

First Lady, Intended or Not, Gives Prestige to Birth Control Minions

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Mrs. Roosevelt came in for severe criticism some time ago for remarks on the subject of birth control. That, incidentally, was the subject of her press conference on February 19 whether or not she actually used the term. A week later she discussed the subject again.

This time she spoke more cautiously and carefully. I am certain many were puzzled with her criticism of the practice of birth control with children from apartment houses.

It was encouraging, too, to note her admission that, although in the cause of mock childlessness, her when all is said and done the plain unvarnished fact remains that the real basis for the criticism leveled at her on this and other occasions, in this connection, is still there.

Not only has she not repudiated the dreadfully destructive movement of birth control, she has given comfort to the legions of birth controllers in the United States.

If the First Lady keeps this she will find in them more than one letter of protest or criticism on that score. The very day she held her press conference (Feb. 19) we read the following in a radical type of magazine issued under the name date: "After watching 15 boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 15 appear before Judge Joseph Goldstein on felony charges ranging from grand larceny to rape, Mrs. Roosevelt departed alone by subway to attend a luncheon of the Planned Parenthood Federation. From a story in the Louisville Courier-Journal."

It is quite needless to comment. I am sure that the planned parenthooders of today, are the birth controllers of yesterday, and that both taught, and still teach, artificial birth control.

An Ad for Birth Control
The Sunday following Mrs. Roosevelt's press conference we happened into a large eastern city. Picking up the Sunday issue of the leading local paper we noted a large three column story on the local State birth control or planned parenthood league.

To attract attention two pictures accompanied the story. It was all one striking ad for the organization. "Of course," the story read, "the problem of deferring children until a certain time is still the league's major field." And on this score it even looked beyond the war. Thus, referring to returning veterans and "shattered war-workers." It stated that "planned paren-

thoods clubs are prepared to help in keeping these families together by enabling them to have their children when the home is again running smoothly."

Family Not Old Says Mother of 15

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Mrs. J. E. Ascoli and her 15 children started the second leg of their 2,100-mile journey from Kingston, Jamaica, to Miami, Fla., on Monday.

The family arrived in Miami Friday aboard the Pan-American Clipper after a 600-mile flight from Kingston. The second leg of their journey was by rail to New York City with the last leg scheduled via an airplane.

Two dining rooms and three compartments were needed by the mother and children on the railroad trip, while the 15 pieces of baggage they carried, weighing 600 pounds, took up considerable space in the baggage coach.

Mrs. Ascoli explained they were enroute to join her husband in his new post as assistant director of Federated Cooperatives of the Province of Quebec.

"Some people think it odd that I have a large family, but I don't," she stated.

Her husband, she said, is a British subject and has been in the British diplomatic service more than 20 years. She is Belgian. All but two of her children were born in Belgium where they spent most of their life. They left just before war broke out.

And what was the occasion of this glaring birth control ad which that Sunday went into many thousands of homes in that community? Mrs. Roosevelt's press conference. That fact was clearly indicated in the very first sentence. (Several months before the above paper had printed in a considerable decline in the births of the city.)

Yes, the prestige and name and position of the First Lady have given, and are giving, help and central.

Family's 10 Children in Religion Believed Record in U. S.

NEW YORK (NC)—If this isn't a United States record, it's pretty close to one, the National Office of the Missionary Union of Clergy here announces in considering the family of Louis and Gertrude Schorer, of Philadelphia.

The Schorers were blessed with eleven children, ten of whom now are living. All of the ten entered religious life, five joining the Dominicans and five the Carmelites.

The Missionary Union's national office, calling attention to the record of this family, expressed curiosity over whether the record is bettered anywhere in the country.

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Funds Help Equip Hospital



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Poland Deal at Yalta Is Warning to Small Nations Warns Mexican

MEXICO CITY (NC)—Small nations desire the triumph of justice and right, Alfonso Junco says in a comment on the Yalta Declaration published in *Noticias*, one of the leading dailies of the capital. The Atlantic Charter, so far as Poland is concerned, he adds, has been "torn up."

"Half of Poland goes to Stalin. The other half remains in the hands of the Lublin Committee, invented by Stalin," Junco says. "One part will be territorially and absolutely a part of the U.S.S.R.; the other will be politically and ideologically a part of the U.S.S.R.—with all the end consequences for the Polish nation, human freedom and continental civilization. And this was agreed to without the voice of Poland and her legitimate Government."

WHO, references to "the cold and necessary demands of realism," Junco says: "Remember Munich." Appointment, he notes, neither brings peace nor restores appetite.

"The Chinese accord on Poland," he continues, "does not even have the appearance of a democratic verdict; it represents the unnumbered will of three men, or it would be better to say, the will of one man and the occasion, as a marriage of convenience."

Reversing the obligations and duties of small nations in more specifically of Mexico, WHO is more bluntly on record. Junco says: "It is worth remembering we contribute to the making of the world by the strength of right by our claims and defend our own rights."

Tablet Marks Pope's First Communion

ROME (AP)—A stone tablet commemorating the fact that the young Pope Pius XII made his first Communion Sept. 12, October 20, 1939, was unveiled in the Chapel of St. Albert in Rome.

The Chapel of St. Albert, a well-known shrine in Rome, is believed to be the exact spot where St. Albert was born.

The tablet, which is 10 inches long and 6 inches wide, was unveiled by the Pope's secretary, Monsignor Luigi Bommarito.

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John E. Swift, Deputy Supreme Knight and chairman of the committee on war activities, outlining the purpose of this fund, said: "These orphan children might have received a college education had their fathers lived. Now they are entitled to know the great service for which they and their fathers were killed."

At the close of the war, said Swift, the Knights inaugurated an educational program for returning service men involving an expenditure of about nine million dollars. They have given \$200,000 to the Catholic University of America for scholarships and have established post-graduate scholarships at Holy Cross University in the amount of \$200,000. A contribution of \$100,000 was made to the Catholic University of America for the education of Mexican students for the war years in Miami and New Mexico.

Big Job After V-E

WASHINGTON (AP)—Maj. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander in chief of the Army Service Forces, said today that the big job after V-E will be to get the war-weary soldiers home and to get them back to work.

For the Easter Parade

... for Spring and Seasons Ahead

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