

Holy Father Says Obscene Books Like Narcotics

Vatican City — Pope Pius XII called for a halt to all indecent literature, comparing its effects to "dangerous drugs which produce permanent disorders and stimulate artificial cravings."

The Pontiff spoke at an audience of delegates attending a World Congress of Editors.

THE DANGEROUS effects of obscene literature, he said, are not restricted to children but also menace adults.

Pope Pius added that the severe penalties imposed by law against such literature are as justified as those which restrict the traffic of narcotics.

"An unscrupulous bookseller" of obscene literature exploits the crudest desires of the masses, the Pope said, but "a man of honor will courageously guard against doing so."

"Respect for the demands of readers on the one hand, and respect for truth and morals on the other," the Pontiff continued, "makes it an imperative



Rochester Votes Fight Against Obscenity

Rochester City Council this week voted unanimously to seek State Supreme Court injunctions against publishers of obscene literature.

The resolution to ban obscene books and magazines from city sale was proposed by Councilman John G. Bittner. Bittner, president of the State Grand Commandery of the Knights of St. John, told council members that the knights organization at its recent Syracuse meeting had awarded that city a citation for cleaning up its newsstands.

Vice Mayor Joseph Farbo supported Bittner's resolution and Mayor Peter Barry stated that in Rochester, "There is more objectionable literature on the stands today than ever."

The Rochester Council directed city officials to investigate and enforce state anti-obscenity laws.

duty for editors, using all modern means of sales promotion, to fulfill their responsibility by publishing works which will have a good influence on the mind."

Books and magazines written for children should be based on Biblical and historical stories rather than on "ridiculous fantasies," Pope Pius said.

The Pope admitted that there is general disregard of the Church's norms for decent literature but stated that "the natural law itself should prevent editors from publishing the building under favorable conditions" since his release from prison last July.

Just because such books are intended for adult readers, that does not mean that "all is permissible," the Pope warned.

In closing, the Pontiff urged the editors to think of themselves as leaders of social, intellectual and spiritual movements. In so doing, he said, they will see that their publications

Consolation

Hazelwood, Pa. — (NO) — "Immaculate Heart of Mary, Console the Sorrowful" is the inscription on this 28-foot statue just erected in the new shrine section of Calvary Cemetery, Hazelwood, Pa. The 45-ton Georgia granite was put up in eight sections. It is the same as Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima in 1917. Anthony Vittori was the sculptor.

become "an army of peace able to serve human beings as against those other publications which have the effect of degrading their readers into becoming dishonorable men."

U. S. Court Postpones Book Ban Decision

Washington — (RNS) — The United States Supreme Court has postponed until fall a decision on whether it will review the constitutionality of state laws designed to ban the sale of indecent literature.

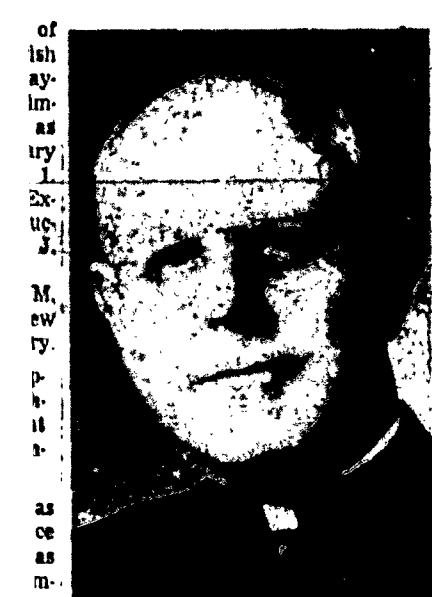
Challenges to laws of Michigan, New York and California have been filed with the court, which adjourned for the summer without acting on them.



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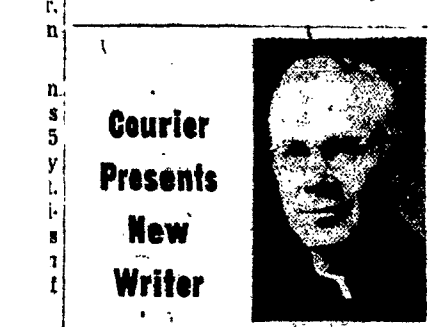


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Father Sheerin

A new editorial column by Father John B. Sheerin, Paulist, begins today on page 4.

As editor-in-chief of The Catholic World, Father Sheerin is well-known as a forceful writer. He is also a graduate in law and licensed to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. As a former conductor of retreats and missions for both Catholics and non-Catholics, he has understanding of the layman's point of view. He has also served as a professor of English and oratory.

Cardinal Ill, Not Arrested, Says Prelate

Vienna — (RNS) — Josef Cardinal Mindszenty is presently staying at the north Hungarian mountain village of Felsopeceny for health reasons, Catholic press sources said here.

They reported on the cardinal's whereabouts after Archbishop Josef Grosz, acting head of the Hungarian Bishops, told a group of correspondents at his residence in Kalocsa that reports of Cardinal Mindszenty's re-arrest were untrue.

THE ARCHBISHOP did not say specifically where the Hungarian Primate was at this time. He declared that the cardinal had been staying in an "ecclesiastical building under favorable conditions" since his release from prison last July.

The Budapest Radio quoted the archbishop as saying, "Cardinal Mindszenty is living in freedom and I can contact him any time I want."

Church sources here noted that the station identified Cardinal Mindszenty for the first time as "His Eminence, the Archbishop of Esztergom."

Archbishop Grosz himself was released from prison last October after serving more than four years of a 15-year term for alleged treason. Last month he was permitted by the Communist government to resume his functions as head of the Kalocsa See and acting chairman of the Bench of Bishops.

The Kalocsa prelate told the correspondents he could not report on the state of Cardinal Mindszenty's health because he had not seen the cardinal for a long time.

CARDINAL MINDSZENTY reportedly had been living under severe restrictions at Puspocsk St. Lazlo near the town of Pecs in south Hungary since he was released from prison. Reports that he had been re-arrested circulated after it was learned that he was no longer at Puspocsk St. Lazlo.

The Catholic sources here said, however, his absence from that community was no indication of his re-arrest. The Viennese sources stressed that they had never had "any confirmation of the German Catholic news agency report on Cardinal Mindszenty's re-arrest."

Meanwhile, the Hungarian Catholic paper Magyar Kurier reported that Archbishop Grosz was enthusiastically welcomed when he returned to Kalocsa.

The paper said he issued a pastoral letter thanking God for his return and pledging to be a "faithful servant of the Holy Father and the Hungarian people."

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