

# Red 'Family Law' Aimed At Wrecking Parental Authority

London (NC)—The Hungarian Reds have forced a new "family" law on the people, aimed at destroying parental authority, weakening family ties and making youth an easier prey to Marxist indoctrination.

The new law is called the Family Act and became effective at the beginning of this year. It has all the earmarks of being regarded by the Reds as a major weapon in their fight to control youth, which has so far stubbornly resisted Marxist ideology.

THE NO. secret that the communists' failure to attract the young people has been due principally to the sound family life in this traditionally Catholic country, and to the unquestioned authority parents have exercised over their children. The new law aims to change all this.

The Family Act provides that Hungarian children in the future will be merely "supervised" by their parents. In Christian society, parents are responsible for their children and have authority over them until they come of age.

However, in Hungary, the Reds—following the familiar Soviet model—have not only abolished parental authority, but have made even "supervision" acceptable only so long as it coincides with the interests of the State.

THE NEW LAW makes it possible for the State to intervene in any case where parents "misuse" their rights of supervision. It can, for example, be used as a weapon against parents who give their children a religious education, or allow them to come under the influence of "clerical reaction." Its chief targets will be parents who try conscientiously to keep their children from surrendering themselves to communist propagandists both inside and outside the schoolroom.

The Family Act also attacks the foundation of Hungarian family life by making divorce easy. A couple now can be separated "whenever it is in the interests of society or of the children concerned." The law states: "Once the tribunal has decided that these interests would be served, the question of individual or other personal guilt is no longer needed for divorce."

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## Red-Ousted Priests Tell China Trials

Hong Kong (NC)—Father Michael Suppo, S.D.B., Superior, and Father Mario Cuma, S.D.B., headmaster of the Don Bosco Industrial School, Shanghai, were expelled from China under armed guard, after 16 months in prison.

FATHER JOSEPH Jaeggy, S.J., 42, a missionary of Hopei Province, North China, arrived here by ship from Tientsin, expelled from China after three months of house arrest and five months of "corrective" prison labor.

Father Suppo, who is 51 years old, had spent 29 years in China. He said that he had had no public trial but was subjected to general accusations. The school which was a flourishing technical and industrial establishment was taken over by the communists for their own use; it is now jammed to overflowing with students.

In the prison, the Fathers met Mr. Gabriel Quint, Prefect Apostolic of Weihaiwei, Shantung, who limped from having been shackled hand and foot for a period of six months.

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ARCHBISHOP BERAN

## Abp. Beran Declined Bid To Red 'Peace' Congress

Prague (RNS)—Archbishop Josef Beran, ranking Catholic prelate in Czechoslovakia, declined an invitation to attend the recent Communist-sponsored "peace" congress in Vienna, according to Veritas, official organ of Czech Catholic refugees here.

The paper said the Archbishop, who was banished from Prague in March, 1951, because of his "hostile attitude" toward the Communist regime, received the invitation from Zdenek Fierlinger, Czech Vice-Premier and Minister of Church Affairs.

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## Cardinal Backs Efforts For Civic Reform

New York — His Eminence Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, said here that Catholics wanted to "integrate our own institutions and agencies with efforts of the community" to promote civic reform.

THE CARDINAL said it was "heartening to observe" statements by President Eisenhower, Protestant Episcopal Bishop Horace W. B. Donegan of New York, and other public-spirited citizens, on the need to strengthen spiritual and moral forces "basic to good citizenship."

Bishop Donegan recently called upon all religious leaders here to join in spearheading a fight against "civic unrighteousness" and the "evils" in the city's housing and schools. He asked that they join in forming a consultative group whose purpose it would be to lift the moral tone of the community.

IN HIS statement, Cardinal Spellman said: "Naturally, we also advocate practical programs to raise the living standards of families by insuring them adequate incomes, housing, education, health and other facilities."

"In the present acute concern with the social problems confronting our community, we are pleased to avail ourselves of the opportunity presented by the statement of Bishop Donegan to give renewed expression of the awareness on the part of Catholics of these problems, as well as of our continued determination to contribute with all the spiritual resources at our disposal to their solution."

## Church Advances In African Areas

MEMBERS, British East Africa—Roman Catholics in British East, West and Central Africa have increased by more than 400,000 in the past year, it was reported by the Apostolic Delegation here.

The Delegation is headed by Archbishop David Mathew, a former Auxiliary Bishop of the English archdiocese of Westminster.

The report said there were now 4,312,781 Catholics in the African Dioceses under the jurisdiction of the Delegation, compared with a total of 3,912,514 in 1951.

Figures from the missions in the territories showed the following break-down: Kenya, 388,433; Uganda, 1,171,990; Tanganyika, 846,094; Nyasaland, 308,598; Northern Rhodesia, 287,182; Sudan, 101,939; Nigeria and British Cameroons, 834,235; Gold Coast and Togoland, 356,468; Sierra Leone, 14,824; Gambia, 3,018.

## Readers, Editors Of Catholic Press Hailed By Pontiff

The following Catholic Press tributes from the Holy Father, is the result of a recent incident at the Vatican.

Never before has a Pope addressed particularly the editors of the Catholic Press and the millions of readers of the Catholic Press on the occasion of the traditional American Catholic Press Month of February.

Recently, Bishop Thomas K. Gorman, Coadjutor of Dallas and Episcopal Chairman of the N.C.W.C. Press Department, was received in special audience by the Holy Father, taking with him the Director of the N.C.W.C. News Service and the staff members of NC covering the Consistory.

Bishop Gorman, a former Catholic press editor himself, used the occasion humbly to suggest some message of encouragement to the Catholic Press. His Holiness, tremendously buoyed with the great cordiness of the Consistory, nevertheless gave new evidence of his special interest in the Catholic Press by promising such a message if it were at all possible in those pressing times.

Washington (NC)—His Holiness Pope Pius XII has personally extended his "whole-hearted, paternal commendation" to those who cooperate in the work of the Catholic Press.

## Catholic Census Gains In Scotland

Glasgow (RNS)—Roman Catholic Church membership in Scotland increased 4972 during the past year to bring the total to 753,435, according to the Scottish Catholic directory for 1953.

Catholics number about one-sixth of the total population, the directory said. It disclosed that over 70 per cent of Catholics are concentrated in the western industrial counties of Dumbarton, Argyll and Renfrew, which include Glasgow and the Clyde areas.

Glasgow, the largest Scottish archdiocese with 324,020 Catholics, accounted for the major part of the increase—3,007. The directory said there was a gain in ten parishes, bringing the total number throughout the country to 343. They are served by 1,038 priests, 15 more than the previous year.

## Paulist Fathers' History Written

St. Louis (NC)—The story of the founding and early years of the Paulist Fathers is told in a new book by a man who has personally known all but seven members of that community since its establishment.

He is Father Joseph McCorsley, C.S.P., a Paulist for 61 years. In "Father Hecker and His Friends," published here by the B. Herder Book Company, he sketches the lives of the five converts who started America's first community of priests and of the five other members of the Paulist "first generation."

## Indian Named School Coach

Winnebago, Neb. (RNS)—Thomas F. Harden, the first homeless Indian boy to enter the St. Augustine's Indian Mission here 10 years ago, will return to the Roman Catholic institution as its first full-time athletic instructor.

The Rev. Frank Hulaman, director of the Indian Children's Village, said Mr. Harden, now 21, is enrolled at Notre Dame University where he is studying for a degree in education. Young Harden was an outstanding athlete in high school.

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