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What About Sterilization ?

NO. 5—THE PLACE OF RELIGION IN EUGENICS

By James J. Walsh, M.D., Ph.D.

This is the fifth of a series of articles dealing with the question of Sterilization. It is the last of a group by Dr. Walsh written from the scientific point of view. The concluding articles have been written by the Rev. Ignatius W. Cox, S. J., of Fordham University and deal with the question from the moral standpoint.

Undoubtedly the best means for the prevention of the tendency of the mentally deficient to propagate their kind is to segregate them in institutions, and in this, as in so many other things, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

British investigators, not committed to sterilization as so many are in this country, because of their identification with political policies in States where sterilization laws are already in force, found as their strongest argument against sterilization the fact that just as many of these patients had to be kept in institutions afterwards as before. No practical good was accomplished by sterilization.

Indeed, it is very probable that if the sterilized mental defectives were allowed out of institutions, with the danger of pregnancy eliminated, there would follow almost inevitably an orgy of promiscuity with the inevitable diffusion of veneral diseases. In recent years these diseases have been increasing noticeably. Modern research has shown that they are much more serious than they used to be thought, and have many complications and sequelae, unsuspected a generation ago, that make them ever so much more devastating to health, physical and mental and more fatal, than before.

It is very hard to see how any permanent good can be accomplished by sterilization. The Central Council of the British Association for Mental Betterment, a group which is composed of representatives from all the official bodies in that country who are engaged in work among the mental defectives, did not hesitate to declare that they are by no means confident of the value of sterilization but on the contrary are very much inclined to the opinion that this operation, in spite of all that has been said about it, would mean very little for the solution of the problem of the unfit or the mentally defective.

Professor Jennings of Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, whose standing as a biologist gives him a very definite right to an opinion in this matter, made an extremely interesting contribution to this subject in the oJurnal of Heredity some half dozen years ago.

He proposed a calculation as to how long it would take to eliminate the feeble-minded in our population if we were to stop at once the propagation of all feeble-minded individuals. His exact words are very startling: "If the proportion of the feeble-minded to the population is one per thousand (and this is probably a fair estimate), to decrease that proportion to one per ten thousand will require about sixty-eight generations or two to three thousand years." He emphasizes that "this result is to be accomplished only by stop-

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INDORSEMENT OF SCHOOLS IN MEXICO DENIED

Ambassador Daniels Issues Statement by Telephone Following Protests

Washington, (NCWC)—In a statement made by telephone from Mexico City, Josephus Daniels, American Ambassador to Mexico, has repeated his declaration that in his much-criticized talk on education in Mexico he had no intention of touching on any subject "relating even remotely to controversial matters in Mexico." The Ambassador's statement was made when Under Secretary of State William Phillips communicated with him, following receipt at the State Department of many letters of protest. A number of these protests came from Catholic publications, organizations and individuals.

Catholic feelings were aroused by a statement made by the Ambassador which was widely interpreted as an indorsement of the system of socialistic education drawn up for introduction in Mexico. Mr. Daniels quoted from and praised a speech made by General Plutarco Elias Calles in which Calles defended the socialist school system.

At a press conference, Mr. Phillips was asked about the letters of protest. He replied: "Certain criticisms based on implications drawn from Mr. Daniels' address at the American Embassy on July 26 have been received." He added that he had brought the matter to the Ambassador's attention in a telephone conversation and that Mr. Daniels had requested that publicity be given the following statement:

"The address I made to the members of the Seminar was exactly the type of address I had made in the United States expressing appreciation of the attitude of Mexico in recognizing the great work of Horace Mann and quoting General Calles as favoring the education of children. I was never more surprised than when I learned that any interpretation could be given my address as relating even remotely to controversial matters in Mexico.

"I truly believe the future of Mexico depends upon an educated population, just as I believe that foundation to be essential in my country and in all countries. The hope is universal education and in no country has this been provided except by general taxation.

"I profoundly believe in the principles of our country with reference to public schools, the freedom of religion and the freedom of the press."

Catholic U. Statutes Approved; Theology Degrees Reaffirmed

Washington (NCWC)—The Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities in Rome, by a decree dated September 8, has formally approved the statutes of the Catholic University of America, according to word received here this week.

This includes the faculties of Theology and Canon Law and conveys approbation for the granting of degrees in Theology and Canon Law.

Educational Group to Present Noted Speakers Here Nov. 2

Thirtieth Annual Conference of the Rochester Diocesan School Association will be held at Aquinas Institute, Dewey Avenue, Rochester, beginning at 9:30 A. M., Friday, November 2. The following program will be presented:

FORENOON

Opening Prayer
Rev. John M. Duffy, Diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools

9:30-10:15—Vitalizing the Teaching of Religion.
Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S. J., St. Louis, Mo.

10:20-11:05—Grades 1-8.
The Place of the Library in the Elementary School.
Mother M. Agatha, O. S. U., Ursuline Academy, Wilmington, Del.

Grades 9-12
Forming a Catholic Mind in the High School Student.
Sister Joseph Mary, Nazareth College

11:10-12:00—Grades 1-4
Importance of Correct Writing Habits from the Start.
Miss Emma McGraw

Grades 5-8
Life Adjustments to Geography
Miss Mary E. Caragher

Grades 9-12
The Teacher of English in the High School
Sister Rose Marie, Nazareth College

12:00—Luncheon

AFTERNOON

1:15-2:00—Grades 1-4
Reality Versus Symbolism in Geography
The Fundamentals of Character

Grades 5-8
The Value of Continuous Instruction
Miss Emma McGraw

Grades 9-12
The Adolescent Responds to Library Methods
Mother M. Agatha, O. S. U.

2:05-2:50—Grades 1-4
The Necessity of Natural Virtues for the Supernatural Life
Rev. Benedict A. Ehrmann, St. Andrew's Seminary

Grades 5-8
Miss Mary E. Caragher
Rev. Lester Morgan, Aquinas Institute

Grades 9-12
The Influence of the Catholic Teacher in the Guidance of Youth
Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S. J.

2:55-3:30
Teacher Responsibility
Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester

Sectional Sessions
Grades 1-4—Gymnasium
Grades 5-8—Auditorium
Grades 9-12—Room 201

Fr. E. A. Walsh Warns Wealthy Carry Out Social Responsibility

Washington, (NCWC) — Declaring that "greed in high places" has set an example for crime in "low places," the Rev. Dr. Edmund A. Walsh, S. J., vice-president of Georgetown University, in an address before an assembly of students at American University, Friday warned that if the minority possessing most of the nation's wealth avoids the "clear social responsibility attaching to property" either its wealth will be "conscripted" by the Government or "mobs will rudely confiscate it."

These two things, Dr. Walsh said, have "happened elsewhere, even within our own memory." "And we have no divine guarantee of perpetual immunity," he added. "I believe that danger is one step nearer than it was a year ago."

"The public greed of licensed money-changers, of unscrupulous bankers and legally incorporated buccaneers," Dr. Walsh continued, "has provided alas, evil example for the criminal whose methods lacked only legality and the comfort of a respectable name," declared Dr. Walsh.

"The former plundered through legal loopholes, the latter at the point of a sawed-off shotgun. Both had the same objective—the people's money—trough they stalked their prey by different paths.

"When greed in high places operated through bucket shops, fraudulent investment trusts, price pegging, rigging the market, closed pools, short selling and dumping of worthless securities on unsuspecting clients, crime in low places retaliated with racketeering, assassination, kidnaping, extortion, bootlegging, corruption of public officials, suborning of juries and by mobilizing a flock of unscrupulous criminal lawyers skilled in paralyzing the nerves of judges, witnesses and prosecutors.

"I do not palliate the guilt of the underworld. I am but analyzing the genesis of much of the crime that has shocked the community these latter years. Criminals were created by the examples and opportunities flaunted in their very faces. They determined to have their share in the prevailing orgy of extravagance."

BELIEVE IT - - - Not

By REV. OWEN B. McGUIRE, D.D.

'LITTLE FLOWER' BOOKLETS INACCURATE
ST. TERESA OF AVILA, MODEL, PATTERN
'LITTLE FLOWER' QUOTED ON ST. TERESA

On another occasion I was telling you something about Saint Teresa of Avila and her Reform. I said then that it would be well for all Catholics in this country and at the present time to know something of both. In fact I personally believe this to be an obligation that devolves upon us. My reason, which I then intimated, is this: the devotion to the new Saint of Lisieux is clearly a work of the Holy Ghost. God has sent this new Saint on a mission. That mission is to us. She has entered practically every parish, even every home, in the land, and into most of our prayerbooks. We should therefore understand what this mission is, what it means for us, whether and to what extent we can take part in it.

Now, Saint Teresa of Lisieux was a Discalced Carmelite. The Order of Discalced Carmelites was founded by Saint Teresa of Avila. She gave to it a special Constitution and a Rule of Life. These, however, were in her intention but means to an end. By living up to this Rule within the Constitution she wished to have her daughters do a certain work for God and for His Church. In other words she gave this new Religious Order a mission, which mission has been rightly called an "Apostolate." There are many Religious Orders in the Church. All are intended to work for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Each has some special mission that distinguishes it from all the others. This is especially true of the Order of Discalced Carmelite nuns. What their special mission, their Apostolate as they call it themselves, is, I will explain to you some other day.

Typical Discalced Carmelite

Now, St. Therese of Lisieux is a typical Discalced Carmelite. She became a Saint and "a great Saint" (as she had proposed to herself already when a child of ten years); because she became a Discalced Carmelite, became penetrated with the spirit and mission of that Order and heroically lived up to the Rule and Constitution given to the Order by their "Holy Mother," as she always affectionately calls the Reformer of Avila. What she has written of her own Mistress

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100 French Soldiers Spend Night Adoring Blessed Sacrament

By M. MASSIANI

(Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Paris.—In the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Montmartre, the Blessed Sacrament is adored perpetually by men in regular relays, but this is the first time soldiers were asked by their chaplains to participate in nocturnal adoration. About 100 soldiers in garrisons in Paris and vicinity asked permission to spend the night in adoration.

The directors of La Jeunesse Catholique Militaire were so encouraged by this first attendance of soldiers that they are planning to repeat the ceremony on the second Thursday of every month.

BISHOP POST IS DENIED TO REV. TOROK

Protestant Episcopal Church Disapproves Election In Eau Claire

Atlantic City—(NCWC) — After two executive meetings on the matter, the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in session at the general meeting of that church here, declined to approve the action of the Episcopal Diocese of Eau Claire, Wis., in electing the Rev. John William Torok as Suffragan Bishop. No reason was given for the refusal to confirm the action.

The Rev. John Torok, mentioned in secular press dispatches as a "Bishop of the Eastern Orthodox Church" and as "a former Catholic Bishop," first received public notice in the United States when he came to this country from Hungary in the latter part of 1920. Interviews given by him to secular newspapers at that time represented him to be a "Roman Monsignor."

He came to the United States presumably as a secretary to the Rev. John Hoch, a Hungarian priest who had been forced by the rise of Communistic elements there to leave his country.

Some weeks later reports were received at the Apostolic Delegation here that he was engaged in political activity in New York. The Apostolic Delegation, after investigation, then ordered him to leave the country. He asked for a week's time in which to defend himself against the charges of political activity. The time expired but no statement ever was received from him.

The next news of him came when a secular newspaper in Baltimore published an account of his reception into the Episcopal Church ministry by the Episcopalian Bishop of Maryland.

At the time of his reported political activities in New York, an investigation of his conduct was asked by 15 priests of the Latin and Greek rites, who communicated with the Secretary of Labor. The letter charged that he had entered this country under false pretenses with a Roumanian passport.

He is known to have attended a seminary in what is now Czechoslovakia and to have once been a priest of the Greek Uniat Church. While in Eastern Europe, it has been learned, he joined the Greek Orthodox Church. One record indicates that he was consecrated a Bishop by an Orthodox Bishop in Vienna.

Parochial School Students Pledged To Fight Bad Films

Washington, (NCWC) — Word received this week from dioceses in every section of the country tells of the growth of the movement inaugurated by the Episcopal Committee on Motion Pictures to put an end to immorality in film productions. In parochial schools the signing of the pledge of the Legion of Decency to refrain from attending theaters where improper pictures are produced has gained thousands of recruits.

The campaign to organize a branch of the Legion of Decency in the Diocese of Fall River was given further impetus this week by the distribution of 20,000 Legion pins among the children. At the same time the first of the pledge cards distributed a week ago following the issuance of a pastoral letter by the Most Rev. James E. Cassidy, were returned to the headquarters of the Rev. Edward J. Gorman, whom the Bishop has designated to direct the drive.

Expressing complete satisfaction with the progress of the campaign, Father Gorman said this week that results already have been obtained in procuring better films in cities of the diocese, notably Fall River and New Bedford. At least one picture booked for a theater in the latter city, he said, was cancelled when the campaign was launched and the manager evidenced a desire to co-operate.

Priest-Editor in China Irish Newsboys' Friend

Hongkong, (N.C.W.C.-Fides)—The Rev. Thomas Ryan, S. J., new editor of The Rock, Catholic magazine of Hongkong, was known in Dublin as the newsboys' friend. When he left for China the "newsies" saved their pennies to give him a gift and the day he departed they with the poor of the city, headed by a band, marched by thousands to bid him farewell.

FORMAL REOPENING OF ST. ANN CHURCH HORNELL SUNDAY

St. Ann's Pastor

REV. J. A. MALNY

CHURCH TO WIN COMMUNIST OF RUSSIA ADMITS

Persecution Has Failed To Crush Religion, Former G. P. U. Member Says

Cologne, (NCWC) — The Kölnische Volksaitung, leading Catholic daily, quotes a Czech communist whose name cannot be given, for obvious reasons, as admitting that the anti-religious campaign in Russia is a complete failure. The Communist in question has been a member of the GPU, the secret police, in a responsible position. Some of his statements follow:

"We have carried on a ruthless war against religion, but we met with a most serious obstacle. The air of Russia is permeated with religion. We have undertaken the impossible in trying to demonstrate that religion has been invented by the wealthy class to deceive the poor people so that they might be satisfied with what they have on earth and hope for betterment only in heaven. Many have put store in our assertions, but those who remained true to their faith were by far more numerous. Deported or imprisoned, they would not give up their faith. With their fervor they stem convinced some of our own ranks, thus making our work even more difficult.

"Today, there is no anti-religious force left in Russia. Our foes are too strong. I have seen a procession of deported people walking with bare feet, carrying lighted candles in their hands and singing the hymn 'Christ Has Risen.' The churches, which we could not destroy, are over-crowded. If one is closed down, the faithful find ways and means to open it again. There are churches which were closed two or three times and always reopened again. If we succeeded in closing them for good, the faithful met secretly in their homes to pray. The worst of it all is that many of our young Communists return to the old faith."

The communist in question made it plain, the paper says, that he has not forsaken the Communist doctrine, but wants to remain a Communist until the end of his life.

Holy Name Group Urges Recall of Josephus Daniels

Cleveland—(NCWC) — Recall of Ambassador Josephus Daniels from Mexico is asked in a resolution adopted by the executive committee of the Cleveland Diocesan Union of the Holy Name Society and sent to President Roosevelt.

Attention of the President is called to Ambassador Daniels' now widely discussed address on education and his quotation of General Calles, who said that the Revolution must enter into and take possession of the minds of the young. The action of Ambassador Daniels, the resolution says, "virtually makes our Ambassador approve a policy of education that is contrary to American ideals."

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Most Rev. [illegible] Mooney, Bishop of Rochester, will [illegible] man Pontifical [illegible] October 28, [illegible] newly remodeled [illegible] St. Ann Church [illegible] mark the [illegible] the Church [illegible] closed to [illegible] long [illegible]

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Assisting [illegible] Mass will be [illegible] Rt. Rev. Msgr. [illegible] pastor of Our [illegible] Holy, Rochester; [illegible] J. Brennan, [illegible] Rochester; Rev. [illegible] nard Connell; [illegible] Charles McKeever [illegible]

The Rev. [illegible] Chancellor, will [illegible] Ceremonies will be [illegible] Callahan, [illegible] Meeks, [illegible] as follows: [illegible] Jr.; Assistant, [illegible] Robert Bishop; [illegible] Gallagher; Crozier, [illegible] Gallagher; Crozier, [illegible] Wyman; Book Bearer, [illegible] Candle Bearer, [illegible] Bearers, John [illegible]

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Two Bishops Attend Boy Scout Chaplains

New York, (NCWC) [illegible] and 50 Catholic diocesan chaplains of Boy Scout troops have been invited to participate in the Conference of Chaplains to be held at Boy Scout Reservation, near [illegible] N. J., November [illegible] Rev. Edward Roberts [illegible] director of the Catholic [illegible] Scouting.

The conference will [illegible] the auspices of the [illegible] Center of the Boy Scouts [illegible] and under the [illegible] Father Moore, [illegible] Wyland, national director [illegible] tion and Relationships [illegible] Scouts of America.

The Most Rev. Francis [illegible] Bishop of Oklahoma City [illegible] and Chairman of the [illegible] mittee on Scouting, [illegible] Rev. Bernard J. [illegible] Bishop of Chicago [illegible] of the Catholic [illegible] ing, have accepted [illegible] tend and participate [illegible] ence.

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