

# French Scientists Score Euthanasia

Paris (NC)—A resolution unequivocally condemning the practice of euthanasia has been passed by the Academy of Moral and Political Science, following an address by Professor Fortes, president of the French National Council of Physicians. Based on moral and scientific considerations, the resolution is in complete accord with the position of the Church on this matter. The Academy is not a Catholic organization.

AN EXCEPT of the resolution follows: "The Academy of Moral and Political Science rejects all methods used to procure the death of persons considered to be malformed, deficient or incurable because, among other reasons, any medical social doctrine that does not respect in a systematic fashion the very principle of life leads inevitably, as recent experience has proved, to criminal abuses and even to the sacrifice of individuals who in spite of their physical infirmities, as history has shown, can contribute magnificently to the permanent development of our civilization.

"It believes that euthanasia, in a general way, all methods which aim, because of pity or compassion, at procuring an 'easy and peaceful' death for the dying should be discarded.

"It is especially the duty of a physician, insofar as he is scientifically able to do so, to alleviate pain and fear wherever they exist. In such situations, the fear of using death as a means during his treatment ought not to inhibit his therapeutic measures. But he can never consider it his duty to cause death.

FRAN UNAMBIGUOUS opinion rests, among other reasons, on the fact that the incurability of his patients cannot always be medically established with absolute certainty, and on the fact that, even granting the hypothesis that incurability could be definitely ascertained, the use of

such methods would result in the concession to the physician of a sort of sovereignty over life and death, a sovereignty which is contrary to his real role, which is to cure. Such a concession would be contrary to his professional traditions, to the public welfare and to the very principles of the 1,000-year-old moral code, which recognizes experience as one of its bases.

## POPE LAUDS THANKSGIVING DAY TRADITION

Rome (RNS)—A suggestion that other nations follow the example of the United States in holding annual Thanksgiving Days was made by Pope Pius XII at an audience to a group of American Congressmen. The audience was the first given by the Pope since his return to the Vatican from his summer residence at Castel Gandolfo.

"It is truly just and right," the Pope said, "everywhere to give thanks to God for the blessings of life, liberty and abundance. The legislative and executive halls of your Capitol have heard, in the days just past, the noble accents of a nation's prayer of thanksgiving to the living God."

To be sincerely grateful for God's gift, Pope Pius added, "commits a public servant to a program, as well as a proclamation."

The Congressional group, members of a subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, was headed by Representative John J. Rooney.

## Hill Town's First Nuptial Mass



The magic of young love and faith of converts brought the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to the mountain town of Manchester, Ky. In the first Nuptial Mass ever offered there, Miss Vanilla Ruth Potter, graduate of Xavier University, New Orleans, and Mr. James L. White, of Texarkana, Ark., were married before an altar in the home of the bride's parents. Rev. Cletus Gillison, M.S.S.T., of London, Ky., performed the ceremony. Lovington Messenger photo. (N C)

## Catholic Employers Urged To Revamp Economic Life

Quebec (NC)—Catholic employers must take the lead in applying principles of Catholic social action to today's problems. Archbishop Maurice Roy of Quebec, told delegates to the fifth annual congress of the Professional Association of Quebec Industrialists here.

To apply the principles of Catholic social action, employers must heed the Church in its efforts to promote associations with mutual respect and cooperation on the part of employers and workers, he said.

AT TIMES it may be necessary for employers to change some of their concepts when the Pope and the Bishops recall to them what their obligations are, Archbishop Roy counseled.

Archbishop Roy spoke following receipt of a message from His Holiness Pope Pius XII and an address by Vittorio Vaccari, secretary general of the Christian Union of Business Directors of Italy.

The letter from His Holiness thanked members for the purpose of their meeting and a message of filial homage which the delegates had sent to the Holy Father. His Holiness recalled the words which he recently addressed to representatives of the International Union of Associations of Catholic Employers meeting in Rome. He urged them to instill into the economic world the principles of Christian social doctrine.

DR. VACCARI declared: "We Catholic employers are convinced that the social doctrine of the Church, and that alone, is prepared to furnish the essential elements for a solution of the social question."

Too often, in some countries he said, business was directed

Sunday Movies

Harrisburg, Pa. (RNS)—Despite the opposition of church groups represented by the Federated Legislative Committee, 58 of 80 Pennsylvania communities approved Sunday movies in this year's elections.

## Rome Trip On Horseback Set

Munich (NC)—Countess Ellen von Hohenau, well-known German horsewoman, plans to go to Rome on horseback to be received in audience by His Holiness Pope Pius XII and present a message from German equestrians.

Also named as defendants were Tito Valdez, Rio Arriba county school superintendent, the Lindrieth school board, Elias Stevenson, school janitor, and the Rev. Estes M. Hardy, Baptist clergyman who serves as a member of the district school in Rio Arriba county.

## Little Girl Shows Dying Refugee Way To Heaven

Frankfurt (NC)—The barracks were crowded with refugees from the East, Germans who had lost everything, men, women and children, destitute people without hope. It was getting cold outside and the blankets were scarce. Catholic Charities was in charge, but their means, too, were limited.

On a wooden stretcher a man was resting, his eyes closed. A nurse stood by him. You could see that she did not know what to do. This clearly was a case where no doctor could help anymore. It was a matter of hours before the poor fellow would pass away.

The camp physician had just left, shrugging his shoulders, and now everybody was looking at this patient—a hopeless crowd at a hopeless man.

Suddenly a little girl, about six years old, stepped up to him. The sick man did not seem to hear her.

"Our Father, Who art in heaven..." the little girl began to pray.

Now the patient looked up, opening his tired, suffering eyes. He noticed the girl and smiled. His lips seemed to move.

"Our Father..." he said weakly.

"Hallowed be Thy name..." continued the girl, kneeling at his side.

The patient fell in with her, and now all the others, too, joined and soon they were saying the Rosary.

No one had been able to help, but the little girl had found a way. By prayer she had shown the way to Heaven to a dying man. Hers was the greatest help a Christian could provide.

## Xavier Medal For Dr. Bunche

New Orleans (NC)—Xavier statesman and scholar, at a special convocation on December 15 it will present its highest award, Dr. Bunche won wide recognition for his handling of the J. Bunche distinguished Negro Arab-Israeli mediation problem.

## School Case Goes To State Supreme Court

Santa Fe, N.M. (RNS)—Plaintiffs in a Lindrieth, N.M., suit who charge that Protestant sectarian doctrines are taught in the town's public school have taken the case to the state supreme court.

The plaintiffs, Ameril D. Miller and Paul Brown, district school directors, filed an appeal after District Judge David W. Carmody dismissed their complaint, except as to two defendants. The dismissal was based on failure of proof.

THEBON ANSON, teacher and Louis J. Cooper, principal, were enjoined from teaching denominational doctrines, although the trial court found they were not guilty of any law violation.

In their complaint, the plaintiffs charged that four teachers used denominational religious books in the school. It was also charged that they distributed Protestant publications to students during school hours, and took part in commencement exercises held in Presbyterian and Baptist churches.

The complaint further said the teachers led prayer of a sectarian and denominational nature at weekly assemblies of the students and that they permitted the preaching of religious sermons to the students.

BESIDES THE four teachers, defendants in the case included Gov. Thomas J. Mabry, as president of the state board of education, Charles L. Rose, state superintendent of public instruction, and Ellen W. Vaughn, state director of certification.

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## Catholic University Gains Affiliations

Washington (NC)—Eleven colleges and high schools have been accepted for affiliation with the Catholic University of America, Magr. P. J. McCormick, rector of the university, announced. They include:

Senior colleges—St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, and St. Albert the Great College, Oakland, Calif.

Junior college—Our Lady of the Ozarks, Carthage, Mo.

Teacher training institutions—St. Joseph Teachers College, Buffalo, N. Y., and Our Lady of Sorrows Teacher Training School, Brockton, Mass.

High Schools—St. Columban's Seminary, Silver Creek, N. Y., St. Joseph's College, Yokohama, Japan, Crozier Seminary, Onamia, Minn.; Cathedral High School, Boston; Cathedral High School, Los Angeles, and Our Lady of Sorrows Convent, Brockton, Mass.

## North China Reds Forcing Apostasy

Hong Kong (NC)—Communist efforts to force Christians into apostasy, which were revealed in detail through the Catholic Press in 1945 and 1946, are now being revived in the Mongolian area above Peiping. News of it has reached here from a missionary in that area. He asks that exact names of places and people involved be withheld to avoid reprisals.

At the same time other news filtering to this city tells of Catholic church services and other activities still continuing in many Chinese areas.

TO FORCE Christians into apostasy the missionary relates, communists are calling together public meetings. A few weaker Christians are persuaded beforehand to publicly renounce their faith. After these recite their lines loud communist-engineered applause follows. These meetings are making a deep impression on the Christians, the missionary relates.

"We converted to Christianity because we had nothing to eat," one apostate said in his public renunciation. "Now we have food and land and do not want to remain Christians."

The pressure to make a public renunciation of faith is especially strong on Christians who serve on village and town committees, the missionary states. Since the initial movement has been accompanied with some success it will probably be promoted on a larger scale, he says.

DESCRIBING OTHER conditions, the missionary relates that church services are permitted in some places but forbidden in others. In one locality the church door has been sealed. In another place daily Mass is permitted but Confession, Baptism, marriages and the other Sacraments are made impossible by the Red authorities. Where church services are still permitted, the priest says, Red agents write down the names of Christians as they enter the church in order to scare them away.

Since the Reds have ruled religion to be a "waste of time," the priests in the area work as coolies.

Excommunication Banned In India

Bombay, India (NC)—The Bombay provincial government has made it illegal for any religious body to excommunicate members. The bill was passed some time ago by the provincial legislature and has just now become law with its signing by Governor Raja Maharaj Singh.

According to the law, any act of excommunication is invalid in the eyes of the government and punishable with a fine of 1,000 rupees (\$190).

## Procession Leads Her Back To Faith

Tokyo (NC)—Many people were interested in the magnificent Procession of the Blessed Sacrament held here recently—but for one woman it was of decisive importance. Now about sixty years of age, she remembered as she watched the procession that she, too, had once become a Catholic, but had drifted away and had not been inside a church for decades.

Moved by something she could not herself fully understand, she attended the Benediction given in the playground of Futaba Girls' School and later approached one of the Sisters of St. Maur in charge of the school, saying that she wanted to "come back." Then and there she fixed the day and hour for her first religious instruction in many a year.

## Leftists Dupe Sponsors Of Spanish Organization

Denver, Colo. (NC)—A number of prominent Denverites have apparently been duped into the sponsorship of an organization known here as the Asocion Nacional Mexicana Americana, or the National Association of Mexican-Americans. Located in the Spanish-speaking section of the city, it is known for Red-tinged actions and communist-sympathizing officers. Few of them are of Spanish ancestry.

Since then many of the sponsors have said that they were innocent dupes of the organization and permitted the use of their names without actually realizing what they were sponsoring. Among these sponsors were two state legislators, three Protestant clergymen and Spanish-American shopowners.

THE MOST important female official is Mrs. Shirley (Billie) Wallinger, who is state secretary of the NAMA. Recently she participated in the picketing of the Denver postoffice in protest against the conviction of the 11 national communist leaders in New York in the company of several Colorado communist leaders.

On an office wall at the NAMA

Leaflets Printed  
New York (NC)—Some 15,000,000 leaflets, designed to spread information about the Catholic Church and combat misinformation spread by its enemies, have been printed by the Vista Maria Press of this city and distributed by volunteers known as Leafleters.

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