

Austria Troubled By New Proposals On Birth Control

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Vienna, April 17.—Persistent agitation on the part of birth-control advocates—who in Austria concentrate their efforts on seeking legislation to legalize abortion—has resulted in the introduction of a bill in the National Council which would amend existing laws on this subject. The bill is intended as a compromise measure and is satisfactory neither to the extreme radical proponents of abortion nor to the Catholic elements which oppose any legalization of birth control. The bill is not a Government measure although the Government is credited with responsibility for having had it introduced.

Evils of Such Laws Admitted
Under the terms of the proposed new law operations causing abortion are prohibited under penalty of imprisonment but an exception is made if "it is necessary to avert danger of death or danger of permanent grave injury to the health of the mother." It is provided that in no instance may such an operation be performed by anyone other than an accredited physician and in all other cases the person performing it is liable to imprisonment. An obligation is imposed upon the physician to make a scrupulous investigation to satisfy himself that there is no real danger to the mother which could not be averted by any other means and failure to do so makes him liable to heavy fine. The preamble to this bill frankly admits that such legislation may give rise to apprehension "that it might be followed by a reduction of the birth rate which, in the long run, might endanger the existence of the nation" and also points out that it must not be overlooked that every interference with pregnancy "even if made under every possible precaution and by an expert, gravely endangers the health of the mother and that she will sometimes have to pay for the removal of temporary cares, if not with her life, then with chronic ill-health, permanent sterility, or serious nervous disorders."

Inasmuch as the proposed bill is not satisfactory to either side it is extremely doubtful if it will ever become a law. In the opinion of many thoughtful persons here, it would be just as well if no legislation on this subject is enacted at present, since a condition of national unrest and ferment such as exists just now is not usually regarded as an appropriate time for making far-reaching legislative changes.

The agitation for legalized abortion in Austria has been carried on largely by the "Federation of Austrian Associations of Women" which is sponsored by the Masonic organization in cooperation with the extreme Socialist elements. The Federation has staged several public demonstrations in which demands have been formulated that abortion be legalized in the cases of prospective mothers who have been deserted, victims of sexual violence, in cases where bodily or mental deficiency could be anticipated for the child, and furthermore where for "social reason" the mother could not see her way clear to bring up another child.

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The McCormack woman persisted in her declaration that she is actually a nun, although admitting that she left the Benedictine convent at Hillsburgh, N. Y., nineteen years ago. A letter from the Mother Superior of the convent, saying the woman is no longer a member of the community, was introduced at her trial. This is the second time the McCormack woman has been arrested under similar circumstances. In both instances the arrests were made at the instigation of Mrs. Loretta Driscoll of the Catholic Big Sisters, whose suggestions were aroused by the woman's actions.

POPE'S ALLOCUTION AT MARCH CONSISTORY

BY
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(Rome Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)
Rome, April 7.—The following is the complete text of the Allocution pronounced by Pope Pius XI on the occasion of the Consistory held on March 30.

VENERABLE BROTHERS,
If your presence here, which is the pleasing to Us at all times, how highest ideals the generous souls of much more is it dear to Us now as young men who intended to enroll in the military service in the holy militia in order to bring the doctrine of Christ to the heathen.

Lessons of Mission Exhibit
We have added reason for this, because the plan we have taken to increase the advantages of Holy Year, we unfolded to you last year in this eminent assembly, of making a public exhibition of things belonging to the Holy Missions, and which, Church, and until then, we rejoice has been so happily fulfilled that these centenary feasts come to result surpasses all expectations, crown the feasts celebrated at the while an ever greater number of people of the first dedication of desired fruit. And for this end we the Lateran Basilica, which event, again testify Our gratitude and as we had said, was representative benevolence to the religious mission to the public triumph of Christ the arts and to all the others who help-savior over paganism and the coned to accomplish so famous an unversion of the City of Rome to detaking, or who brought the light Christianity of their counsel, or who had the work of initiating or helping in it.

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English Labor Organ's Attack on Priesthood Causes Party Split

London, April 14.—Two Catholic members of the Swansea Corporation have quit the party to protest against local Labor's espousal of the anti-Catholic cause.

An article by a minister, the Rev. S. Skelhorn, started the trouble. Published in the local organ of the Labor party it attacked the priesthood in violent terms, charging priests with having buttressed superstition, witchcraft, slavery, serfdom, persecution, war, immorality and poverty.

Ireland Will Place Duty of 20 Per Cent On Imported Clothes
Dublin, April 17.—As already foreshadowed in N. C. W. C. dispatches there is reason for believing that in the Free State budget, soon to be introduced, the principal extension of the protective tariffs will be a duty on imported clothes.

New York District Knights Of Fourth Degree Celebrate
New York, April 21.—Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree, Second New York District, comprising the counties of Richmond, New York, Bronx, Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Dutchess, Putnam, Ulster and Sullivan, celebrated their jubilee in this city, beginning with a solemn High Mass Saturday morning in St. Patrick's Cathedral, at which His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes presided, and concluding Sunday evening, with a banquet at Hotel Astor.

N. Y. Boy "Governor" Honor Pupil Who Is To Enter Priesthood
New York, April 2.—James Doonan, Jr., aged 13, an honor student in Cathedral college Preparatory school, of this city, preparing to enter the Holy Trinity Seminary as a student for the priesthood, and a graduate of St. James' Parochial School, the school in which Governor Alfred E. Smith received most of his education, was elected to the Governorship of New York by ballots cast by the Board of Education, the Boys' Clubs of New York, the public and parochial schools of this city, on the Boys' Week ticket, James, or "Bobby" as his friends call him, held the office of the Governor of the Empire State for two hours today, and Governor Smith made his tenure of office feel realistic by having him sign some of the bills before him.

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Milan, April 20.—The artist Silvestri, after five months of patient labor, has completed his restoration of the famous painting of "The Last Supper" by Leonardo Da Vinci on the wall of the Sacristy of St. Ambrose's Church here. This is the second restoration that has been made necessary in fifteen years because of the tendency of the paint to peel from the wall. Silvestri used a new process this time which, it is hoped, will make this restoration last longer than the former one.

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Bishop Carroll Lauds Archbishop Christie As Ideal Shepherd
Portland, Oregon, April 20.—In the course of his eulogy of Archbishop Christie as "the ideal Archbishop," delivered at the Pontifical Mass of Requiem in St. Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday, Bishop Carroll of Helena said:

Christian Herald Publishes Religious Census For Country
New York, April 20.—The Total membership of all churches in the United States is 46,142,000 according to a census of religions compiled by Dr. H. K. Carroll for the Christian Herald. His figures show a gain in membership for all denominations combined of 690,000 in 1924.

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