

Modern Society Degrades Man's Dignity, Say Bishops

(Continued from Page 1) and collectivism, "both of which are rounded in false concepts of liberty—either the unfettered liberty of individualism, which gives the individual the right to ignore the person by absorbing him into a race or class, thus destroying his freedom of choice. . . .

ity also lends dignity and importance to his labor, the Bishops continued. "Labor is not something to be detached from the rest of life," they said. . . . It is bound up with leisure as an avenue to cultural enrichment. . . . It is bound up with the soul's development and with salvation. "The worker is not a hand as tends; not a shretashretashrill individualistic capitalism contends; not a stomach to be fed by the commissars, as communism things; but a person who through his labor establishes three relations: with God, with his neighbor, and with the whole natural world."

Bishop Gannon Elevated To Archbishop Rank



ARCHBISHOP GANNON

Marian Year Prayer

Vatican City (NC) — Vatican authorities made public the text of a prayer for the Marian Year personally composed by His Holiness Pope Pius XII. It makes special intercession for the protection of the Church and the sanctification of her members.

"The prayer is to be read in Italian by the Holy Father at special ceremonies on Dec. 8 in the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome marking the opening of the Marian Year. Released on the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the official English translation of the prayer reads:

Enraptured by the splendor of your heavenly beauty, and impelled by the anxieties of the world, we cast ourselves into your arms, O Immaculate Mother of Jesus and our Mother, Mary, confident of finding in your most loving heart appointment of our ardent desire, and a safe harbor from the tempests which beset us on every side. "Though degraded by our faults and overwhelmed by infinite misery, we admire and praise the peerless richness of sublime gifts with which God has filled you, above every other mere creature, from the first moment of your Conception until the day on which, after your Assumption into heaven, He crowned you Queen of the Universe. "O crystal Fountain of faith, bathe our minds with the eternal truth! O fragrant Lily of

Report Lists Catholic Aid To Refugees

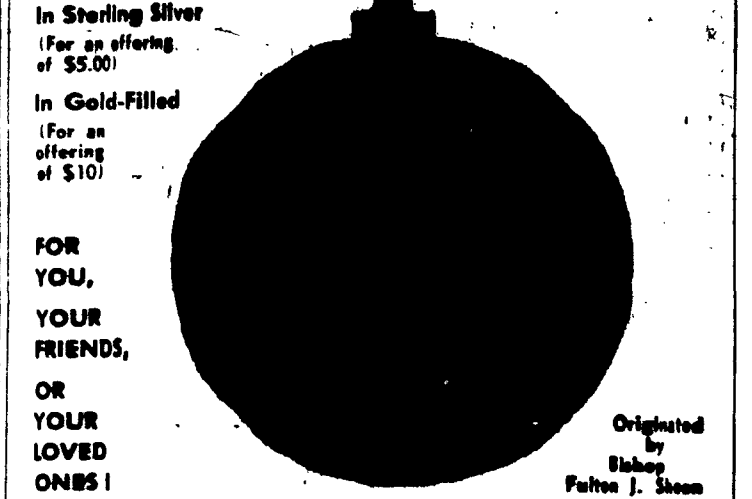
Washington — (NC) — Generosity of American Catholics during the last year enabled War Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference to put into motion a program of aid for refugees and others in need in all parts of the world which eventually reached a total value of \$32,196,813.

This disclosure was made by the trustees of the American Hierarchy's relief agency, now in its tenth year of operation, in an annual report to the nation's Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops, holding their annual meeting here.

Principal sources for carrying out the vast relief program, the report stated, were contributions from the American people. . . . Native vocations gain in Africa. Nyugina, Tanganyika, Africa — (NC) — Twenty-nine native seminarians are studying for the priesthood and 16 girls are preparing to become Sisters in the Prefecture Apostolic of Musoma, according to Magr. J. Gerard Grondin, Maryknoll missionary who is serving as Prefect Apostolic.

made by American Catholics to the annual Lastare Sunday campaign of the Bishops' Fund for Victims of War and to the annual Thanksgiving clothing campaign, in addition to surplus supplies made available by the U.S. government. The basic contribution of the Bishops' Committee made it possible to command millions of dol-

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Maryknoll Dean Osnating, N. Y. — (NC) — Sister Mary de Paul, former dean of Maryknoll Teachers college, died at the Maryknoll Sisters Motherhouse (November 17) after an illness of several months.

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And even worse. For though it tries to thrive in such a vacuum, education can never really be neutral in practice. . . . Education must inculcate a religious and moral outlook, or it will inculcate a materialistic one. The Bishops summed up their statement in this conclusion: "Only by regaining our reverence for God can we of America in the 20th century rediscover both our own value and the solid basis on which it rests. We must at the same time expend every effort to see that this dignity is reflected in our sense of duty, made aware of itself by education nurtured by society, guarded by the state, stabilized by private ownership, and exercised through creative activity."

Washington — (NC) — The personal title of Archbishop has been conferred on Bishop John Mark Gannon of Erie by Pope Pius XII. It was announced here by Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States. Elevation of Archbishop Gannon brings the total of Archbishops in the United States to 35 including seven now holding the title ad personam. The honor came as Archbishop Gannon's diocese is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of its Foundation. Long a prominent member of the National Catholic Welfare Conference administrative board and Episcopal Chairman of its press department, Archbishop Gannon often represented American Bishops on important projects for the church in foreign lands.

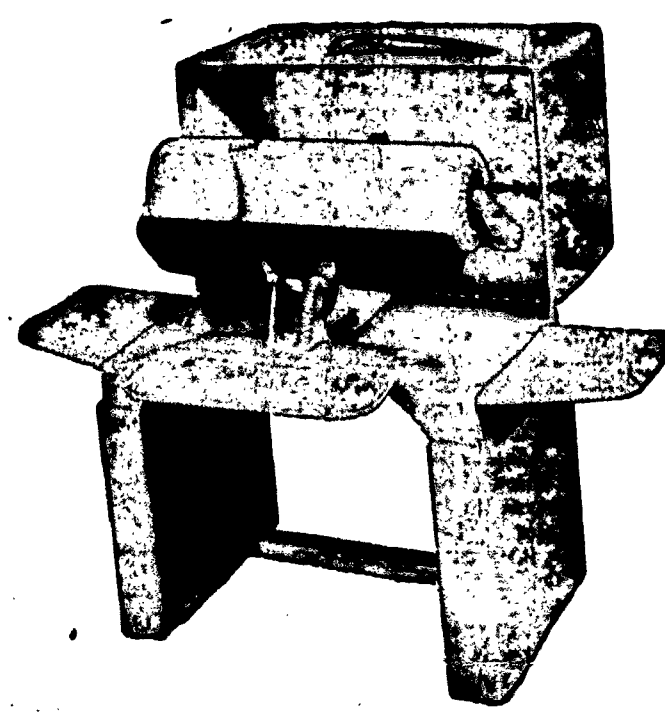
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Gen. Austria — (NC) — Communist school authorities in Croatia, Yugoslavia, are preparing to "crack down" on Catholic children in state-controlled schools who still cling to their religion despite edicts to indoctrinate them in atheistic Marxism. This was indicated in reports here of a three-day closed meeting of school inspectors and headmasters in the People's Republic to discuss the situation of the Catholic pupil. . . . Speakers at the meeting complained especially that many teachers in the state schools attend Mass regularly, and thus have a "bad effect" on the mind and character of the children. They said that this was one of the main reasons why the "progressive" program has not yet fully penetrated the classrooms. . . . One of the chief decisions of the meeting was to submit to the Minister of Education in the Croatian provincial government a list of 150 church-going teachers who were recommended to be dismissed or retired on grounds of "inefficiency." . . . The same official complained that during an inspection of schools in the village of Krasic and the neighboring district he found many school children carrying rosaries.

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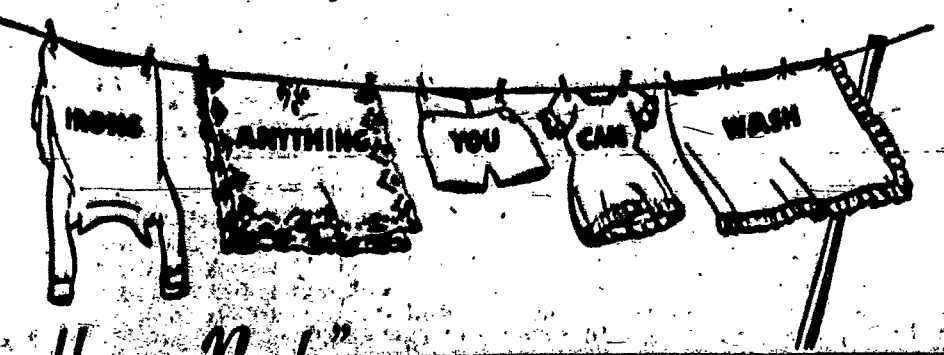
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