro violence and competition that it is impossible to tell where one leaves off and the other begins," he noted.

He added that the urban poor have always been over-represented in criminal cases, whether they are German, Irish, Italians or Negroes.

"In the long run, the only hope for curtailing the various forms of individual and collective violence... is to develop a system of open opportunities which will give each citizen a chance to stake out a claim to a successful, satisfying and law-abiding life," he said.

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In Current Thought

Continued from page 3A from the sacred. It never should have been that way. We made it this way. It's about time we stopped blaming bad conditions on the snake rather than on our own laziness, or apathy and lack of concern for the ills of the world. It is to be feared that the primacy of the spiritual concept and the so-called devotional Catholicism in the minds of all too many of us has been used and is being used as an escape mechanism to neglect the secular city and the agonizing problems of its inhabitants.

An equally erroneous concept is the one that gives man no horizons beyond the human or the material, and fails to recognize man's deeper needs and insatiable hunger for the spiritual.

Our Challenge

Christ came to unite both worlds—the sacred and the secular — to make the "City of Man" the "City of God", to make the "City of God" the "City of Man". He came to make persons humanly divine and divinely human. The Incarnation of Christ was intended to make us real persons, not statistics to be used or exploited, but persons with whom He identified so intimately that whatever is done to the least of the brethren is also done for Him or to Him.

Our challenge then is to join will all men of good will in their efforts to transform the "City of Man" and to make it a place where persons, not profits, will be the primary consideration; but also a place where man will learn

Paris Cardinal Dies

Paris — (NC) — Pierre Cardinal Veuillot, 55, of Paris died (Feb. 14) of cancer of the pancreas. He had been made a cardinal last June 26.

He died in his residence where he had been brought during the day, after three months in St. Joseph's hospital here. His funeral took place in Notre Dame cathedral here. that not by bread alone does man live. It is later than we think it is and it is a shame that there is still so much to be done after twenty centuries of Christianity — but it is not too late to begin to catch up with the unfinished business which Christ began when he came to earth.

Organizations Are Stressed By Holy Father

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI, at a general audience, returned to the importance of the organized lay apostolate and in particular of Catholic Action.

Although independent forms of the lay apostolate are multiplying and offer many "very fine and generous results," the Pope said, they nevertheless do not take the place of those lay organizations which have a close relation with the hierarchy of the Church.

Speaking of the non-related lay movements, Pope Paul said that "if the spirit of criticism of brothers and pastors of the Church community does not isolate or deform or render useless these groups, they too can help the Catholic cause. With this trust and with this hope we too give them our affectionate understanding and our blessing."

Nevertheless, the Pope continued, the degree of authenticity and efficiency within the lay apostolate is measured by its relation to the hierarchy:

"This hierarchy has the primary and supreme responsibility for the apostolate, the primary and supreme pastoral function, which constitutes a brother as the guide, teacher and distributor of divine mysteries to the other brothers."

The bishop "is the apostle by excellence because he is the successor, heir, representative of the Apostles," said the Pope.

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