

# Mrs. Sanger Going To India, Japan

Bombay, India — (NC) — Mrs. Margaret Sanger, 70-year-old American birth control advocate, is expected to arrive here to lead a world conference on planned parenthood opening in mid-November.

The conference will be opened by Indian Vice-President Randa Krishnan. Among the reported sponsors of the conference is Dr. Albert Einstein, noted American scientist.

THE CONTROVERSY over birth-control continues to occupy the attention of the Indian people. Many regard it as the solution to what they consider the country's "overpopulation."

The opposite side of the case presented here with the publication of a new book, "Family Planning," by C. A. Saldhana, a Catholic educator. The book contains a foreword by Archbishop Louis Mathias of Madras, chairman of the Indian Catholic Bishops' Conference.

The new volume disputes the idea that India is overpopulated. The crux of the problem is that its economic resources are underdeveloped, the author declares. India can increase her agricultural production two to three times to meet growing population needs, he contends.

## Tokyo Visit Called "Monstrous Selfishness"

Tokyo — (NC) — The projected visit of Margaret Sanger, U.S. birth-control advocate, to Japan spotlights the "monstrous selfishness" of the world's land-rich countries, Father W. A. Kaschmitter, editor of Tosei News, a Catholic news agency here, charges.

Mrs. Sanger is coming to Japan as the guest of the Malindi chain of newspapers.

FATHER KASCHMITTER expresses the hope that the newspaper's action in inviting Mrs. Sanger to Japan "will make people of the land-rich countries realize the monstrous selfishness of which they stand accused as well as the monstrous untruth on which the birth-control propaganda rests."

The Tosei editorial quotes "Geography of Hunger" by Jose de Castro, Brazilian scientist, to show that the world could support four billion human beings."

THOUGH OUR age prides itself on its democracy, the editorial says, "it seems to deprive

people of one of the most democratic rights they can have — the right of having children if they so desire.

"Our age also prides itself on its equal opportunities for all and permits land-rich countries to let four-fifths of the arable land of the earth go to waste while some countries 'have not enough land to feed their people,'" says Father Kaschmitter.

## British Birth Control Group Eyes Doctors

London — (NC) — British Catholic doctors were warned to keep an eye on the day-to-day activities of such societies as the Family Planning Association.

Dr. William J. O'Donovan, secretary of the Guild of St. Luke, Cosmas and Damlen, national Catholic medical society, told members that this association was "strongly led" with "persuasive and plausible programs." It is seeking to spread its theories through the medical press and at medical meetings and on local town councils, he said.

The Family Planning Association is the affiliate here of the self-styled International Committee of Planned Parenthood, of New York, which is propagating birth control ideas throughout the world.

## Greek Rite Priests In Slave Labor

London — (RNS) — The Vatican Radio reported that Communist pressure on Catholic priests of the Greek Rite in Eastern Slovakia had taken a new turn.

The station said that priests had been released from concentration camps and were being assigned to heavy manual labor. One of the Greek Rite priests, the Vatican Radio said, had sent a letter from Czechoslovakia declaring that 265 of his fellow priests were employed as laborers in Bohemia and Moravia.

## Church Schools Told To Heed Rural Students

Saginaw, Mich. — (NC) — Urban philosophy dominates Catholic education in the United States, and the Church's traditional fostering of rural living has been neglected.

A change is urgently needed, with many Catholic schools experiment strong elements of discontent among their rural constituents. Moreover, these rural schools "are increasingly helpless in the face of public school competition."

MAKING THESE points, a speaker at the National Catholic Rural Life Conference convention here called for such practical solutions as the "infiltration" technique of relating high school studies to farm living in rural areas.

Dr. Paul Sacco, of St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Iowa, asked: "Should rural people forever be considered as citizens second-class, despite the fact that as a group they have demonstrated themselves to be more zealous followers of Christ, raise the largest families, contribute the greatest measure to our democratic society, and pay the bulk of our pew rents in cities as well as in the country?"

HE SAID THAT "of the 233 colleges and universities under Catholic auspices, only two are making any effort to teach agriculture, and lack adequate facilities. One might better describe their efforts as salutary but feeble."

The layman director of agriculture for the Davenport Diocese added that although the Church in the U. S. has 2,443 high schools, "there is nowhere in America a practical school of agriculture on that institutional level."

## DP Lithuanians Build Own Church

Cleveland — (NC) — An "embassy of God located on a strip of heaven" now stands on a once sordid spot here that was dominated by a roadhouse.

It's the new \$400,000 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, built mainly by some 50 Lithuanians who came to this country as displaced persons.

## Confer On New Curriculum



AMONG PRINCIPALS at the annual Diocesan Teachers Conference this week at Camden Catholic High School were (from left): seated—Sister M. Lenore, O.P., principal of St. Rose of Lima School, Baltimore; Sister M. Ramon, O.P., curriculum consultant, elementary schools, Commission on American Citizenship, Washington, D. C.; standing—the Rev. Charles P. McGarry, diocesan superintendent of schools; Sister M. Jamesetta, S.S.J., dean of the elementary teachers training department, Nazareth College, Rochester, N. Y. (Photo by Lou Carroll).

### PAPER DISCUSSES

## Religious Medals Worn By Teachers In Public Schools

Philadelphia — (NC) — The Catholic Standard and Times, official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, says it has "reason to believe" that the Board of Education here has under study a move to outlaw the wearing of religious emblems by teachers in public schools.

THE PAPER said that "not wishing to put a single member of the Board in an embarrassing position" it has not attempted to verify the report. It added, however, that "whether the matter was discussed or not" the paper wanted to make clear its attitude on the question.

"Please do not go to the ridiculous extreme," the paper said, "of telling your teachers you are opposed to letting your teachers make public whether they are Catholic, Jewish, or anything else."

"YOU SHOULD thank God, in these days of widespread irreligion and unbelief, that you have teachers with the courage of their religious convictions. Please

do not imagine that wearing of such religious emblems is any violation of that 'sacred cow'—the separation of Church and State.

"But if you are still inclined to prohibit such emblems, be sure that you also outlaw every Masonic emblem. It has been our impression that such emblems are far more in evidence in schools, or at least in educational gatherings, than are Miraculous Medals or crucifixes."

Doctor's Chaplain Paris — (RNS) — Father Michael Riquet, famous Lenten preacher at Notre Dame Cathedral here, has been named by the Assembly of French Cardinals and Bishops as chaplain general of the Catholic doctors association of France.

## 'Do-It-Yourself' Aids Mission Work

Baton Rouge, La. — (NC) — A do-it-yourself-and-do-it-cheap savings campaign has been inaugurated among members of Baton Rouge Council, Knights of Columbus, here. It works like this: Instead of paying someone to shine shoes, wash autos, mow lawns or perform other chores, the members take on the work themselves. They've agreed to turn over the savings to Msgr. Herman P. Lohmann, director for the Society for Propagation of the Faith in the New Orleans archdiocese, to help educate 12 seminarians a year for the missionary priesthood.

## Vienna Peace Congress Scored

Lille, France — (NC) — French Catholics have been warned against participating in the forthcoming Vienna Peoples' Congress for Peace by His Eminence Achille Cardinal Lienart, Bishop of Lille.

## China 'Police State,' Says Ousted Priest

Los Angeles — (NC) — A brawny Boston priest, veteran of 22 years in the China missions, packed all the studied analyses of communism into one hammerblow sentence: "Communism means police everywhere."

Father James A. Gately, C.M., speaks from experience. Just one month ago he was inside Red China—being interrogated, examined, inspected and quizzed anytime he turned around. He arrived in Los Angeles Harbor from Hong Kong on the SS Sunnysvale.

"What people in America don't seem to realize is that communism isn't just another economic or political system. It's absolute military control and police surveillance," the veteran Vincentian missionary declared.

"EVERYWHERE YOU go you have to report to the police. Every occupant of every house in China is registered by the police.

"One man in each house is held responsible for all its occupants. The police come and search at any hour of the night or day," Father Gately continued. They have a roster of all occupants of a house. If anyone is missing, or if anyone is unregistered, then there is trouble."

Children particularly are encouraged to spy and inform the police of the movement of people, even those of their own family, Father Gately said.

STATIONED AT Kanchow, Kiangsi, the priest served under Bishop James O'Shea, C.M., of Kanchow, who was recently ef-

pelled from China after being held 212 days in jail.

The missionary told how children are "pumped full" of communist doctrine from morning till night. The Reds use slogans, rallies, meetings, songs, dances, movies—every possible medium—for indoctrination. And they are being successful with the youth, he said.

"America is the Number One public enemy in China. When myself or one of the other Americans still there would walk down a street the kids would run up and simulate a gun with their hands would 'shoot' us down. There's the result of propaganda."

Father Gately told how the Reds had come to the mission and demanded Mass vestments and Sister's habits for use in a parade lampooning religion. The demands were successfully refused.

FATHER GATELY was able to leave China on an exit visa, but not before suspicious Red police conducted repeated searches of his baggage.

What about the Chinese Christians?

"They're on the spot," he said grimly. "But you've got to hand it to them. They're holding up wonderfully."

## China Laitry Finds Ways To Outwit Red Rulers

Hong Kong — (NC) — Chinese Catholics are heroic in resisting Red attempts to rob them of their faith.

This is indicated in a series of stories reaching here.

In a certain Central China city all the priests were either expelled, imprisoned or placed under house arrest. Two priests, who were under house arrest, were allowed a visit only from their former sacristan, a man over 70 years of age, who brought them their food.

But at the same time he brought small hosts which the priests immediately consecrated at a Mass said in their rooms.

"The old sacristan then secretly carried forth the consecrated hosts and distributed them to the faithful who wished to receive Holy Communion."

Each day the priests were allowed to walk along an outside balcony in order to reach another part of the house. The time of their appearance each day was set and the Christians were notified.

Those who wished to receive absolution would gather on a small ridge nearby where they could see the Father as he passed by. He would then turn toward them and give them general absolution for their sins.

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