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THE  
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WORLD OVER

Father Ludwig was a young Dominican friar working in the mission field at Tukien, China. One day last October bandits swooped down on his parish. Knowing that he held his ground he would be captured, he chose the alternative of temporary flight and hastened to the missions of the Maryknoll Fathers. Later word came to him that it was safe to return. He did to find his church burned and his flock scattered. Vainly he again set to work.

Gradually the people returned, work on a new church was started and divine services were held. For a while all looked bright but then the police of the town decided to turn bandits. They seized the priest as the most profitable prey and asked \$50,000 for his ransom. Of course it couldn't be paid, so Father Ludwig forfeited his life. Today his people mourn his loss, but his Order rejoices that one more name has been added to the list of Dominican saints.

High over the city of Paris on these chill, winter nights a clear, bright light can be seen burning. It shines out like a star, far above all the other lights of the city. From the dome of Sacre Coeur on Montmartre, that beacon calls the Catholics in the capital to come and worship. In the church the Blessed Sacrament is exposed perpetually. During the past year a multitude of souls have been guided by the light to adore the Eucharistic Presence for something like 98,000 hours. Almost fifty percent of this time was spent by men.

Citizens of Kenya Colony, a newly opened gold field in Africa, are poles apart from our newly recognized Russian friends in more ways than one. Although most of these gold diggers are non-Catholics, they have invited the Ursuline Sisters to open a school and teach their children. Their broad-mindedness goes farther—they are helping the parish priest to raise funds to complete his church by holding a "sports day" for his benefit. Their attitude is that turn about is fair play because the Mill Hill Fathers who have charge of this mission field, in conjunction with one of the mining companies, have brought a medical doctor to the mining town and shortly will open two hospitals.

The United States Senate heard some pretty naive views on what religion means to a country recently. Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan did not hesitate to speak his conviction to that body. The occasion was when the senate was considering the nomination of Mr. William Bullitt to be the United States Ambassador to Russia. The Senator said that no country that outlaws God can rise to an acceptable place among the nations of the world. He likewise insisted that we as a nation have a right to our form of government without outside interference. He demanded that the Soviet respect this right and declared that fundamentally the question with recent attention is whether or not we have received reliable assurances that the "Imported treason" of the Communist Propaganda is to cease.

## Leisure Time Program Urged Upon Catholic Women at Elmira Meeting

Four Hundred at N. C. C. W. Gathering Hear Leisure Time Problem Discussed; Protest Pierce Bill; Ask For Better Motion Pictures

Elmira.—"Give to religion the best service of your citizenship; give to your country the best service of your religion." With this as their twofold purpose expressed as the chief objective of their multifarious activities, approximately 400 women of the Diocese gathered Saturday noon at the Mark Twain Hotel for a luncheon for the chief event of the Board of Directors Meeting of the Rochester Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women.

Presiding at the luncheon was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. J. Lee V. F., who also offered the invocation. Miss Carolyn Ruth Doran, Rochester Diocesan chairman of the National Committee on Representation and a director of the Rochester Council, presided as toastmistress. In the absence of Mrs. Charles F. Hughes, president of the Elmira Deanery, who is ill, a message of welcome was read by Mrs. J. G. McCarthy, former president of the Elmira Deanery.

The principal address after the luncheon was given by the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, Director of the Propagation of the Faith in Rochester Diocese, and managing editor of "The Catholic Courier," diocesan publication.

## Fr. O'Hara Cites 'Discoveries' of Catholic Ideals by Non-Catholics

Waterbury, Conn.—(NCWC)—Citing the "non-Catholic discoveries of the Catholic Church" and urging Catholics in this country to become more enlightened concerning the doctrines of their Church, the Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., vice-president of Notre Dame University, in an address delivered last Friday at the Catholic Action Dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, declared that President Roosevelt "discovered Catholic economics for us."

"To our shame," Father O'Hara said, "the majority of educated Catholics in this country have been ignorant of the great Encyclical of Leo XIII. And they were ignorant, in spite of the fact that the Catholic press and Catholic schools stressed this Encyclical in every way possible."

## Mrs. Loomam Is Named Head of Film Bureau of Catholic Alumnae

New York.—(NCWC)—Mrs. Philip A. Brennan, president of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae today announced that Mrs. James F. Loomam, has been appointed chairman of the Motion Picture Bureau of the I.F.C. by Miss Naomi Larkin of Pittsburgh, chairman of the Department of Literature.

## Evidence Guild Plan Approved by K. of C.

Detroit.—(NCWC)—A plan to establish Catholic Evidence Guilds in Knights of Columbus councils throughout the country has been approved by the supreme board of directors of the Order.

## FLAMES DAMAGE COLLEGE

Catonsville, Mr.—(NCWC)—The combined fire-fighting forces of Baltimore County, with aid from the city, were required to extinguish flames which threatened the 14 buildings constituting St. Charles' College, here. The barns and a large workshop were destroyed. The loss, estimated at \$10,000, is reported to have been covered by insurance.

## 'FATHERS OF FAMILIES' IN MEXICO PROTEST NEW SEX EDUCATION PLAN

Mexico City.—(NCWC)—In connection with the program's "repugnant and monstrous immorality," the outline of the "sexual education" curriculum submitted by the professors and as published in the press specifies in the most intimate and open manner matters pertaining to sex and procreation. The "study" is designed for children of primary school age.

## STERILIZATION STAND GIVEN BY POPE PIUS

Cites Documents for Guidance of Clergy and Laity On Church's Teaching

Vatican City.—The question of sterilization and the problem it places before the Catholic conscience, brought into prominence by the recently-enacted law of the National Socialist government in Germany, have once more received the attention of the Holy Father, who, in a pronouncement to the College of Cardinals, cited recent documents for guidance.

His Holiness made reference to his Encyclical on "Christian Marriage," Casti Connubii, and the decree on "Sex Education" and "Eugenics" issued by the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, in 1931.

In both documents, the Holy Father said, "there is clearly stated that which may and must be held regarding this unpleasant subject of sterilization. It seems to us that pastors and the faithful can find in these documents, at least, in substance, that which must be the object of their thoughts; of their words, of their teaching."

## ARGUMENT ON STERILIZATION CALLED 'PAGAN'

Montreal.—(NCWC)—The Montreal Beacon, Catholic paper here, criticizes Professor W. D. Tait, of McGill University, for using what the weekly calls "pagan" arguments against sterilization.

Quoting Professor Tait, head of the Department of Psychology at the university, the paper says that the scholar condemned sterilization because "modern civilization needs the higher type of moron and even the lower types for such work as construction, ditch digging, farming and mining."

In its comment, the Montreal Beacon says that the Professor's condemnation of sterilization was "laughable" because he made every effort "to make sure that no one for one moment would think that his condemnation was in any way associated with the law of God."

## Bishop T. C. O'Reilly Is Given Polish Medal

Seranton.—(NCWC)—The Haller Medal, personal decoration of Gen. Joseph Haller, commander of the Polish field armies with the Allies in the World War, has been conferred upon the Most Rev. Thomas C. O'Reilly, Bishop of Seranton.

## OPPOSITION TO BIRTH CONTROL MEASURE VOICED BY NOTED AUTHORITIES AT WASHINGTON

### PROTESTS MADE BY HUNDREDS OF SOCIETIES

Non-Catholic and Catholic Opponents of Measure Testify at Hearing

Washington.—(NCWC)—At the concluding session of the birth control hearing Friday afternoon before the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, the weight of their hundreds of affiliated Catholic lay organizations was thrown against the proposed measure by representatives of the National Council of Catholic Women and the National Council of Catholic Men.

Miss Agnes G. Regan, Executive Secretary of the N.C.C.W., told the committee the claims of proponents of the bill were demolished by the belief that mechanical progress must be the measure of human society and its welfare.

"Apart from religious and moral questions," Miss Regan said, "altogether the attitude—and claims—of those who favor artificial birth prevention are dominated and dictated by the fact that mechanical progress must be the measure of human society and its welfare. Modern mechanical progress is one with the machine. The machine, these proponents maintain, controls production; production controls the welfare of human society. On their lips are always such words, therefore, as stabilization of production. We do not deny the honesty of our opponents. We do say that the basis of all the arguments they present is that the wonderful mechanical progress made in the past should be continued in the future and must rule the world."

"We believe that our mind in this matter is thoroughly in line with the Constitution of our country and with the inalienable rights it lays down. We believe, therefore, that the decision to be made by your Committee, Mr. Chairman, is one that affects not simply the question of birth control, but a decision that will lay its part in answering this question which Christian civilization must answer to itself: 'Should we defend and protect?'"

## Quake Destroys Most Catholic Churches in Patna, India, Diocese

New York.—(N. C. W. C.)—Most of the Churches in the Patna Mission, India, which is in the charge of American Jesuits, have been destroyed in the earthquake and floods which overtook a large area of India this week, according to a radiogram received here from the Rev. Michael D. Lyons, S. J., stationed in the Patna Mission district.

The advice further state that all the personnel in the Patna Mission are safe. The full extent of losses has not been ascertained. The Most Rev. Bernard Sullivan, S. J., Bishop of Patna, was stranded at Mehsi by the floods, which followed the quake, according to Father Lyons.

## RELIC OF TRUE CROSS EXHIBITED IN LONDON SUBJECT OF CRITICISM

London.—(NCWC)—The fact that a relic of the True Cross is contained in an exhibit lent by King George to the Exhibition of British Art, just opened here at the Royal Academy, has evoked criticism on the part of some Catholics who suggest that the exhibit should be withdrawn.

The relic is contained in a thirteenth century pectoral cross, known as the Clare Castle Cross, which was found in 1886 during railroad construction. The Universe has discovered that another relic of the True Cross has for several years rested in the metal section of the Victoria and Albert Museum here, in a thirteenth century plaque, and that the museum exhibits also contain the relics of several Saints.

## Slur Upon Religion Stirs Committee At Birth Control Quiz

Washington.—(NCWC)—The suggestion that "the moral scruples" deterring many women from the practice of birth control are merely "superstitions," made by proponents of birth control at hearings before the House Judiciary Committee here last week, brought keen questioning from Representative Francis Condon of Rhode Island and Representative Arthur Healy of Massachusetts, the former of whom offered the witness the opportunity to withdraw this obvious slur upon religious sentiments.

Again, when a further witness for the proponents of birth control spoke of the "bootleg" introduction of contraceptive devices into your home and mine," Representative John O. Lehr of Michigan interrupted the hearings to declare: "Just a minute, Mr. Chairman. As a member of this Committee I want to go on record as one in whose home contraceptive devices have never been used."

## BIRTH CONTROL EXHIBIT CITED AS 'NASTY'

Publicity Sessions of Birth Control Advocates Indicate Commercial Aspect

Washington.—(NCWC)—The three-day publicity session widely advertised in advance by the National Committee on Federal Legislation for Birth Control, was held last week in the Capital City last week. It was carefully planned for the eye of the hearing begun Thursday morning by the House Judiciary Committee on H.R. 5978, birth control measure introduced by Representative Walter M. Pierce of Oregon, who was one of the speakers at the birth control banquet Wednesday evening of last week.

The "American Conference on Birth Control and National Recovery"—as the affair was officially labeled—was held at the Mayflower, fashionable Washington—hostelry, and the best facilities of the occasion: ballroom, Chinese room, North room and the Pan-American room—especially the Pan-American room. Press facilities and publicity—the obvious raison d'être for the gathering—were worked out to perhaps as fine a point as Washington ever saw.

The highly-organized gathering did, as was intended, bring to Washington a considerable number of persons to make a "showing" of support at the House hearing. The meeting rooms were often entirely filled, the majority of those attending being women, and many of them women doctors. Various phases of the meeting itself, however, were described by a Washington physician, who attended merely as a spectator by the single word, "nasty."

The "private exhibit" was an excellent publicity stunt, but possibly missed fire because of the failure of the Department of Justice or Metropolitan Police to stage a raid. At least one Washington paper remarked that a raid had been hoped for by those in charge of the meeting. In any case, the exhibit did bring out one especially significant thing: It almost literally shouted the commercial aspect of the birth-control movement. There were on display collections of contraceptive devices used in other countries, but the devices available in the United States were conspicuously and carefully labeled.

## DANGERS OF CONTRACEPTIVE BILL CITED

Distinguished Physicians, Surgeons, Sociologists and Economists Meet

Washington.—(NCWC)—Blasting argument after argument of the advocates of birth control, opponents of the Pierce Bill to relax restrictions on the dissemination of contraceptive information and devices, moved into action late Thursday afternoon of last week at a hearing completely dominated by distinguished physicians, sociologists and economists on the meeting of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives.

Hearings opened Thursday morning following a three-day publicity session held by Mrs. Condon and her associates at the Washington's most fashionable hostelry, the Mayflower, and her associates at the Washington's most fashionable hostelry, the Mayflower, and her associates at the Washington's most fashionable hostelry, the Mayflower.

## New York Tax Rate Proposal Affects Religious Houses

Albany.—(N. C. W. C.)—A bill had been introduced in the Legislature here an act to amend the public service law with relation to rates charged religious corporations, as follows:

"No gas corporation, electric corporation or municipally owned utility, or indirectly, charge, demand, collect or receive from any corporation or association organized and conducted in good faith for religious purposes, a rate or charge for gas or electricity consumed in or about buildings owned or occupied by such religious corporation or association and used by it exclusively for carrying out such religious purposes, greater than the rates or charges charged or demanded by such gas corporation, electric corporation or municipally from domestic consumers for similar uses and purposes within the same village, town or municipality."

## THE PURPOSE SERVED

THE REV. TIMOTHY EDWAN, Editor of the New York Catholic newspaper of the same name in Chicago, in discussing the Catholic Press in a radio address, is quoted as saying: "IN THE FIRST place, it acts as a record or historical chronicle. In the second place it exists to combat error and misrepresentation of the Church and its members. In these functions the Catholic Press serves the Church and non-Catholic alike. THE CATHOLIC PRESS also acts to fulfill particular functions. It criticizes, it informs, it educates, it is to give light, it is to function as a teacher, it is to enlighten readers of those who are in truth, fourth and last, the Press has many important functions such as promoting the education of various Catholics, giving special devotion and religious instruction, and providing a means of contact and reading material for the public interest, all of which are the essential functions of the Catholic Press. IN THE SECOND place, it serves the Church."



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