

### New Wisconsin Bishop Named

(N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE)  
 Washington — The elevation of Msgr. Albert Gregory Meyer, 42-year-old Rector of St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, by His Holiness Pope Pius XII to be Bishop of Superior has been announced here by Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

The Delegation announcement stated that the appointment of Bishop-designate Meyer was disclosed in connection with the Consistory ceremonies in Rome.

Monsignor Meyer will succeed Bishop William P. O'Connor, who last month was translated from the Superior See to the newly created Diocese of Madison. Monsignor Meyer follows into the American Hierarchy two other Bishops who served as Rectors of the Milwaukee seminary — Bishops Aloisius J. Muench of Fargo and Francis J. Haas of Grand Rapids.

Bishop-designate Meyer, who will celebrate his 43rd birthday on March 9, is a native of the archdiocese of Milwaukee.

### Czech Catholic Scouts Expand

Prague — (NC) — Catholic Boy and Girl Scouts in Bohemia and Moravia now number 45,000 grouped in 700 local units, as compared to 5,000 in the same area before the war; it has been disclosed here.

In 1939 the four existing scout organizations merged into one, which was renamed Junak. In this national body Catholics were permitted to form a Department of Spiritual Service in which scouts could receive religious and moral education.

Under the Nazi occupation, the practice of scouting was punished by imprisonment in concentration camps, but about 25 local groups in Bohemia and Moravia continued to meet secretly, giving instruction and encouragement to boy and girl scouts and associating with the Czech underground movement.

During the May 1945 rising of the Czech people the Catholic Boy and Girl Scouts quickly came to the side of the volunteer army, working as messengers and caring for the wounded, in addition to bearing arms in some cases.

### Russia's Greatest Victory Is Catholic One

By Dr. Holliday Sutherland  
 (From London Catholic Herald)

Our effective future population represented by children at school in England and Wales has been falling for the past twenty-five years, and is now diminishing at a rate of over 100,000 every year. Our net reproduction rate during the five years, 1933-37, the latest figure, was 0.78. This means that during those years the average number of surviving girl children born to every hundred women who had passed through the child-bearing age (15-45), married or unmarried, was 76. So every 100 women of child-bearing age are being survived and replaced by only 76 girls. As the mid-point in the child-bearing age is 30, these figures show that unless there is an immediate, great, and lasting improvement in marriage and fertility rates, the loss of population in England and Wales must eventually, and inevitably amount to nearly 25 per cent every thirty years.

In the year 1960, only fifteen years hence, we shall be, according to Sir William Beveridge, "in a panic about the population of this country."

rate under improved social conditions. The edict of the Supreme Soviet, dated July 5, 1944, orders increased State allowances to mothers of large families; longer maternity leave, with pay, for women in factories and offices; 50 per cent reduction of kindergarten and nursery school fees, to parents with three or more children; a motherhood medal for mothers who have reared five or six children; the Order of Glory of Motherhood for mothers with seven, eight and nine children; the title of Mother Heroine for mothers with ten children; and a tax on bachelors, spinsters,

and parents with less than three children.

Finally, there is Article 21, which orders the criminal prosecution of those guilty "of insulting and humiliating the dignity of mothers." (seldom use italics, but these last are mine, for that law might have been passed in Catholic Spain; whereas here in "Christian" England mothers of large families are pitied by some, ridiculed by others, and cursed by female contraceptists.

In a week-end by now, Father low the Girl, whose libretto is not beyond the comprehension of a mental defective, motherhood is mocked — an amusing mishap, due to cocktails, in the glamorous career of a striptease dancer with a Yankee drawl, congenital or acquired.

Devilish is the word, since not for the mothers of large families, these mothers of men, this England, "this precious jewel set in the silver sea," would now be a striking Belshazzar.

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Yet contraceptives are merely a means to an end — in this case, family limitation, and that is practiced for the most part by those who have either no religion or no belief in the Providence of God. I make that distinction because the Anglican clergy have the lowest birth-rate in Britain. Why should I bring a child into a world of atomic bombs? Those who speak thus would do better to refer to the slaughter on the roads of England, to which most people are indifferent. In either case, the Christian answer is the same, that your child, an immortal spirit, by serving God, may leave this world a little better than he or she found it, and gain Eternal Life.

Russia the Exception  
 Declining birth-rates now threaten the national existence of every country in Europe with the exception of Russia.

There the birth-rate remains high. It was 40 as against our 15 per 1,000 in 1939. Between 1920 and 1939 the population of Russia, European and Asiatic, increased from 132 to 170 millions. The point to seize is that Soviet Russia, to maintain a high birth-rate, has adopted certain Catholic principles. I say to maintain; because in Tsarist Russia the birth-rate was always high, as it ever is amongst impoverished people in all countries.

The Means  
 Here in brief is what has been done to maintain a high birth-

### Wheeling Diocese Begins Wide Building Program

Wheeling, W. Va. — (RNS) — Post-war building programs launched by Wheeling diocese include two nurses' training schools in Wheeling and Huntington, which will cost \$500,000. Similar schools are being planned at Clarksburg and Parkersburg. Other projects include four churches in Williamson, Logan, Beckley and Shinnston at costs ranging from \$20,000 to \$50,000.

### 2 Prelates Named to Delinquency Panel

Washington — (NC) — Msgr. Howard J. Carroll, General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and Msgr. Edward J. Flanagan, of Boys Town, Neb., are among members named by Attorney General Tom C. Clark to a national volunteer advisory panel to study the growing problem of juvenile delinquency.

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