

## 'Catholic Hour' Changes Sponsors

WASHINGTON — After 38 years in the field, the National Council of Catholic Men will end its responsibility as the producer of Catholic religious programming for the radio and television networks on Jan. 1. This responsibility has included the production of The Catholic Hour.

The National Catholic Office of Radio and Television will replace NCCM as the Catholic representative in network broadcasting. NCORT was established by the bishops of the United States in 1965, and among its eventual purposes was the assumption of this representative function with the mass media, in keeping with recommendations of Vatican Council II's Decree on Social Communica-

## Lutheran-Catholic Talk Again

GENEVA, Switzerland - "Substantial agreement" between Lutherans and Catholics on the "task of the Church in the world" at a theological discussion in Sweden was reported here by the Lutheran World Federation.

The talk, held at Bastad, Sweden, was the second international Lutheran-Roman Catholic theological conversation within the past year.

Main lectures were given by two Roman Catholic and two Lutheran scholars. The LWF reported the discussions following the lectures showed that "the agreements and differences of opinion did not necessarily coincide with confessional identifica-

The principal Catholic lecturers were Fathers Walter Kasper and Johann Metz of the University of Muenster, Germany; the two Lutheran lecturers were Dr. Philip Hefner of the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Ill., and Dr. Per-Eric Persson of the University of Lund, Sweden.

Theme of the Bastad meeting was "The World and the Church under the Gospel."

Participants noted that "both the emphasis on the laity and the focusing upon the churches' task and responsibility in the world were believed to hold promise for further ecumenical discussion."

#### Denies 'NCR' Report

LOS ANGELES - (NC) - Francis Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles has expressed his whole-

**'Generation Gap'** Is

**Chaplain Chief Topic** 

Dayton, Ohio - (NC) - The

gap between American youth

and their parents is not as broad as it sometimes appears on col-

lege campuses, the chief of U.S. Air Force chaplains said here. Msgr. (Maj. Gen.) Edwin R. Chess, said young people be-lieve in God, appreciate parental

values, and establish a rapport

between themselves and their

parents. Those in the service

represent a broad cross section

of American youth, he pointed

Discussing the tasks of Air

Force chaplains, who serve both airmen and their dependents, Msgr. Chess said the chaplain has

pastoral problems "inherent in the system." The married man

who flies or maintains a plane

finds himself on frequent mil-

away from his family, he stated. The retention of a man in the

service often depends on family adjustments to his military role,

he said.

duties which take him

hearted support for Cardinal O'Boyle of Washington in the dispute between him and 47 Washington priests over birth control.

A spokesman for Cardinal McIntyre denied reports that he had lodged an official complaint before the Administrative Committee against Auxiliary Bishop James P. Shannon of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

The National Catholic Reporter said in a story that Cardinal McIntyre had reportedly accused Bishop Shannon of reflecting the heresy of "Americanism" during a June NBC telecast on "The New American Catholic."

Bishop Shannon declined comment on the report noting that the meetings of the Administrative Committee were in executive session. Both he and Cardinal McIntyre are members of the committee.

## Priests Protest Oil Deal

LIMA, Peru - Six priests staffing the National Office of Social Information (ONIS) here have protested as "scandalous" an agreement be-tween the government and a U.S. company on oil deposits at Talara.

In an appeal to Peruvians the priests asked for moral pressure "for a total revision of our oil policies and the rescue of our northern oil deposits, according to the just interests of the country."

ONIS was established after two meetings last year of priests and laymen concerned with economic, social and political problems of Peru.

#### Louvain Univ. to Split

LOUVAIN, Belgium — (NC) — The French-speaking section of the Catholic University of Louvain, center of a controversy that caused the fall of the government of Prime Minister Paul Vanden Boeynants in February, will transfer out of this town over a period of 10 years at a cost of \$340 million.

The Louvain controversy has been a focal point for opposition between Belgium's two linguistic groups, the Dutch-speaking Flemings and the French-speaking Walloons. The town of Louvain, where both sections of the university have been located, is on the Flemish side of the linguistic frontier established in 1963 to settle the country's language issue.

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## Catholic Unity

# **Xaverian Brother Acting Rector**

Washington — (NC) — Brother Nivard Scheel, C.F.X., executive assistant to the acting rector of the Catholic University of America, has been selected for a three-month term as acting rector.

A source at the university said the selection of Brother Scheel occurred at a recent meeting of the university's board of trustees. It is also believed that approval must be obtained from the Holy See in Rome since the statutes of the pontifical university call for the rector to be a priest.

Brother Scheel, is a member of the Xaverian Brothers.

Present plans call for him to

assume the acting rectorship of the university for three month after the Oct. 16 departure of the present acting rector, Father John P. Whalen. Father Whalen, who agreed to

serve only one year, is retuning full time to his post as head of a publishing house here. Brother Scheel, a physicist was president of Xaverian Col

lege in Silver Spring, Md., from 1960 to 1966. The selection of a new i

terim head for Catholic Univer sity will give an additional thre months for finding a new per manent rector to the search com-mittee headed by John Cardina Cody of Chicago.

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