COURIER-JOURNAL Friday, March 23, 1956 CatholicConvertBid In Israel Denied

Jerusalem -- (RNS)- Msgr. Antonio Vergani, Roman Catholic Patriarchial Vicar in Galilee, denied here that the Catholic Church is carrying on a campaign of proselytizing among the Jews of Israel

He especially refuted the idea terial incentives to prospective converts to Catholicism

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MONSIGNOR Vergani spoke' at a news conference He told an, which has few Catholics Israeli reporters the Church does not believe that the final conversion of all mankind can be achieved "through material hu man efforts " According to the prelate, more

Christians in Israel are being converted to Judaism than conversely He said that converts to the Catholic Faith must undergo a period of Figid matruction fortwo years before they are bap tized

Another dersia made by Msgr Vergani was that the Church is helping converts to emigrate from Israel Discussing Catholic schools in

Israel he said these institutions years and at present number some 1000 Jews among the 10use children enrolled The Jewish studer's he explained are strict

tian pupils in religious instruc tion classes

"frequent shows of disrespect" to tion Service

by children He praised the work an absolute majority in four of Fathers Told To Resume already done by national councils the nine states of Western Gerof Christians and Jews in other many - North Rhine Westphalia. countries to combat such dis Rhineland Palatinate. Bavaria Rightful Role in Family plavs. and Baden-Wuerttemburg.

Catholic clergy of Israel fully Germany number 21.567.000 corn appreciates the problems faced pared with 23,878.00 Protestants by the Israeli government. He the statistic revealed. praised the understanding shown

by the Ministry of Religion in restoring war-confiscated church Swedish Nobleman property and granting compensa-

tion for buildings which had suf Ordained in Austria fered damage or destruction. The Catholic leader also thank. Innsbruck, Austria (NC) ed the Government Tourist Cor A 51 year-old Swedish nobleman modern American men to assume of all children entering the first poration for building roads to the has been ordained at the Jesuit this role Holy Places, thus aiding pij. university here as a secular grims. He announced that Cath. priest to serve in Sweden olic authorities have formed a He is Baron Hans- Henrik von

Papal Plan Seen Guide To U.S. Labor Movement

Newark, N. J. - (RNS) - George Meany, president of agh said. the AFL-CIO, said here that the papal encyclicals have guided the American labor movement through the years. He mentioned especially Rerum No-

the especially refuted the idea data that the Church is offering ma Japan Seen Best **Mission Field** Scranton, Pa. -- (NC)-- Japbut has a religious vocation

rate three times that of the United States, is "the best mission field in the world," in the opinion of an Air Force chaplain.

Father John E. Prokopovisch, Scranton Diocese priest recently returned from a tour of duty in Japan, reports 93 vocations per 100,000 .Catholics there as compared to 26 per 106,000 in the United States. Of course, the number of Catholios in Japan is far lower ---only 200.000.

Father Prokopovitch said the convents have not room have existed for hundreds of enough to accomodate all the come nuns.

STRESSING the significance Duesseldorf, Germany - (NC) to Christians of the country - Catholics in Germany are now where Christ lived, Monsignor almost as numerous as Protest Vergani said Jews should take ants, according to statistics rethe initiative in preventing the leased by the Protestant nforma

Catholic elergymen particularly Catholics, it was noted are in

Monsignor Vergani said the Catholics throughout Western

special committee to promote Essen, who became a convert this responsibility for which he Holy Land pilgrimages. in the early 1940's.

a Catholic psychiatrist to "resume their rightful role" as head of the family. Dr. John R. Cavanagh of Washington, D.C. indicated in Bertin Roll, OFM, of Pittsan address to the 24th annual burgh. Pa national director of convention of the National Cath ohe Conference on Lamity Life the Confraternity of Christian "that the breakup of families so Mothers, called for more parental

prevalent today is directly at teaching of religion in the home. tributable to the reluctance of quoting a report that 65 per cent grade in Catholic schools "cannot WOMEN ARE "not equipped" even make the sign of the

to head the family unit he said, Cross adding that "man must accept was designated by God and na

ture ' Many wives need help in mak ing decisions that the 'inadequate dependent men of this generation" are not able or unwilling to provide, Dr. Cavan-

"When man abdicated his responsibility in the home," he explained, "he forced his wife mosition of leadership

for which she was not pre-

Tito Reds Make Pupils Informers On Parents

Graz. Austria - (NC) - Yugoslav education officials read religious books? Do you are bidding to make high school students become informers on their parents for the Red regime, it was learned here. The Ministry of Education of

the People's Republic of Croatia - Do your parents practice in Zagreb has sent all Croatian their religion? Do they go regusecondary schools a question larly to church and to confesnaire supposedly aimed at "get slon? ting a true picture of the social, ____ Is the "so-called" family

economic and moral environ Rosary practiced in your home? ment of their pupils." Do your parents attend religious

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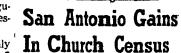
ACCOMPANYING the ques funerals? Do priests visit your number of Catholics in the San tionnaire, which had more than home? If so how many times a Antonio archdiocese almost score of questions, were in month? Do they stay long? What doubled in the past 15 years, structions to teachers to ap do they discuss with your parproach their students discreetly ents? diocese gained 144.354 Catholics

in finding out the answers. The - What is your parents' opin an increase of almost 10,000 a teachers were specifically told to ion about the Pope? -What do your parents think year. pose the questions "in a gentle and friendly tone."

about the war criminal and The number of Catholics re-Some of the questions: main collaborator with the ene- corded for 1955 is 339,690.

mies during the last war, (Cardinal) Stepinac? Was he in the opinion of your parents rightly sentenced?

- Do your parents ask you to find them interesting, or dull, or, contradictory to scientific knowledge of the origin of the world?



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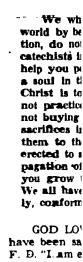
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varum, the labor tinguished himself in the field of Pope Leo XIII. labor-management relations by The labor-leader addressed the fidelity to the principles of the 16th annual dinner here of the social encyclical." Spur Society of the School of "The papal encyclicals, begin-

Business Administration of St. ning with that of 1891 by Pope Peter's College, Jersey City. Dur. Leo XIII," Mr. Meany said, ing the dinner, he was presented "have guided the American lawith the college's Rerum No bor movement down through the years because they fit in pervarum award.

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pared. At the same time, the mate children were deprived of paternal supervision. This too frequently results in weak, passive males inadequate to take over the leadership in the home because they never learn independence of female leadership. "Just as surely as if she had administered a physically crip-

"Pope Leo pointed out the inpling injury at birth, the immaterdependence of capital and inture mother with her 'silver cord bor, saying it was not necessary domination then produces a neufor one to be hostile to the other ior one to be hostile to the other rotic, frustrated male incapable of thinking and acting for him-without labor nor labor without self, much less for those under

"HE OFFERED a remedy that his care." fits in completely with the With the father relegated to American labor movement and little more than figurehead stathe democratic ideal of the found- tus, the psychiatrist said, the ers of our nation. He suggested plight of the family rapidly that the workers organize in or- | worsens if the mother also "deder to advance their state of serts" the family to take a job. Dr. Cavanagh was equally crit-

life." Mr. Meany said the Pope plac- ical of suburban living. Many ed obligations upon workers, em- parents fail to realize that a ployers, and the State, exhorting move to semi-rural areas is not workers to give "a fair day's the answer to the best welfare of work for a fair day's pay." em- a child, he said. Longer traveling ployers to "respect the dignity time to and from the job and of the worker," and the State to late working conditions will often "see to it that the rights of the make "psychological orphans" of entir. community are respected youngsters, he warned. on both mides."

IN A SIMILAR vein, the Rev.

Letters To Italy Urged As Tactic Against Reds

Brooklyn, N. Y. - (NC) -Rep. Victor L. Anfuso of New York has called on all Amer-icans of Italian descent to help in the struggle to keep linky free.

The coming municipal elections in Italy next May and the parliamentary elections there next fall will be a "life and death at regio" for the Italian people, the Congress-man told a gathering of the Italian American Professional and Businessmen's Association here.

He said that in these elections the people of Italy will have to decide "whether to stay with the free rations or cost i he i r lot with com-manian."

ne sekel Italian-American organizations and societies in the United States: To start a letter-writing cam-To start a letter writing cam-paign to relatives and friends in Italy asking them to vote for the parties that support freedom and democracy. To undertake, individually and is groups, the sending of food packages, clothing and other supplies to reach as many people in italy as possible. Mr.

Anfuso said this will serve the two-fold purpose of helping to alleviate the hunger in certain parts of the country and of demonstrating in a practical way the continued friendship of the people of the United States for the people of Italy.

Voters Reject Nuns **Bid For Hospital**

Richland, Wash. -(NC)- The government-operated Kadler Hospital here will be turned over to the Methodist Church's Home and Hospital Board for operation as result of an election held here:

The Sisters of St. Francis of LaCrosse, Wis, and the Methodist Board had applied for permission to operate the hospital. The choice was submitted to voters. The election gave 3,559 voles for the Methodist Board, 970 for the Catholic Sisters, and 224 for municipal operation. An Episcopal church group apear headed the campaign for

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