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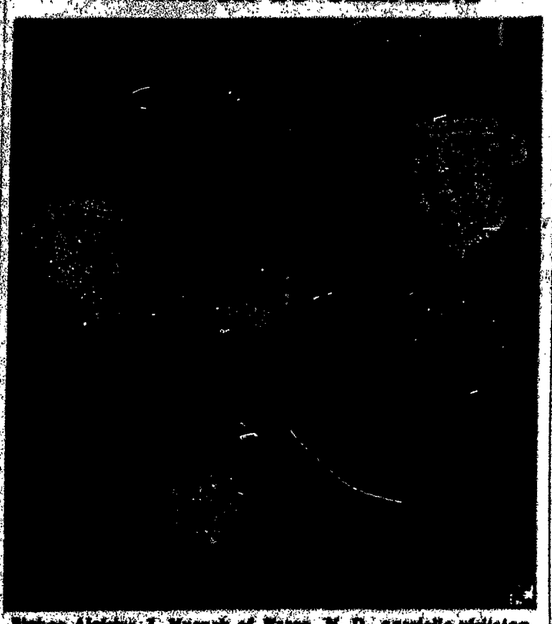

Bishop Aloisius J. Muench of Fargo, N. D., apostolic visitator to Germany and liaison representative between the American military government and the German Hierarchy, boards a plane in New York en route to Frankfurt. Seeing him off is Auxiliary Bishop Leo F. Dworschak of Fargo. Bishop Muench is returning to his post after a two-months' visit in the United States. Pan American World Airways photo. (NC Photos)

Fr. Flanagan's Boys Town Marks 30th Anniversary

Boys Town, Neb. — (NC) — It happened just 30 years ago. There was a priest with a dream. He had $90 he had borrowed and five boys grouped around him—two entrusted to him by a juvenile court and three waifs from the street.

So the priest started a boys' home, a sanctuary for youngsters. The borrowed $90 went to pay the first month's rent on a building. Prayer, hope and perseverance brought around the rent for subsequent months. It was far from an easy struggle, but the priest kept plodding along—on the road to realizing his dream.

Soon, the priest had 50 boys in his care and the home was doing very well, but larger quarters were needed. Prayer, faith, hard work and sacrifice paid off again and the priest and the youngsters found themselves in a new home, an abandoned clubhouse on the outskirts of Omaha.

More boys came to the care of the priest. Larger quarters were needed again. So the priest went out and bought a 160-acre farm tract, ten miles out of Omaha, began building and moved in with 150 boys in his care. Of course the place enlarged and continues to do so. Each year more boys—homeless, abandoned, and neglected—come under the care of the priest whose dream has come true.

That's the story of Boys Town and Father Flanagan—or, to be more formal, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Flanagan. And today, Father Flanagan and the 1,000 boys of every race, color and creed, are celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of Boys Town.

Notre Dame Aids

Notre Dame, Ind. — The University of Notre Dame student body has set a goal of $35,000 to be raised as its contribution to a nation-wide Student Relief Campaign to help foreign students who are suffering as a result of the war. Needy students of all creeds in many war-weakened countries will be aided.

TITO JAILED 104 PRIESTS

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the Rev. Bonaventure Rezman, O.F.M., the Rev. Bogdan Markelj, O.F.M., and the Rev. Valerian Valercak, O.F.M.

The arrest of the priests followed communist-inspired agitation which interrupted the ceremonies of the annual pilgrimage to the famous shrine last August 15.

THE INCIDENT at Maria Brezie took the pattern now being employed by the communists in their persecution of the Catholic Church. It recalls the Lanische episode in which Msgr. Jacob Ukmar was arrested by the authorities after the communists broke into the church during a confirmation service.

During the ceremonies at the Maria Brezia Shrine, a small group of communists infiltrated the crowd and began shouting out such slogans as "Liberty for Archbishop Stepinac" and "Down with Tito" in an effort to cause an anti-government demonstration on the part of the pilgrims.

As a result of the provocation of the communists, the police arrested the three priests who are still being held.

The pilgrimage incident, like the tragedy at Lanische, the reports point out, show the increasing and widespread use of special 'incendiary' agents by the communists.

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one-sixth of the land area of the world with nearly 200,000,000 people.

'This means,' Mr. MacNeil explains," that the correspondent must work day and night seven days a week, and this with the restrictions upon him and the suspicions surrounding his life and work, brings him to the verge of despair in a few months."

Tass, the official Soviet news agency, Mr. MacNeill informs us by way of contrast, recently had seventeen correspondents working in New York alone. "Moreover, they were permitted to do what they liked, go where they wanted, interview whom they pleased, and write what they wished without let or hindrance. They send as much as 13,000 uncensored words daily to Moscow, much of which is not used and presumably is for the benefit of the Foreign Office, and much of what is printed misrepresents the true situation in the United States."

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IT IS VICIOUS," as editor MacNeil states so pointedly, "to deny the truth to man, anywhere. It is still more vicious to force man to accept falsehood instead. Yet this is exactly what the Soviet Union is doing to its own people, to the people of its satellite nations, and would like to do to the rest of us."

Home That Failed

Tragic Story Follows From Strict Home Life

By GEORGE W. MONTGOMERY, Jr.
Rochester Catholic Charities

Mrs. W. couldn't understand how it had happened to her child. She was not like some mothers, she said, who let their children "run wild." She kept "an eye on them"; she saw to it that they did not associate with "the wrong people." Now, there was Helen, age 17, pregnant out of wedlock. How could it happen to her family, when she had been so careful? Over and over, she asked that question.

G. Montgomery

Helen (That is not her name.) As explained in previous articles, all identifying data is removed from these stories. Herself is a shy, reticent, bashful, well-poised girl, for whom any social situation is uncomfortable and difficult. It was hard for her to tell her story, and it took some time for the worker to fit together the facts she related. Yes, Helen had led a protected life. Her parents did not allow their children to mingle freely with other children. When she went to school, she met a girl her age. That friend lived some distance away. Helen was not allowed to play with her, but was obliged to come directly home from school. "Play with your brothers and sisters — you have everything at home," they told her.

SO HELEN STAYED at home. In her small circle, social activities for young people are limited, but Helen never participated in these. In all her life she attended only one party. She recalls only two occasions when birthday parties were given in her home, for her sisters, not for her. When she entered high school, she had no friends. She wanted to join some school clubs, but mother said no.

She joined a character-building organization. The meetings were in the evening, so her mother compelled her to withdraw. She was never allowed to have friends visit the home, nor was she allowed to visit the homes of other girls. Boy friends? Her mother would not allow her even to talk to boys.

Helen was expected to find all her interests at home, but home did not offer her much. Mrs. W. is a "good" mother. She is an excellent housekeeper. She keeps busy, cooking, washing — all the many tasks of a busy wife and mother. Mr. W. works hard, supports his family adequately, and is interested in improving the house they recently bought, but he has little time for his family. It has been years since he has had a heart-to-heart talk with any of his children.

HELEN RECALLS that he used to enjoy their company when they were younger. Now he pays little attention to them. All decisions are left to mother. Mr. W. has never been cruel to his children, but he is not affectionate with them. Helen cannot recall her father ever kissing any of the children. She feels her family is "a cold one" and not demonstrative.

Both parents feel they are "home-loving." They never go out, but spend all their time at home, and expect their children to do likewise. However, they have failed to make it a home in the real sense. True family unity has never been achieved.

As the children approached the teens, they were not prepared for adolescence. With the coming of physical changes at puberty, a bewildered Helen sought information from her mother. Mrs. W., "to protect her," told her nothing. Helen and the other children never received any instruction about sex; on the contrary, they were shielded from anything "which might make them ask questions." Helen got some information, or rather misinformation, from girls of her own age.

UNABLE TO MEET friends in her home or in their homes, unable to mingle with girls and boys her age in clubs and healthy activities, Helen sought companionship without the knowledge of her parents — naive, misinformed, socially and emotionally a child. Then, tragedy —

Perhaps it seems we are being unduly critical of her family and her home, but her family and her home failed Helen.

A child needs the security that comes from being loved, from being a member of the family group. He needs the protection of his family; he needs a good father and a good mother. The child has his friends, his "gang," but his interest centers in his home. In the teens, the adolescent begins to grow away from his family; his interests broaden; he seeks companionship outside of his family; he becomes interested in members of the opposite sex.

The teen ager wants greater freedom. Paradoxically, he needs his family more than ever. He still needs security, still needs to feel loved and wanted. The boy is becoming a man like his father; the girl, a woman like her mother. More than ever, they need the example and guidance of their parents.

THE PARENT HAS the great task and responsibility of helping the child to grow up emotionally as well as physically: The parent must let the child know he is loved, and give him security, while helping him and guiding him toward the independence of maturity. The parent must understand the adolescent's need for companionship, must understand the interest of boys in girls, and of girls in boys. The parent must help the teen ager to develop healthy, natural interests. In other words, the parent cannot keep the child "tied to the apron strings," but at the same time, must not cast the child adrift. It sounds like a big job, and it is. Most parents manage to do it.

Should Helen have been given instruction about sex, when, and by whom? Of course, she should have been given proper and accurate information. When? As it arose, as shown by her interests and questions. A healthy, natural attitude toward sex, and recognition of its sacredness on the part of the parents is the most important step in sex education.

If parents can answer questions as they arise, give information as it is needed, and have the proper attitude themselves, the child will acquire not only information but the proper attitude. This is nothing more than our traditional Christian concept of purity — a reverence for the power of sex as the gateway of life, and its control and direction toward it proper purpose, the propagation of the race in accordance with the laws of God. The very thing that makes the family possible and preserves it, must be protected by the family.

These W. family failed their children. The home life, which should have fostered the development of the children thwarted that development. Efforts to shield them from life brought them into conflict with its realities.

That is Helen's story, of a home that failed. An unusual story? Unfortunately, no.

How many cases of maladjustment and delinquency result from homes which fail in this way! Yet, many people will continue to make the mistake the W. family made. Helen's story is told in the hope that it may help some other family to avoid that mistake.

Individualism Opposed

Chicago— (NC) —Catholic social teaching is just as much opposed to economic individualism as to collectivism, the Rev. George G. Higgins, assistant director of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, asserted at a discussion meeting of the Institute for Religious and Social Studies held here.

Catholics Aid Minister

Wilkes, N.H. — (NC) — A demonstration of charity that caused much favorable comment took place here when more than $100 was collected by Sacred Heart Catholic Church parishioners for presentation to the Rev. Harold M. Frye, pastor of the Congregational Church, who has resigned to accept a similar pastorate in St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Goldsmiths Honor Saint

Lisbon — (NC) — A group of Lisbon goldsmiths had a High Mass sung on the feast of St. Eloy, patron of metal workers, in the chapel of Our Lady of Victories here. The feast had not been celebrated for many years. It is hoped to revive the Guild of St. Eloy on the occasion of the forthcoming exhibition of the art of the goldsmiths.

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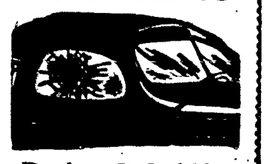

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