

Pontiff Condemns Abuse of Science

Vatican City (NC) — Catholic doctors from 30 countries heard from the lips of His Holiness Pope Pius XII the statement that in the light of Catholic teaching "artificial insemination outside of marriage is to be considered purely and simply as immoral."



POPE PIUS XII

The Holy Father made this announcement at a meeting, presided over by the papal secretary of state, Cardinal Tardini, in an address to the 500 delegates who had attended the fourth international convention of Catholic doctors, whom he received in audience at Castelgandolfo.

Even within marriage, the Pope warned, artificial insemination is immoral, except in the extremely restricted sense in which scientific knowledge and technique simply assist nature toward the attainment of the end of a natural, moral act.

The Pope's condemnation of artificial insemination confirmed Catholic doctors themselves in the conclusions reached by their deliberations, during which they discussed various aspects of medical practices in the light of Catholic moral teachings.

The Pope termed the question of artificial insemination one of the "first order, which with no less urgency than other questions requires the light of Catholic moral teaching."

During his remarks on natural and positive Divine Law, the Pope declared that in the relations between married persons, artificial insemination, with the active element coming from a third person, "is equally immoral and to be rejected unhesitatingly."

Although one may not exclude the use of new methods simply on the ground that they are new, the Pope said, "nevertheless, with respect to artificial insemination, it is not only a case of being extremely reserved, but it must be rejected entirely."

enable the natural act, effected in a normal manner, to attain its end.

THE HOLY FATHER then warned against the use of the principle that the end justifies the means, even in the relations between partners in marriage. "The simple fact that the desired result may be obtained by the employment of this means (artificial insemination) does not justify the use of that method. Nor does the desire of marriage partners—most legitimate in itself—to have a child suffice to prove the lawfulness of the recourse to artificial insemination for the fulfillment of that desire."

Warning against another possible misapplication of this false doctrine to the marriage contract itself, the Pope said: "It would be false to believe that the possibility of a recourse to that method (artificial insemination) would render a marriage valid between two persons who are unable to contract marriage because of the impediment of impotence. . . It is superfluous to indicate that the active element can never be obtained by acts that are contrary to nature."

DURING THE deliberations of the doctors, Prof. Jesus Sacala of St. Tomas University, Manila, led the discussion of the problems of artificial insemination. Calling for a condemnation of the practice, he declared it fundamentally and morally wrong and called for its condemnation by the medical profession. "The process of procreation," he said, "is a faculty and not a surgical intervention. To exercise that faculty apart from sexual intercourse is a perversion."

Dr. Jeremiah Foley, an Irish physician, said artificial insemination "separates of its personal foundation that most personal of all functions: parenthood." He also warned that artificial insemination "will prove a terrible weapon in the hands of modern totalitarian governments, whether they are democratic or otherwise. We shall see the state taking in hand the breeding of subjects and the rearing of them without regard to Divine Law or human love."

Scooter Drivers Great Holy Father

Rome (RNS) — Seven hundred motor scooter drivers from all parts of Italy called on Pope Pius XII and greeted him with blaring horns when he twice appeared on a balcony to wave to them.

The gift scooter will be presented to missionaries for the aid of priests on duty in remote country areas.

Ordained For African Missions



Destined for the African Mission are these new priests photographed following their ordination in the chapel of the White Fathers Seminary, at Eastview, near Ottawa, Canada. They were ordained by His Excellency Bishop Joseph Kiwanuka, of Masaka, Uganda. Left to right: Rev. Gabriel de Lormier, Montreal; Rev. Louis de Gonzague, Oka, Quebec; Bishop Kiwanuka; Rev. Paul Emile Labadie, Lanson, Quebec, and Rev. Claude Pelletier of St. Roch des Aulnaies, Quebec. Bishop Kiwanuka, the first Negro named a Bishop, was consecrated in 1939 by Pope Pius XII. (Photo courtesy Le Droll, Ottawa. (NC Photos).

Hatred of Religion Rages in Red-Ruled Zone of Germany

By MAX JORDAN (Staff Correspondent, NCWC News Service)

Berlin—"Religion is something for old men and fools, but not for people who stand with both feet in the modern socialistic world," Hermann Schellenberg, a communist official of the department of education in Soviet-controlled Dresden, Saxony, told a group of school principals there.

Accordingly, "there must be no religious influence in the schools, because its toleration would amount to doping the pupils with drugs," he said.

WHEREVER IN the Soviet zone communist influence does not prevail, these views do not appear to be shared by the German parents. In the western sectors of Berlin, for instance, the eight existing Catholic schools now have 3,545 pupils, against 2,758 in the last school year. Many more parents have applied to have their children admitted to these schools, but accommodations are limited, even in the splendid high school of the Jesuit Fathers, located in the former administration building of the Krupp ammunition factories, in the heart of a badly bombed district of the British sector.

In the Soviet zone, however, there is no indication that hate against all religion will be abated. Protestant church leaders have just announced that 14 of their churches and parish houses in the province of Brandenburg were demolished in recent months, even though not one among them had suffered any war damage. An official protest to Soviet authorities now at least seems to have stopped further measures along this line.

Church youth activities of any sort remain banned throughout

Social Security Slated For Church Workers

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Employees of religious and charitable organizations will be covered under expanded social security legislation adopted by the House of Representatives.

The legislation, passed by a vote of 333 to 14 after two days of debate, provides coverage for lay employees of such nonprofit organizations on a compulsory basis. Ministers and members of religious orders are not covered.

EMPLOYERS would not have to pay their portion of the tax unless they choose to. But they would be required to withhold a portion of the employees earnings, which would be turned over to the Bureau of Internal Revenue, which would place it in the old age and survivors trust fund for eventual distribution.

If the employer did not wish to match the funds collected from the employee, the latter would receive only half credit for his wages for the year.

According to a Federal Security Agency spokesman, this would not cut the employee's benefits in half, since benefits are weighted. In cases where the employer did not match the employee's contributions, the employee would eventually receive about three-fourths of the benefits he would obtain if the employer made the full contribution.

THE LEGISLATION would not affect presently-existing benefit plans carried on by private nonprofit organizations, but would be in addition to them.

From testimony heard before the Committee on Ways and Means during hearings on the legislation, it is estimated that the majority of the nation's nonprofit organizations will participate in the program.

All groups employing one or more persons would be covered under the legislation. To be eligible, an employee must receive \$100 or more in a three-month period. The tax would be collected on all wages up to \$3,600 annually. (An individual receiving \$4,000 a year would be taxed only on the first \$3,600.)

The legislation has not been acted upon by the Senate, which is not expected to take it up before January.

RITES HELD FOR EX-AIDE OF PRESIDENT



ROBERT HANNEGAN

St. Louis, Mo. (NC) — Before a congregation which included a host of persons prominent in national, state and civic affairs, a solemn Mass of Requiem was offered Oct. 10 for Robert Emmett Hannegan, 46, former Postmaster General, here in St. Louis Cathedral.

THE MASS was offered by the Rev. Gerald G. Mahon, pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Church in suburban Brentwood, an old friend of Mr. Hannegan. Father McMahon administered the Last Rites of the Church to Mr. Hannegan when he died suddenly (October 6) of a heart attack at his home here.

At Mr. Hannegan's deathbed were his wife the former Irma Protzman, who was his childhood sweetheart and three of their four children: Patricia, William and Sally. Another son, Robert, a student at Georgetown University in Washington, arrived home later in the day.

IN 1945, Mr. Hannegan became Postmaster General—the tenth Catholic to fill a place in the Cabinets of Presidents. He held both the cabinet post and the chairmanship of the Democratic Party until 1947, when he resigned because of ill health due to high blood pressure.

Last year, Mr. Hannegan achieved one of his life's ambitions. He took his family on a trip to Europe and among other places he visited Rome. He and his family were received in private audience by His Holiness Pope Pius XII and Mr. Hannegan was decorated by the Pontiff as a Knight of St. Gregory, Grand Order of the Holy Cross.

Tobin Urges Reading Of Encyclicals

Detroit (NC) — Catholics in every field of endeavor should make it a "must" to read the papal Social Encyclicals, Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin declared in an address before the First Friday Club here.

"The responsibilities and rights of management and labor," Secretary Tobin said, "are spelled out in the magnificent Encyclical on the Condition of Labor" written by Leo XIII nearly 60 years ago and in the equally outstanding encyclical "Reconstructing the Social Order" and "Atheistic Communism" by Pius XI.

"How many Catholics," he asked, "have taken the trouble to study them? How many Catholics have copies of these far-reaching documents in their desks and libraries? I am going to be extremely frank about this matter. I do not see how any Catholic employer or worker can satisfy his conscience until he has studied these Encyclicals and gotten from them a clear idea of his rights and his duties."

"Very few of us would be willing to drive a car down town without knowing the basic traffic regulations. Yet many Catholics, managers and workers alike, will drive through business transactions without taking the trouble to learn the moral traffic regulations."

"Many of us do not know the Encyclicals, but I can assure you the communists know them. I can assure you the communists are not slow to point out to the poor fish who nibble at their line the difference between Catholic moral teaching outlined in the Encyclicals and Catholic business and labor practices."

SECRETARY TOBIN pointed out that Pope Leo said it was the "natural right of man" to form unions and that Pope Pius XI declared the denial or frustration of this right is "criminal injustice." He also said that Pope Pius denounced Catholics who are hostile to "a labor movement that we ourselves recommended."

Irish Pilgrims (RNS) — A group of 450 Irish Roman Catholics arrived here enroute to the Fatima Shrine where they were to present a jewel-studded solid-silver memento to shrine custodians.

Missioner Aids Japan's Blind

Kyoto, Japan (NC) — Some of Kyoto's blind persons will soon have a distinctive walking stick, white with certain red markings, which will serve to identify them and save them much unnecessary jostling, thanks to the Rev. Leo Steinbach, M.M. His work for the poor of the city has brought him in contact with not a few of the blind. He therefore ordered a number of these sticks in the hope that if the idea proves effective in Kyoto it may be imitated elsewhere.

Catholic Workers Build Homes

Lima, Peru (NC) — The Catholic Workers Club of Arequipa built 270 homes and 50 apartment buildings in a model suburb of this city, including schools, gardens, recreation centers, stores, market and a church. The suburb is to be named after Leo XIII. It is estimated that the new district will house about 1,500

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