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**INTERNATIONAL EXCOMMUNICATION IN CHILE**  
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**Chile Bishops Decree Excommunication For Perjury In Marriage**

SANTIAGO, Chile.—The Chilean Hierarchy, at its general assembly, issued an important decree imposing excommunication upon those who are the authors of, or accomplices in, the presentation of fraudulent testimony in processes seeking the annulment of civil marriage contracts.

Chile has no divorce law, yet more than 1,800 marriage annulments are sought in the courts annually. Thousands of homes have been disrupted and many thousands of children have suffered because unscrupulous lawyers discovered a hole in the dike of Chile's marriage law.

The 60-year-old marriage law of Chile requires as an essential condition for the validity of the civil marriage contract that the ceremony be performed before an official whose jurisdiction includes the domicile of the bride. For some years this requirement was more or less ignored, or overlooked. Furthermore, it never occurred to anyone to present false evidence on this point in order to obtain an annulment. But one day a shrewd lawyer discovered the loophole and made use of it immediately thereafter. Hundreds of civil marriages were annulled on this basis, although in many instances witnesses are alleged to have perjured themselves.

Early this year the Chief Justice in severe terms called the attention of legislators and justice to this mockery of the law and the immorality and social damage that has resulted.

The Hierarchy, "by virtue of Canon 2221 of the Code of Canon Law," now imposes the pain of excommunication upon the "co-authors" on Catholic married couples, attorneys or witnesses who even negatively or indirectly are a party to this false procedure or contribute to the fraud.

**New Restriction Ordered By Rome**

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make regarding matrimonial causes.

The instruction in its introductory part, recalls the perennial care of the Church in providing that marriage, instituted by God and raised to the dignity of a Sacrament by Our Lord, be surrounded with due caution to prevent it from being exposed to any danger and to the danger of nullity. Therefore it would be a sin for the contracting parties if they did not observe the precepts of the Church established for the licit and above all, valid, celebration of marriage.

Among the causes which would also participate in this sin if gravely neglecting their duty of watching most carefully over what is established in the Sacred Canons they would admit couples, even through imprudence, to the celebration of forbidden marriages.

To the instruction are annexed as appendices the types and formulas to be used in interrogating the prospective bridegroom and bride and the witnesses on the various points of canonical investigation. However, the Bishops are left the faculty of making suitable modifications in these types and formulas, in the event there are in their dioceses particular or more frequent cases of illicitness or nullity of marriage.

Gives Suggestions

The instruction enters into all the specific arguments regarding possible causes which can render the marriage illicit or null, or worse, invalid, and gives opportunity suggestions for each case so that the parish priest can be sure that the statements given him by both the contracting parties and the witnesses conform to fact.

It is known that the greater part of the causes instituted to obtain the declaration of nullity of marriage are based on the coercion of the will on defective consent, or on conditions purposely made to invalidate the irrevocability of the bond contracted by marriage. In view of this, the instruction suggests to the parish priests all the cautions to be observed. It points out the ways through which on the one hand, the contracting parties are made clearly aware of the pledges they contract and the manner in which they must be kept, and on the other hand how the parish priests themselves can ascertain that the consent which is given is entirely free conscious and valid in every respect.

**URUGUAY HOLDS EXHIBIT OF CHARTS OF PHILOSOPHY**

MONTEVIDEO.—Uruguay's first Exposition of Charts of Philosophy and Bibliographical Exhibit is being held at the Catholic Club of the capital. A similar exposition was organized at Buenos Aires two years ago by the Rev. Ismael Giles, S.J.

The Charts of Philosophy present a synopsis of the evolution of universal philosophical thought in relation to Catholic philosophy. About 2,000 volumes, co-ordinated with the charts, comprise the Bibliographical Exhibit.

In conjunction with the Exposition, a series of lectures is being given. Among the speakers will be Dr. Dardo Regules, National Deputy and formerly a member of the faculty of the University of the Republic.

**Group To Rebuild Churches In Spain**

MADRID.—A national society to speed up the reconstruction and repair of parish churches destroyed or damaged during the civil war has just been founded here.

**YOUNG CUBAN VISITORS TO U. S.**

Senoritas Celia Fernandez Morrell and Margarita Martinez Ferraga, Cuban Girl Scout representatives to the Girl Scout Western Hemisphere Encampment at Camp Bonnie Brae, Springfield, Mass., are greeted as they arrived in New York by Miss Anne Golden, Director of the Catholic Young Women's Club. The Cuban visitors were the guests of the club until the opening of the encampment on August 11. The encampment brought together 180 Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from the United States and fifteen countries and colonies of the New World. (N.C.W.C.)

years and results in due time will follow.

A great number of high schools are giving some treatment to the social Encyclicals. Constant efforts are being made to devise a course and methods which will impress upon the minds of the young people the concrete facts of our economic life. An example of effective teaching was provided during the May encyclical anniversary celebrations by Aquinas High School in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Students in "social science" wrote and presented a "labor play" featuring a strike and a successful collective bargain as its outcome.

There have been college courses dealing with the Encyclicals for many years, the number is growing. Possibly the most comprehensive treatment of principles and facts is provided by Seton Hill College in Pennsylvania. Marygrove in Detroit, gave evidence of rather thorough training when the students published the final number of their magazine this year. It was made up of twenty-three historical essays on economic morality, bringing the story from the Gospel down through the medieval theologians to the United States of today.

Last winter the students at St. Vincent's College in Pennsylvania conducted a regular forum on Catholic labor principles for the benefit of several hundred workers in the neighboring industrial district. Students of Holy Cross College worked out a panel presentation of Encyclical ideas and presented it on a local radio station.

From the evidence at hand it is not too much to hope that our schools will go far during the next few years in bridging over that "deplorable cleavage" between professional belief and practice of which Pius XI complained.

**Schools Play Important Role In Reconstruction**

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have not known and pondered sufficiently the teaching of the Sovereign Pontiffs on these questions.

Regarding The Future

But he was not so indulgent about the future. "Therefore it is of the utmost importance to foster in all classes of society an intensive program of social education adapted to the varying degrees of intellectual culture."

He said nothing of the schools they must be expected to carry their share of the program. The college, particularly those offering courses in the social sciences, undoubtedly heed that paragraph of the encyclical which praises Catholics who have made an intensive and scientific approach to our economic problems. All schools however, can and should raise up a generation of Catholics who shall think and act seriously with the Pope about the common good and means to attain it.

It doesn't seem impossible. We begin very early to inculcate patriotism with pictures of Washington and Lincoln and the flag. We need only broaden the concept of patriotism and include pictures of Van Rittler and Manning and the union label.

The past has been none too productive. Our schools have turned out a fair percentage of successful business men in every field, also successful politicians and not a few devoted public servants. But how many high-minded and able labor leaders, how many Apostles of social justice to the industrial world, how many social-minded legislators have our colleges produced?

Undoubtedly there has been a great awakening in the past few

**French Bishops Reject Plan**

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bishops insist on the necessity of the frank realism of a Christian character, namely, the care of souls according to the traditional ideal, the multiplication of efforts to restore a sound, strong France, the capacity for facing events without the illusion of easy hopes and the vain expectation of purely external intervention, and with the conviction that salvation must come from within.

Inviting Catholics to collaborate in Catholic Action, the French prelates ask that they adapt themselves to the exigencies of the moment, but add that "we insist that the activities of the Catholic movement be limited to objects exclusively religious, apostolic and social beyond all party politics."

In their reference to the youth movement, the French Cardinals and Archbishops say:

"They speak more and more of a single organization for youth. If this expression means that they ask for the suppression of our youth movement, of its spirit, of its method of formation, we cannot accept it."

"Youth united in the service of country? Yes! A single organization of youth? No."

Referring to the contribution of the Church in the work of national renovation, the statement says:

"We wish that, without vainglorious self-interest, there be practiced sincere and complete loyalty to the established powers. We venerate the head of the State and warmly ask that he place himself at the head of the family, work and the country. In this instance, we renew the assurance we have given many times before."

successfully trying to get back to their motherhouse in the United States. More than \$8,000 in steamship fares was made available at Lisbon for this group of nuns as early as last April. Corresponding sums have been made available for the fares of every other group of Sisters. Funds have been made available to defray the expenses of the nuns who are in the States where they are in occupied France to Lisbon.

The efforts of the N.C.W.C. Bureau of Immigration in behalf of these American Sisters have been lauded the more tedious and trying by the fact that it is altogether impossible to communicate with the nuns in occupied France. Bruce M. Mohler, Director of the Bureau, said: "Neither his office nor the motherhouses of the nuns has been able to communicate with the Sisters, and it is even impossible to learn whether money cabled to the Occupied Zone is delivered."

**Pope Hears Girl's Confession In Midst of Public Audience**

VATICAN CITY.—In the midst of a large audience in the Vatican, His Holiness Pope Pius XII did an unusual thing—he heard Confession.

The penitent was a young girl, one of the many pilgrims in the hall, among whom the Pope was passing, approaching each one, extending his hand to be kissed, listening to those who asked him for a prayer or a blessing.

**HOLY FAMILY BROTHERS' HEAD VISITS ARGENTINA**

BUENOS AIRES.—The Very Rev. Martin Millet, Superior General of the Brothers of the Holy Family, is visiting the houses of his Congregation in Argentina. This is his first visit to this country.

During the civil war in Spain, Father Millet was twice a prisoner of the Lefistas. He finally escaped to Italy and was engaged there for establishing a new novitiate for members of his Congregation.

The Brothers of the Holy Family are established in the parish of Jesus of Nazareth in this city and at the Minor Seminary of Bahia Blanca. They also conduct a boarding school for boys at Tres Arroyos in the Province of Buenos Aires.

**Brothers Seek To Revive Art of Wood Carving**

QUEBEC.—The old Quebec art of wood sculpture has been dying out in recent years, but the Marist Brothers who direct Beauséjour College are doing everything possible to make it a flourishing trade and home industry again. A special course of study in wood carving has been inaugurated at the college.

**Religion Continues In Occupied France Despite Conditions**

LIMOGES.—Religious life and affairs in the Diocese of Le Mans, in Occupied France, are the subject of a report in La Croix here.

The Most Rev. George Grante, of Le Mans, and the unimpaired members of his clergy have remained constantly in the midst of their people and have sought to adapt their apostolate to the constantly changing conditions and needs.

Four priests and two seminarians of the diocese were killed in action and 35 priests and 18 seminarians are prisoners. In the first months of the occupation there were two prison camps in the vicinity of Le Mans. Bishop Grante was permitted to visit the prisoners frequently and to arrange for their spiritual care. Until their removal to Germany, several months after the collapse of France, some 30 priests from the prison camps were permitted to assist the diocesan clergy in serving the local parishes.

Natural Deaths

A number of deaths from natural causes have occurred among the clergy. Canon Gouta, former superior of the Minor Seminary of La Fleche and Diocesan Director of Education, died suddenly in the street last week, retaining in the Cathedral, where he had said Mass. Passerby rushed to the nearest rectory to get a priest, but there was no answer when they knocked on the door. It was Canon Gouta's home.

On the Feast of St. Joan of Arc the Cathedral was packed with people and more than 1,000 men and boys participated in the procession that followed the service.

**Nazis Keep Nuns In Occupied France**

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