

Pope Gives Blessing, Prays Anew For Peace

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Paul gave the world his blessing on Christmas Day and prayed anew for peace in Vietnam. Looking tired but in strong voice after an historic trip to Florence, the 69-year-old Roman Catholic leader imparted his Christmas noon blessing "urbis et orbis" to Rome and the world—before 100,000 persons in St. Peter's Square. He said that while the state of the world often brought "blind fatalism" to man, he was consoled by the "effectiveness of prayer."

IN GOOD HANDS

Two-year-old Denise Presbrey of St. Paul, Minn., puts her arm around her unexpected Christmas present, a brown collie puppy that was left on a neighbor's doorstep with a note asking someone to take care of him. After consulting with Denise's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Presbrey, the neighbor gave the little dog to Denise and her one-year-old brother Leah. (AP Wirephoto)

Shoplifting Close Second To Consumer Purchasing

The brisk season for stores in Charlottetown's Confederation Plaza and Royalty Mall has just been completed. According to reports the season was brisk in both consumer purchasing and shoplifting. Although business increases during the pre-Christmas season, so does the incidence of shoplifting. One store manager in the Confederation Plaza remarked, "I don't know if that is show on shoplifting Sunday night" was a good idea; it may give some of the not too professional shoplifters in the city some new ideas."

WUNDREDS HERE Charlottetown may not have any professional shoplifters; that is, people who earn their day to day keep by the practice, but there are hundreds of others. Shoplifters in the city include a wide variety of people. There are the many elementary school children who sneak in to pick up a candy bar or a small toy that they fancy. Some high school students get in the act, seemingly for the thrill involved in the risk they are taking. Then there are the semi-pros.

FUNERALS

DESROCHES FUNERAL—The funeral for Mrs. Mary DesRoches was held Monday morning from the Compton Funeral Home to St. John the Baptist Church, Miscouche, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated at 9 a.m. by Rev. John Kelly, who also officiated at the interment in the church cemetery. Rev. Leonard MacDonald was seated in the sanctuary. Pallbearers were: Maurice Gaudet, Desmond Gaudet, Phillip DesRoches, Gerard Poirier, Clifford Gaudet and Theodore Gellant.

DOUCETTE FUNERAL

The funeral for Jerry Doucette was held Monday morning from the Compton Funeral Home to St. Paul's Church, Summerside, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated at 11 a.m. by Rev. Austin Bradley, who also officiated at the interment in the church cemetery. Rev. Leonard MacDonald was seated in the sanctuary. Pallbearers were: Maurice Gaudet, Desmond Gaudet, Phillip DesRoches, Gerard Poirier, Clifford Gaudet and Theodore Gellant.

CAMPBELL FUNERAL

The funeral for Mrs. Maleson Campbell, of Vernon was held on Friday morning from Jenkins Funeral Home to St. Joachim's Church, Vernon River, where the remains were received by the pastor, Rev. Urban Gillis. Solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Clifford Murphy assisted by Rev. Urban Gillis as deacon and Rev. George MacCormack as sub-deacon. Honorary pallbearers, who also acted as flowerbearers were: Ft. Sgt. E. Pfrimmer, Ft. Sgt. S. MacLean, Sgt. E. MacMillan, Gordon Doiron, Earl Crane, Russell MacQuaid and Joseph Praught. Active pallbearers were: Sgt. K.V. MacDonald, Cpl. John Deswar, George MacDermid, Lloyd Furness, Winston Drake, F.P. Murphy. Service at the graveside was conducted by Rev. Clifford Murphy. Interment was in church cemetery.

celebrated his third mass of the day. Saturday night he made the first trip to Florence by a Pope in 109 years. During his 5 1/2-hour visit, aimed at bringing encouragement to flood victims, he celebrated a long midnight mass in the Florence cathedral and stumbled from fatigue at the end of it. Then he made an unscheduled stop at a "hospital" set up in Florence for flood-soaked art objects. He stopped to inspect the ruined Crucifixion by Cimabue, a 12th-century painting on wood considered the greatest flood loss in Florence's art treasury. The Pope returned to the Vatican shortly after 5 a.m. Sunday. Aides said he napped during the return trip and slept at the Vatican before rising at 8:45 a.m. to celebrate his second mass of the day in his private chapel. Later, he officiated at a Christmas mass for more than 20,000 persons in St. Peter's Basilica.

WEATHER

Table with weather forecasts for Toronto (CP) and Halifax (CP). Includes temperatures for various cities like Prince George, Vancouver, Victoria, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Fredericton, Saint John, Moncton, Halifax, Charlottetown, Sydney, Yarmouth, St. John's, and Boston.

obtaining a money refund for the goods.

Another form of shoplifting used in the city, is the person who walks into a store, picks up an article of clothing and then makes for the dressing or wash room for a quick change.

QUICK SWITCH

A manager of one of the city stores showed a woman's sweater and undergarment, which were left on the washroom floor after she made a hasty exit in her new duds.

City police report only a few cases of theft were brought to their attention from city stores.

IT'S DIFFICULT

Store managers explain that to bring a person before the courts is a very difficult proposition. In the first place, theft unless actually witnessed by one or two people is difficult to prove and, secondly, managers have not the time during the busy season to spend long hours in the courtroom.

When young children and teenagers are caught, they are in most instances, reported to their parents. Sometimes the parents are co-operative with the store managers, but often managers get an insulting blast from these people.

TOOK PRIDE IN JOB

A manager cited a case in which teen-agers from one of the city high schools were involved. He gave them a severe blast, or so he thought, only later to find out that they returned to school boasting about being caught shoplifting. The manager's son attended the same school.

Theft is a criminal offence, and shoplifters are thieves. Store managers might do well to spend a few mornings in court, because a few convictions made public would go a long way in solving at least a part of their problem of shoplifting.

LOCAL BRIEFS

IS TRANSFERRED Merrill Mellich, who has been employed with the Bank of Commerce for the past three years in Charlottetown, has recently been transferred to the Bank of Commerce in St. John's, Newfoundland, as assistant accountant. Mr. Mellich is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Mellich, New Perth, and is married to the former Helen MacDonald of Montague.

SHOPLIFTER TO JAIL Wilfred Bradley, no listed address, was given 90 days in jail Saturday morning for theft under \$50 (shoplifting). Magistrate A.J. Haslam Q.C., prior to sentencing the accused cited that there was entirely too much shoplifting going on in Charlottetown.

Negotiations To Resume Today

Negotiations are expected to resume today between The Guardian-Patriot and members of Charlottetown Typographical Union Local 863 in an attempt to avoid a strike against the two Charlottetown newspapers. Originally a strike had been called for 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 26 but was called off by Union president Allison Croken last Wednesday. At that time Mr. Croken stated he had asked for a meeting with W.J. Hancox, publisher and general manager to be held Tuesday, Dec. 27 and Mr. Hancox had agreed to such a meeting. Both sides have expressed hope that the meeting would avoid strike action.

Dies Suddenly At His Home

MONTAGUE — The death occurred suddenly at his home in Cardigan, on Saturday, December 24th, of John E. Shepard in his 75th year. Surviving, besides his wife, Margaret, are two brothers, David, Georgetown and Alan, Newport and a sister, Lotie (Miss Loretta Paris) Springhill, Nova Scotia. A brother and sister predeceased him.

Montague Nurse Dies In Hospital

MONTAGUE — Ethel B. MacQuarrie, RN, a well known and respected resident of Montague, passed away yesterday in the King's County Memorial Hospital at the age of 83.

A retired nurse, she was born in Rosneath, the daughter of the late Daniel and Hannah MacQuarrie. Miss MacQuarrie taught school on the Island for several years before going to St. Luke's Hospital, New York, where she received her nurses training and practiced till 1948. Surviving her, are one sister, (Florence) Mrs. A.M. Wright, Montague and a brother, Willard, Saskatchewan. Two brothers, Charlie and Lloyd, predeceased her. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. Her remains are resting at her late residence until Wednesday then to Montague United Church where funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Interment in the community cemetery.

TRY ADDING HEAT

WHITBY, England (CP) —The National Dairy Producers' Association has approved a plan to sell surplus British milk to eastern Europe by canning it at high temperatures. This "ultra-heat" milk is said to remain sweet for six months after canning.

Indian Food Scientists Find Threat To Millions

NEW DELHI (AP) — Indian food scientists are taking quick steps to defuse a time bomb they fear is damaging the minds and bodies of millions of their people. The time bomb is chronic lack, not of total food, but of enough protein for babies and young children.

Alarming evidence that this lack of protein permanently dulls the human mind, retarding learning and mental capacity, has come from recent nutritional studies. It long had been known that inadequate protein in formative years could harm body organs and health. An obvious answer is to give infants more protein. This is easier said than done in countries short of food or wedded to certain eating habits.

India is starting to make foods richer in proteins. But, of high significance, she is starting the first widespread human tests seeking a cheap shortcut to achieve the same goal. The shortcut is to enrich ordinary foods with only a tiny part of the amino acids that constitute all proteins.

MADE OF AMINO ACIDS Proteins, which form all body cells, are composed of different combinations of up to 24 amino acids. Eight are so-called essential ones—they must be supplied in foodstuffs because the body cannot manufacture them. And the body must take new proteins every day—they cannot be stored up as fat can.

Millions of people in Asia, Africa, South America, even some North American areas, depend by necessity or custom on foods, usually cereals, that supply limited amounts of some amino acids. The shortcut is to add more of the sparse amino acid in a staple food. Animal studies show this method works.

Indian scientists are starting to upgrade the protein value of wheat by adding lysine to it. Lysine is an essential amino acid that happens to be on the low side in wheat.

Small groups of children, some eating lysine-fortified wheat and others the usual wheat, will be compared for two years, to see whether the fortified wheat improves their health. If it does, lysine fortification could become an inexpensive, practical national policy and similar techniques might be followed with other foods.

What is only 10 per cent protein. If lysine fortification works, nutrition experts think the protein value of wheat could be boosted by 20 per cent. STUFFING A child with proteins at age 15 cannot overcome the effects of earlier protein deficiency, judging from animal studies, says Dr. Alan Berg, director of food resources and regional development of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

As Dr. Berg puts it, "The health and agricultural problems are educational problems" in a population that is 80 per cent illiterate. For lack of vitamin A, at least 40,000 children in India go blind each year. Starvation can prevent it, but is not distributed well. Eating green, leafy vegetables can prevent it, but most Indian mothers believe that babies and young children cannot digest them or other foods that they really need, some of which are readily available. Overcoming such taboos is part of India's problem, but in this, India does not stand alone.

PUT END TO MUSIC ILFRACOMBE, England (CP)—A team of Devon youngsters claims a British piano-smashing record of nine minutes 25 seconds for reducing a fully-equipped piano to matchwood. They say the world record is four minutes 51 seconds, set by two university students in Detroit.

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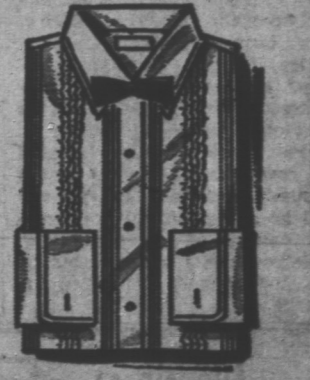
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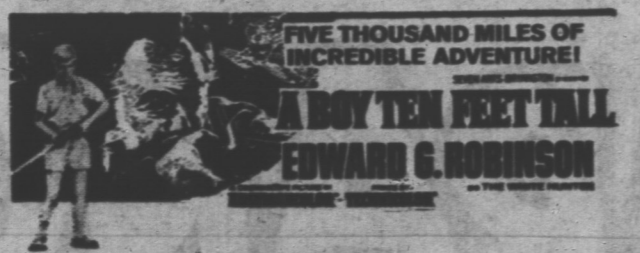
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