

## Will United States Peddle Birth Control With Foreign Aid?

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Washington—(NC)—Will the United States seek to peddle birth control as its extends its aid to foreign countries?

This question suggests itself as a private agency with headquarters in this city prepared to celebrate its 25th anniversary. Spokesman for the agency said in a published statement:

"Somehow birth rates must be brought into balance with falling death rates in those agrarian lands which have not yet felt the full impact of modern technology. . . . Many of those in charge of our foreign aid programs are beginning to understand this problem. The public is now beginning to see that overpopulation in such areas endangers all aid and technical assistance programs and threatens the maintenance of peace."

THE AGENCY in question has a record of advocating birth control as a solution to what it calls the serious problem of overpopulation. Its public ity carrying the above statement by its director lists as members of its board of trustees William Vogt, national director of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America; Samuel W. Anderson, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for International Affairs; Donald J. O'Connor, director of the Office of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and Mrs. Guy Irving Burch, historian, Department of National Defense.

The late Dr. Guy Irving Burch, founder of this agency, the Population Research Bureau, Inc., declared a short time before his death: "It is generally agreed by students of population that the most important element of any program of population limitation is the discovery or invention of a simple, safe, and inexpensive means of birth control that can be effectively used in rural districts and in industrially backward countries."

Assistant Secretary of Commerce Anderson recently circulated Population Bulletin, the periodical of the bureau, to some of "the intellectual elite," urging them to "join the dedicated band" who are immersed in the population problem. He said his interest in this matter "has no connection with my official office," but he nevertheless used his official stationery in the Commerce Department to make his appeal.

How much this agency will be able to influence this Government's practices in extending foreign aid remains to be seen. But its spokesman complains that technical programs are drastically reducing death rates almost overnight while traditionally high birth rates remain high because no effort is made to lower them.

THE SPOKESMAN said that 25 years ago the cause for worry was about the threat of population decline in western industrial countries, but today it is about "the dangers of an ever-increasing overpopulation in the underdeveloped areas of the world."

### Cardinal's Brother Gets Canada Post

Ottawa—(NC)—Jules Leger, Canadian Ambassador to Mexico for the past year and brother of His Eminence Paul Emile Cardinal Leger, Archbishop of Montreal, has been named Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, it was announced here by Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent.

In this position, Mr. Leger will be one of the chief assistants to Lester B. Pearson, Canada's Minister of External Affairs. Mr. Leger, who is 41, had the distinction of being Canada's youngest Ambassador.

### Pope Gives Rosary To Nurse Heroine

Paris—(NC)—Genevieve de Galard, French nurse who remained with the wounded at Dien Bien Phu after its capture by the Communists and was later released, has been given a gold and amber rosary by His Holiness Pope Pius XII as a token of his high regard for her courageous charity, it has been announced here.

## Latin American Girl Scouts Visit Here



New York—Girl Scout Guides and Guilders from Latin America countries show their pocket Rosaries to Miss Philip J. Furlong of the Church of St. Thomas More here, Catholic adviser to the National Girl Scouts of America. The girls, who are spending the summer in New York State as guests of the Girl Scouts, national organization, were given a luncheon here. They are left to right, standing: Monique Blanchard of Port-au-Prince, Haiti; Maria Jose Cavalcanti of Pernambuco, Brazil; Ana Maria Leite de Bahia, Brazil; and Janine St. Cyr of Martinique, Lesser Antilles; Seated: Tatienne Piter and Madeleine Gabriel of Guadeloupe, Lesser Antilles; and Elena Lyon of Colon, Panama. (RNS Photo)

### Priest Assists Miner Trapped Underground

London—(NC)—A young priest crawled more than half a mile underground at Blantyre, Lanarkshire, Scotland, to attend a trapped miner. The priest, Father Thomas Barry, struggled through a tunnel in places only three feet high to reach the man, Peter Rooney, pinned under tons of rubble with only his head and right arm free. Another man lay dead a few feet away.

### 'Death March' Survivor Ordained Jesuit Priest

Richmond, Va.—(NC)—An ex-GI and survivor of the "death march," Father Francis L. Bowler, S.J., offered his first Solemn Mass here. The 34-year-old priest recently ordained at Woodstock, Md., was interrupted in his early seminary training by the bombing of Pearl Harbor. A native of the Philippines, where his late father was in the U. S. Government service, he was a student at a Jesuit seminary in Manila when the attack occurred. "However, there was some argument between the Japanese Army and Navy as to which had jurisdiction over me, so nothing happened," he said. After 14 months he was released in a general army amnesty because he was a native of the Philippines.

## Cloistered Nuns Absentee Votes Ruled Invalid

Santa Cruz, Calif.—(NC)—Local attorneys observed that a unique legal precedent affecting California's cloistered religious orders may have been set here. They referred to the invalidation of absentee ballots cast in the June 8 primary by 15 Poor Clare nuns of St. Joseph's Convent in nearby Capola.

INCUMBENT County Assessor Ronald Mellon, running behind in his race for re-election when the ballots were opened, issued the challenge. It was upheld by Deputy District Attorney Ray Scott.

Mr. Mellon contended that the nuns did not meet the two conditions under which absentee ballots may be voted: 1) Absence from the precinct on the day of election, or 2) physical incapacity to reach the polls. After two hours of checking through law books, Mr. Scott declared: "There's nothing in the law providing absentee voting privilege to persons incapable of going to the polls for religious reasons." He agreed with Mr. Mellon that confinement to a convent did not constitute physical incapacity.

Informed of the challenge, the Mother Superior of the convent said there would be no protest. The Poor Clare nuns at Capola have been voting for years in Santa Cruz County via absentee ballot. Mr. Mellon's challenge was the first ever made of this practice.

### Authorities Void Ban On 'Miriam'

Buenos Aires, Argentina—(NC)—The father of a little girl was upheld by judicial authorities here in a fight to name her Miriam, although the name is not Spanish and a 1945 decree forbids inscribing "exotic" names in the civil records. Dr. Mariano Grandoli, an official charged with protecting the interests of minors, ruled that though not Spanish, Miriam is a venerated name given to the Virgin Mary in some Arabic and Hebrew texts. Pointing out that this is the Marian Year and that Argentines have been traditionally devoted to the Mother of God, the official added that "the child who bears the name of so holy a patron is particularly fortunate."

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## Abp. Rummel Denounces 'Right To Work' Statute

Baton Rouge, La.—(NC)—Louisiana's so-called Right-to-Work bill, repeatedly denounced by Archbishop Joseph P. Rummel of New Orleans, was signed into law by Gov. Robert Kennon after final passage in the State Legislature.

With the new law, Louisiana became the 17th state to bar the compulsory union-shop. In signing it, Governor Kennon declared that the bill "secures to every man and woman in Louisiana freedom of choice."

THE UNITED LABOR Organizations, formed to fight passage of the measure, issued a statement declaring that the act is "strictly a compulsory union-shop law" which "outlawed any kind of union security and will very seriously affect the economy of Louisiana, if enforced."

Archbishop Rummel had taken a vigorous stand against the bill, asking for its defeat both in his responsibility as Archbishop, and in his capacity as a private citizen, "solicitous for the moral, social and material welfare of all his fellow citizens." He had also sent Father Louis J. Twomey, S.J., of Loyola University of the South, to testify against the bill in his behalf before the State Legislature on several occasions.

WHILE PERMITTING freedom to join a union, the law bars the compulsory union shop, under which all employees of a plant or concern having a union contract must join the secreted union within a certain time after being hired. This closed shop, under which only union members may be hired, is already illegal under provisions of the federal Taft-Hartley Law.

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### Kansas City Prelate Named Archbishop

Washington—(NC)—The personal title of Archbishop has been granted Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara of Kansas City by Pope Pius XII.

He is the ninth of thirty-seven United States Archbishops to hold the title "Ad Personam."

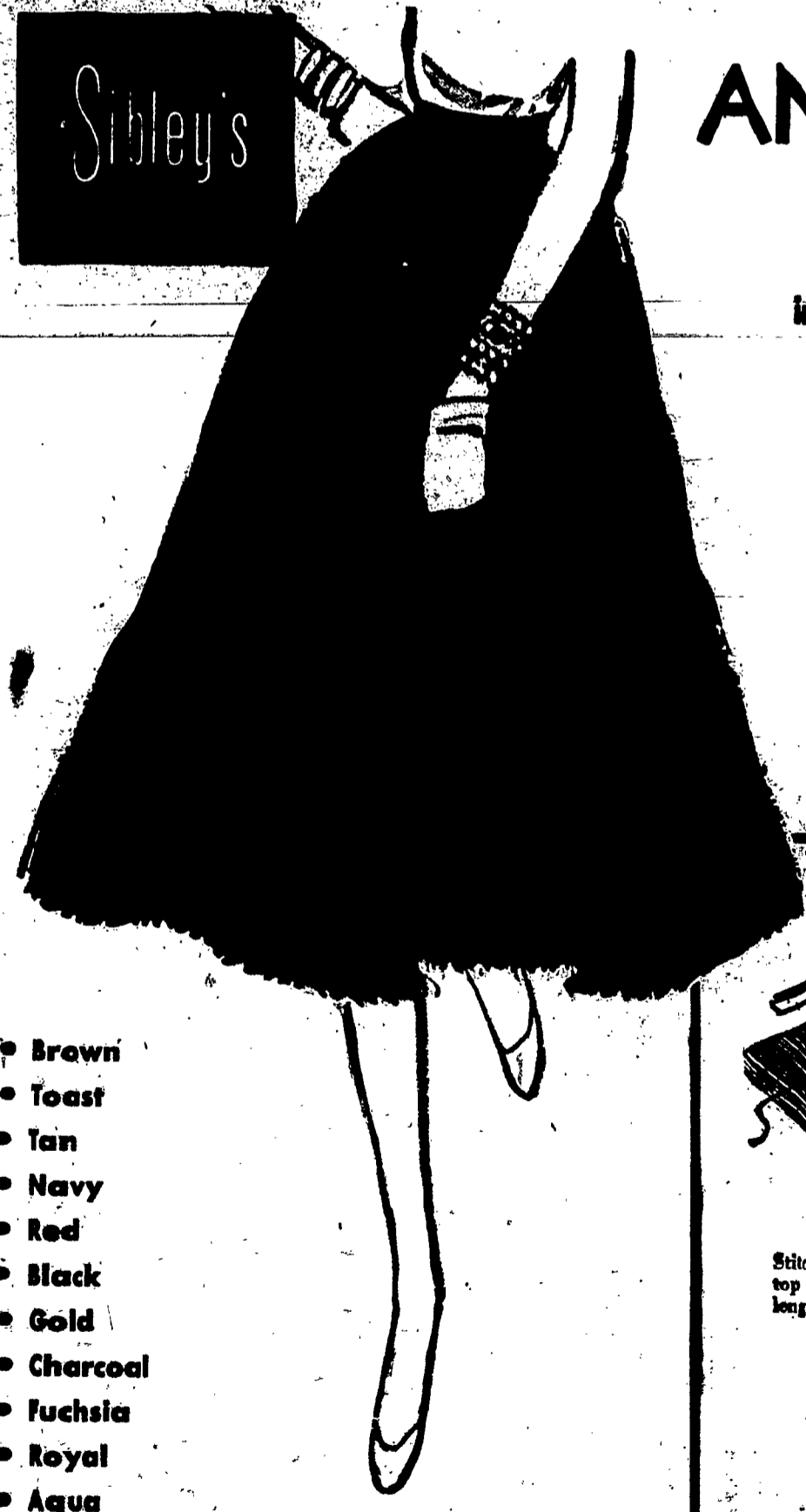
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