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Estimates Sixty Million Read Bad Books

BISHOP NOLL CITES 450 PUBLICATIONS Which Flagrantly Violate Decency

FORT WAYNE, IND.—It is estimated that there are 450 objectionable publications being circulated in the United States and that they reach some 60,000,000 readers, the Most Rev. John Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne and Chairman of the Bishops' Committee on Obscene Literature, said in a radio talk over Station WQOW here Thursday.

A thorough investigation made by him, Bishop Noll said, revealed that these publications are being circulated by "conscientious men who saw an opportunity to absorb some of the leisure time of the millions of unemployed youth." The publications, he said, not only flagrantly violate decency, but also the laws of 47 of the 48 States.

The radio program was in the form of a catechism in which the questions were asked by the Rev. Joachim Ryder, Diocesan Director of the National Organization for Obscene Literature, formed by the Bishops' Committee, and the answers given by Bishop Noll.

The questions and answers follow:

"Are most of these magazines sent direct by mail to the readers' homes?"

"No, vast numbers are sent seriously against the United States Postal laws that they are denied the second class mail privilege accorded to other regular publications."

"From 150,000 magazine racks, located in Post Office lobbies, railroad and subway stations, drug stores, cigar stores, department stores, newsstands, etc."

"But how do the operators of these racks receive the indecent magazines?"

"From a local news agency, which receives them from a national news agency having its contract with the publishers for their distribution through the nation."

"But by what means are they delivered over the country?"

"By freight, express, truck, bus and in some cases, by airplane."

"Are publishers permitted to transport indecent magazines by these carrier methods?"

"Legally no. A Federal law forbids their transportation by common carrier, which means by freight express or truck."

"Who becomes the prosecutor when the Federal law is violated?"

"The Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice through the regional district attorneys."

"Have there been prosecutions of vendors of indecent literature?"

"Yes, in considerable number but if people were not so indifferent about the sale of printed filth there would be prosecutions in every community."

AROUSE PUBLIC SENTIMENT

"In the present campaign are people engaged in the drive against indecent literature to seek the correction of the evil by civil prosecution?"

"Not as the primary method. Although all but one State in the Union have laws which make the publication and distribution of indecent literature illegal and punishable our aim is to clean the magazine racks especially by arousing public sentiment against the very filth of indecent literature into the community."

"Does public opinion respond readily?"

"Most readily, as a few examples will demonstrate. In one of the New England States, where an intensive drive was launched against indecent literature by organizations in every city and town, the newspapers and prosecuting attorney societies of men and women, both Catholic and non-Catholic, drug stores, beauty parlor operators, barber shop owners and others volunteered to cooperate and actually sought to have their names entered on a Roll of Honor. Blacklisted publications were completely excluded from the entire State for some time after the drive."

"When the campaign was first launched at South Bend, Indiana, the Drugists' Association members met and passed a resolution endorsing the drive. This they sent to the Indiana Pharmacist, the official organ of the Indiana drugists, who in turn not only published the resolution, but editorially encouraged general cooperation by the druggists over the State. The editors of newspapers, the Superintendent of Schools, the Y.M.C.A. and the W.C.A. joined with Catholic organizations to clean up the city, and here there were prosecutions of vendors of indecent literature."

"The same cooperation was lent by Catholic and non-Catholic organizations of men and women in Fort Wayne and other places."

TREATERS OF AGENCIES

"Is it true that the druggists were forced by the Local agency to accept bad literature along with the good by threat of withdrawing from the dealer the right to sell any periodical or newspaper?"

"Yes, that is true, but when public sentiment became aroused the block-booking or the job-lot policy of selling of magazines, good and bad, to the newspaper was suspended. Public sentiment also block any previously existing policy."

"But you say that all immoral literature was kept out of the New England State for some time after the campaign? Does this mean that indecent literature ultimately found its way back to the stands?"

"Yes, due to the fact that there was no vigilant follow-up effort to keep them out permanently. Evidently, if there be demand for the off-color magazines of old patrons the dealer will procure the same for them if he is not watched."



A new bishop for Alaska was consecrated at Spokane, Wash., Feb. 24, when the Most Rev. Walter James Fitzgerald, S. J., head of the Oregon Province of the Society of Jesus, was elevated to the post of Coadjutor to Bishop Joseph R. Crimont, S. J., Vicar Apostolic of Alaska, who consecrated him titular Bishop of Timoria (N.C.W.C. photo.)

TEACHERS OPPOSE PROPOSAL TO TEACH Sex Education In New York Schools

NEW YORK.—A preliminary report of the Committee on Sex Education of the Teachers' Alliance of New York City, Inc., attacks a proposal made by Commissioner Ellsworth Bunker of the New York City Board of Education, in defense of his view that mammalian reproduction should be taught in junior and senior public high schools.

The 38-page report is divided into four parts. The necessity for the right kind of sex education, to which good reasons why the schools should accept no report, the parent in the field of sex education, 31 reasons why the sex proposals of Commissioner Bunker should be decisively rejected, and a positive program for sex education as opposed to general education. The report is the result of the Committee's two-year survey of the whole question of sex education in New York City schools.

The need for proper sex education is proven, the report contends, by statistics and by eminent authorities in the medical, religious and educational fields. That education should be given to the parent in the field of sex education, it provides the amount of knowledge necessary to satisfy a natural curiosity of youth and provides an internal strength sufficient to control the formation of this newly-acquired information.

Since the report classifies the school as an "auxiliary educative agency," it concludes that "a school system which deprives the parent of his right to the responsibility of giving his child an education is guilty of educational totalitarianism." It is stated that it is a "well-established principle of American democracy that a minor has a definite right to physical, intellectual and moral training, the obligations for the provision of which are legally placed squarely upon the shoulders of the parent."

Happy Homes



Happy Homes will be the subject of a radio address by the Rev. Dr. Edgar Schneider, O. S. B. (above) director of the Family Life Section in the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, Washington, who will speak in the Church of the Air program of the Columbia Broadcasting System, 1 to 1:30 p. m. (E. S. T.), March 5. Father Schneider is founder of the Catholic Conference on Family Life, which will meet at the Catholic University of America, March 19-20 (N.C.W.C. photo by Bachsch.)

SPANISH LEFTISTS Murder Heroic Bishop Of Teruel, 41 Others

BURGOS, SPAIN.—Word received here of the assassination of the Most Rev. Antonio Palomo, Bishop of Teruel by Spanish Leftists just before they fled across the French frontier has caused a wave of indignation throughout Spain. The body of the heroic prelate, together with those of 41 other prisoners slaughtered by the fleeing Barcelona forces, was found in a woods near the international boundary.

Among the other victims identified reports received here stated were four diocesan canons, other priests, Colonel Francisco Rey D'Harcourt, who commanded the Nationalist garrison at Teruel, and 20 other high-ranking Nationalist officers who had been taken prisoner by the Leftists and imprisoned in Barcelona.

The bodies all had numerous bullet wounds and each had been given the coup de grace.

As recently as a few months before the fall of Barcelona Leftist leaders had asserted that Bishop Palomo was being well treated and that he had been provided with a "private oratory."

Bishop Palomo was captured by the Leftists when they captured Teruel after he had refused to abandon his Cathedral and spurned opportunity to escape. He had remained in the city during the intense Leftist bombardment and through 13 air raids.

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insurmountable obstacles to peace, and that there is a real danger among all parties concerned for a unification of the labor movement. The serious cleavage in the ranks of labor, wherein two rival camps—the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations—have fought each other over forms of labor organization and other points, engaged the concern of the American Archbishops and Bishops at their annual meeting at the Catholic University of America in November, 1937.

In a statement issued at this time, which presented "A Christian Attitude on Social Problems," the Bishops said "it is deplorable that in our country an internal conflict has broken out between two large organized bodies of workers that 'continuation of the struggle can only mean increased suffering and hardship for workers themselves.'"

It was this statement that the Bishops declared to all the people that "the true friend of the poor and laboring man in the world today is Pope Pius XI" and warned of "designing agitators" and "rumormongers" who are increasing "the unrest caused by evils already grave and disturbing."

Again at their annual meeting in November, 1938, the American hierarchy were concerned over the cleavage in the ranks of labor. While giving thanks that "in our beloved country, warfare between capital and labor has been averted, we earnestly desire that the Bishops hastened to add that we grieve to see that it has not given way to warfare between labor and labor."

Peace for Peace

"Once again, therefore," the Bishops added, "we turn to our people and beg of them to study anew the practical implications of the law of love, and to throw their hearts into the earnestly beseech them to examine carefully and to apply conscientiously the saving principles enunciated in the providential Encyclicals of his Holiness Pope Pius XI."

And turning to our separated brethren in the spirit of Christian charity and brotherly love we ask them, too, to see in these Encyclicals the common remedy for the harsh conditions of the day.

"To Catholic labor leaders and unions as well as to Catholic employers, we express the profound hope that they will bend their energies to the realization of the Christian social order envisaged by the Holy Father, to the end that achieving first a true industrial and social peace at home we may thus contribute to a lasting peace among all nations."

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AREA ONCE A RENDEZVOUS FOR KU KLUX KLAN MOURNS DEATH OF POPE PIUS XI

WARREN, O.—"Deep and sincere sadness at the passing of Pope Pius XI" is expressed in a resolution passed by the City Council of Warren part of an area formerly a rendezvous of the Ku Klux Klan.

The resolution expresses cognizance of the great part that holy men played in the promotion of peace and good will among men and states that "a real and irreparable loss has been suffered by all at his passing."

One out of eight in the city's population is Catholic.

CLOTHING SALESMEN SEEK TO RAISE \$25,000 AS REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

NEW YORK.—A campaign to raise \$25,000 for refugees relief which has been undertaken by the Children's and Infants' Wear Salesmen throughout the country will be climaxed by a dinner in the Hotel Astor, next Tuesday evening.

Proceeds of the dinner and the campaign will be distributed among four agencies—the Bishops' Committee for Catholic Refugees, the American Committee for Christian German Refugees, the United Palestine Appeal and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

Speakers at the dinner will include the Rev. Joseph D. Ostermann executive director of the Bishops' Committee for Catholic Refugees.

The Committee sponsoring the campaign is composed of salesmen of all faiths in the children's and infants' wear industry, who upon their own initiative, are seeking to cooperate in the emergency crisis thrust upon the world by the policies of the Hitler regime.

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The man who has more than one mop in his house, is a man who has more than one mop in his house. In this way mop cleaning is a most effective and economical way to keep your floors clean and your carpets soft.

One of the best things about the mop is the vacuum it keeps. Its close companion, the vacuum, is a most effective and economical way to keep your floors clean and your carpets soft.

Another highly useful member of the household class of cleaners is the washing machine. Although clean pretty much for granted nowadays, its power water has saved wear and tear on millions of feminine backs, fingers and tempers that has almost anything the you can think of.

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