

On 'Unborn'

Doctors In Britain Uphold Pontiff Stand Against Attacks

(NC) British Catholic doctors, answering attacks by the Pope's recent discourse to the Union of Women, have issued a seven-point statement...

Another member warned of the possibility of conflict between a Catholic doctor's loyalty to his patients and to his religion. In view of these and similar arguments the Guild of St. Luke, St. Cosmas and Damian, in the name of Catholic doctors throughout the British Commonwealth issued a statement on the subject which was published in the London Catholic Herald.

(1) The Catholic doctor who respects all life, mother's and child's equally, is more deserving of trust than the doctor who is prepared to kill the child by performing abortions. (2) WITH THE advance made in modern medicine, a case where the mother would have to be sacrificed to save the child very rarely arises. (3) The Pope's allegation was mainly directed against the abuse of the use of medical grounds for abortion. This has come to seek a pitch that it is only necessary for the physician to say that in any particular case having a child would cause mental trauma and an abortion is justified. (4) The Hippocratic Oath as well as the Fifth Commandment forbid the number of the unborn child. (5) THE POPE pronounced that introduces nothing new and any loss of confidence in Catholic doctors or nurses who have shown skill and devotion to duty in the past is unjustified. (6) The present outcry is partly due to ignorance and partly to enemies of the Catholics who are glad to have an excuse to detract from the good name of Catholic doctors and nurses. (7) The hospitals of this country owe a great debt to the Catholic nurses, many of them from Ireland, without whose help the national health service could hardly carry on. (8) The Rev. Joseph Ryland-Whitaker, B.S., a qualified physician and chaplain of Glasgow University, said yesterday: "An interesting point is that modern obstetric practice is coming more and more into line with the teaching of the Catholic Church. Now only one

New Chaplain Arrives For China POWs

Seoul, Korea — (NC) — The Rev. Thomas Ivo O'Sullivan, O.P.M., a native of County Wexford, Ireland, has arrived on Koje-do island, off the southeast coast of Korea, as civilian chaplain to Catholics among the Chinese prisoners of war. Father O'Sullivan, who labored for 12 years as a missionary in China, speaks Chinese fluently. THE FRANCISCAN Father is the third civilian chaplain engaged by the army to minister to religious needs of Chinese prisoners. First was the Rev. Karl J. Woodberry, Presbyterian, former missionary in Shanghai, China, who took up duty early last April, more than six months before Father O'Sullivan was appointed. A Chinese Buddhist monk, assigned as chaplain to Chinese prisoners, arrived on Koje-do island 12 days before the priest. (The first volunteer for the work of Catholic chaplain to the Chinese was an American priest, former missionary in China, who applied at the end of last March, when Dr. Woodberry's appointment was going through. After four months of waiting, this priest's superior asked that his name be withdrawn so that he might be given a definite appointment elsewhere.) CHAPLAINS ENGAGED for the prisoners of war, Korean and Chinese, now number eight, four Catholic priests, three Protestant ministers and one Buddhist. Three of the priests, the Revs. Roy Petripen of Detroit, Hugh Craig of Minneapolis and James Parley of Brooklyn are Maryknoll Fathers.

Mass Held In Envoy's Home In Moscow



FATHER BRASSARD

London — (NC) — The Rev. Arthur O. Brassard, U. S. Assumptionist priest in Moscow, celebrated a Thanksgiving Day Mass at Spasso House, residence of the U. S. Ambassador in Russia, according to word received here. Members of the American Embassy in Moscow attended the Mass in Spasso House and later were dinner guests of Hugh Cumming, American charge d'affaires, and Mrs. Cumming. According to the latest information available here, Father Brassard, a native of Leominster, Mass., is still denied by the Kremlin the privilege of using the Church of St. Louis of the French for religious services. It is the only Catholic church still open in Moscow and was used by Father Brassard's predecessors for public services. Father Brassard is in Moscow under the terms of the Roosevelt-Litvinov pact of 1933.

Pope Stresses Doctrinal Points In Marriage

Castelgandolfo — (Cable-NC) — Pope Pius XII re-emphasized two points of Catholic marriage doctrine in an address regarded here as an answer to criticisms of his recent talk to Italian midwives. The Pope said that the Church has never taught that the life of the child must be preferred to that of the mother. He said also that the Church permits limiting the number of offspring in a way compatible with God's laws.

SPEAKING TO THE national "Family Front" Congress, the Holy Father said:

"Never and in no case has the Church taught that the life of the child must be preferred to that of the mother. It is erroneous to put the question with this alternative: 'Either the life of the child or that of the mother.' Neither life of the mother or that of the child can be subjected to an act of direct suppression. In the case of the one or the other, there can be but one obligation: Make every effort to save the lives both the mother and the child."

On limiting the family, he said: The Church knows how to consider with sympathy and understanding the real difficulties of the married state in our day. Therefore, in our last allocation on conjugal morality, we affirmed the legitimacy and activity honor society of Catholic women's colleges. The Fletcher daughters are the first sister trio in the organization's 25-year history. Her sisters are Mrs. George W. Campbell, top, and Mrs. John A. McFadden, elected in 1942 and 1947.

Polish Reds Free Jesuit Provincial

London — (NC) — Communist police have released the Very Rev. Edward Bulanda, provincial of one province of Polish Jesuits, after keeping him under arrest for almost three years, according to a report reaching here.

Triple Winners



Anne Fischer, bottom, is the third daughter in the John T. Fischer family of Cleveland to be elected to Kappa Gamma Phi national scholastic and activity honor society of Catholic women's colleges. The Fletcher daughters are the first sister trio in the organization's 25-year history. Her sisters are Mrs. George W. Campbell, top, and Mrs. John A. McFadden, elected in 1942 and 1947.

Dr. Shuster Return From Bavaria Set

Munich (NC) Dr. George N. Shuster, president of Hunter College of the City of New York, is scheduled to return to his post in New York in December. Dr. Shuster is a distinguished Catholic layman and author and has served as United States Land Commissioner for Bavaria since July, 1950.

\$2 Million Expended On Home Missions

Chicago — (NC) — "Splendid spiritual corps" are growing throughout the United States and its possessions because of the Catholic Church Extension Society, Bishop William D. O'Brien, president of the society, reported at its 48th annual meeting here.

PRESIDING AT the sessions, attended by 15 Archbishops and 71 Bishops, was His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago and Chancellor of the society.

Bishop O'Brien, Auxiliary of Chicago, who reported that nearly \$2,000,000 were spent during the year for home missions by the society, said he went on "barnstorming missionary trips" throughout the Nation this year. He declared:

"WE FEEL sure that you are glad to know that the missionary seeds planted by the Extension Society during the past half century are helping to produce splendid spiritual corps in the missionary parts of our country."

During the meeting, Bishop O'Brien announced that Frank J. Lewis, well known Chicago industrialist and a leading Catholic layman, donated \$200,000 to the society for the promotion of home missions in the United States.

New Missionaries Arrive In Japan

Tokyo — (NC) — Among the new missionaries who have arrived in Japan recently there were 12 Jesuits, seven Foreign Missionaries of Paris, six missionaries of St. Columban, six Claretian Fathers, four Missionary Claretians of the Holy Eucharist from Mexico, three Religious of the Sacred Heart, two Dominican Sisters, two Ursuline nuns and two Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.

The six Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Claretians) arrived at Osaka as pioneer members of their community in Japan. The group came from such widely separated areas as the Argentine, Brazil, China, the Philippines and Spain

India Schools Score Victory In Education

By E. J. ANTHONY (Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Ernakulam, India — (NC) — Catholic schools have scored a victory in the 14-month-old educational controversy which threatened the existence of private schools in Travancore-Cochin state.

Under the leadership of L. M. Pyle, new Catholic Education Minister in the state, the government has modified its educational plan worked up by P. Govinda Menon, former education minister.

THE OLD PLAN deprived the management of private schools of the right to choose its own teachers and compelled them to employ teachers from a government-prepared list. Under the old plan, 80 per cent of the fees from pupils was taken over by the state which then paid the teacher's salaries. The government also held to the idea that the teachers were the employees of the state, not of the private schools.

The storm of protests against the old plan included criticism from the leading Catholic Bishops representing the Latin, Syro-Malabar and Malankara rites in the Travancore-Cochin state. Archbishops Joseph Attipetty of Vayapally, Augustine Kardathil of Ernakulam and Mar Ivanios of Trivandrum described the plan as seriously harmful to the Catholic schools in the state. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of India repeated this condemnation earlier this year.

THE MODIFIED education plan, which has now been adopted unanimously by the Travancore-Cochin cabinet, grants those guarantees of autonomy demanded by Catholic and other private schools.

The right of appointing teachers is left to the management of private schools, subject only to the state rules on qualification. The 80 per cent of the fees remitted to the state treasury is kept in the name of the school. If any surplus remains after the government pays the teachers' salaries it can be used by the school as it sees fit. Under the old plan the school had no right to any surplus.

Abp. O'Hara Named Nuncio To Ireland

Rome — (RNS) — Archbishop Gerald P. O'Hara of Savannah-Atlanta, Ga., former regent of the Papal Nunciature in Bucharest, has been named Nuncio to Ireland by Pope Pius XII. It was announced here. He succeeds Archbishop Ettore Felici who died last May.

Archbishop O'Hara was expelled from Romania in July, 1950, by the Communist regime there after having served as regent since January, 1947. Along with two aides he was accused by the Romanian government of supplying British and United States legations and the Turkish embassy with vital military, political and economic information. These charges the archbishop branded as "lies from first to last."

Following his expulsion, Pope Pius XII conferred the personal title of Archbishop on Magr. O'Hara. The 56-year-old prelate is a native of Scranton, Pa., and served as Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia from 1929-35, when he was transferred to the Savannah-Atlanta see.

Baptist Booklet On Vatican Planned

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — Plans for publication of a 16-page booklet outlining the Baptist position with respect to appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican were announced here by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

The initial printing order calls for 100,000 copies, with the committee's goal set at 1,000,000 copies. Written by Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, executive secretary of the committee, the booklet will be distributed among members of all four major Baptist Conventions.

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