

Working Wives Held Factor In Income Gains

'Living Wage' Seen Only 'Dream' For Millions Of Families In U.S.



Coats Of Arms Explained

Worcester, Mass. — Brother Gerard Brassard, A.A., of Assumption College here, is shown working on his nine-volume armorial history of the Roman Catholic Church in America. Vol. III, scheduled for release in January, will be published first. The nine volumes will depict approximately 1000 coats of arms and more than 700 portraits and biographies of American sees and bishops from 1786 to the present. (BNS Photo)

Catholic Bishop, Priests Feted By Protestant Guild

Hugo, Okla. — (NC) — A Catholic Bishop and 27 priests had luncheon in an Episcopal parish house here after the dedication of the new Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Bishop Eugene J. McGuinness of Oklahoma City and Tulsa, and the 27 priests, together with a number of guests, were served at St. Mark's Episcopal parish house by members of St. Mary's Episcopal Guild after the dedication ceremony.

Immaculate Conception parish has no parish hall, so the offer of the Episcopal congregation was accepted by Father Vincent C. McGouldrick, the pastor.

Hartford, Conn. — (NC) — Despite unprecedented national prosperity, the fight for social justice has not yet been won, Father Benjamin L. Masse, S.I., associate editor of America, national Catholic weekly, declared here.

Although the U. S. economy is much closer to a Christian ideal than it was 25 years ago, the priest-editor said, "for millions of families a living wage, or its equivalent, is still no more than the stuff dreams are made of," "shadows" in the nation's bright economic picture which those concerned about social justice cannot afford to overlook.

Among these he listed: the increasing number of married women workers; poor correlation between family income and family needs; failure of workers in certain industries and services to share in the general prosperity.

REGARDING married women workers, Father Masse said:

"In 1905, according to the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor, more than half of the 19-million women gainfully employed outside the home were married. Prior to World War II only one-third of women workers were married. No less than 27 per cent of all married women held jobs in 1953.

"It would appear, then, that the gain-in-family-living standards must be attributed in some part to supplemental income earned by wives. Only by ignoring all but economic factors can this be considered a healthy development."

Father Masse also charged that low-income families "are bearing a disproportionate share of the responsibility of raising children."

Figures released by the Department of Labor, he said, show that "though the average family income in 1954 was \$4,173, families with four children had an average income of only \$3,949; families with five children, \$3,155; and families with six or more children, \$3,252."



Priest Places School Safety Signs

Tucson, Ark. — (RNS) — The Rev. Joseph B. Murphy, C.S. Sp., of St. John the Evangelist Church here, is shown with one of the school safety signs erected by him in front of the church's parochial school. Erection of the signs by the priest resulted in a feud between him and the Arizona State Highway Commission. Father Murphy, who is backed by Bishop Dan-

iel, J. Gercke of Tucson, maintains that it is his right to protect the school's 400 pupils by placing the school zone signs in front of it. The commission contends that the pupils of the school, located in a 35-mile an-hour-zone, are adequately protected by a traffic light at the adjacent corner crossing. Father Murphy was

ordered to remove the sign immediately. Officers sent to see that the order was complied with threatened the priest with arrest if he replaced them. But the priest promptly put them up and defied arrest as a large group of mothers gathered at the scene shouted encouragement to him. The police did not carry out their threat. (RNS)

'Jailbird' Title Of Honor For Red-Ousted Missioner

Hong Kong — (NC) — Father Octave DeVreese, C.I.C.M., is one jailbird who can be proud of the fact.

The last of the Schuet missionaries to be expelled from the Red China mainland, the Belgian priest, 55, arrived here with a record of seven imprisonments at the hands of the communists. The last time was February, 1952, when he was sentenced to a life term.

IN THE BEST of spirits and, in spite of everything, one of the healthiest missionaries to come out of Red China, Father DeVreese was not bitter though he had been a target of persecution for over eight years.

He was more inclined to talk about the loyalty of his people in the Diocese of Chihfeng, Jehol Province, just north of the Great Wall, and how courageously they had defied the communists to stand up for him. HIS TROUBLES began, Fa-

Pope's Peace Aim 'Inspired' Stassen

Castel Gandolfo, Italy — (RNS) — Pope Pius XII received Harold E. Stassen, President Eisenhower's special Adviser on Disarmament, in a private audience at the Papal summer residence here.

Mr. Stassen said afterwards that he was "deeply moved" by the Pontiff's awareness of the "many difficulties posed by the search for disarmament in a world still so dangerously divided ideologically." He added that he was "inspired by the Pope's tremendous desire to work for a just and lasting peace for all mankind."

Mr. Stassen was the second member of President Eisenhower's cabinet to call on the Pontiff within a month. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles had a special audience with Pope Pius on Oct. 23.

Restore Feast

Vienna — (NC) — The Austrian government has restored the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 as a legal holiday.

High Court Hit On Film Rulings

Cincinnati — (NC) — The U. S. Supreme Court "seems to be trying to save the people of Ohio and New York from the dangers of self-government" in setting aside the film censorship practices of these States.

That's the opinion of Dr. James M. O'Neill, author and lecturer, who addressed students of Our Lady of Cincinnati College on "Censorship and Freedom."

DR. O'NEILL, author of "Catholicism and American Freedom," said he was not so much alarmed about the harm the films — "La Ronde," "M," "The Miracle" — might cause as he was about the "severe blow to civil liberties" dealt by the high court. "You cannot have an orderly society without certain restrictions," he said, citing the laws governing food, drugs, traffic, libel, dress, and so on. But attempts of States to establish restrictions on movies shown within the States find he Supreme Court "near the position of saying that nothing the State of Ohio does is right unless we approve it."

Dr. O'Neill pointed out that the policy of no restrictions would wipe out laws governing such things as copyright, slander and libel, contempt of court, obscenity, incitement to crime and the right of privacy.

Calling the subject of censorship "one of the most confused" of the present day, he cited the commonly heard statement that "the Supreme Court has outlawed all censorship."

"The Supreme Court has never done that," he said flatly.

MANY PERSONS who talk about censorship actually are referring to something else, according to Dr. O'Neill. Among the subjects confused with censorship, he said, are:

1. Criticism, such as that of the National Legion of Decency, or the Protestant Motion Picture Council. "Both are denounced often as 'censorship,'" said Dr. O'Neill, "but neither one is censorship, because there is no government sanction involved."

2. The work of the Production Code Administration in Hollywood, which also is criticized as 'censorship,' although it is "the

same kind that the editors of any publication perform."

3. Attempts of neighborhood committees to stop the easy availability of the publications harmful to children. "These efforts are condemned by people," said Dr. O'Neill, "who nevertheless think it is quite proper to keep saloons a certain distance from schools, or to regulate the sale of marijuana."

4. The exercise of administrative discretion. Groups that dislike the decisions of administrators sometimes condemn the decisions as "censorship," he said, citing the decision of the Board of Superintendents of New York schools not to re-subscribe to The Nation magazine after it published Paul Blanshard's bigoted attacks on the Catholic Church.

Retarded Child Seen 'Ready-Made Saint'

Worcester, Mass. — (NC) — The practicing nurse must convey to parents of a mentally retarded child the idea that "this child is a favorite of God," Franciscan Sister Mary George, superintendent of St. Coletta School, Hanover, declared here.

Sister Mary George spoke at the regional convention of the New England Council of Catholic Nurses, which attracted 1076 nurses from six states to its three-day meeting.

She said that the nurse must convince such parents that: "God has presented them with a saint, ready-made. With his or her mental capacities withheld or limited, the child has a place already safely arranged in heaven.

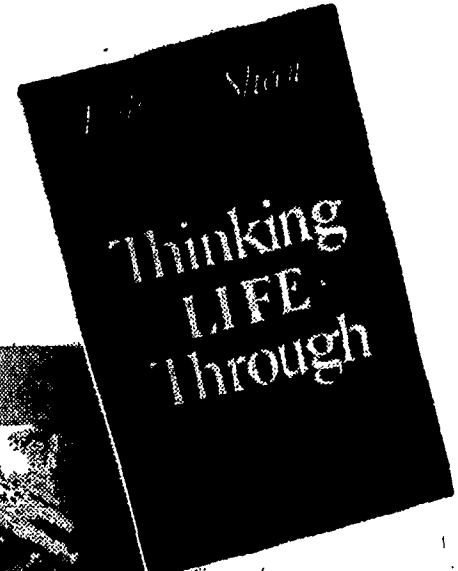
"Such a child," Sister Mary George commented, "is not a tragedy. It is a blessing. It is a tragedy only when God is not considered."

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