

bp. Cushing Scores Peacetime Draft

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New Campaign By Birth Control Group Sighted

By J. J. O'NEILL

Washington — (NC) — Birth control advocates in the United States are expected to launch a new campaign which will utilize the backing of individuals and groups, in the field of science.

This is believed as a result of the annual meeting of the Planned Parenthood Federation held in New York a few days ago.

The principal speakers were Philip M. Hauser, United States representative on the Population Commission of United Nations, and Dr. Howard C. Taylor, Jr., chairman of the Committee on Human Reproduction of the National Research Council, both of whom urged the Federation to participate in a research program of the Committee on Human Reproduction.

It is also believed by observers that the matter of "planned parenthood" is very likely to come up in the U. N. Trusteeship Council for Colonial Territories, and that it may come up in the U. N. Population Commission.

In urging the Planned Parenthood Federation to cooperate in the research program of the Committee on Human Reproduction, Mr. Hauser said:

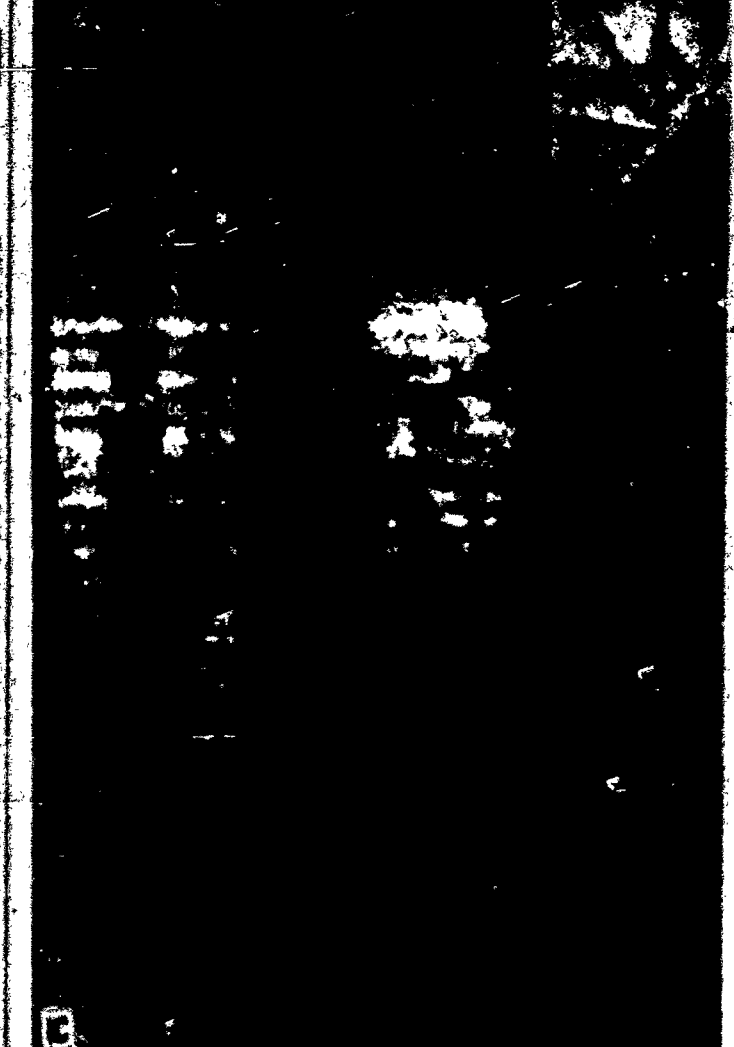
"It will be the result of these studies and similar studies which will provide the American people and the people of the world with a sound basis for formulating policy and solving the population problem which are already with us and which lie ahead."

Dr. Taylor, chairman of the Committee on Human Reproduction, urged the Planned Parenthood Federation to cooperate in the research program.

He told the members of the Federation that "I think sometimes you do not realize how far you have come."

He added immediately that "Birth control is such a new thing in America and in most parts of the world that it is a new thing in our population in the world."

HOME AFTER 39 YEARS



Rev. Joseph F. Felt is on route home to France via the United States. The 1948 booklets and the 1949 booklets were all part of four booklets of revised booklets for the veterans' ministry who is founder of a Japanese Motherhood, the "Bereaved Mothers' Club" providing trained personnel for his tubercular patients. Father is also head of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Committee of Japan. (NC Photo)

Plight of Slave Laborers Under Krupp Told by Priest

Kranenburg — (Radio NC) — A story of beatings, lack of food, unsanitary conditions and death in filthy quarters inhabited by about 600 Europeans who were forced to work in the Krupp armament plants was told by a Belgian priest who was called as a prosecution witness in the war crimes trial here of Alfred Krupp and 11 other former officials of the firm.

The defendants are charged with the murder and torture of thousands of slave laborers, with building weapons to help Hitler in waging aggressive war, and with other war crimes and crimes against humanity.

JAPAN SEES RED DECLINE

Tokyo — (NC) — Communism in Japan "seems today to have subsided into a smoldering ember" despite rising inflation and unemployment, according to an article in the Nippon Times, leading English-language daily, by Kempo Shiba, executive editor.

"... Powerful labor elements are swinging away from Communist domination, the political parties are shunning Communism as though it were infected with leprosy, and the general public displays almost complete indifference," Mr. Shiba declares.

"This," he says, "is surprising because the Japanese economy is in worse shape than it was a year ago, with inflation continuing its upward spiral with unemployment mounting and with workmen demanding higher wages throughout the country."

Mistakes made by the Communists account to some extent for this situation, the article asserts.

M'Arthur Cuts Errors From History Book

Washington — (NC) — Errors and questionable material, some of which dealt with the life of Christ and the history of the Church, have been deleted from a Japanese-language textbook, "History of the West," prepared for use in upper secondary school levels, Gen. Douglas MacArthur has assured in a letter received here.

"Fortunately, the errors were detected 'shortly after the first release and corrective action was taken at once,'" the general wrote to Representative John W. McCormack of Massachusetts. "In fact, the sentence to which particular exception rightly was taken was ordered deleted, but through a mistake by the Japanese, found its way into the Japanese text. For this failure strictly to follow instructions, both the author and the publisher were severely disciplined."

THE GENERAL'S message stated that complete revision of the book now is in progress and that all materials touching on religion will be submitted in the future to an interdenominational board of Army chaplains.

"We have in our favor," the general wrote, "the complete spiritual vacuum left in the wake of war and defeat and destruction which obliterated the very foundations of those false concepts on which the Japanese heretofore have depended for guidance, sustenance and protection. Through daily contact with our American men and women who are here engaged in the reshaping of Japan's future, there is penetrating into the Japanese mind the noble influences which find their origin and their inspiration in the American home."

REPRESENTATIVE McCormack had written to the general after a number of complaints had been received by him following a published report on the objectionable material. The general's letter indicated that he had received additional complaints from other quarters.

Particularly objectionable was a sentence in the textbook, which stated: "Today none of us can believe in such stories as the Gospel tells about the birth of Jesus. His miracle or His resurrection." Other objections were made against passages which dealt with the early history of the Church.

Catholics Hold Key In Czech Election

Prague — The attitude which Slovakia's Catholics will take in the forthcoming general elections in Czechoslovakia is the subject of speculation in the secular press here. The elections will probably take place in April.

At the last elections in May, 1946, Slovak Catholics supported the Slovak Democratic Party and helped it to score a signal victory over the Communists. The Democrats obtained 61 per cent of the total vote cast in Slovakia, against only 31 per cent for the Communists.

However, there are many Slovak Catholics who feel that, in the light of past experiences, results of their collaboration with the Democratic Party have not come up to expectations. Some are expressing the view that leading Protestant elements in the party Dr. Joseph Lettrich, its chairman, is a Protestant-cooled off in their attitude toward Catholics as soon as the election had been won.

Others are of the opinion, however, that the Democratic party could not have done more for Catholics, considering the special circumstances prevailing in Slovakia, particularly the existence of considerable Communist pressure.

THE POSSIBILITY of forming a new Slovak party for Catholics are being debated in the press here, but there is little or no likelihood of such a party being permitted to organize under the present political setup. Formation of a new party would be subject to permission by the "National Front," a political grouping of existing parties in which the Communists play a dominant role.

For these reasons, organization of a genuine new party for Slovak Catholics would appear to be an impossibility, unless it were a spurious "Catholic" party under secret Communist domination.

At the recent convention of the Democratic party Catholics were assured that the party would continue to do all in its power to protect the rights of Catholics and of all Christians.

Pre-election developments are closely watched by Slovak Communists who are generally believed to be facing a catastrophic defeat if the coming elections are at least relatively "normal."

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