

# New Catholic Hospital Code Sets Forth Moral Standards

Milwaukee (NC) — Catholic hospitals exist to render spiritual as well as medical care for the sick, it is set forth at the beginning of a new set of ethical and religious directives for Catholic hospitals, which has been published here.

The directives were prepared by a committee working with the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada. They were made public in the current issue of Hospital Progress, the association's official organ, published by the Bruce Publishing Company.

ALTHOUGH THE directives have the backing of the hospital association, which is composed for the most part of diocesan officials, it is stated explicitly that they do not have authoritative status in any particular diocese until the Bishop approves them. The imprimatur for the directives was given by Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis.

Abortion, operations during pregnancy, artificial insemination, hypnosis are among the subjects covered. The directives also describe emergency baptism procedure, and give instruction on administration of the Sacraments of Penance, Holy Eucharist and Extreme Unction.

THE PRINCIPLES underlying the directives are not subject to change. But in its applications of principles the code can and should grow and change as theological investigation and the progress of medical science open up new problems or throw new light on old ones, it is declared.

As an example of this is the section on artificial insemination, where it is declared that when the practice involves someone other than the husband it is morally wrong, and it is also wrong even in case the husband involved is the one who obtains by unnatural means. However, a footnote adds that some methods of insemination are still being debated by theologians, and in the meantime physicians are directed to a textbook which describes methods that are "at least probably licit."

About euthanasia, the code declares that it is forbidden in all its forms, and states that the failure to provide the ordinary means of preserving life is equivalent to euthanasia. With regard to contraception, the directive is that "all operations, treatments and devices designed to render conception impossible are morally objectionable."

## Card. Mooney's Cousin Dies

Washington (NC) — His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, was the celebrant of a solemn Requiem Mass in Holy Name Church, here, for his cousin, Monsignor John W. Dowling, pastor of the church for the last 23 years. Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington gave the final absolution.

Monsignor Dowling was born in Johnstown, Pa., in 1872. He studied at St. Charles College, Catonsville, Md., and St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, and was ordained in 1894. He served as pastor at Mt. Savage, Md., bishopric of Cardinal Mooney, for 18 years before coming to Washington.



His Holiness Pope Pius XII, with some of the technicians who televised the Holy Father and recorded his message in connection with the campaign of the Bishops' Fund for Victims of War. This was carried to the faithful in the United States on television screens during the week ending on Lectors Sunday, March 27, when the collection was taken up in 98 Archdioceses and Dioceses of the nation. These were the first movies ever taken of the Holy Father for television purposes. (NC Photos).

## Pope's First Television Appearance

## Sunday Labor Proposal Stirs German Circles

Munich (NC) — Considerable apprehension has been aroused among Catholics in southern and western Germany by the suggestion of Allied authorities in the Bizzone that in order to raise industrial production, Sunday be abolished as a holiday, and the seven-day week introduced for the working population.

IF THIS suggestion, which follows Soviet patterns, were carried out, only certain weekdays would become "free days" for the workers, and regular Sunday observance would cease.

In his Lenten pastoral Bishop Simon Konrad Landersdorfer, of Passau, Bavaria, has voiced these apprehensions by saying that Sunday observance is "a foundation of the Christian order of the world and should be held sacred."

The association of Catholic workers organizations in Western Germany has adopted a formal protest against the proposed measure, on behalf of its 200,000 members.

"Such a measure," says the local diocesan paper, "would be another step in the direction of the complete secularization of life and a concession to collectivism. It would prove that responsible authorities are unwilling to recognize Christianity as a basic factor in the reconstruction of our country. Whatever advantages can be achieved by this measure in increasing industrial production cannot be compensated by the comparative loss of human values."

These sentiments are widely echoed in Protestant quarters as well. The Protestant workers association of the Ruhr valley having addressed a formal protest to the Frankfurt authorities against the introduction of a seven-day week.

## Italy Bishops Urge Free Labor Unions

Rome (CIP) — An urgent appeal to all workers to become labor union members and a warning against those unions which are instruments of political parties based on the principle of class struggle are the highlights of a joint pastoral letter issued by the seven Bishops of the Province of Emilia, Central Italy.

According to the Rev. Edmund J. Goebel, superintendent of schools, a rise in juvenile delinquency is largely responsible for the adoption of the rules.

HE SAID the regulations were drawn up following a survey of 1,000 parents whose children attend five of the high schools. Parents expressed particular concern, he added, over the activities of pupils after the dances closed and also over prom expenses.

As a result, it was decided that no prom ticket should cost over \$3 and that corsages should not be more than \$1.50.

"We felt we should set limits on the expenditures of students," Father Goebel said. He described the 1.30 a. m. time limit as a "control factor in delinquency."

## OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS



Student weekend retreats, part of Notre Dame University's observance of Lent, turned out a goodly number of young men on the outdoor Way of the Cross on the University Campus. The retreats are on a voluntary basis and are conducted by the Holy Cross Fathers, their teachers. Over 1,000 men participated last year, and even greater interest is shown this year. (NC Photos)

## 'Truth Serum' Suspends Will Says Scientist

Vienna (NC) — In weighing the possibility that drugs had been used in the trial of His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, the Austrian Catholic weekly, Die Furche, notes that medical research shows that the drug process known as "amylal interview" can go as far as impeding the will power of persons to whom it is administered.

THE WEEKLY mentions the researches of Dr. Strotzka, as described in the Wiener Medizinischen Wochenschrift (Vienna Medical Weekly), into the use of amylal interview, also known as "truth serum" or "narcoanalysis," which was discovered by American psychiatrists.

In the treatment, dosages of sodium penthal and sodium amylal, also called Evipan, are given to the subject, and, as Dr. Strotzka reports, need not necessarily result in eliciting statements which are objectively correct.

DR. GUSTAV RAJKA, of Graz, told Die Furche in June of last year that persons treated in this manner could be induced to make statements which they would not have made had they had use of their full mental faculties.

At Liege, the Attorney General of Belgium, said the employment of narcoanalysis "constituted a severe infringement of individual freedom guaranteed by the constitution and the violation of a public right that the state had to respect."

Writing in Juristische Blätter, a Vienna law review, a Mr. Novakowski said that torture can bend the free will but does not suppress it, whereas narcoanalysis transforms the human individual not only bodily, but also mentally into a mere object.

Die Furche comments that "it is evident that when this method is applied on an increasing scale, one can obtain the complete suppression of free will, subversion of the individual entirely deprived of his free personality, and the application of any suggestion whatsoever."

## War On Church Rages In Yugoslavia; Clergy Jailed

(By N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE) Latest reports from inside Yugoslavia continue to give a dismal picture of the religious situation in that country, with scores of priests arrested, many sentenced to long prison terms, and others subject to long interrogations by the secret police who attempt to coerce priests into becoming informers against their superiors and the faithful.

According to very incomplete statistics, the communists arrested during the year 1948 at least 18 religious Sisters, 40 priests and one Bishop, the Most Rev. Peter Cule of Mostar. All nuns have been expelled from all hospitals in Slovenia.

THE SISTERS of Charity of Lichtenturn have been evicted from the living quarters of their convent. The Carmelite Sisters were expelled from their convent in Ljubljana, and the Dominican Fathers and Salesian Fathers from their houses in Zagreb. The sanitarium conducted by the Brethren of Charity at Kardija, Slovenia, and the library of the seminary at Split have been confiscated.

The latest victims of communist persecution are the Revs. Alfonz Jarc and Viljem Savelli, who were tried at Crnomelj, near Novo Mesto, on charges of collaborating with the Italians during the war. Both were sentenced to death. Their "trial" was conducted in accordance with the customary pattern.

THE PROCEEDINGS were broadcast and newspaper reports stated that Father Savelli "confessed" his "crime," while Father Jarc "obstinately" refused to admit any guilt. Newspaper accounts omitted any references to defense documentation and testimony.

A similar trial took place last month at Ptuj, near Maribor.

## Archbishop Kiley Issues Rules on Student Dances

Milwaukee, Wis. (RNS) — Strapsless evening gowns have been barred from Roman Catholic high school proms here by Archbishop Moses B. Kiley of Milwaukee.

The prohibition extends to all kinds of formal gowns that feature bare shoulders and was one of several prom regulations adopted by archdiocesan education officials and approved by Archbishop Kiley.

WITH THE ARREST of five priests of the Diocese of Skopje by the communist authorities, the clergy of that See has now been reduced by one-fourth of its normal strength. In Zagreb, capital of Croatia, the Rev. Rudolf Pate, S.J., was arrested. He is the master of novices at the Jesuit provincial novitiate in that city.

## Los Angeles Plans 15 New Schools

Los Angeles (NC) Arch. Bishop J. Francis A. McIntyre of Los Angeles has announced the successful completion of a campaign for \$3,500,000 for the immediate construction of 15 new elementary and high schools in the archdiocese. The drive got under way early in February.

Highlighting the end of the campaign was a ground-breaking ceremony conducted at St. Teresa's parish for the fourth school begun here in the past two weeks.

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