Pope Urges Workers To Defend Morality

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Pius XII took time during the first public audience he had held in St. Peter's Basilica since the Holy Year to exhort several thousand Italian working people present on the use of speech.

The Christian workman knows when to speak and when to keep silent, he said, and doesn't talk about or allow others to discuss topics at work he would not allow discussed in the presence of his mother or wife. The Holy Father said that at other times, however, it is necessary to speak out — but always with charity to avoid showing or arousing discourtesy or worse.

"YOU MUST know how o speak when conscience demands that you defend truth and justice," the Holy Father declared.

"This supposes that each of you acquire the courage of your own ideals, convictions and actions. It likewise means that without ill will for anyone, you will know how to react with strength whenever in your presence there is talk or action against religion and morality or against legitimate state authority."

Addressing a group of Italian government workers in particular, the Pontiff urged them "to work well" and not "lose time in useless gossip." He said also that state employees should act promptly in handling public records and in serving the public.

HIS HOLINESS urged the working people to set up a defense against the systematic calumny of priests and the Church. Finally, he said, "you must know how to talk when your zeal discovers nearby a soul in need of your apostolic efforts. A little comfort, explanation or word of encouragement — perhaps even at times a friendly and discreet word of reproach — may enlighten the mind and move the will, and can move a heart which seemed insensitive and cold."

An estimated 15,000 persons attended the papal audience. The Holy Father appeared to have regained the spirit of the old days before his illness as he chatted with first Communion children and some of their elders. He spoke to the entire throng in six languages, seated on a special throne erected at the Confession in the basilica.

'Torch Of Peace' Tours Germany

Bonn, Germany — (NC) — Candles before altars of the Blessed Virgin are being lit from the "torch of peace" being taken throughout Germany during the month of May.

It is the fourth annual torch procession sponsored by the German Catholic youth organization. The torch was lit on May 1 from the constantly burning light before the shrine of the Madonna at Altenberg, near Cologne, headquarters of the German youth organization.

The procession — at times numbering as many as 10,000 youths — is making its way from diocese to diocese and parish to parish throughout the country. Wherever it passes, candles are lit from the torch and placed before statues of the Blessed Virgin in homes and churches.

The torch itself is regarded as a symbol of peace and the procession is aimed at inspiring prayers to the Blessed Virgin during May for world peace.

According to the plans of the Catholic youth group, this "flame of peace" will be carried to the borders of neighboring countries where it will be taken in procession by Catholic youth groups there. The flame will also be handed across the borders of Communist-ruled East Germany to start a similar pilgrimage there.

Bowling Alleys

Washington, D. C. —(RNS)—A bill to exempt from the Federal amusement tax billiard tables and bowling alleys operated by religious and charitable organizations has been introduced in the House by Rep. Henry O. Talle (R.-Iowa).

BISHOP BYRNE'S ROSARY

Maryknoll, N. Y.—Bishop Raymond A. Lane, superior general of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America (Maryknoll Fathers) (seated), shows Father Frederick C. Dietz, secretary general of the order, a Rosary used by the late Bishop Patrick J. Byrne, Apostolic Delegate to Korea. Last seen alive in the summer of 1950, Bishop Byrne a Maryknoll missioner from Washington, D. C., was arrested by North Korean soldiers when they ooccupied Seoul soon after the invasion of South Korea. He died while in the hands of the Korean Communists. Msgr. Thomas Quinlan, Prefect Apostolic of Shunsen, recently released from a North Korean internment camp, has disclosed that he dug Bishop Byrne's Rosary from his dead hands and dispatched it to Maryknoll headquarters here. (ENS Photo).

Catholic Church In North Korea Said Wiped Out

Paris — (NC) — The Catholic Church no longer exists in North Korea, Father Celestine Coyos, Paris Foreign Missionary recently released by the North Koreans, testified here.

All the North Korean Catholics who could do so have fled to South Korea, he said. The native priests were either jailed or killed. All foreign missionaries were placed under arrest.

The 45-year-old priest, who was the only one of 13 Paris Foreign Missionaries to survive Communist captivity, had plenty of experience with the death of missionaries under the Reds.

He told of the horrible privations of the "death march" along the Manchurian border, adding: "I saw Father Paul Villemot die on Nov. 11, 1950; Father Antoine Gombert on Nov. 12; Father Julien Gombert on Nov. 13; Bishop Patrick Byrne, the Apostolic Delegate, on Nov. 25; Father Joseph Cadars on Dec. 18 and Father Joseph Bulteau on Jan. 6, 1951." All, except Bishop Byrne, were fellow Frenchmen and fellow Religious of the Paris Foreign Mission Society.

THE OTHER PARIS Foreign Missionaries arrested with Father Coyos who were either killed by the Reds or died in captivity are: Fathers Jean Colin, Marius Cordesse, Pierre Leleu, Joseph Molimard, Phillippe Perrin, Desire Polly and Robert Richard.

Pre-School Children Ignorant Of Prayers, Nun's Survey Shows

Cincinnati —(NC)— The family is shifting the burden of religious instruction to schools. That is the conclusion of a Cincinnati parochial school Sister after a survey of first-graders which revealed that only one-third of whom were familiar with the Our Father.

The children did not have to know the prayer, Sister pointed out; they only had to indicate that they had heard of the "Our Father" and knew what it was. Other findings from the questioning of 614 boys and girls:

Only two-fifths had any knowledge of grace before meals; two-thirds did not associate Christmas with the Nativity; children of mixed marriages received less pre-school religious instruction than those of Catholic parents.

Among children of mixed marriages, the child with a Catholic mother had better religious training than the one with a Catholic Father. But the knowledge was still slight.

For instance: 64 per cent of the children of Catholic parents were acquainted with the Sign of the Cross; only 9 per cent of the children of Catholic mothers knew it; and the percentage of children of Catholic fathers familiar with the Sign of the Cross was only 4 per cent.

Sister's conclusion: The young mind of the pre-schooler, receptive and eager to learn about God, is not getting the knowledge it seeks.

The survey was made by Sister Ann Raphael Jordan of the Sisters of Charity as part of a thesis for a degree of B. S. in education.

Legislature Kills Birth Control Bill

Hartford, Conn. — (NC) — The controversial birth control bill has been killed for the remainder of the current session of the State General Assembly.

The public health and safety committee of the legislature by a vote of 11-to-8 voted to table the measure. Three weeks ago the committee reported the bill favorably with a stipulation that it be submitted to a State-wide referendum. Legislative Commissioner Elmer W. Ryan, however, advised that a referendum could be held only on a constitutional amendment. The committee then voted to table the measure.

The bill would amend the 74-year-old provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes by allowing physicians to give contraceptive advice to married women in cases where health or life would be endangered by pregnancy.

Oblate Novena Prayers Now In 4th Printing

Essex, N. Y. — (NC) — The leaflet "Novena Prayer" to Our Lady of Hope," published last June by the Oblate Fathers, is now in its fourth printing. The leaflet has received wide circulation in the United States and has been introduced by Oblate military chaplains to both European and Asiatic theaters.

Blaze Damages Trappist Abbey

Pecos, N. M.—(NC)—A fire of undetermined origin caused an estimated $10,000 damage to the Trappist Abbey of Our Lady of Guadalupe here.

Discovered in the early afternoon by one of the Brothers while the monks were in the church chanting the Divine Office of None, the fire gained rapid headway and destroyed an uninsured frame building housing garden tools, winter clothing and other equipment.

Bishop Arnold Finds Morale Good In Korea

Dallas, Tex. — (NC) — William R. Arnold, [illegible] egate to the U. S. [illegible] said here that the [illegible] American troops in the [illegible] is all right, but he is [illegible] by the "moral deterioration" among our own people.

The Bishop recently returned from a tour of U. S. troops in the Far East made with [illegible] clergymen at the request of Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson. He celebrated Mass [illegible] on Easter at an American base in Korea.

In an interview with the Texas Catholic while visiting here, Bishop Arnold indicated that America is worried too much about Russia and not enough by the moral corrosion at home. "We feel more concerned with what is happening to our own people than with what cooks in Russia," he said.

"Wherever the people have had a real experience of communism they do not like it."

QUESTIONED about the morale of U. S. servicemen overseas, he replied:

"The morale's all right. The non-commissioned officers and the officers in the lower ranks have no time to think of the politics of the Korean war. They are busy with assignments all their waking hours. Only at the upper levels is there much thought given to what it's all about.

"I'm not as much worried about our armed forces as I am about the immoral pagans in the United States. It is here that immoralities start that have to be curbed in the services."

The 72-year-old prelate said that Japan has a Communist problem, as does The Philippines. "Wherever you find a lot of poverty, the people will fall for promises of something to eat," he declared.

Praising the Korean people as "intelligent, gentle and appreciative," Bishop Arnold said the American troops in Korea are "very much attached" to them, and are generous, especially to the children.

Paper In Streets Would Pay For Church

Missionary Nun Deplores American Waste

Cleveland — (NC) — A nun whom Queen Elizabeth of England recently honored with the Order of the British Empire feels that her religious life makes her "the richest woman in the world," and cringes at the thought of the waste Americans seem to take for granted.

She is Sister M. Teresa, a native-born British Guiana Sister of Mercy, who is on her first visit to this country. She is here on a three-month leave from the government-supported Indian mission school at Santa Rosa, British Guiana, where she has taught for 42 years. Just about everyone she has met in this country so far has been a Catholic, she says, so she doesn't see why the United States worries so much about communism.

"America must be a very rich country, judging from the great amount of paper that I see on your city streets," Sister Teresa said in an interview here. "I am almost tempted to stop and gather it up and ship it back to British Guiana where I could get ten cents a pound for it.

"Soon the new church which we so badly need in Santa Rosa would be a reality, just from the sale of America's waste paper."

New Vicar General

Duluth, Minn. —(RNS)— The Very Rev. Lawrence J. Kerich, O.S.C., has been appointed Vicar General of the American Vicariate of the Canons Regular of the Holy Cross (Crosier Fathers).

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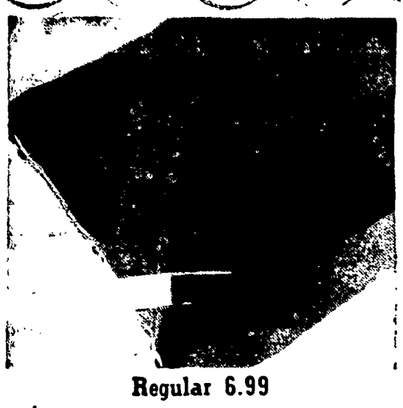

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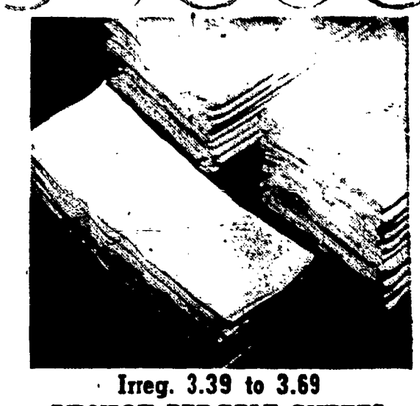

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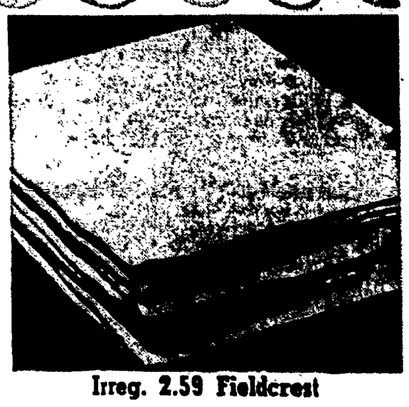

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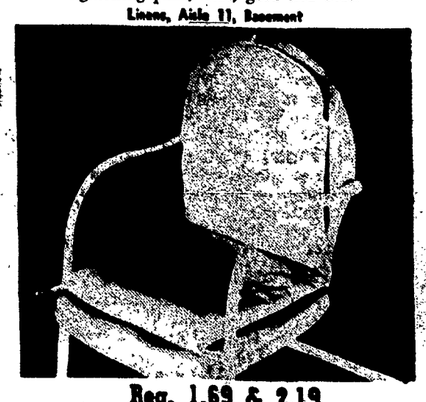

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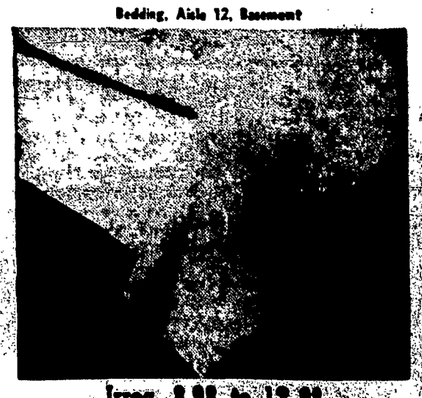

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