

CHICAGO TEENAGERS

Girls Push Drive For Modest Dresses

Chicago — (RNS) — Catholic high school girls here have launched a campaign to induce stores to stock up on less sexy clothes.

The campaign, begun during the summer, got up steam at a meeting held here by 50 girls from the schools. They represented some 25,000 others who are demanding that stores furnish something besides low-cut dresses and strapless evening gowns for them to buy.

Directing the drive is Chicago Inter-Student Catholic Action, whose spiritual head is Auxiliary Bishop Bernard Sheil, head of the Catholic Youth Organization here.

SPONSORS OF the campaign point to the experience of Miss Marlene Born, of St. Francis College in nearby Joliet, Ill., a school affiliated with the movement, as proving that a girl can dress modestly yet still maintain her beauty.

Miss Born was the winner of a beauty contest at the Illinois State Fair held recently in Springfield. In shopping for a gown in Chicago to wear during the judging, she could find nothing suitable that was not strapless.

In desperation she finally bought a strapless gown, took it home and sewed the straps on herself. In the contest, according to Chicago diocesan authorities, she was the only contestant with straps on her gown. She won anyway.

The girls here hope to get one of State Street's stores to form a "fashion caravan" which will tour all the Catholic schools and demonstrate that a girl can be attractive without wearing a low-cut gown.

ALREADY ONE large store on the South Side has laid in a stock of acceptable attire, and the Catholic high schools are taking the almost unprecedented step of distributing the store's "fashion brochures" to their students.

The movement here is part of a larger effort that began several years ago with the slogan "Supply the Demand for the Supply." The slogan means that if enough girls demand high-cut gowns and other acceptable dress the manufacturers and retailers will put them up for sale.

The first battle was waged in New Orleans. In St. Louis 12

Rosary Crusade Scheduled In National Capital



FATHER PEYTON
Washington—(NC)—A family Rosary Crusade will be conducted throughout the Archdiocese of Washington by the Rev. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., founder and director of the Family Rosary Crusade, beginning September 30. It has been announced by Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle.

The crusade will culminate in a rally on the Washington Monument grounds on October 28, the Feast of Christ the King, when Archbishop O'Boyle will dedicate the archdiocese to the Blessed Mother.

Father Peyton, who has been conducting Rosary crusades in the eastern section of the country and Canada during the last several months, will fly to Melbourne, Australia, in November to conduct a crusade there. During his stay in Australia he will be the guest of Archbishop Daniel Mannix of Melbourne.

Journalist Charges:

Blanshard's Phantom Of 'Catholic Power' Like Nazi Phantom Of 'Jewish Power'

Liberals Adoption Of 'Know-Nothingism' Tied To 'Do-Nothingism Toward Kremlin'

New York — (NC) — Current anti-Catholicism of so-called "non-Communist liberals" has been "strangely timed to coincide with anti-Communist resistance of the free world" and "opens the way for appeasement of the attacking totalitarian enemy," according to an article in The New Leader, independent Socialist weekly.

The article, "The Phantom of Popism," by Norbert Muhlen, European correspondent of the Social Democratic weekly, says that "Know-Nothingism directed against the Church is often a mask for Do-Nothingism toward the Kremlin."

"IN THIS MANNER," the new anti-Catholic crusade strongly recalls the sudden rise in anti-Semitic agitation in this country between 1934 and Pearl Harbor. Although the first was mainly supported by the Left, there are deadly parallels between them.

"At a time when many former fellow travelers of Communism professed to be anti-Communists, without wanting to realize it seriously, the phantom of 'Catholic power' fulfilled the same phony function as the phantom of Jewish power' did before Pearl Harbor—it opens the way for appeasement of the 'attacking totalitarian enemy.'"

NOTING THAT "in France and Italy, parties with a predominantly Catholic program, leadership and ideology bear the main burden of resisting the Cominform" and that "in Austria and West Germany, this resistance is carried on in about equal parts by the Social Democrats and the Christian Democrats (mainly Catholics)," Dr. Muhlen declares:

"If anti-Catholic crusaders tell us that the Catholics are enemies, not allies, and that Catholic parties are hardly better than communist parties then their advice means that America must stop cooperating with them; must desert them."

"THOSE WHO propound this line suppress the fact that the Communists also persecute Jews, Orthodox believers and Protestants, and that for America the only alternatives are surrender or resistance to Stalin," according to the New Leader writer.

"The effect of this campaign is to make Americans forget that the Communists are responsible for our principal world tensions. By making Catholics appear equally responsible, an easy escape route is opened for those who do not want to resist Communism."

"SUCH ADVICE, if followed, would clearly deliver West Europe to the communists without a fight."

"Then, it was discovered that the Jews stood for the same things as the Nazis, considering themselves a 'Chosen People' and believing in racism. Today, it is being discovered that Catholics stand for the same things as the Communists—totalitarian world rule and the suppression of the free mind."

"IN BOTH CASES," the equation was a big half-truth, which is not very far from a lie. The effect of the half-truth was to make Americans slacken their resistance to the clear and present totalitarian danger—in 1940.

"By releasing their aggressions against the phantom Catholic danger, the 'non-Communist liberals' avoid resisting the real and present Communist danger that threatens every one of us, Catholics and non-Catholics alike," he maintains.

Colombia Gives New Chapel In Reparation

Bogota, Colombia — (NC) — "Religious action, education and faith are indispensable elements to safeguard the public order and the measure of civilization," Dr. Gonzalo Restrepo Jaramilla, Minister of Foreign Affairs, said in the presentation of the Apostolic Visitation here of a chapel erected through government initiative.

"THIS ACT" symbolizes the cordial relations and open understanding that exist between the government and representatives of the ecclesiastical authorities," the official said.

On April 2, 1928, revolutionary mobs set fire to the residence of the Apostolic Visitation and destroyed it. As an act of reparation, the national government presented to the Nunciature a residence in the center of the capital. It lacked a chapel and one was built on land adjacent to the residence with funds from the national treasury.

"RANGING FROM the central arch of the chapel are inscriptions representing the Assumption and proclamation of the dogma by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII. The chapel is dedicated to the Assumption and Blessed, Pius X. One of the altars is dedicated to the Pope of the Eucharist.

"With the discarding of lay practices that were prevalent during the past century in relations between the Church and State," Dr. Restrepo also said, "it is necessary to return to traditional Catholic practices, which far from fostering strife between them, strongly unite them toward human happiness."

In thanking the nation for the chapel in the name of the Holy Father, Archbishop Antonio Samore, Papal Nuncio to Colombia, said that the undertaking is not only one of "piety and magnificent generosity, but one of high significance. He explained that it symbolized "the serenity and harmony" between the Church and State, and was an "eminent tribute of love for the Holy Father."

Colleges Assesed
London — (NC) — The former home of a Manchester millionaire businessman, Ward Hall, has been blessed and opened by Bishop Henry V. Marshall of Bedford as an extension to the Xavier College, Manchester.

Czech Catholics Get Marriage Dispensation

London — (RNS) — Roman Catholics in communist Czechoslovakia may get married without the presence of a priest because of present difficulties in that country, the Vatican Radio said in a special broadcast to Czech and Slovak listeners.

The broadcast said that weddings could be solemnized and have the full validity of an ecclesiastical ceremony without the presence of a priest if the bride and groom make a statement before two witnesses to the effect that they want to enter into a marriage "valid before God and His Church."

Since the Council of Trent in the 16th century the presence of a priest as well as witnesses has been ordinarily necessary for the validity of a Catholic marriage when one or both the parties are Catholics.

Ad In Newspaper Attracts Converts

Kyoto, Japan — (NC) — A newspaper ad inviting people to study Christianity attracted 80 replies.

The ad was inserted by the Rev. James F. Hyatt, 35-year-old Maryknoll missionary from Seattle and now attached to St. Francis Xavier Church here. Pleased with the success of the ad, Father Hyatt plans to run three similar advertisements on the front page of one of Kyoto's larger papers.

"The crusading bigotry, the scare-mongering misconceptions and the anti-minority stereotypes of the Know-Nothingism are being adopted by liberal intellectuals" in a new anti-Catholicism, which he might call Blanshardism," Dr. Muhlen writes. He says current agitation against Catholics started in the Nation magazine in the late 1940's with a series of articles by Paul Blanshard, who subsequently wrote two anti-Catholic books.

"What is curious about the new, liberalized anti-Catholicism is that this great Catholic menace to democracy has been discovered so recently," he continues. "The sudden discovery of the Catholic menace came about only when the cold war with the Soviets grew hotter, when the Catholics appeared in powerful opposition to Stalin, and when resistance to Communist aggression became a matter of life and death for this country."

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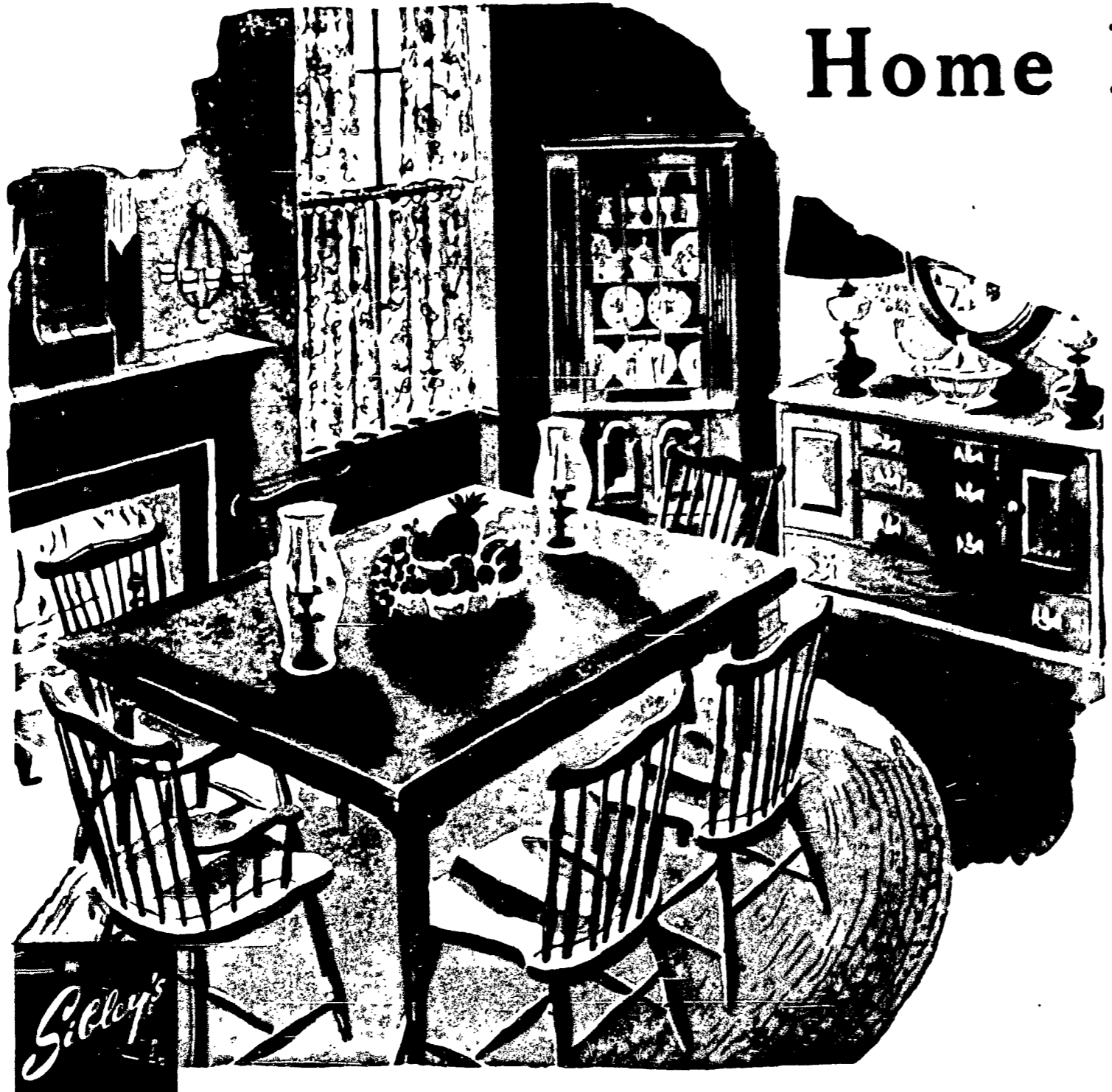
Writer



MYLES CONNOLLY

"Religious experience is the only subject worth writing about." That's the opinion of Myles Connolly, seaman's writer, who is the author of the famous Mr. Blue and the newly published Dan England and the Nocturnal Devil. A writer in all media for over thirty years, Connolly follows the policy that he writes only on "the experience of the human being in the relation of his soul to the world around him, his God and his final end."

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