

Pope Paul Man Of Many Complexities

EDITORS' NOTE: Following is the first of a three-part series on Pope Paul VI, the man and his origin, his policies and what his pontificate may hold for both the Catholic and non-Catholic world.

POPE PAUL VI
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His strength of mind and character can be seen in his eyes. It is in his dark blue eyes, deeply set and piercing, that you see the courage and cool intellect of Pope Paul VI, who otherwise gives the appearance of frailness. Giovanni Battista Montini is a man of many complexities.

He has been described as a "liberal" in church circles, but there are overtones of traditionalism and a trace of the authoritarian air of the late Pope Pius XII.

At times he is blunt, but in his writing and speeches he can be as complex and circumspect as Pius, who often took 10 pages to express painfully what others might say in a few paragraphs.

Pope Paul's life has been dedicated to keeping Catholicism in step with a swiftly changing world.

Supports John's Moves

He firmly supported his predecessor's moves towards bringing the church in line with the space age.

And now assuming the throne of St. Peter as the 262nd Pope, he has vowed to continue the forward-looking policies of John XXIII: the aims of the Ecumenical Council and its aspirations of Christian unity, and giving the church a focal role in securing a just world peace.

Pope Paul VI is no orator who appeals to the emotions of his listeners, but a speaker whose words are to be closely studied.

Even with the working men of his bustling Milan archdiocese this method of communication was fruitful. Montini, as archbishop of Milan for about nine years, devoted a good portion of his time to battling the inroads of communism. To do this he went to factories, shops, wherever

workers—Communist or Catholic—were to be found.

Shape Liberal Outlook

The new pontiff's background, the progressive Catholic atmosphere he grew up in, and his days in the Vatican secretariat of state, shaped his "liberal" outlook to matters of the world and the church.

Montini's father, Giorgio, was a crusading lawyer and journalist who for years was the leader of the Catholic party in the northern city of Brescia, a deputy in the Italian Parliament, and manager of Brescia's Catholic newspaper, "Il Cittadino" (The Citizen). Giorgio Montini and his wife, Giuditta Alighi, died in 1943.

Giovanni Battista is the second of three brothers—all successful in the walks of life they chose, and all still living. One is a surgeon, the other a senator in the Italian Parliament.

The new Pope was born Sept. 26, 1897, at Concesio, a little village of about 7,000 persons, five miles north of Brescia and some 60 miles from the metropolis of Milan.

Taught By Jesuits

His early schooling was with Jesuit priests in Brescia, first at the "Cesare Arici" college, then at the "Cristo Re" (Christ the King) seminary.

Teachers later described him as "a well balanced boy, determined and very intelligent."

A prodigious reader, he amazed friends when he was appointed archbishop of Milan in 1954 after serving 30 years in the Vatican secretariat of state by taking 90 packing cases full of personal books with him to the northern Italian city.

He thrived in the intellectual atmosphere of the secretariat, and was one of the top aides to Pope Pius XII—a man who was cautious about delegating authority.

During his tenure with the secretariat of state, and later as archbishop of Milan, Montini waged constant battle against the atheistic doctrine of Marxism-communism. He is certain to continue this course as pontiff.

Society

MT. PLEASANT W.S.C.S. MEETS AT SUSDARF HOME

The Mt. Pleasant W.S.C.S. met recently at the home of Mrs. Florence Susdorf. Mrs. William Beiter opened the meeting with prayer.

Prior to devotions given by Mrs. Donald Orr, the group sang "Beautiful City of Zion." The lesson entitled, "What Should We Tell Our Children About the Use of Money," was given by Mrs. Rex King. Roll call was answered by 19 members.

A report of 14 sick calls, 15 sick cards mailed, and 10 flowers sent was then given followed by a reading of a thank you note sent by Mrs. Katherine Riter. The president, Mrs. Fifer, appointed her nominating committee for the year.

They are, Mrs. Leo King, Sr., Mrs. Florence Susdorf, and Mrs. Harlem Schaefer. Mrs. Robert Bremas dismissed the meeting with the thought for the day and a refreshment.

Mrs. Susdorf then served refreshments.



MONEY FOR THE CAUSE—Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wittner and son, John, complete their transactions with Mrs. Glen Stucky, cashier, at Saturday's annual Monroe volunteer fire department chicken barbecue. Nearly 1,000 people turned out for the event, which was sponsored jointly by the town and rural fire departments.—(Photo by MacLean)



FIRE OF ANOTHER KIND—Howard Habegger, chief of the Monroe town-rural fire department, worked Saturday afternoon with a fire he didn't try to put out. The event was the annual fire department barbecue, which helps maintain the activities of Monroe's unique town and rural fire department arrangement. Habegger was master chef for the event. Assisting him are Larry Waller and Bill Tonner. (Photo by MacLean)

Ask Death Penalty For Evers' Slayer

JACKSON, Miss. (UPI)

The state will seek the death penalty for a white segregationist charged with the sniper slaying of Negro civil rights leader Medgar Evers.

The suspect, Byron De La Beckwith, was scheduled to appear before City Judge James Spencer today at 4 p.m., EDT, in a preliminary hearing on a murder charge.

Dist. Atty. William Waller said Monday night he would ask the Hinds County grand jury when it convenes next Monday to indict Beckwith for murder.

"I will ask for the death penalty if, and when, he is indicted and tried," Waller said.

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