

# Pope Reaffirms Principle Of Celibacy For Priests

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VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Paul has reaffirmed the principle of celibacy for Roman Catholic priests and rejected suggestions that it be publicly discussed in the Vatican ecumenical council.

In a letter to the assembly, the pontiff said the principle should not only be maintained in the modern world, but should be stressed even more.

The matter came up in the council in St. Peter's Basilica as the 2,200 prelates debated a document on missionary activity and prepared to move on to a document on the priesthood.

The council fathers also gave final approval to the text of a schema on monks, nuns and religious orders. This document puts down guidelines for applying the church renewal in their activities. It opens the way to such things as modern dress in habits and a relaxation of cloistered life. The document, approved by a vote of 2,126 to 13, will become a decree once the Pope and council formally promulgate it.

**MARK ANNIVERSARY**  
The council marked its third anniversary today and Pope John XXIII who started it was the object of an increasing drive for his canonization as a saint.

Pope John began the worldwide assembly of Roman Catholic prelates with the goal of updating Catholicism, for its own sake and for the sake of a dream of Christian unity.

Less than eight months later John the Good, as his most fervent admirers refer to him, was dead—and his council was barely off the ground.

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December 'in such vital fields as religious liberty, increased participation by bishops in guiding the church alongside its pontiff—training of priests education, missionary modernization, and relations with Jews and other non-Christians.

**CALLS COUNCIL**  
Not many argue whether Pope John's still immense popularity is due solely to his character and optimism, or more to his boldness in calling together a church council, the first in almost a century, with a unique goal of interior church renewal.

More than 300 bishops are said to have put their names to a request, made last week by an Italian bishop, for the council to ask Pope Paul VI to canonize Pope John by the time the council started by John ends in December.

That move is only the latest among many from various parts of the church. Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston suggested almost immediately after the pontiff's death in June, 1963, that the cause for Pope John's sainthood be started at once. The Congregation of Rites has thousands of letters asking the same thing.

Pope Paul is said to be unlikely to bypass the usual painstaking research of the specialists into the virtues of Pope John, his words and his works, and especially into suggested cases of miraculous cures effected in his name.

But scores here say that sainthood for Pope John may not be too many years off. Loe-Josef Cardinal Suenens of Malines-Belgium, once complained during a council debate, without specifically referring to the late pontiff, that too many holy men

"become saints when they have already been forgotten by the passage of time."

## CN President Corrects Views Held On Rails

MONTREAL (CP) — Donald Gordon set out Wednesday to correct misunderstandings he said were held by Canadians and others about Canadian National Railways.

The government-owned railway is a business corporation, operated on business principles similar to those of any other business corporation in North America, the CN president said.

In its operations and management, CN "acts as an independent, competitive business enterprise, facing basically the same problems, challenges and opportunities as any other major railway on this continent," he told the annual meeting of the Association of American railroads' treasury division.

"Canadian National is not an experiment in socialism," Mr. Gordon said. "It is not a department of government. It is a business corporation." He referred to the 1961 report of the MacPherson royal commission on transportation and to

pending legislation based on that report and added: "One of the things that gives us most encouragement in looking to the future is the prospect of less, rather than more, regulation and greater freedom to compete in the transportation market."

He added: "It would be quite wrong to assume that Canadian National

is concentrating attention on passenger business while its competitors are mainly interested in freight. Freight is the backbone of CN business."

The text of his speech was made available to the press before delivery.

Chi-minh, president of North Viet Nam, has thanked Cuba for its "active" support and assistance against the United States in Viet Nam. It was reported Tuesday.

### FIRE COSTS MUCH

Fire damage cost Canadians \$147,500,000 in 1964.



## SURPRISE VISIT TO QUEEN

Prime Minister Harold Wilson, center, arrives at Dyce Airport in Aberdeen, Scotland, this morning for a surprise visit with Queen Elizabeth II. Speculation developed that Wil-

son might be planning to call a quick national election in an attempt to bolster his labor party's slender hold on power. Later, however, Wilson quashed the rumors. At left is Air-

port Manager R.C. MacKintosh and at right is Chief Constable of the North Eastern Counties Constabulary, Tom Chasser. The Queen is vacationing at Balmoral Castle.

## Regulations Are Aimed At Chatty Radios

OTTAWA (CP)—A regulation designed to end "chatty" exchanges on radio bands such as those used by radio-equipped delivery trucks was announced Wednesday by the transport department.

basis of the service being used for a necessary and useful purpose. It was not intended as a means of recreation."

But there had been some cases of the service being used "for mere chatty radio exchanges," the announcement said, and the department now specifies that it "must normally be reserved for the purpose for which it is intended."

The department also has specified that a "calling-all-stations" broadcast by operators

of such equipment may be made "only in the event of an emergency."

It gave as examples of normal service for such equipment radio communication between a grocery store and delivery trucks and use of radio to control a motor rally or ski meet.

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