

# Attacks On Church Seen As 'Satanic'

Profrancesco, E. L. (RNS)—Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston declared here that the present "barage of attacks on the Roman Catholic Church was an outgrowth of bad will of "Satanic origin."

He urged Catholics to prayer, fasting and love to combat the bad will generated by "organized, professional antagonists of Catholicism."

Speaking before the third regional congress of the Conference of Christian Doctrine on "The Apostolate of Godwill to Non-Catholics," the Archbishop said:

"Almost infinite good will is required to overcome the bad will of every one who prevents the preaching of Christ's Gospel to receptive hearts. The amount of bad will, particularly at the moment, is so staggering that, by my own part, I can only believe it is satanic in its origin."

He said "bad information" and "bad reasoning" were not disturbing factors in the attacks on the Church. Since the former could be corrected by accurate information, and the latter by pointing out its fallacies.

"In the absence of emotional or moral distractions," he added, "healthy minds can be brought to acknowledge mistakes of judgment."

The disturbing factor in the attacks, Archbishop Cushing said, is the "almost insuperable weight of bad will" which "drives them to extremes and blowing them to proportions which seem almost beyond control."

"You cannot answer hatred with information and you cannot defeat bad will by an argument, however calm or however valid," he said.

The Archbishop praised the advertising program of the Knights of Columbus as a means of spreading Catholicism, but added:

"I place my confidence in such spiritual programs as the Holy Rosary for conversions and other devotions which give joy and grace a chance to work in a suffering heart will."

"It may be that we reason a little too long and argue a little too much, but we must not lose sight of the fact that the soul is the most important thing in the world."

"The Church's mission is to bring the light of Christ to the darkest corners of the world."

# Discovers Pirate Treasure



As LaSalle College, Philadelphia, conducted by the Brothers of the Christian School, Bob Bister (left), associate editor of "LaSalle Collegian," presents to Joseph Dowling, Jr., 11-year-old parish school pupil, a miniature LaSalle letterman as a keepsake until Joseph can earn his own LaSalle diploma. Young Dowling, who recently found pirate treasure of Mantoloking, N. J., hopes to realize enough to finance a college education for himself at LaSalle. (NO Photos)

# U. S. Priest-Psychiatrist Joins Silent Spanish Monks

Burgos, Spain — (NC) — A famed American priest-psychiatrist vowed himself to a life of prayer, silence and solitude as he made his profession as a Carthusian monk in the 800-year-old Miraflores monastery near here.

He is the Rev. Dr. Thomas Verrier Moore, former member of the Benedictine Order, former head of the department of psychology at the Catholic University of America and author of a number of volumes on mental therapy.

Father Moore entered the Carthusian monastery in the summer of 1947 while on a leave of absence from the Catholic University to lecture in psychology at the University of Madrid. After four months of probation he received the habit of a Carthusian novice, and was professed after completing two years of novitiate.

BORN IN Louisville, Ky., in 1877 and ordained in 1901, Father Moore obtained a doctorate in philosophy from the Catholic University in 1903. He received a doctorate in medicine at Johns Hopkins University in 1915.

A practicing psychiatrist, Father Moore served as an officer in World War I in a neurological hospital located in the Verdun region in France. He was responsible for the cure of hundreds of cases of shellshock and other nervous disorders among the troops at the time.

# Catholic Group Condemns Sex Study Film

Albany, N. Y. (RNS)—A statement denouncing the sex education film "Human Growth" was issued here by the New York State Catholic Welfare Committee.

The Catholic group said the motion picture, made available by the N. Y. State Department of Health, was "fundamentally at variance with traditional Christian teaching."

According to the statement, the group "vehemently opposes the showing of 'Human Growth' even to parents and adult groups because the film has as a background a school room with boys and girls in the same class discussing the most intimate matters of sex without a semblance of Christian modesty."

"We believe," the statement continued, "that such a procedure would be a source of untold evil for our young people."

"The State Department of Health and Education might take a lesson from the experience of the Federal government. During the war the Army instituted a program to eliminate venereal disease without regard for morality. At the present time the Army has changed its policy and is placing the emphasis on the moral and religious aspects of the problem. The rate of venereal disease has consequently declined remarkably."

THE CATHOLIC committee urged parents to "resist the state and its agencies when an attempt is made to usurp parental rights or to invade the sanctity of the home by disseminating sex knowledge, without morality, to their children in the school."

Pointing out that the committee has approved the showing of another film, "Human Reproduction," to parents, the statement said medical societies and government agencies had the right and duty to disseminate scientific and medical information to parents to promote the well-being of the community.

# REPORT NEW LOURDES CURE

Paris — (RNS) — Mme. Fernande Hutin, Chassagnes, in northern France, who has been bedridden for the past two and a half years as a result of bone decalcification, is up and about following a pilgrimage to the Shrine at Lourdes.

Mme. Hutin visited Lourdes toward the end of August, a stretcher case. After bathing three times in the waters at the Shrine she felt herself suddenly cured.

She has since been examined by five physicians. Their findings are now in the hands of the Lourdes Medical Bureau, which will examine Mme. Hutin periodically for the next year.

At that time the Bureau will decide whether her case should be passed on to the Ecclesiastical Commission, which judges whether or not a miraculous cure has been effected.

# Legal Abortions In Japan Take More Lives Than Two Atom Bomb Explosions

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR  
Tokyo — (NC) — Legalized abortion took more lives in occupied Japan during the first seven months of this year than the atomic bombs did in Hiroshima and Nagasaki together.

From January to July, inclusive, 83,863 abortions were performed with full legal sanction, according to figures compiled by the Japanese Ministry of Welfare. (Deaths resulting from the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 totaled 83,847, according to the U. S. Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission here.)

The record of legalized abortions is admittedly incomplete. The Welfare Ministry reportedly estimates the total number as more than 200,000 in the seven-month period.

This wholesale killing of infants in the womb is authorized by the twice revised Eugenic Protection Law. The specific abortion clauses appeared in the revision passed by the Japanese Diet or parliament in June, 1948, when the Occupation was in its third year. In May, 1949, the law was again revised, to give more latitude for abortion and to promote birth control. In each revision the law retained the mandatory sterilization clauses that were its main feature when it was first enacted in 1929.

Before any bill may be even proposed in the Japanese Diet, it must be submitted to the parliamentary division of government section of SCAP (Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers) — General MacArthur and his headquarters. No bill or amendment of which the Occupation office voices disapproval may be introduced. On the Eugenic Protection Law, the Occupation headquarters "felt that it was not in a position to say yes or no," it was informed by a GHQ officer. "The bill was regarded as strictly a Japanese matter."

As SCAP — especially its public health and welfare section — has intervened so actively and beneficially in countless other Japanese matters, the principle placed in this law outside its scope is not clear. The public health and welfare section has taken long-range measures to elevate medical standards in Japan. The Eugenic Protection Law is a major threat to these standards.

The law is indefensible medically as well as morally. It permits abortions under two general headings. First, a doctor may perform an abortion at his own discretion, if the mother or father has any of the diseases that the law lists as hereditary, or if child-bearing endangers the mother's life. Secondly, abortion is allowed if continued pregnancy or childbirth "is feared to injure the mother's health seriously owing to physical or financial reasons." In this case the doctor must obtain approval from the district Eugenic Commission.

The avowedly incomplete reports show that doctors per-

formed more than 50,000 abortions at their own discretion during the first seven months of 1949 on the grounds that "the mother's life is endangered by conception or delivery." Yet during 1947, the total number of deaths in pregnancy, childbirth and its aftermath was only 4,188, or 574 a month, in all Japan. Therefore, more than 50,000 unborn infants were killed this year in Japan on the pretext of averting a danger that actually caused no more than a 2,680 deaths in a similar period two years ago. In many cases, moreover, the abortion itself probably endangered the mother's life far more than childbirth would have.

# FIRST JAPANESE NOVICE



The first Japanese to enter the Daughters of Mary Immaculate, Miss Lachia Hiroshima, convert, of Honolulu, recently made her profession at the Novitiate, in Petit Val, Sucey-en-Brie, France. She will be known as Sister Mary Laura, and sent to Japan to do missionary work. In photo, she is shown instructing children of the Country Day School of Sisters of Notre Dame, Dayton Ohio.

# Canonization Rites Listed By Vatican

Vatican City — (NC) — A series of canonization and beatification dates during the Holy Year has been announced in Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily. The beatifications will take place in the early and latter months of 1950, while the canonization ceremonies will be held in the early summer months, the paper says.

The early 1950 beatification dates are January 22, February 5 and 19 and March 5 and 19. Who will be beatified on these dates was not announced, nor the exact dates for the late 1950 beatifications given.

AMONG THE BLESSED who will be canonized during the Holy Year three have certain dates: Blessed Maria Goretti, Italian martyr of chastity, May 7; Blessed Vincenza Grossa, co-founder of the Sisters of Charity of Loreto, May 18, and Blessed Joan of Valois, queen of France, May 25.

Others whose canonization is considered likely here during the Holy Year but whose dates have not been set are: Elizabeth Maria Claret, found of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; Vincenzo Maria Strambi, former Passionist Bishop of Macerata and Tolentino, Italy; Maria Guglielma Emilia De Rodat, foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Family; Antonio Maria Gianselli, former Bishop of Bobbio, Italy, and Marianna Faredes of Ecuador.

# Georgia Probes Payments To Protestant School Teachers

Atlanta, Ga. — (RNS) — Georgia's State Board of Education has begun an investigation to determine whether it is providing payment to teachers of church-operated schools in violation of the State Constitution.

Complaints have been made that the Dasher Bible School in Lowndes County, Ga., which has two State-paid teachers, is not eligible for State funds. Assistant State School Superintendent J. J. Allman told the Board.

The Board ordered an investigation to determine whether the Dasher school is eligible. It also directed State school supervisors to determine whether Wadley School at Rigenhart College, a Methodist college in Cherokee County, and the grammar school at Toccoa Falls Institute, a non-sectarian institute which trains missionaries, are eligible to continue receiving State funds for teachers.

Georgia's State Constitution declares that "no money shall ever be taken from the public treasury, directly or indirectly, in aid of any church, sect, or denomination of religionists, or any sectarian institute."

# Montana Ranch Profits Go To Catholic Fund

Omaha, Neb. (RNS) — Profits made in the operation of a huge cotton ranch in California and a mammoth wheat ranch in Montana will go to the Sacred Heart Foundation Fund, Inc. of Omaha, according to records in the office of the Douglas County clerk.

The foundation is headed by Gordon W. Dising, Omaha attorney, who recently announced that two corporations which he also heads have acquired title to a \$4,800,000 cotton ranch and a \$2,000,000 wheat ranch.

The cotton property includes 35,000 acres in the San Joaquin Valley. The wheat tract comprises 63,000 acres located at the foot of the Big Horn Mountains in Montana.

Purpose of the Sacred Heart Foundation Fund is to distribute "anti-Communist booklets and pamphlets of Christian philosophy to combat the godless, anti-Christian philosophy of Russian Communism."

The Fund also provides financial assistance to several Roman Catholic cloistered and contemplative orders.

# Red Hold on TV, Radio Revealed

Union City, N. J. — (NC) — Evidence of a stranglerhold which communists and their front organizations have been employing in the radio and television fields for their own ends is charged in an article in the current issue of The Sign magazine, published here by the Passionist Fathers.

Entitled "Red Fronts in Radio," the article, written by "a well known figure in the broadcasting industry," charges that communist and front organizations have employed a "white list" for members of the party and fellow travelers in getting them influential jobs in the radio and television fields, and a "black list" for those opposed to the Red ideologies.



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