

Federal Allowances To Families Urged

Philadelphia—(RNS)—Government subsidies for families of three or more children were urged by the National Catholic Family Life Conference at its 21st annual meeting here.

The subsidy plan was proposed by the Rev. Francis J. Coney, S.J., of the Institute of Social Order in St. Louis. It was then made part of a general statement adopted earlier by the delegates.

In its statement, the Conference said it believed that a national family allowance would do much to alleviate many of the serious hardships that beset many American families, making the living of a normal married life exceedingly difficult for them.

FATHER CONLEY in an extensive treatment of the subject, suggested monthly payments of \$12 for the third child in every family, \$10 for the fourth and \$8 for the fifth and each succeeding child. Thus, a family of six would receive \$38 monthly. "A country that can afford nine billion dollars a year on alcohol," the priest said, "can certainly expend approximately two billion for the care of its children." He estimated that this program would cost roughly \$100 million but said it would benefit perhaps 30 million children.

While conceding that the plan might be privately financed, he said it was most logical to make it a single, national, and federally financed and administered system.

"**THERE MAY** stir up talk of Socialism or Statism, but I think we can meet the challenge," he said. Father Conley added that government subsidies for families was not a new idea. "Since 1920, when the first comprehensive family allowances law was passed in Australia," he said, "the idea spread throughout most of the civilized world. In 1945 some 75 countries

White Fathers Belleville, Ill. — (NC) — The White Fathers will move their midwest house of studies from nearby Swansea to Chicago. It has been announced by Bishop Albert R. Zuroweste of Belleville.

Catholic Men To Convene In St. Louis

St. Louis, Mo. — An expected 500 delegates from all parts of the U.S. will gather in St. Louis on April 10 for the 33rd annual meeting of the National Council of Catholic Men.

The three-day event will be centered around workshops designed to answer problems in communications, civic and social action, family life, legislation, public relations, youth and religious activities. The workshops are scheduled for Saturday afternoon, April 11.

ALSO INCLUDED in a preliminary program, released at NCCM headquarters in Washington, D. C., are general sessions featuring guest speakers, conferences, religious observances and a final sports treat — a St. Louis Cardinals-St. Louis Browns baseball game.

Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston will deliver an address at the NCCM banquet and will celebrate a Mass for delegates in St. Louis Cathedral on Sunday, April 12. Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis will welcome delegates in an opening general session.

Chinese Priest Beaten To Death By Reds

Hong Kong — (NC) — The death of a Chinese priest at the hands of the communists is being hailed by Chinese Catholics as a true case of martyrdom.

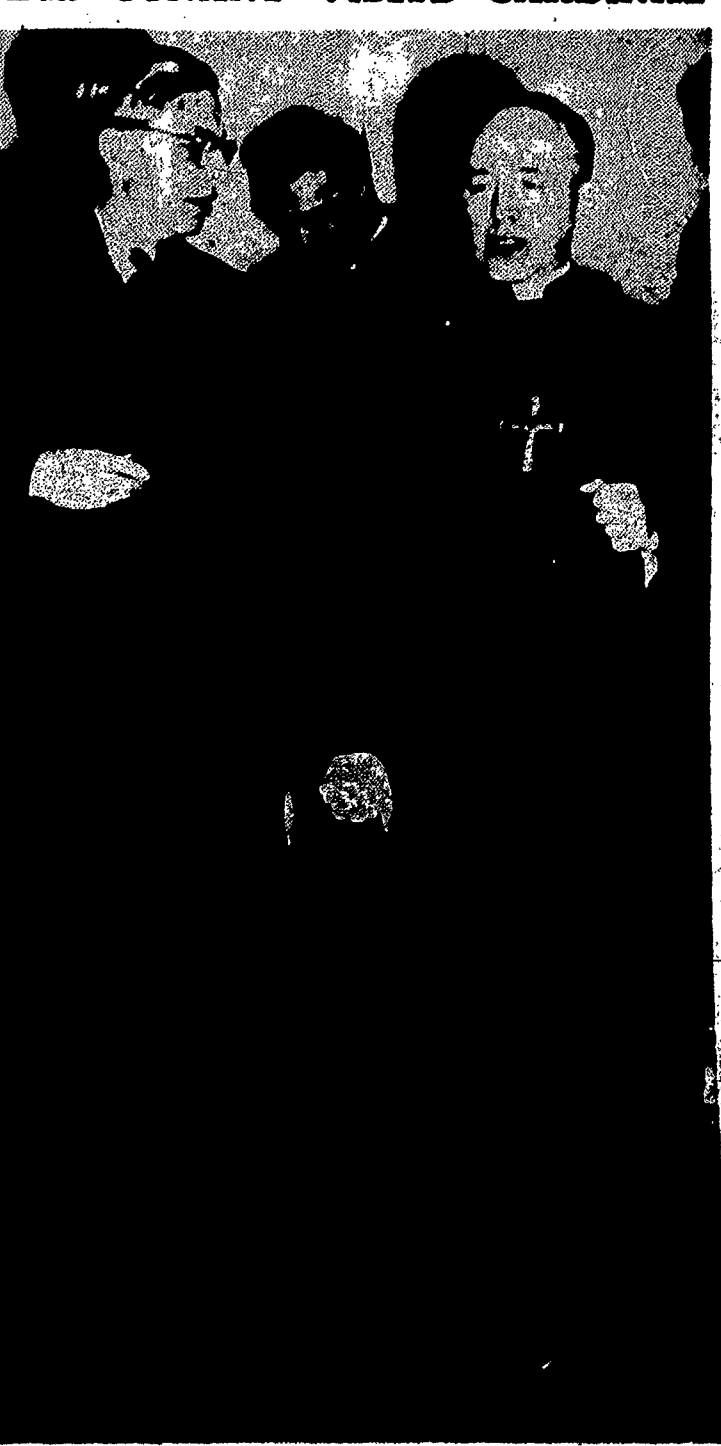
Although Father Paul Chang, a member of the Chinese order of the Disciples of the Lord, was beaten to death by the Reds nearly two years ago — on June 14, 1951 — the news has just reached here.

According to the reports, Father Chang had been unable to carry out his duties at his mission church, and so returned to his home in Tungshan, Hunan.

At the time of the land reform movement in Hunan, Father Chang and another Chinese priest were offering Mass in a private house. The communists raided the house, dragging the two priests outside and charging them with holding a secret meeting. The two clerics were beaten mercilessly, and while Father Chang died from it, the other priest recovered, was jailed for 14 months, and then released.

Father Chang's followers maintain the only reason he was killed was that he was saying Mass.

DR. CONANT VISITS CARDINAL



Munich, Germany — His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Wendel, Archbishop of Munich and Freiburg, is shown with Dr. James B. Conant, U.S. High Commissioner for Germany, during a courtesy call the latter made on the prelate at his residence here. Dr. Conant was on a two-day official visit of Munich in his capacity as High Commissioner. (Religious News Service Photo)

Dubuque Seminarians Learn Farming

Dubuque—(NC)—Half of the help support the institution and 97 acres attached to Mt. St. Ber. to give the students some first hand knowledge of the problems for productive agriculture, to of midwestern farming.

Former Anglican Nuns Join Catholic Sisterhood

Auckland, New Zealand — (NC) — Four former Anglican nuns arrived here from the British South Solomon Islands to enter the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny in Auckland. Three are from the New Hebrides and one is a European.

They come from a community of 13 Church of England nuns in the South Solomons and the New Hebrides who were received into the Catholic Church in 1950 after they had made an intensive study of Catholicism.

THE WHOLE community has been accepted by the Mother General of the Sisters of Cluny, whose motherhouse is in Paris, France. In the group which arrived here were Mother Margaret Wilson, the superior, Sister Agnes, Sister Anne, and Sister Marietta.

Mother Margaret, who is a cousin of the widow of the late Dr. William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, entered one of the oldest Anglican orders of nuns, the Sisters of All Saints in England in 1911. In 1929 she was asked to form a community for missionary work in the South Solomons.

Her first foundation was a school and dispensary at Ngela in 1941, with two native Sisters. She established another school in the New Hebrides. The war interfered with the work and the second school was closed for the duration. The native postulants were sent home.

Immediately after hostilities ceased the Sisters returned and carried out their work as Anglican nuns until 1950 when the question of entering the Catholic Church was thoroughly studied by the whole community.

WHEN BISHOP John M. Aubin, S.M., Vicar Apostolic of the South Solomons, was informed of the nuns' decision, he advised them to remain at their own school at Ngela until the Anglican authorities had personnel to staff it. However, the Sisters were ordered to leave and went to Valsale to the novitiate of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate, a congregation of native Sisters founded by Bishop Aubin. There they spent six months studying under Father D. Moore, S.M.

The European Sisters were received into the Church on December 29, 1950 and were followed by the native Sisters after completion of their studies in March, 1951. Bishop Aubin joined them into the Pious Union of the Oblates of the Cross and assigned them to a school at Heliara in his Vicariate.

Sister Veronica, a New Zealand member of the community, came to Auckland last year and after spending some time with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny, recommended to her own community that they should seek admittance to that order. Following the consent of Mother General of the Sisters of Cluny, the whole community, except two Europeans who are entering other Orders, will come to Auckland for their novitiate.

THE FIRST group of native Sisters were rather bewildered on their arrival in Auckland. Used to going barefooted, they felt uncomfortable in their shoes, which they had been wearing for only two weeks. Sister Anne still bears on her cheeks the tribal tattoo marks she received as a girl. She is 34 years of age and has been an Anglican professed nun for 17 years. Sister Marietta, aged 36, has been professed for 19 years and Sister Agnes, aged 28, for 8 years.

The remainder of the community will arrive in Auckland next September to enter the Sisters of Cluny.

Japanese Priests Form Mission Band

Osaka, Japan — (NC) — Bishop Paul Taguchi of Osaka has set up a special "mission band" of Japanese priests to meet the needs of various diocesan parishes and to work among non-Catholics.

Included in the group—which will give lectures, retreats and missions—are four priests of the diocese who are members of the diocesan radio committee.

What's A Religious Program?

Bishop Sheen's TV Role Stirs Debate

St. Louis—(NC)—What constitutes a religious program on the airwaves? The question has become a very practical one here. Station KSD-TV has declined to carry Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's weekly "Life Is Worth Living" television show. The station contends that it is a commercially sponsored religious program and never has KSD radio station or KSD-TV accepted religious programs on a commercial basis.

BISHOP SHEEN and his sponsor, the Admiral Corporation, have always insisted that the program is not a religious one merely because it emanates from a Catholic Bishop. They say it is a philosophical and cultural program. The St. Louis Register, news-

paper of the St. Louis archdiocese, says this week that it has been deluged with letters on the question "not a few very intemperate in tone and unfair to KSD-TV." As a result, The Register published a lengthy account covering all sides of the question, including an exchange of letters between Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis and George M. Burbach, general manager of the station.

The story made it plain that KSD and KSD-TV have been fair in coverage of Catholic events—carrying the Catholic Hour on the radio, sending a correspondent to Rome for the 1948 consistory when the late Cardinal John Glennon was elevated, and telecasting the Easter Mass from the Cathedral.

THE ARCHBISHOP in a letter to Mr. Burbach said the inquiries were "multiplying daily" asking why St. Louis does not get Bishop Sheen's television program and hoping that KSD-TV could arrange to carry it.

Mr. Burbach's letter said that for 1952-3 KSD-TV had made arrangements to have the Bishop's program filmed to be shown as a Sunday morning program, but the plans were dropped when the program became sponsored commercially.

The Register story points out that KSD-TV, St. Louis' only TV outlet, is a National Broadcasting Company affiliate and has commitments with that network. Bishop Sheen's telecasts are carried by the Dumont television network.

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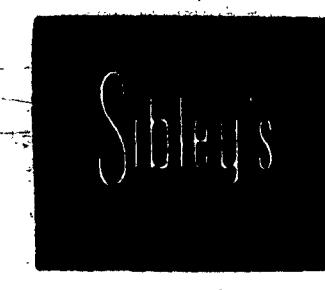
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