

'Working Mothers' Blamed On Economic Failure In Nation

San Francisco — (NC) — The fact that more and more mothers have to seek work outside the home was seen as a failure of industry or government, or both, by the National Conference on Family Life as it wound up its 17th annual convention here.

"Mother does it point definitely to failure on the part of industry or government, or both, to uphold the right of the family to a reasonable standard of living," their resolution contained. "As a result of this, mothers are leaving the home to work, and the destruction of both the child and the entire family."

The Family Life Conference also put on record an appeal for adoption of a national family allowance act, saying that this system, now in operation in Canada, is a need for millions of U. S. families.

"THE CONFERENCE stated that while great harm has come to the country's families because of economic injustice, even greater harm has come through false ideas and ideals, and asked for wider teaching and acceptance of God's plan for married life.

In this connection, the conference urged the growth of the family retreat movement, saying, "We express the hope that the family retreat may become the accepted thing quite as much as is the retreat for the religious. Christian family life would gain immeasurably by such a development."

THE FAMILY LIFE group reiterated its condemnation of contraception, sterilization and abortion, practices that unfortunately have taken on such giant proportions in this country, and deplored the "national epidemic" of divorce, feeling the latter as a factor in the rising delinquency and criminality in the country.

But it saw "real promise for the restoration of a sound and truly successful family life in the rapidly developing movement among Catholic young folks for preparation for marriage and family life." It asked them to center their efforts around the "serious cultivation of a profound respect for the dignity of Christian marriage."



A highlight of the annual convention of the National Catholic Conference on Family Life, in San Francisco — the presentation of Family Catholic Action Awards. Among those so honored were Mrs. Frances Donohoe, mother of Auxiliary Bishop Hugh A. Donohoe (right) of San Francisco, receiving the medal from Archbishop John J. Mitty (left).

State Asked To Protect Country's Moral Health

San Francisco — (RNS) — Delegates to the annual meeting here of the National Catholic Family Life Conference heard that there is a pressing need in the United States for protection of the "moral health and safety" of the family by the state.

The Rev. Edgar Schmiedeler, director of the family life bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Washington, D.C., said the state was "much more careful about protecting the physical health of its individuals and families than it has been about protecting their moral health and safety."

FATHER SCHMIEDELER suggested the need for "suppression of indecent literature and the proper regulation of theaters and other places of amusement." He discussed the "tendency of the state to 'usurp' the educational function, and added: "Characteristic of the times have been such rampant family evils as childlessness, near-childlessness, divorce, the striking of parental duties, mothers in industry, a variety of family abuses."

"SUCH A SITUATION very easily leads many to overlook their own rights in their children. There follows, as a result, a growing shift of child care from the home to the state or private agency, from parent to hireling.

"With the constant dwindling of interest in the child and dying of the family sense," he warned, "parents may eventually come around to the notion that the child is merely a creature of the state."

Burial Strike Ends; Cardinal Gives Comment

New York — (NC) — Settlement of the eight-week strike of grave diggers and other employees at Calvary and Gate of Heaven cemeteries was announced simultaneously last Thursday by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, and David Sullivan, international vice president of the Building Service Employees Union, AFL, with which the cemetery workers affiliated after quitting the CIO parent union, described by the Cardinal as a communist-dominated.

IN HIS STATEMENT announcing the end of the dispute Cardinal Spellman termed the strike "one of the most difficult, grievous, heart-breaking issues that has ever come within my time as Archbishop of New York."

"It will be my daily prayer," he said, "that if ever again the working men of this Archdiocese must make their choice between following their faith and a faithless leadership, they will, of their own free will and immediate choice, choose God."

It was announced that cemetery workers will receive an 8 1/2 per cent wage increase raising their pay from \$59.40 to \$64.35 for a six-day week, with continuation of all "fringe" benefits provided in their preceding contract as members of the CIO-affiliated local 293, United Cemetery Workers. They had been asking \$77.22 for a five-day week, including Saturday overtime.

THE "FRINGE" benefits include a \$1,000 dollar life insurance policy, Blue Cross hospitalization for 21 days, 13 weeks sick benefit insurance at \$20 a week, six days' paid sick leave, 11 holidays a year with pay, one week paid vacation after six months, two weeks paid vacation after one year, and 52 weeks full-time pay a year for 90 per cent of the men.

"Today my heart is lighter than it has been for many long weeks, for, after awaiting a decision on the legality of the strike in Calvary and allied cemeteries, I have determined, after the dismantling of the local union from its communist domination, but to make my own decision based upon the dictates of my conscience before the highest and only indisputable law — the law of God," the Cardinal said.

Euthanasia Evil Practiced By Tribe in Dark Africa

New York — (NC) — There is a portion of Dark Africa which practices euthanasia — and it's compulsory. But Bishop William Porter, Vicar Apostolic of the Gold Coast, is doing something about it, according to word received here by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

EVERY TENTH child born to a woman is a bad omen and must be destroyed according to the superstitions of the Ninnas, a tribe on the sultry west coast of Africa. But, with the help of some medical Sisters, Bishop Porter has succeeded in rescuing quite a number of these "evil children." Frequently, he admits, a bit of kidnapping has to be resorted to.

One such "evil child" was raised by the Sisters and has grown to normal womanhood, married and is raising her own children. Incidents like this help Bishop Porter break down superstitions and evil practices among isolated African tribes. His vicariate contains 800,000.

In Triple Consecration Ceremony



More than 1,500 clergy and 70 bishops were present at the triple consecration in Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago, with His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch officiating as consecrator. Pictured on that occasion, right to left: Bishop John J. Boylan of Rockford, co-consecrator; Bishop William E. Cousins, Auxiliary to Cardinal Stritch; Bishop Martin D. McNamara, of Joliet; Bishop William A. O'Connor, of Springfield, Ill.; Bishop Albert R. Zurowate, of Belleville, Ill., co-consecrator. (New World Photo)

Pope Pius XII Gives \$40,000 To Assist Irish Seminary

Dublin — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII has made a contribution of 10,000 pounds (\$40,000) to St. Patrick's College in Maynooth, County Kildare, Ireland's national seminary. One of the largest institutions of its kind in Europe, St. Patrick's has been forced to seek financial aid for the first time in its history.

THE POPE'S gift was enclosed in a letter to the Most Rev. John F. D'Alton, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All-Ireland, who is chancellor of the Maynooth seminary.

In his letter, Pope Pius referred to "the noble part" played by the college for more than 150 years in training priests for the Irish dioceses and in providing "zealous, self-sacrificing laborers for distant vineyards of the Lord in English-speaking countries beyond the seas, and even in the mission fields of far-off China and Africa."

Praising the "generous charity" of the Irish people, Pope Pius said he was confident they "will not fail to contribute in a worthy manner toward the needs of the national seminary."

MR. SULLIVAN asserted that lack of "responsible union leadership" was responsible for the strike. He said, "I want to express publicly my thanks to His Eminence, the Cardinal, who has always been a friend of labor and who has the interests of organized labor at heart. I am sure the workers will appreciate the considerate attitude which has been shown to them, and as a responsible labor leader I have pledged His Eminence my full support and cooperation in carrying out the agreement that was reached."

"This strike would not have resulted if there had been responsible union leadership. In situations of this kind, of such vital interest to the community, all avenues of negotiation, mediation and arbitration should be used before drastic action of this kind is taken. I have assured the Cardinal that such a strike will never occur under my leadership."

Striking grave diggers returned to work Friday morning and 200 seminarians from St. Joseph's who dug graves for more than a week returned to their class rooms.

Priests Die In Red Slave Labor Camp

Berlin — (CIP) — Father Klymentij Szeptyckij, Superior General of the Ukrainian Catholic Studite Monks, and Father Lonczyna, Pastor of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of St. Nicholas, both of Lvov, in Soviet-annexed Polish territory, died last September in the Russian slave labor camp of Vorkuta, North of the Arctic circle, according to Ukrainian refugees who arrived recently in Western Germany.

VORKUTA is the camp in which Archbishop Joseph Slipyj of Lvov, Bishop Nicholas Czarnickij, Visitor-Apostolic for the Eastern Rite Catholics in Poland, as well as a large number of Catholic priests and monks are imprisoned. Father Lonczyna was sentenced to 10 years of hard labor by a Soviet Court. Father Szeptyckij was a nephew of the late Archbishop Szeptyckij of Lvov.

Auxiliary Bishop Nykyta Budka of Lvov, who served as first Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese in Canada, from 1912 to 1928, has been deported to the region of the Sea of Azov, in Southern Russia, according to the same refugees.

TWO UKRAINIAN Catholic Bishops have died in captivity. They are Bishop Gregory Chomranyshyn of Stanislavov, who died January 17, 1947, and Bishop Josafat Koczyvskyj of Przemyśl, who died in Kiev at an unknown date.

A majority of the Ukrainian Catholics have remained loyal to their faith, in spite of the persecutions. Thousands attend Mass secretly in private homes or in the forests.

Msgr. Ligutti Named Vatican Observer

Rome — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII has named Msgr. Luigi Ligutti of Des Moines, Ia., as permanent observer for the Holy See at all sessions of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

Msgr. Ligutti is executive secretary of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, with headquarters in Des Moines.

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