

### THANKS FOR THE THOUSAND

"I wish to thank you for the thousand dollar check," writes Father Cyr J. Parent, Provincial of the Marist Fathers, "which the Society for the Propagation of the Faith has sent us from its Leper Fund. I shall apply the proceeds to the leper colonies of the North and South Solomon Islands. We greatly appreciate your kind remembrance of our work—and ask Our Lord to answer the prayer of all those who contributed to the Leper Fund."



The Marist Fathers are among the communities of Sisters working among the lepers. They maintain leprosy colonies in Jamaica, in the Fiji Islands and in the Solomon Islands. In these model leper colonies, the latest treatments are given and every effort is made to provide both recreational and occupational activities. The aim of these is to rehabilitate not only the bodies of the unfortunate lepers—but the spirits also of these unfortunate souls. You can easily imagine how depressing a thing like leprosy can be to a person who has it.

But even lepers can now be helped. Even leprosy! Fromin, arsenone and sulphatone are now recognized as the most helpful treatment for leprosy in all history. So now there is new hope in the Leper Settlements and crowds are flocking to them in droves. But there isn't nearly enough money to pay for treating all those that need the new sulphone drugs. . . . So, will you help them? If you want to make your Christmas happy—make someone else happy.

#### Give to the Christmas Leper Fund

Dear Father,  
I would like to do something to bring new hope and consolation, and new faith, and new medication to the thousands and thousands of lepers in all the Mission Fields! I am sending you \$..... as my contribution—my family's Christmas Gift for the Priests and Sisters to finance the many needs of the Leprosariums—those Priests and Sisters who spend their lives for the lepers—giving them new life.

Name.....  
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### Prelate Lauds Red Ouster In Labor Ranks

Boston — (NC) Organized labor was congratulated here by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston for the way it is cleaning its house of communists. He spoke at the opening session of the Massachusetts State Congress of Industrial Organizations.

At the same time the Archbishop warned that a negative program of ousting communism is not sufficient. A constructive program must replace communist policies and leadership with humane ones, he added.

"I must particularly congratulate your organization and the CIO generally," Archbishop Cushing said. "For the manner in which you have made of 1949 a year of decisive action with regard to those enemies of America and of the humanity who had foolishly chosen the labor movement in the United States as the channel of their infiltration into the national life."

"THE FRIENDS of organized labor here in the United States have always insisted, even when the criticism was hottest, that labor is more than able and completely willing to clean its own house. The friends of labor have asserted that labor is as fully prepared to fight infection within the body of its organization as are the professions, or the universities or the department of government. . . .

"Most of these have begun at long last to clean house and to reorient their thinking, policy and action. Organized labor has not lagged behind. On the contrary, labor has given the lead. While the universities were debating the matter and even government bureaus were talking abstractly about the rights of Reds, the rank and file of workmen proclaimed that there is no right to ruin America and no room for debate about fundamental defenses."

### Catholics Asked To Support Federal Housing

Atlantic City, N.J. (RNS) — Calling on Roman Catholics to support local action in favor of the Federal public housing program, Magr John O'Grady, secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, said here that the next three months will be crucial to the success of the program.

The priest told the annual convention of the Conference that public housing must not be allowed to "bog down in a mess of politics" as it is in danger of doing in some cities. He said the program's potentialities were tremendous if local authorities acted effectively.

### Ireland Appoints Woman Diplomat

Dublin — (CIP) — The appointment of Mrs. Josephine McNail, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Irish Countrywomen's Association, as Ireland's Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary to the Netherlands has been welcomed by the Dublin press with great enthusiasm.

The papers have pointed out that this is the first appointment of a woman to such a high diplomatic position in Ireland's foreign service, though not the first appointment of a woman to a diplomatic post.

### French Prisoners Say Daily Rosary

Paris — (NC) — The extent of spiritual life among the prisoners of Fort de Seclin prison in the Diocese of Lille was evidenced by a statistical report of Abbe Lucger, chaplain of the prison. According to the report, among the some 400 prisoners about 225, or nearly 30 in each dormitory, gather each evening to recite the rosary together. The prisoners group around a crucifix or a statue of Our Lady for the devotion. Those who do not say the prayer, the chaplain reports, keep a respectful silence while the others are praying.

History of Mexico  
Milwaukee — (NC) — "Mexico: A Land of Volcanoes," by Bishop Joseph H. Schlarman of Peoria, will be published in December. It has been announced by the Bruce Publishing Co. here.

### N. Y. Bishop Raps State's Sponsorship of Sex Film

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showing the film in public schools amounted to "an invasion of the rights of parents." Referring to another statement in Dr. Hilleboe's letter "If the Catholic groups wish to have Catholic children excluded from school showings of the film, the Department of Health will be glad to refer to the Department of Education for decision on this matter," Bishop Flannery said that it was the duty of Catholic parents "to see to it that their child is not exposed to this harmful sex education."

"THE TABLET," official newspaper of the Diocese of Brooklyn also censured editorially authorities of the State Departments of Health and Education for their "pronounced disavowal" of the "Human Growth" film for use in public schools.

"This film depicts a bold unabashed naturalistic exposition of sex to a group of boys and girls in a classroom," the Brooklyn weekly stated. "It endorses open presentation and encourages blatant and unrestricted student discussion in the sex lesson. The finer sensibilities and becoming modesty of the pupils are ignored. The script is utterly devoid of moral concepts."

CITING COMMISSIONER Hilleboe's approval of "Human Growth" for use in public schools, "The Tablet" charge:

"Thus, with bland approval and solicitous help, our own State officially helps to launch a new evil. Should this program be permitted to develop unabated, the excesses will increase, multiply and grow worse. Additional more brazen and more revealing films will be produced; there will be an expressed 'need' for displaying the whole gamut to younger, mixed groups. Books for supplementary explanation and discussion will become not only accepted, but required reading.

It is, therefore, to be wondered at that, at the same time officials widely disseminate "sex propaganda," other officials lament the tremendous increase in sex crimes."

"Human Growth" is listed in the State Health Department Library for use of school classes for grades 8 to 9, and adult classes in child psychology, family life education, mental and social hygiene.

As FAR BACK as March 28, 1949, the Catholic Welfare Committee protested the showing of

this film to even high school boys and girls because (1) classroom presentation of sex instruction offends Christian modesty; (2) schoolroom showing of such a film assumes that sex education is a valid part of education for children under the compulsory education law; (3) the film falsely assumes that all children mature at the same time and are all ready simultaneously for the information provided; (4) public school teachers generally recognize their inability to handle such a subject as part of classroom instruction with the added problem of decreasing difficulties for the teacher; (5) it tends to arouse prurient curiosity and is the occasion of sin for many; (6) no number of such films will provide proper or satisfactory sex education which can be realized only through a gradual process in the home; (7) the showing of physical phenomena is not proper sex education without moral teaching and sound guidance to assure proper balance.

Later, on October 13, 1949, the Committee again protested against the indiscriminate dissemination of sex education to children in classrooms. It registered its opposition to the showings of a mixed group of children exposed to a discussion of such intimate matters. The committee pointed out again that the delicate obligation of sex instruction is primarily and peculiarly a parental right and duty and that the State by employing false deficient and dangerous media was usurping parental rights.

Dr. Herman E. Hilleboe, State Health Commissioner, on November 28, rejected the Committee's demand that the Health Department cease distribution of this film for permissive use in the public schools. He disclosed that up to the present, thirty copies of the film had been distributed by the producer, E. C. Brown Trust for use through out the State.

### Native Priest Made Bishop

Wellington, N.Z. (RNS) — The Rev. John Patrick Kavanagh, fifth native born priest raised to the New Zealand Roman Catholic episcopacy was consecrated here as Coadjutor Bishop of Dunedin. McKeefry, Coadjutor Archbishop of Wellington

### BAPTISTS SEEK FEDERAL AID

Birmingham, Ala. — (RNS) — A recommendation that the Birmingham Baptist Association seek federal aid for expansion of its hospital here was made at a meeting of the Association's executive board.

The board adopted a resolution calling for a special meeting of the Association Dec. 14 to vote on authorizing the hospital's trustees to procure such federal aid.

### Boys Town Singers Plan Eastern Tour

Boys Town, Neb. — (NC) — The 50-voice Boys Town concert choir will make an eastern tour during October and November, 1950. It has been announced by Mgr. Nicholas H. Wegner, Boys Town director. The itinerary of the tour would include 336 concerts in Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Michigan, New York, New Jersey

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