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EPISCOPALIAN MAGAZINE FLAYS BIRTH CONTROL

Editorial Denounces Episcopalian Bishop's Favorable Vote on Measure

New York — (N.C.W.C.) — The action of the General Convention of the Episcopalian Church in voting favorably on a measure intended to remove present legal restrictions on the dissemination of birth control information is assailed in the leading editorial in The American Church Monthly, a magazine which describes itself as one of comment and review "dealing with questions confronting the Anglican Communion and more especially the Church in the United States."

The editorial charges that the bishops of the Episcopalian Church have abandoned "all pretensions to authority on one of the most important of moral questions" and have turned "the whole ethical problem over to the doctors." Captioned "A Grave Mistake," the editorial says:

"Our readers are aware that the Monthly has always steadily set its face against that present-day evil known as Birth Control. We regard the practice as unnatural, as opposed to the moral teaching of the Catholic Church, as threatening the future of our country, as an evasion of responsibility, as debasing to the sanctity of marriage, as injurious to the individual, and as removing one of the deterrents to illegitimate intercourse. Accordingly, we were shocked and grieved when we saw that a resolution opening the door to this abuse had received a majority vote in General Convention.

"The record of the vote in the House of Bishops—we have at hand no report concerning the Deputies — shows that a large number of the bishops did not vote on the question, the figures being in favor forty-four and thirty-eight opposed. Some of the bishops of course were absent for good cause, but others will have to bear the imputation of having dodged the issue. Of them, it might well be said, 'I would that thou wert cold or hot.' While the resolution is sufficiently clear in its purpose, it is so phrased in lofty language as to afford a verbal cloak for its supporters. There is no direct approval of Birth Control, and no attempt to

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U. S. Cabinet Member For Education Opposed

(By Special Telegraph, NC.W.C News Service).

Portland, Ore.—The proposal to have a member of the President's Cabinet for education was rejected here by a regional confefence on State School Legislation and Long-Time Educational Planning.

Only two delegates of the 600 voting on the question at the meeting favored the plan.

The conference is one of several such meetings being sponsored by the Joint Commission on the Emergency in Education of the National Educational Association and the Department of Superintendence.

LATE BULLETINS

(NCWC News Service)

New York — (NCWC) — Religion was credited with being the chief influence behind the achievements of the Boy Scout movement by Dr. Roy O. Wyland, of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, in an address at the annual Scouters' conference of the Queens Council of Boy Scouts, held at Jamaica, Long Island.

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Wheeling, W. Va. — (NCWC) — A plan to place regular Catholic information in the secular press of this state has been inaugurated by the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters of America, and the Federation of Catholic Alumnae in West Virginia.

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Austin, Tex. — (NCWC) — A study of "the merit and practicability of legally applying sterilization in Texas" is recommended by the State Board of Control in a report just submitted.

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Vienna — (NCWC) — The advertising of birth control devises by means of sky-writing has been halted by the authorities. Since the enactment of a special law the show-windows of booksellers and their price-lists have been cleared of all that is immoral. The price-lists of foreign firms dealing in pornographic literature are refused transportation by the postal authorities.

Heads Retreatants

Edward W. Joyce, of Boston, National President of the Laymen's Retreat Movement, who will preside at the fifth national conference of the organization, to be held at the Catholic University of America, December 28 to 30. Delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada will attend.

Msgr. Sheen to Begin 'Catholic Hour' Series Of Addresses Dec. 23

Washington — (NCWC) — A series of addresses to be delivered in the nation-wide "Catholic Hour" by the Very Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, was announced here today by the National Council of Catholic Men, producer of the broadcast.

The addresses, which will begin on December 23, will be Monsignor Sheen's fifth and longest "Catholic Hour" series. His first talk will be a Christmas address entitled "Life Begins at Birth", but on the following Sunday, according to the announcement, he will pick up the thread which will run through his whole course, that of the mystical body of Christ. The general title of the series is "The Fullness of Christ".

Arthur Preuss, Noted Catholic Editor, Dies

St. Louis.—Arthur Preuss, founder and editor of The Forthnightly Review, Catholic publication of this city, died of arthritis at Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 15. Mr. Preuss, nationally known writer and editor, was 63 years old.

Mr. Preuss was born in this city March 22, 1871. His father, Dr. Edward Preuss, was a noted convert. In the early 'nineties, Arthur Preuss was assistant to his father, who was the editor of Daily America, published in this city.

Arthur Preuss removed to Chicago, in 1892, and established The Chicago Review. Ultimately this publication became The Fortnightly Review and was published in St. Louis from 1893 to 1930 as a weekly. In that year it became a monthly, but the name was not changed.

For nearly 40 years, Mr. Preuss was literary editor of the Herder Book Company. Among his literary workers were "The Fundamental Fallacy of Socialism" and "A Study in American Freemasonry". The latter reached five editions.

Mr. Preuss also translated several works from the German, including the "Pohle-Preuss Dogmatic Theology", in twelve volumes.

He was educated in the parochial schools of St. Louis, Canisius College, Buffalo; Lake Forest University and St. Francis' College, Quincy, Ill.

Notre Dame Gridders Heard Mass Each Day On Train During Trips

Notre Dame, Ind., (NCWC)—Members of the University of Notre Dame football team attended Mass every morning while they were travelling in the gridiron season just closed.

The practice, begun a dozen years ago when the Ramblers' schedule commenced to take them farther afield, has become an institution which no inconvenience may upset.

On occasions in the past chapel cars have been attached to trains taking the football team cross country. At other times, as was the case this year, the dining car has been converted into a chapel during the early morning.

Speeding to meet Southern California in the last game of the current season the Notre Dame team heard the Rev. James Stack, C.S.C., celebrate daily Mass in the dining car of their special train.

Right Halfback Francis "Mike" Layden, brother of Coach Elmer Layden and star of the coast game, served Mass and arranged the altar each morning for Father Stack.

The other members of the squad, along with the coaches, managers and supporters, crowded into the car to receive daily communion during the service.

The train was stopped temporarily one day in Tucson, Ariz., and there Father Stack said Mass in St. Augustine's Cathedral, another day the squad went to the Cathedral in Los Angeles.

On the day of arrival in Chicago after the game Mass was said while the train stood in the La Salle Street station before the squad departed for South Bend.

Other trips this year did not necessitate Mass on the train, but a chaplain accompanied the team each time and arrangements were made in advance for special Masses before the games in Pittsburgh, Cleveland and New York.

SACRIFICE OF GREED URGED BY MSGR. RYAN

Offers Program Of Recovery At Buffalo Industrial Problems

Buffalo—(NCWC—To bring about economic recovery and the establishment of a permanent form of social justice, the people of the United States must evidence "the capacity to sacrifice a measure of our greed and selfishness, and the courage to make a venture which involves the greatest opportunity for human service and effective patriotism that ever confronted any people," the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A Ryan, Director of the Department of Social Action, National Catholic Welfare Conference, said in an address here Wednesday night.

Msgr. Ryan spoke at the closing banquet of a regional meeting of the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems. His subject was "The Present Outlook for Business Recovery." Unless prompt and effective measures are undertaken, he predicted, the country is "headed directly for Fascism, of Communism, or at least, for government operation of our essential industries."

Presenting a resume of the teachings of the Church on social justice, Msgr. Ryan remarked: "Happily the prospects of getting proper business recovery are better at this time than they have been in any previous depression."

Increase in Business

Noting that there has been a slow but fairly steady increase in business since the middle of last September, Msgr. Ryan saw evidence of an improvement in the attitude of the business world.

Discussing what he termed "the capital goods illusion," Msgr. Ryan said: "The cold fact is that private industry cannot by itself bring us out of the depression, even with the best will in the world. Business men are still obsessed by the delusion that recovery must come through a revival of the Capital goods industries. The only basis for this assumption is the fact that previous depressions have come to an end in this way. But this depression is in most essentials unlike all those that have gone before. The country does not need more factories, nor more railroads, nor more office buildings, nor more hotels, nor more high rent apartment houses."

Pointing out that between eight and ten million wage earners are out of employement, Msgr. Ryan said they can be put back to work only by the establishment throughout industry of a 30-hour week and a vast program of public works. "Congress," he said, "should authorize a program calling for an expenditure of $5,000,000,000 a year for the next three years. If unemployment should disappear before the end of three years, further public spending would be unnecessary. But any smaller appropriation than one involving $5,000,000,000 for the year immediately before us will not take care of the urgent needs of the unemployed nor give the required acceleration to private industry. The greater part of this money should be spent upon the removal of railroad grade crossings and slums and the provision of low cost housing."

"The problem of business recovery

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Archbishop Will Read Cathedral Midnight Mass

The Most Rev Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester will pontificate at Midnight Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Christmas Eve. Priests of the Cathedral will assist.

Sermon at Midnight Mass and at other Masses in the Cathedral on Christmas Day will be preached by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay, pastor. Masses during the day will be at 6:00, 7:30; 8:30; 9:30 and high Mass at 11:00 o'clock. The Midnight Mass will not be broadcast.

Special Christmas music for Midnight Mass will be in charge of the Rev. Benedict A. Ehmann, of St. Andrew's Seminary and Prof. F. Eugene Bonn, director of the Cathedral Choir.

Throughout the diocese on Christmas there will be special services appropriate to the Feast.

Membership in German Faith Movement Held Marriage Impediment

Amsterdam — (NCWC) — The diocesan organ of Munich, Bavaria, announces that Catholics who may want to become married to members of the so-called "German Faith Movement", which is basically pagan and anti-Christian in its tendencies, must submit to the same rules as those desirous of entering marriage with members of other non-Catholic denominations or sects.

Promise must be given by the non-Catholic partner that he or she will not interfere with the Catholic partner's faith, and that their children will be educated as Catholics. The announcement is based on the recent decision of the Papal Commission for the authentical interpretation of the Canon Law whereby membership in Godless organizations is tantamount to membership in any other non-Catholic organization. Membeership in the "Germanic Faith Movement", therefore, becomes an impediment for marriage under Canon Law which may only be removed in exceptional instances and on the conditions mentioned above.

Salesians' Concerts Aid Orient Missions

Paris (NCWC) — Word has been received here of a new method adopted by the Salesians in Manchukuo to extend Catholic influence. A series of concerts are being broadcast by the missionaries from Niyazaki, Japan, during which the Father Taguchi, of the Catholic Press Bureau of Tokyo, delivers short addresses on the fundamentals of the Catholic Faith.

DETAILS OF KILLING OF 8 BROTHERS AND PRIEST IN ASTURIAS RECEIVED

New York (NCWC) — The Brothersers of the Christian Schools here have received from a most reliable source details of the fate that befell a community of their Brothers in the Spanish radical uprising in the Province of Asturias. The community, composed of eight Spanish Brothers, was located in the small town of Turon, where the excesses were of the gravest kind. The school in which the Brothers were employed was an elementary one, corresponding in grade to our American parochial schools.

On Friday, October 5, shortly after 4 A. M., revolutionists suddenly broke into the school, says the account received. The eight Brothers were arrested aand locked up in the town hall. Father Innocencio, a Passionist, who had come the evening before to accommodate the pupils for their First Friday Communion, was taken along with the Brothers.

Four days later, continues the account, without any form of trial, all were conducted to the cemetery, lined up along a ditch that had previously been dug, and shot. The corpses, covered with a light mantle of earth, were recovered on October 21, after the triumph of the regular troops. Several of them showed marks of various brutalities and the head of the Brother Director had been severed from the trunk.

Other communities of the Brothers in Asturias su"ered only material losses, for the Brothers had been warned in time and so made their escape.

Merry Christmas

THE HOLY SEASON of Christmas is upon us and throughout the world, at least in those countries, still Christian, men pause to commemorate the birth of Christ.

IT IS A SEASON of joy and goodwill. A time for felicitating friends and wishing them the greetings of the season.

TO OUR FRIENDS, all of you who have aided the diocesan newspaper in any way throughout the past year, this occasion is taken to wish for all a blessed, joyful Christmas.

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FR. COUGHLIN SCORES MAKERS OF MUNITIONS

Quotes From Pope Pius XI In Radio Address Sunday Flaying Arms Industry

Detroit — (N.C.W.C.) — In an address in which he assailed munitions manufacturers as "merchandisers of murder," the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower, speaking over a national radio hook-up, Sunday, asked his audience to "pray Almighty God that he cast a protecting arm over the Senate Committee until the end of the week." A Senate Committee is engaged in investigating the arms industry.

"Collusion, bribery of high officials and governmental corruption were proven to be the elements in the making of munitions," Father Coughlin said in his summing up of the findings of the Senate Committee to date.

"'Away with the Prince of Peace! Crucify Him! Give us the Barrabas of war!' is the motto of the American munitions manufacturer," Father Coughlin charged.

"Let America have the truth," he said, "though the powers of hell, aided and abetted by the du Ponts, the Steel Corporation and the bankers will, in their diabolical wisdom, try to hide the truth—the truth that America harbors traitors to all that is good in humanity—harbors merchandisers of murder."

"At last," Father Coughlin continued, "the unbelievable truth must be believed. According to sworn testimony, it is the practice of our American corporations to arm both warring nations, to arm revolutionary factions in case of peace and to encourage war for military and naval supremacy between friendly nations.

"The Senate Committee discovered that every effort Congress made to regulate the shipment of arms; every treaty respecting the traffic in arms, in munitions and in powder has been defied by these manufacturers.

"What wonder then that Pius XI writes: 'The whole economic life has become hard, cruel and relentless in a ghastly measure. Furthermore the intermingling and scandalous confusing of the duties and offices of civil authority and of economics has gone as far as to degrade the majesty of the State. The State, which should be the supreme arbiter, ruling in kingly fashion, far above party contention, intent only on the common good, has become instead a slave—bound over to the services of human passion and greed.'"

Priest Named Teacher At Japanese School

Dairen, Manchukuo (NCWC)—The Japanese parish in this large port, falo, N. Y, pastor of the Maryknoll Rev. John C. Murrett, M.M., of Buffalo city of the Orient, has been nominated by the Japanese authorities as professor of English in a Japanese school of Dairen.

More than 700 Japanese scholars attend Father Murrett's English classes.

WAR UPON RELIGION IN MEXICO CONTINUES TO DRAW PROTESTS

Holy Name In U.S. To Pray For Mexicans

Society Urged To Offer Communions for Persecuted Mexico Catholics

New York —(N.C.W.C.— The Very Rev. Thomas F. Cowlan, O. P., National Director of the Holy Name Society, has sent letters to 9,000 parochial branches of the Holy Name Society urging the members to offer their Holy Communions on the second Sunday of January for the success of the Crusade of Prayer in behalf of the persecuted in Mexico.

The attention of the Spiritual Directors of these branches of the Holy Name Society was also called to the following:

"By reason of the special indult granted to the American Holy Name Societies by the Sacred Congregation of Rites on October 31, 1933, every canonically established Holy Name Society in America is permitted to solemnize the Feast of the Holy Name on the second Sunday of January.

"Points to be carefully borne in mind:

"1. The concession is restricted to the United States.

"2. It is restricted to those Societies which are canonically established. Parishes, therefore, which have never been provided with a diploma of canonical establishment from the national headquarters of the society are not permitted to use this privilege.

"3. Even in parishes where the Holy Name Society has been canonically established, but where for one reason or another it has ceased to exist, this privilege cannot be used unless the society is again called into being.

"4. Holy Name Societies have the privileges of celebrating the Feast of the Holy Name with two public Masses, one a solemn High or simple High Mass and the other a low Mass.

"5. This concession is granted for a period of ten years."

Striking Information Obtained in Students' Catholic Press Survey

Dayton, O. — (NCWC) — The sum of approximately $400 is spent by 1,200 Catholic families in this city for secular publications, while the same families expend only $33 for Catholic publications in the same period, a survey conducted by the Department of Catholic Press of the Chaminade High School Catholic Action Club here reveals.

The survey, made in the form of questionnaires given to 1,300 students of Chaminade and Julienne High Schools, further discloses that the percentage of the 1,200 families getting the secular press was 99.9 while that of those getting the Catholic Press was 29, or one out of every three families supporting the Catholic Press.

The survey also found that 318 families of those reached spend from 25 to 50 cents a week for secular papers and not a cent for Catholic papers.

The Catholic Action Club of Chaminade High School sponsors the publication of a list of books by authors to be found in the public library of this city. This pamphlet is issued under the auspices of the club's Department of Literature.

RECEIVES CHARTER

Ottawa —(NCWC)— Official approval of the Vatican for the new charter of the University of Ottawa was received here this week by the Rev. Dr. Giles Marchand, O. M. I., rector.

PIOUS WOMAN SENDS ROSARY BEADS FOR INFANT DIONNES QUINTUPLETS

Winnipeg — (N.C.W.C.) — A box containing six pearl rosaries has been sent to Mrs. E. Dionne and her quintuplet daughters by a Winnipeg woman, who withheld her name. A letter sent to the Rev. C. Lanphier, announcing the sending of the gift, said:

"The rosaries are, I agree, like a great many suggestions, premature, but if they thrive, it won't be long before their baby lips will be able to lisp the name of Mary. Maybe the rosaries will remain only a remembrance! Who knows?

"I am wishing for Madame Dionne, God's choicest blessings and trust she will love the rosary I have chosen for her."

Announcing in a radio talk that the gift had been received, Father Lanphier made known that the children had been taken to church and put under the protection of the Blessed Virgin and that each bears the name of Mary.

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