

Canada Priest Hits U.S. 'Cover Girls'

Montreal — (RNS) — Scantily clad "cover girls" on certain American magazines sold in Montreal are more immoral than pictures of nudes, Msgr. Albert Valois, vice-general and director of Catholic Action for the Diocese of Montreal, declared in Criminal Court here.

The priest expressed his views at a preliminary hearing in which the American News Company Limited faced charges of "illegally, without justification, having published, sold, circulated or exposed to public view books of a nature contrary to good morals." The charges were made by the Quebec provincial police.

Msgr. Valois was asked to comment on the September issue of the magazine. See copies of which were seized by provincial police in a cigar store, a restaurant and a sidewalk newsstand. Criticizing first the cover of the publication, showing a semi-clad "bathing beauty," Msgr. Valois said that such poses were more likely to cause immorality than photographs of nudes. "And that goes for youths and grown-ups," he added.

He explained that he had been given the task of examining all periodicals, from a Roman Catholic or Christian viewpoint, to check obscene pictures or photos. Judge Gerald Almond committed the accused firm for voluntary statement on February 11.

Memphis Druggist Quits Stocking Comic Books

Memphis, Tenn. — (RNS) — A Memphis druggist has announced he has quit stocking comic books of any kind.

And the druggist, N. R. Garner — who is also president of the Tennessee Pharmaceutical Association — says he'll recommend to the association at its meeting in June that it "take some kind of drastic action" regarding comic books.

"I began to notice the children in my store," said Garner, who has two children of his own. "The first books they'd pick up were the ones with the wrong kind of covers. I picked up some of them myself and looked through them. They were awful."

France Will Censor All Children's Publications

Paris — (RNS) — A bill calling for censorship of illustrated publications intended for children has been adopted by the French National Assembly here. The children's books have been under fire recently for inciting to juvenile delinquency.

The measure provides that such publications put less emphasis on gangsterism, armed robbery, murders and so forth.

Suffers in Reparation For World



In this remarkable picture taken during the recent visit of Fatima's "Pilgrim Virgin" statue to the Cathedral of St. Mary in Covington, Ky., hope and happiness is registered in the face of this young woman, offering her suffering to Our Lady of Fatima in reparation for the sins of the world. The young lady has been sick in bed with tuberculosis for four years. She has been unable to hear or speak for four years. She reaches to touch the feet of the "Pilgrim Virgin" during the blessing of the sick ceremony. More than 100,000 persons attended the services during a three-day visit. (NC Photos)

Pope Highly Commends U.S. Efforts at DP Resettlement

Cincinnati — (NC) — The work of the Bishops and Catholic people of the United States on behalf of resettlement of displaced persons is warmly praised in a letter from His Holiness Pope Pius XII which has been received by Archbishop John T. McNicholas of Cincinnati.

The Pontiff's letter points to other miseries throughout the world which "call for our sympathetic tears" and must be remedied "with energetic assistance." Among these miseries the Holy Father lists "the great numbers of prisoners of war," "the wretched condition of exiles," "the countless throngs of orphans, and those political prisoners whose trials suffer 'cruel delays'."

Chilean Bishops Ban Church-Fund Dances

Santiago, Chile (NC) — The Committee of the Chilean Hierarchy has agreed at its monthly meeting here to keep its ban on games of chance and dances as a means of raising funds for Catholic enterprises.

The committee also warned Catholics that "beauty contests, which pervert the concept of human dignity and open the doors to immorality, are opposed to modesty." It renewed its demand that modest clothes be worn in churches.

"With the help of this Committee, you have given careful thought to repairing the ruined

Czech Prelate Predicted Next Victim Of Reds

Rome — (RNS) — Declaring that the trial of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty reflected one aspect of a Church-State conflict which has grown to "serious proportions" in all parts of Eastern Europe, Vatican spokesmen here predicted that the Communists would soon bring Archbishop Joseph Beran of Prague to trial.

(Recent reports reaching the Holy See from Prague described government-inspired sources as making increasing attacks against Archbishop Beran, who has been accused of "reactionary tendencies." These reports also spoke of the "increasingly difficult situation" of the Catholic Church in Czechoslovakia.)

Early this month the Catholic Bishops of Czechoslovakia served notice on the Czech Government that the clergy and the Bishops stand united in the face of Government efforts to divide them. Archbishop Beran presided over the meeting.

"DESPITE THE promises of religious liberty that have been made," the Bishops declared, "an offensive has been launched, against the Church. It follows the same pattern of attacks as in other countries."

The Bishops mentioned numerous instances of the efforts made in past months to sever ties between the Czech clergy and the Bishops, and named four specific types of attacks against the Church and the faith:

- (1) Violation of the rights of the Church in the form of restrictions on the apostolic work of high ecclesiastical authorities.
- (2) Suspicious cast on some priests who refrain from all political activity.
- (3) Limitations placed upon the free operation of Catholic schools, Catholic relief organizations, the Catholic press, and public religious manifestations.
- (4) Confiscation of Church properties without compensation, affecting the livelihood of many religious orders.

Students Seek Funds To Educate Negroes

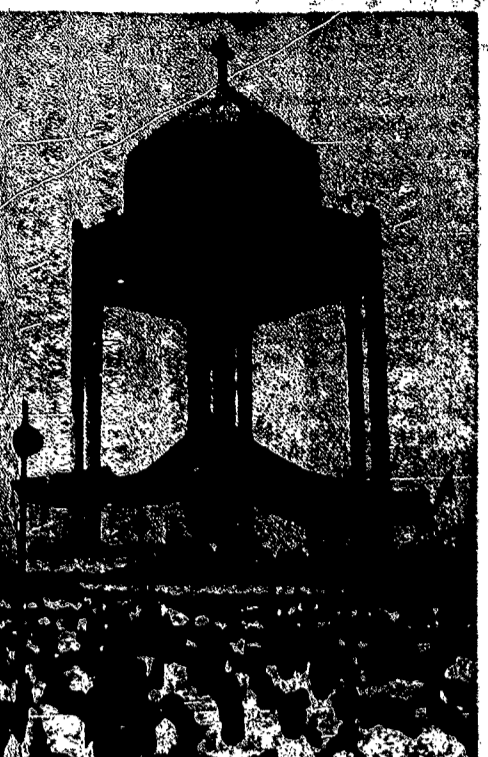
Holy Cross, Ind. — (RNS) — Catholic college students will be asked to contribute to a "penny-a-day" fund for the education of Negroes who are potential Catholic leaders, according to a proposal adopted by undergraduates at St. Mary's College here.

The project was suggested by Miss Mary Joan Mackey, World War II nurse who is now a senior at St. Mary's.

Pope Urges Eucharistic Family Life



At Cali, California, Holy Father's Legate, Cardinal Domenico Sívora, was greeted (left photo) by Mayor Gustavo Lloreda. He presented him with key to the city, and received in turn an autographed photo of Pope Pius XII. Some of the 20,000 children who made their first Communion during the Bolivarian Eucharistic Congress there are shown grouped around main outdoor altar.



(ENCLAVE NEWS SERVICE)

Vatican City, Jan. 30 — The Pope's radio address to the six-nation Bolivarian Eucharistic Congress held at Cali, Colombia, was an exhortation to renewal of Christian life and particularly to re-Christianization of your families by means of the Eucharist.

"The entire discourse was devoted to family life, the theme of the Congress, and to the Eucharist as the means of supplying its needs, perfecting its relationships, and crowning its purposes as intended by God."

"There are few needs today," the Holy Father said, "so urgent as strengthening the Christian family — a family so incapable of judgment as to be moved and if the loss of the fruits of the Eucharist is to be avoided."

The Pontiff praised the erection of the Eucharistic Shrine at Cali and the placing on it of the coat of arms of the six nations, which he said indicated a determination to seek peace and agreement between your nations on the foundation of Christian brotherhood.

HE ALSO LAUDED the choice of Cali as the site of the Eucharistic Congress, calling it "the smiling flower of the valley of Cauca, the beautiful Cali," which was the first place in all Colombia where Eucharistic Adoration was established.

The Holy Father likened the family to the fundamental arch of human society, a dome or cupola crowning the whole edifice of creation, and said that its unity, indivisibility and transcendental purpose are today in danger.

Speaking of the family's spiritual mission of transmitting and sustaining life, the Pope gloriously described the Eucharist as the mystery of divine love which nourishes the family to the sublime heights of its purpose — to all the earth with children of God in whose children speak the Omnipotent, Eternal Father may recognize the work of His Own Divine Son.

Transformed and inseparable with Christ by means of the Eucharist, he continued, "the members of the Christian family are already in possession of that privilege which will make them realize their sanctifying influence in the home and in the church."

Conscience Best Friend, Father Ginder Contends

New York — (NC) — The function of man's conscience was compared to the all-important duty of a sentry in the Army by the Rev. Richard Ginder, editor of the Priest magazine, in a talk Sunday on the Faith in Our Time program, produced by the Mutual Broadcasting System.



Fr. Ginder

Father Ginder said that the conscience serves the soul like the nervous system serves the body, giving an alarm when anything wrong occurs. "Nowadays," he continued, "it seems to be pretty widely recognized that conscience (though) is getting a lot of people upset, causing anxieties, nervousness, nervous breakdowns, and even insanity in some few extreme cases."

"Certainly we can't have peace of mind with a bad conscience — and when I say 'bad' conscience, I mean a conscience that's protesting some evil in our lives. The sensible way to cure a bad conscience is to root out whatever's disturbing."

Father Ginder criticized the author of a book on mental health who advocated the killing of conscience, and who contended there are no such things as bad thoughts, only bad actions. The priest characterized such contentions as

Hungarians Flee Red Trial Terror

London — (NC) — Reports of a mass exodus from Hungary following the arrest of His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty are now reaching this country from a number of independent sources.

At least 1,000 refugees have fled into Austria each week since the Cardinal's arrest on Dec. 27, it is estimated. Others are believed to have made their way out into western Germany by various routes.

The Hungarian communist regime is said to have called in Red Army help and erected special watch-towers along the borders.

These reports also say that Budapest churches are crowded, but that in at least two cases churches were closed by secret police agents who heard remarks critical of the regime. All priests have been warned not to refer to the "trial" in their sermons.

Persons familiar with the Hungarian situation express fears that, eventually, all members of the Hungarian hierarchy will be brought to "trial" on trumped-up charges and that all remnants of Catholic life will be ruthlessly suppressed.

Aide of DeGaulle Enters Convent

Paris — (RNS) — Miss Elizabeth de Miribel, 33, a trusted assistant of General Charles de Gaulle since the early days of the Fighting French movement, has entered a Roman Catholic convent at Nogent-sur-Maine, about seven miles east of Paris.

A direct descendant of Marshal MacMahon, one-time president of France, Miss de Miribel had been working until recently in the diplomatic section of the Foreign Affairs Ministry.

One of the few women in the top ranks of the de Gaulle party, she had been slated for a ministerial post when and if the party came to power. She had been with Gen. de Gaulle since before 1940, when the personally typed out the General's famous appeal to the French to continue their resistance to the Nazis.

Catholic Book Week — Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — "Read Wisely — Share Truth" is the slogan of Catholic Book Week, which will be observed Feb. 20-26.

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