

Catholic Doctors

'Test Tube' Baby Practice Scored

Atlantic City, N. J. — (NC) — Officers and delegates at the Federation of Catholic Physicians Guilds annual meeting here took vigorous exception to a recent statement of the American Society for the Study of Sterility, which held that artificial insemination is a "completely ethical, moral and desirable form of medical therapy."

DISAGREEING WITH the statement on every count, the Catholic doctors said artificial insemination is a direct violation of the rights, privileges and duties of married life and, therefore, an attack on the very stability of society itself, which they as doctors are pledged to support. "This fact alone," the Catholic doctors said, would make the practice unethical and immoral, and hence reprehensible rather than a "desirable form of medical therapy."

The findings of the American Society for the Study of Sterility were made by a group of 500 medical doctors.

The Catholic physicians contended that "mutual consent" had no decisive bearing on the ethics and morality involved. The Catholic doctors said that they would defend seriously if the promoters and supporters of the "test tube" baby idea have weighed the long range psychosomatic and legal implications of their crusade.

THE CATHOLIC physicians noted that an Illinois Superior Court judge in a decision in a "test tube" baby case said that "donor insemination, with or without the consent of the husband, is contrary to public policy and good morals and constitutes adultery on the part of the mother." The judge also said: "A child so conceived is not a child born in wedlock and is therefore illegitimate."

The position of the National Federation of Catholic Physicians Guilds was made plain by Dr. Melvin F. Yelp of Cleveland, O., newly-elected president of the federation.

Dr. Yelp, who resides in Euclid, O., a Cleveland suburb, is a member of the Cleveland Guild of the federation. He is a graduate of Western Reserve Univer-

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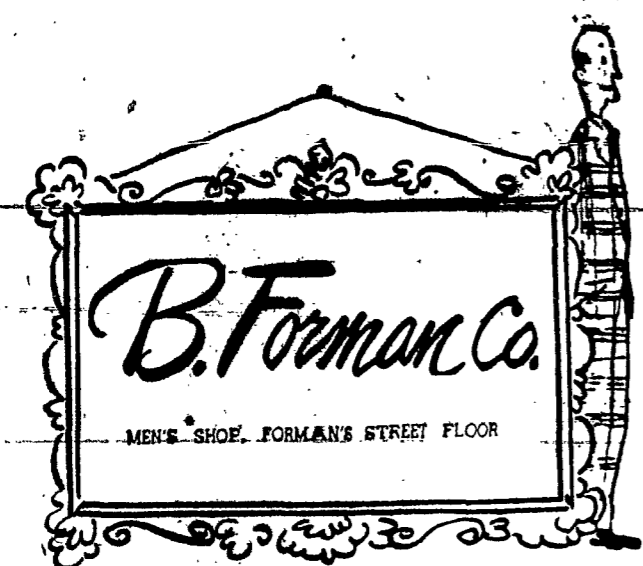
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'Glacier Priest' Sails To Arctic

Seattle, Wash. — (NC) — Father Bernard R. Hubbard, S.J., sailed from here for Juneau, on the Coast Guard cutter Storö for another summer of exploration in Alaska.

This will be the 29th consecutive year in which he has traversed the northland.

The "Glacier Priest," who is a member of the Santa Clara University faculty, will operate from a camp near Juneau. With him are 20 Eagle Scouts from the San Mateo, Calif., area.

Cardinal's Home Stoned, 400 Catholics Arrested

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which is to open in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on July 17. There were no disturbances here on the feast of Corpus Christi itself, but reports from Cordoba stated that some 40,000 persons gathered in the square in front of the cathedral, there after a mass and started a procession when police intervened to disperse them.

ACCORDING TO an announcement by the Interior Ministry, 297 Corpus Christi processions were held in provincial centers, despite the ban on outdoor religious demonstrations. Police authorities had denied permission for an outdoor Corpus Christi procession which had been planned for Saturday here. Church officials had conferred with Interior Minister Angel Gabriel Borlenghi and Federal Police Chief Miguel Gambra in the hope of persuading the authorities to relax the government's ban. They were told that

Peron Charges Denied By Catholic Office

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blamed Catholics for hoisting the Papal flag alongside the Argentine flag on the Congress Building. Father Aguirre said the action symbolized "the spiritual unity of the Church and State."

He added that the Church was universal — not international — and therefore "the Vatican can hardly be called a foreign State in the literal sense of the word."

Describing incidents outside the Buenos Aires Cathedral on Sunday evening, Father Aguirre said that Catholics there formed a human cordon in front of the church and withstood a barrage of stones until they were forced to retreat into the cathedral for their own safety. The resistance by this group, Father Aguirre said, was "purely passive."

HE SAID that some of the crowd around the cathedral, including many worshippers, eventually sought refuge in the adjoining episcopal residence. Among them, he said, were Dr. Thomas Casares, well-known Argentine Supreme Court member.

Father Aguirre estimated that over 400 persons fled for safety to the residence of Santiago Luis Copello, Archbishop of Buenos Aires. He said that about seven persons were injured in the "siege" by stones which also smashed windows of the residence, outside of which fire engines were parked "ready for any emergency."

Commenting on the charge that marchers in the Corpus Christi procession had broken the windows of the La Prensa and Democratic newspaper offices, Father Aguirre said this happened after the main procession had ended and the metallic blinds of the windows had been raised.

Catholics Protest Belgian School Bill

Brussels — (RNS) — Roman Catholic members of Belgium's Lower House walked out in protest as the chamber passed, at its final reading, the Socialist-Liberal government's bill to reorganize the educational system and cut subsidies to Catholic and other private schools.

The proposed reforms, which will now be debated in the Senate, have aroused bitter protests among the country's Catholics. Mass meetings and demonstrations against the bill have been held in many areas.

Gaston Eyskens, leader of the Christian-Social Party, described the bill as "discriminating, unjust and humiliating for Catholics."

Socialist Prime Minister Achille Van Acker replied that it was not the intention of the bill or the government to "humiliate" Catholics.

Lumberjacks Slate St. Anne Pilgrimage

Quebec — (RNS) — Lumberjacks and woods workers of Quebec will make their first mass pilgrimage to the shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaurivage, 28 miles east of here, on July 3. About 100,000 are expected to attend.

The pilgrimage will be under the patronage of Paul-Emile Cardinal Leger, Archbishop of Montreal and Archbishop Maurice Roy of Quebec.

Since the first humble shrine was erected nearly 300 years ago, many miraculous cures have been claimed through the intercession of Ste. Anne. It has become a special place of pilgrimage for the sick and crippled.

Counter Action Threatened Foes Of Catholic Schools

Youngstown, O. — (NC) — Action may be necessary against public school authorities who insist on hostility to Catholic schools, according to Msgr. William E. McManus, assistant director of the Education Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Bishop Ernest M. Walsh of Youngstown presided and the N.C.W.C. official spoke here at the Ursuline High School graduation exercises.

MONSIGNOR McMANUS said: "We would like to think of Catholic and public schools as friendly partners, but this idea is rejected by some public school authorities who, having spurned our friendship, insist upon dealing with Catholic schools as competitors of the public schools."

"These public school authorities," he charged "try to make things difficult for our schools by maintaining a hostile attitude toward the Catholic school program" by calling them "pariahs" like "divulge" and "undemocratic" and by the unsympathetic and heavyhanded enforcement of regulations that work a particular hardship upon private schools and by advocating new regulations that will impose an even greater financial burden upon us.

Exchange Head Advises Business Aid To Colleges

Brooklyn, N.Y. — (NC) — The head of the New York Stock Exchange told a St. John's University audience that "only as our educational system is successful in turning out people who understand how our economy works can the effort to broaden the ownership of America's corporations be successful."

G. Keith Funston asserted that "if the colleges will help supply these men and women, it is not surprising that business will help the colleges."

DR. FUNSTON, former president of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from St. John's.

Holding that "corporate wealth today is the last best hope of survival for our private colleges," Dr. Funston said: "If there is one lesson that the businessman has learned, it is that our economy thrives only on freedom. This explains his over-

riding concern for what happens to education today. He does not, for example, expect our colleges to operate at a profit, though he does expect them to be efficiently managed."

"He has canvassed history and concluded that an educated people are most likely to remain a free people. And if colleges can't turn out men and women with an inherent understanding of the real meaning of freedom, then who can?"

Card. Stritch Going To Rio Congress

Chicago — (NC) — His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, will lead a pilgrimage of clergy and laymen from the Chicago archdiocese to the 36th International Eucharistic Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from July 17 to 24.

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