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Godless Commandments Given Soviet Youths

Rome—(NC)—"God-less" propaganda in the Soviet Union has recently been stepped up, according to reports received by KIPA, Swiss Catholic Press Agency.

While "God-less" activities virtually were stopped during the war, they now seem to be reviving, as indicated by the publication of directives for Soviet youth groups in the Moscow paper "Bolshevik." These directives insist that the youth groups cannot be permeated with a philosophy "rejecting all suggestions of a hereafter."

The central executive committee of Komsomol, the only licensed youth organization in the Soviet Union, has just issued a brochure under the title "The Ten Commandments of Communism." This is a translation of the original text:

(1) Never forget that the clergy are the bitterest foes of the Communist state.

(2) Try to win your friends over to Communism and remember that Stalin, who has given a new constitution to the Russian people, is the head of the "God-less," not only in the Soviet Union, but all over the world.

(3) Prevail upon your friends to avoid contacts with priests.

(4) Beware of spies and tell the police about saboteurs.

(5) See to it that atheist publications are widely distributed among the people.

(6) A good young Communist must also be a militant atheist. He must know how to use his weapons and be experienced in the art of war.

(7) Wherever you can, fight religious elements and forestall any influence they might bring to bear upon your comrades.

(8) A true "God-less" must also be a good policeman. It is the duty of every "God-less" to protect the security of the state.

(9) Support the "God-less" movement with money which is needed particularly for our propaganda abroad, since, under present circumstances, it can only be carried on underground.

(10) If you are not a convinced "God-less" you cannot be a good Communist and true Soviet citizen. Atheism is inseparably tied in with Communism. Both ideals are the foundation of Soviet power.

Oh Brother! — Eleven Sisters

Something new has been added to the Ilgirl family of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fontaine of St. Cecelia's Catholic parish, New Orleans. It's a boy, Robert, Jr., now six months old, and from the picture above it looks as though he is due for a lot of spoiling at the hands of his 11 sisters.

ON GUARD!

"Honestly Now!" Stork Spends High Experts, Step Forth!

By REV. PATRICK J. FLYNN

"Whether you're rich or whether you're poor, money is very necessary." This observation by one of America's lighter philosophers comes to mind after reading a letter received this week from a Catholic mother.

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This mother presents a problem which we can't hope to solve but only discuss. She writes:

"Dear Father:

"Anyone who has had eight children is certainly no candidate for the Planned Parenthood League but honestly now—do you know:

"A semi-private hospital room in maternity is $8.50 per day. The charge for the baby is $3.00 per day. There are many other charges—$7.00 for laboratory fees, $15.00 for delivery room, etc.

"The obstetrician charges $100 to $125 or more (for a more and more limited amount of his time and whether or not he actually delivers the baby). If you have hospital insurance, it pays $6.00 per day in the hospital of the total hospital bill. The practical nurse who takes over for the mother charges $10.00 per day. Half of all the families in the country had a combined family income of less than $2,330 in 1946.

"True, babies do not have to be born in hospitals, but have you ever tried to find a competent doctor willing to do a confinement case for $100? I can think of at the scientious home delivery? (The moment is on the Board of the Planned Parenthood League.)

"I wonder if God doesn't expect cooperation from someone other than the parents in the work of spreading His Kingdom on Earth. Perhaps doctors have obligations to their patients and hospitals the obligation not to price themselves out of the reach of the average family. Maybe we could even substitute Christian charity for expensive equipment and not lose too much thereby."

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The cost figures presented by our correspondent agree substantially with figures cited by others. This means that "stork visits" entail expense accounts totaling several hundreds of dollars. In some cases we suspect that a baby's birth may cost its parents close to four figures. Family security and prosperity are definitely threatened when it is more expensive for a baby to be born into the world than it is for a business man to fly to London. (Round trip from New York to London on the American Airlines costs only $586.70.)

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In his great Encyclical on "Christian Marriage," Pope Pius XI states very clearly the moral principles which should guide Christian marriage and the Christian family. But the Pontiff is not just a teacher of idealism. He is also realistically aware of "the material obstacles" facing those who assume the burdens and responsibilities of Christian marriage. Pius XI is as appreciative of the economic factors of family life as is the Catholic mother who writes the above letter.

The dependence of the family on temporal necessities has always been recognized by Catholic social writers. Father Charles Bruehl of St. Charles Seminary for example, speaks most plainly in his book, "The Pope's Plan for Social Reconstruction."

"Small wonder," he states, "that young couples, struggling along to build up a little home, fear the advent of every new child, since to be ushered into this visible world is an exceedingly costly affair."

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What's the solution? How can we solve the serious dis-

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PRIEST SLAIN IN CROATIA

Vatican City—(By Radio, NC)—While nothing is known in Vatican circles regarding negotiations, allegedly taking place now for a "modus vivendi" between the Holy See and Yugoslavia, new information has been received through Yugoslav sources in Geneva about the continued and systematic persecution of the Church in Croatia.

The rumors about negotiations between the Holy See and Yugoslavia were contained in a Belgrade dispatch to the American secular press, which quoted "Zagreb sources" as authority for its assertions. The Holy See is represented in Yugoslavia by Bishop Joseph E. Hurley of St. Augustine, who serves as Regent ad interim of the Apostolic Nuncature in Belgrade. A "modus vivendi" is a working arrangement between the Holy See and a civil government without formal pledges and permanent status.

The latest victim of the terror directed against Catholics in Yugoslavia is the Rev. Emerica Gasic of the Diocese of Djakova (Srijem) who was murdered in cold blood in his parish house at the village of Komelotinci in Croatia. According to news reaching here from Geneva, the murderers broke into the house during the night and shot the priest as he rose from the chair in his study.

Quebec Installs New Archbishop

Quebec—(NC)—This mother See of North America, in a great outpouring of affection, gave an unforgettable welcome to a native son when Archbishop Maurice Roy, 42-year-old former chaplain, was enthroned here as the twenty-first bishop and eleventh archbishop of Quebec. He succeeds the late beloved Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve.

The enthronement of Archbishop Roy in historic Notre Dame Basilica took place after he had been escorted in a motorcade from his former See, Three Rivers, some 90 miles away. At Three Rivers thousands joined in ceremonies to bid farewell to the young prelate who had won the hearts of all classes and creeds during his year of office there.

Arriving in Quebec, Archbishop Roy was driven through decorated streets, along which thousands had gathered to greet him, to the archbishop's residence where he had a brief meeting with members of his Canonical Chapter.

Then clothed in the vestments of his sacred office he proceeded to the Basilica where His Excellency Archbishop Ildebrando Antoniutti, Apostolic Delegate to Canada and Newfoundland, presided at the Solemn Enthronement Ceremony.

Fire Threatens Fatima Sanctuary

Lisbon—(NC)—The world famous Sanctuary at Fatima recently was threatened by a fire, which destroyed seven booths where religious articles were sold, located just outside of the Sanctuary. The fire was kept confined to the booths.

Reports have reached here that the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, now in France on its way to Rome, will not reach the Eternal City this year, as was planned originally. Requests from many places in Europe desiring a visit have forced a change in the schedule.

PROTESTANTS AID FIGHT ON CROMWELL KIN

The Federation of Protestant Churches of Rochester and Vicinity has donated $50 to the legal fight against Mrs. Vashti McCollum of Champaign, Ill., whose demand for the termination of optional religious education in public schools is now before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Mrs. McCollum, wife of a University of Illinois professor and the daughter of Arthur G. Cromwell, president of the Rochester Society of Free Thinkers, was defeated last year in the courts of Illinois where she brought action to prohibit the religious education classes in Champaign public schools. She charged that the classes constituted a union of church and state and were a violation of the Illinois and Federal constitutions.

When the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois ruled against Mrs. McCollum's action she appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court which agreed to review the Illinois court decision.

This appeal to the nation's highest tribunal prompted the board of directors of the Rochester Federation of Churches to vote a $50 contribution to the fund being raised to oppose Mrs. Collum's action, according to the Rev. Hugh Chamberlain Burr, executive secretary of the federation.

Dr. Burr recently returned from a Chicago meeting where leaders of the International Council on Religious Education outlined plans for intervention in the legal fight in behalf of the Champaign School Board defendant in the McCollum action.

The council, whose president is Harold Stassen, Republican presidential aspirant, has set up a committee to handle the case and has undertaken to expand the committee into an inter-faith group including Catholic and Jewish representatives as well as Protestants. The committee has designated $6,000 as the Protestant share of funds necessary for legal expenses, Dr. Burr said.

Labor Domination A Danger, Pope Says

Rome—(Special)—Domination of the state by organized labor is as dangerous to society as capitalistic pressure Pope Pius XII warned this week. He also urged all Catholics to respect Catholic principle in public affairs.

Under such conditions, Our Holy Father said, the public good suffers as severely as when the management of public affairs is subject to the pressure of capital.

The Pope's letter was published by the Vatican newspaper Osservatore Romano July 29. Almost a year ago Pope Pius addressed another letter to M. Flory in which he made important statements about "nationalization" and "professional corporations."

Defines State's Role

In discussing the relationship between industry and the state the Pope praised private enterprise even while admitting the advisability and often the necessity of state intervention to stimulate production. Such government assistance, he said, should have the purpose, only as a "subsidiary," to aiding or complimenting the individual, the family and the profession."

The Pope's letter contained a strong appeal to all Catholics to practise the social doctrines of the Church.

"The present times demand that all Catholics should with all their energies restore to the social doctrine of the Church its maximum efficiency and its maximum results. One would be creating illusions for oneself if one were to believe, as some people do, that one could disarm anti-clericalism and anti-Catholic passion by restricting the principles of Catholicism to the domain of private life. This 'minimist' attitude would, on the contrary, merely give new pretexts to the adversaries of the Church.

"Catholics will maintain and improve their positions in proportion to the courage that they will show in converting their intimate convictions into actions in the whole domain of life, both public and private."

Understanding of Work

The letter said in part:

"Above the distinction between employers and employed which threatens to become more and more an inexorable separation there is work itself: work that is the task of every man's personal life, with a view of giving to society the goods or services that are necessary or useful to it. Work when so understood is capable of uniting men truly and intimately. It is capable of restoring form and structure to society and of healing once again the relations between society and the state.

"When one tries to make of the state and society a mere conglomeration of workers, one neglects that which constitutes the essence of one and the other. One deprives work of its true meaning and its intimate unifying power. The danger that the state may be dominated by economic forces, to the great detriment of the common good, is exactly as grave in this case as in the case when the management of the state is subject to the pressure of capital."

Central Verein Meet To be Held in Chicago

Chicago—(NC)—The 92nd annual convention of the Catholic Central Union (Verein) will be held in this city from August 16 to 20.

His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, will preach the sermon at the Solemn Pontifical Mass in the Holy Name Cathedral, which will open the convention. The convention of the National Catholic Women's Union will be held jointly with the men's organization.

Court Upholds State Grant Of $128,000 to Canisius; Voters May Get N.J. Bus Case

Controversial Issue Slated For Ballot

New Brunswick, N. J.—(RNS)—If New Jersey's Constitutional convention approves the recommendation of its committee on taxation and finance, the long-standing controversy over the policy of permitting public school funds to be used for the transportation of pupils to parochial and other private schools will be placed on the ballot in November.

The committee, without any expressed dissent or without formality of a roll call, agreed to offer the question as a separate proposition at the November election.

The question which would be put before the electorate would be whether the state could provide transportation of children within the compulsory school age to "any school."

An existing New Jersey law, upheld as constitutional by state courts and the U. S. Supreme Court, permits public school funds to be used to transport pupils to non-profit private schools along established bus lines for public school children.

Decision Brought Controversy

The U. S. Supreme Court's 5 to 4 opinion in the New Jersey case gave rise to a storm of controversy throughout the country. The ruling was attacked by a number of Protestant church groups as tending to weaken the tradition of separation of church and state. It was defended by Catholic spokesmen as not violative of the traditional separation of the church from government.

The action of the Constitutional Convention committee was a reversal of earlier action when the committee by a vote of 8 to 5 rejected a proposal by John J. Rafferty, Middlesex County delegate, that the school bus clause be inserted in the main body of the Constitution.

Bingo Issue Up

Through insertion of the words "any school" instead of the non-profit school phraseology of the present law, Rafferty said it would remove possible objection on the grounds that private schools operated for profit might be discriminated against. The question of possible discrimination—as between private schools operated for profit and those for non-profit—was not raised in the court test of the state's present school bus law.

The school bus proposal is the second controversial question headed for public decision at the November election. The Constitutional Convention's legislative committee earlier voted to recommend that the subject of legalizing bingo and other games of chance, when permitted and regulated by the State Legislature, should be submitted to the electorate.

Diocese Gives $24,484.55 To National Shrine

The Diocese of Rochester has contributed $24,484.55 for the completion of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C., according to the announcement made this week by Bishop John E. Hall of Fort Wayne, chairman of the Bishop's Shrine Committee.

The contribution was the result of a determinate appeal made by the Most Rev. Bishop Kearney on May 25.

Bishop Hall also reported contributions from three dioceses as follows: Ft. Wayne, $60,000; Los Angeles, $250,000; Denver, $2,142.30 as a first installment.

From other dioceses reports so far include:

Fort Wayne, $6,144.33; Richmond, $12,000; Sioux Falls, $15,146.66; Lafayette, La., $3,750.00; Kansas City, $5,000.00; Wichita, $5,000; Youngstown, $7,500.00; Spokane, $7,142.85; St. Cloud $7,000; Duluth, $5,000.00; Harrisburg, $6,000.00; Steubenville, $4,285.71; Peoria, $42,857.12; Belleville, $1,000 (Second Payment); Tucson, $5,000; Oklahoma City, $5,000; Cheyenne, $1,500.00; Wheeling, $6,707.44; Alexandria, $1,500.00; Baker City, $1,000.00.

PRIESTS HELD POLES ADMIT

Warsaw—(RNS)—Arrest of "several" Catholic priests during a period of "some months" by the Polish security police was officially acknowledged for government authorities here.

Earlier unofficial reports said a "number" of priests, including Canon Mieczyslaw Polaski, director of the People's University at Kielce, had been taken into custody.

Meanwhile, it is expected that Father Leon Pavlina, former Warsaw chairman of CARITAS, Catholic relief organization, will go on trial here shortly on charges of "anti-state activity." A second priest who will be tried is Father Grzechnik of the Warsaw archdiocese. He is accused of "illegal actions."

College Slates Evening Courses

Nazareth College will inaugurate a program of evening courses on two nights each week beginning Sept. 15 for both men and women students who are not seeking academic credit but desire the instruction for the promotion of a more alert citizenship.

The college announced this week that there will be courses in religion, philosophy, English, speech, sociology, and a special course in economics including the study of labor relations and other current problems in the light of Catholic social doctrines and attitudes.

There will be no academic requirements for those taking these courses and those attending will be registered as non-matriculated students. High school graduates who wish to take any of the courses for college credit may do so and will be registered as matriculated students.

The date of registration for the evening courses will be announced later.

U. S. Boy Scouts Sail For Jamboree in France

New York—(NC)—A contingent of 1,115 Boy Scouts from the 48 states and Alaska, including several hundred Catholics, sailed for the Sixth World Jamboree at Moisson, France. The Rev. Robert Brown of New York went as chaplain and morale officer for the Catholic scouts.

Funds to Aid In Education Of Veterans

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