

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 modestly. 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 collaboration in the cause of mass 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.

She may not have repudiated the dreadfully destructive movement of birth control; she has actually given, and is still giving, countenance to the business of birth control in the United States.

If the First Lady knows this she will find in them more than one letter of protest or criticism as that soon. The very day she held her press conference (Feb. 19) we read the following in a radical type of magazine issued under the name "Life":

"After watching 15 boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 15 appear before Judge Joseph Goldstein as they charge 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 parenthood of today, are the birth-controlists of yesterday, and that both laugh, and still laugh, artificial birth control.

At the press conference following Mrs. Roosevelt's press conference we happened into a (MCP) column of the Evening Post. Reading up the leading lines of the leading line we noted a long three column story on the lead sheet birth control or planned parenthood today.

"The strict attention two places accompanied by story. A was all one thing and for the organization. 'It seems' the story said, 'the question of depriving children in a certain way is still the larger matter here.' And on this story it was noted indeed the war. Thus, referring to returning veterans and 'displaced war-workers,' it stated that 'planned par-

\$1,000,000 Being Raised by K. of C. Educate War Orphans

NEW YORK, C. O. — The Knights of Columbus are raising \$1,000,000 to educate war orphans. The organization has announced that it will spend the money on building schools and providing educational facilities for the children of soldiers who have died in the war.

The Knights of Columbus are a Catholic fraternal organization that has been active in many social and educational projects. This new initiative is part of their long-standing commitment to helping the less fortunate.

The organization has already raised a significant amount of money for this purpose and expects to reach its goal by the end of the year.

Family 'Not Odd' Says Mother of 15

MIAMI, Fla. (UPI)—Mrs. J. R. Acosta and her 15 children started the second leg of their 2,100-mile journey from Kingston, Jamaica, to Montreal, Canada, Saturday. 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 airline.

Two drawing rooms and three compartments were needed for the mother and children on the rail road trip, while the 15 pieces of luggage they carried, including two ponies, took up considerable space in the baggage car.

Mrs. Acosta 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.

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

NEW YORK (AP)—The first United States record, for a family of 10 children, was set by the National Office of the Missionary Union of Clergy in Philadelphia, Pa., Sunday. The family of Louis and Gertrude Schorrer, of Philadelphia, Pa., has 10 children, ten of whom now are living. All of the ten entered religious life. Five joined the Dominicans and five the Carmelites.

The Missionary Union's national office, on its attention to the record of this family, expressed admiration for the record in the country.

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Poland Deal at Yalta Is Warning to Small Nations Writes Mexican

MEXICO CITY (AP)—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 "left 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 territorial and absolutely a part of the U.S.S.R.; the other will be political and ideologically a part of the U.S.S.R."

With reference to "the cold and necessary demands of realism," Junco says: "Remember Munich." "Apparentment, he notes, neither brings peace nor contains aggression."

"The Crimean accord on Poland," Junco says, "has not even been signed. It represents the unconditional will of three men, or it would be better to say, the will of one man and the agreement, or agreement of two."

Junco's article is a warning to small nations that the deal struck at Yalta may not be in their best interests.

Funds Help Equip Hospital



MONEY RAISED in Rochester district last summer amounting to over \$5,000 has provided for above X-ray equipment in the Johns Hospital for Colored at Selma, Alabama operated by Sister of St. Joseph from Rochester district.

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