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 sensibly. I am certain many were pleased with her criticism of the practice of barring residents with children from apartments.

It was encouraging, too, to note her admission that selfishness is the cause of much childlessness. But 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 decidedly destructive movement of birth control; she has actually given, and is still giving, comfort to the legions of birth controllers in the United States.

If the First Lady harps then 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 same date: "After watching 15 boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 18 appear before Judge Jonah 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 parenthoodery or 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 delivering children unto 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 "displaced war-workers," it stated that "planned parenthood clinics are prepared to help in keeping these families together by enabling them to have their children when the home is again running smoothly."

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 same paper had pointed to 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 comfort to the minions of birth control.

Family 'Not Odd' Says Mother of 15

MIAMI, Fla. (INS) — Mrs. J. R. Ansell and her 15 children started the second leg of their 2,500-mile journey from Kingston, Jamaica, to Montreal, Canada, Saturday.

The family arrived in Miami Friday aboard the Pan-American Clipper after a 650-mile flight from Kingston. The second leg of their journey was by rail as far as New York City with the last leg completed via an airline.

Two drawing rooms and other compartments were needed by the mother and children on the railroad trip, while the 16 pieces of luggage they carried, weighing 650 pounds, took up considerable space in the baggage coach.

Mrs. Ansell 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 25 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.

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 has announced in considering the family of Louis and Gertrude Schaerer, of Philadelphia.

The Schaerers 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.

Did you think of God today? Will you think of God tomorrow? If you've forgotten God — then you've forgotten yourself.

Poland Deal at Yalta Is Warning to Small Nations Writes 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 Novedades, one of the leading dailies of the capital. The Atlantic Charter, as 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 incidentally 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. [illegible]

With reference to "the cold and pompous demands of realism," Junco says: "Remember Munich." Agreements, he notes, neither [illegible]

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NEW HAVEN, Conn. (NC) — [illegible]

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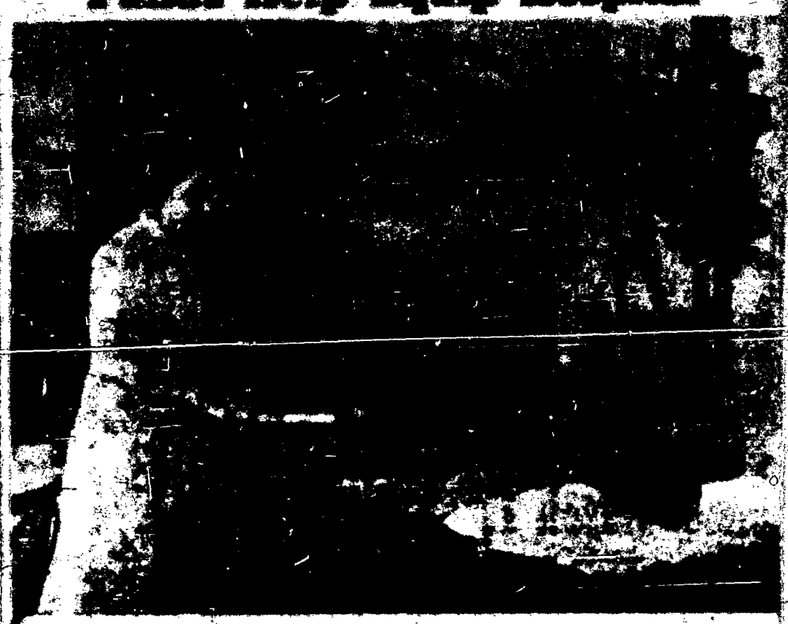

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