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### Eugenic Bans On Marriage Usually Unjust, Says Pope

Castelgandolfo — (NC) — Except in a few cases, a ban on marriage for eugenic or genetic reasons is "unjust," Pope Pius XII this week told delegates to an International Symposium on Genetics.

The delegates held their meetings in Rome and then were received in audience by the Pontiff at his summer residence. The Pope was introduced to the Pope by Dr. Luigi Gedda, president of the symposium and director of the Institute of Medical Genetics which was opened in Rome. A recognized authority on twins, Dr. Gedda is also director of Italian Catholic Action.

**THE POPE'S** address dealt particularly with the question of banning marriage or marriage relationships for persons with hereditary diseases.

"It is a duty to bring before those suffering grave hereditary diseases the responsibility they are assuming with regard to themselves, their married partner and their offspring and that this responsibility might become intolerable," the Pope said. "But to dissuade is not to forbid."

To justify the sterilization of such persons is to pretend that the right of marriage and the acts which it implies are not damaged by sterilization, the Pope noted. "Such an attempt at justification is doomed to failure," he said.

**THE POPE** stated the cases in which a ban may be licitly placed on marriage in these words:

"When one so suffers from a hereditary disease that he is not capable of conducting himself humanly and as a consequence cannot contract marriage, or later is incapable of exercising the right acquired in marriage as a free act, then it is licit to prevent him from procreating life."

Outside of these cases a ban on marriage or marriage relationships is unjust, "whoever may be the person who imposes such a ban, whether he be a private person or a public authority," the Pontiff declared.

### Alumnae Establish 'Founders' Fund'

Cincinnati — (NC) — The International Federation of Notre Dame Alumnae voted at their 11th triennial convention here to set up a fund to help speed progress of the canonization of Blessed Julie Billiart, foundress of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

In establishing the "Blessed Mother Julie Fund," the alumnae group decided to press Mother Julie's cause both spiritually and materially. Virginia Jones of Philadelphia, a graduate of Notre Dame Academy there, was named chairman of the fund.

### 19 Days On Arctic Coast Lost Missionaries Found Unharmed In Alaska

Edmonton, Alta. — (NC) — Missing for 19 days on the bleak Arctic coast, two Oblate missionaries and four Eskimo companions have been found apparently unharmed.

The missionaries are Fathers Maurice Metayer and Henri Tardy, both natives of France who have been serving in the far northern missions of Canada for several years.

The party left Read Island on Aug. 12 for Coppermine. The trip was expected to take them 2 1/2 days. When they became overdue a Royal Canadian Air Force plane was sent out from Vancouver to join in a search for them.

The missionaries and Eskimos were spotted at the mouth of the Harding river, 70 miles west of Read Island. They waved empty gasoline tins at the plane, apparently indicating they had run out of gasoline. The plane was unable to land but parachuted emergency supplies sufficient to last them for several days, during which overland and sea parties were to go to their rescue.

### Vatican Newspaper Scores Lavish Party At Biarritz

Vatican City — (NC) — Lavish frolics such as the recent \$85,000 party at Biarritz "have no justification" and "are a mocking, insulting challenge to misery and tragedy," according to an editorial in Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper.

A challenge to civil dignity in their barbaric moral and material disorders, they are an abuse of riches which have been obtained nobody knows how," the newspaper went on.

**SUCH AFFAIRS** are a "challenge to Christianity because of their heathenism," Osservatore said.

(The Marquis de Cuevas, a grandson-in-law of the late John D. Rockefeller, paid most of the \$85,000 to \$100,000 expenses for the Biarritz party, which was sponsored by a group of French Basque coast towns to publicize themselves as resorts. Some 2,000 guests and crashers attended the exorbitant 18th century costume ball, ignoring communist signs scrawled on Biarritz walls saying "Down with aristocracy" and "Remember the revolution.")

"Newspapers are speaking about the Biarritz party, which excels that of the Palazzo Labia for luxury, bizarreness, and prominence of guests, as well as the expense involved about 600,000,000 lire," Osservatore said.

"Another lavish post-war party was given in Venice's Palazzo Labia a year or two ago."

**"SOME PAPERS** speak of it as a curiosity. Others declare everything is to the advantage of tourism and to the benefit of laborers of all trades. Others deplore in sharp terms.

"The latter are accused of demagoguery of incentives to class hatred."

"Those who have been responsible for the so-called demagoguery and who offered the incentive to class hatreds are forgotten."

**THOSE WHO ARE** infatuated forget that tourism increases with the opening of artistic centers, the promotion of exhibitions, organization of concerts, competitions, and sports meetings, giving work to laborers in exactly the same way and with the same outlay of money, which is much better spent.

"Parties such as the Biarritz one have no justification nor can they be explained."

"They are a mocking, insulting challenge to misery and tragedy."

"A challenge to civil dignity in their barbaric moral and material disorders, they are an abuse of riches which have been obtained nobody knows how."

"They are a challenge to Christianity because of their heathenism," said Osservatore Romano.

### Archbishop Ritter Scores Missouri School Bus Ruling

St. Louis — (NC) — A ruling by Missouri Attorney General John M. Dalton that public school funds cannot be used for transportation of parochial or private school children has raised a barrage of protest from Catholic leaders.

Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis scored the ruling as "arbitrary and undemocratic," while the presidents of the Archdiocesan Councils of Catholic Men and Women denounced the action as a discriminatory one which penalized children because of the consciences of their parents.

**THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S** ruling was based on two recent decisions in which the State Supreme Court voided two amendments authorizing transportation of private school pupils at public expense, which had been adopted by the legislature in 1953.

Archbishop Ritter condemned the new ruling in a talk following the dedication of a new parochial school in suburban Webster Groves. The Attorney General's interpretations, he said, should awaken Catholics and non-Catholics alike "who believe in fairness and justice not only to protest but to take positive steps to remedy the situation."

Charging "a clear violation of the principles of democracy," the Archbishop declared, "surely it is not democracy to discriminate among a group of children standing alongside a public highway by picking some of them up and refusing others because they do not go to State schools."

"It is not necessary to appeal to the emotions of our people to awaken them to the injustice of the present situation in our State on Missouri," Archbishop Ritter asserted.

"It would indeed be a blot on the fair name of our State if its citizens deliberately refused to provide for a certain group of children's safety and protection on hazardous highways as they go to and from school simply because their parents, loyal and self-sacrificing citizens, and because of convictions of their conscience, send these children to religious schools that conform in every respect with the exception of religion to the best standards of public instruction."

### Complaint On Nuns Dismissed In Public School Case

(N.C.W.C. News Service)

Woodstock, Ill. — Six Franciscan nuns no longer are involved in the Johnsburg school case, which stemmed from one non-Catholic mother's objection against their teaching in the public school there.

Circuit Court Judge Bernard Decker dismissed the case against the nuns after it had been shown that they had no connection with the school. Whether the case against the remaining defendants—the Johnsburg school board and the State of Illinois—also will be dismissed is to be decided Oct. 29.

The lone objection against the nuns teaching in the school came from Mrs. Dorothy N. Larson, a Lutheran and mother of two. After she instituted her suit, the Chicago branch of the American Civil Liberties Union decided to support her case.

**JOHNSBURG** is a predominantly Catholic community. The majority of its residents are German-American stock. Last year, the Johnsburg public school had 194 pupils, 152 of whom were Catholics. Mrs. Larson sent her two children to the school.

In her suit, Mrs. Larson charged that the constitutional guarantee of separation of church and state had been violated by the school board, the State and the nuns through use of the nuns as teachers as well as by having Catholic textbooks and statues in the school.

John Loose, of counsel for both the nuns and the school board, said the town's non-Catholic mothers held a meeting and none but Mrs. Larson objected to the nuns teaching in the school.

After Judge Decker had dismissed the complaint against the nuns, counsel for the school board and the State argued that the question involved had become a dead issue and that the complaint against the board and State should be dismissed too. It is this question Judge Decker will decide Oct. 29. He gave counsel for the defendants 20 days to file written briefs on the question and counsel for the plaintiffs 30 days to reply.

### Missioner Held By Chinese Reds

Hong Kong, (NC) — A French priest is facing trial by the Communists in Canton on charges of spying, black marketing, possessing arms, and helping "reactionaries" to escape, according to word received from Red China.

He was identified as Father Pierre Narbais of the Paris Foreign Mission Society.

Father Narbais, reported arrested Aug. 25, is said to be one of two foreign missionaries still in Canton. The other is identified as Father Richard Kennedy, an Irish priest.

### Kinsey Report Condemned By State Women's Union

Strong exception was taken to Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey's recently published "Report on the Behavior of the Female" by members of the New York State Branch, National Catholic Women's Union at the annual convention held in DeWitt Clinton Hotel, Albany over the Labor Day weekend, delegates reported on their return this week.

The resolution follows:

"We wish to register objection to this supposedly scientific study, not only as Catholics, but simply as American women, whose innate sense of decency rebels against the vicious attack made so cunningly by Dr. Kinsey against basic womanly modesty and chastity.

"We challenge the claim that Dr. Kinsey's study is scientific. It betrays a glaring lack of thoroughness and objectivity without which no study can claim to be scientific.

"The real objective of the publication, we believe is revealed in the kind and extent of the publicity given it prior to its issuance. Dr. Kinsey's latest effort on the psychology of sex is thinly veiled and reckless attempt to pandor to moral depravity. It bids well to do irreparable harm, especially to the youth of our nation."

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