

## Euthanasia Petition Stirs Furore Among New Jersey Doctors

NEW JERSEY (NC) — The furore over 166 New Jersey doctors signing a petition to the legislature asking that euthanasia be legalized has not quieted.

The petition was presented to the legislature by the American Society of Euthanasia in New Jersey. It was signed by 166 New Jersey doctors in New Jersey City. Early in the month a letter was sent to the legislature by the American Society of Euthanasia in New Jersey.

A reporter for the Advocate made an extensive spot check of the cards filed at the office of the Euthanasia Society in New York and found a card for every name checked.

A REPRESENTATIVE for the Euthanasia Society emphasized that they had a card for every name published, and that they had "carefully checked the postmarks against the addresses."

She said they had had a number of telephone calls since the Advocate published the names of the doctors which had been attached to the petition.

"Most of them" she said, "claimed they had no recollection of sending in the card. But I have the card and they can see it any time they want to."

"However, they are entitled to change their minds. I've told them that if they send us a letter we'll drop their names as supporters. Of course we can't very well do that as far as the petition is concerned. That's been printed and already distributed. We just won't use their names any more."

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The Advocate newspaper of the Newark archdiocese and the Newark diocese published the petition in full, with the names of the doctors which had been attached to it.

ADVOCATE pointed out, when it published the petition, that some doctors may not have signed what they were signing, or may have made an honest mistake, thinking they were marking "no" and by error had marked "yes" on the card. It offered to publish letters from any doctor who wished to comment on their name being used on the petition.

In the first issue after publishing the petition, the Advocate published nine letters from doctors. In the second issue, nine more. Some of the doctors said they had no recollection of signing such a petition; others thought it was only a matter of showing interest in the subject for discussion at medical meetings.

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## Malta Kids Get Navy Gifts

A happy day as children at Our Lady of Lourdes Orphanage, Gozo, Maltese Islands, receive gifts from American Navy personnel. Altogether \$126 and numerous toys were collected and presented to Archbishop Michael Gonzi of Malta, for distribution to orphans at three different orphanages in the area. (U.S. Navy—NC Photos)

## School Dismisses 'Steady-Daters'

BRISTOL, Conn. — (NC) — A "very small number" of students at St. Anthony's High School here have been dismissed for steady company-keeping, the principal of the school has disclosed.

Father Settimio Crudele said the students were asked to leave at the end of the last term about two weeks ago in the face of repeated warnings that they were violating a regulation against steady dating.

Father Crudele, who did not reveal the identity of the students or the number involved, said the rule against exclusive company keeping has existed since the school was founded about seven years ago.

"We wanted to make it clear that company keeping is a preparation for marriage and that none of the students in this school have as yet reached that stage," he said.

## POAU Attacks Catholic 'Power'

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ridiculed and likened to the incantations of "dirty, illiterate and superstitious monks of Tibet."

Despite its purported aim, the POAU left no doubt that it was aiming frankly at what Associate Director C. Stanley Lowell called "Roman Catholic infiltration."

Among the "other Americans" present was former California governor Culbert Olson. He said he was not a Catholic, not a Protestant, but a pure secularist. From that premise he delivered a speech against the "infamous" and "hateful" Catholic Church which he said he "despised" because of its power.

Apart from heavy accent on Latin America, Spain and other Catholic countries, the chief POAU preoccupation was with education in the U.S.

SPEAKER AFTER speaker reiterated the POAU theme that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy had a twofold aim in regard to the schools.

This was to infiltrate school boards with Catholics and then fill public schools with Catholic teachers, and at the same time to secure tax subsidy for all parochial schools.

The first night meeting of the convention was addressed by Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy who is now campaigning at the head of a local committee to place two candidates on the Los Angeles City Board of Education.

The Methodist Bishop is heading the Committee for Better Schools which seeks to have Dr. Ralph Richardson of UCLA and Mrs. Mary Tingoff of Pacific Palisades elected to the school board.

Bishop Kennedy said ministers could not "abdicate their obligations of citizenship in the name of a more spiritual calling." He called for clergymen to take up political issues.

Bishop Kennedy indicated that Catholic schools were divisive. "The Church that separates its young people from the other young people in America is doing more to damage the unity of the nation than the futile attack of Communist propaganda," he said.

THE SCHOOL board campaigning Bishop further defended separation of church and state by contending that "church interference was almost as bad as state interference" in education.

Attorney Henry C. Clausen, who led the fight against California non-profit school tax exemption, told a panel meeting that "very soon" an initiative measure would be placed on the ballot to restore the tax.

He said the exemption was unconstitutional and declared: "I fear a First Amendment saboteur as much as a Fifth Amendment Communist."

MR. CLAUSEN bitterly attacked Cardinal McIntyre's proposal that Federal aid to education be patterned on the formula of the GI Bill of Rights in which aid was given directly to the pupil.

Overlooking the fact that Catholic parents pay taxes too, Mr. Clausen said this proposal meant Protestants would be forced to support parochial schools.

The Cardinal's plan, Mr. Clausen said, "is not interested in reading, writing and arithmetic, but is interested in teaching his

## Overseas GI's Give Millions For Charity

HEIDELBERG, Germany—(NC) — Again last year GI Joe was a big hearted man indeed.

According to surveys made at United States Army headquarters here, army personnel and their families contributed many millions of dollars worth of goods, services and money to alleviate suffering throughout the areas where they are stationed.

In Germany alone, and not counting France, Great Britain and the vast regions covered by the Air Force from Finland to Spain, a quarter of a million Americans gave charitably to help bring cheer and happiness to countless people, especially orphaned and underprivileged children and refugees.

During the Christmas season "Operation Santa Claus," which followed an appeal of General Henry I. Hodges, United States Army commander-in-chief in Europe, helped raise nearly \$200,000 and tons of food, toys and clothing.

## World Can Always Feed Population

SAN FRANCISCO — (NC) — Dr. Karl Brandt, associate director of Stanford University's Food Research Institute, has stated there are few other objects on which so much nonsense is talked as on food and population growth.

According to Dr. Brandt, the question is not whether population will outstrip food production but whether the capacity to produce food will overshoot the capacity of the market to absorb—and ruin farmers by low prices.

DR. BRANDT stated that population absolutely cannot outstrip food production. He also showed little patience with the neo-Malthusians who, like their pessimistic forefather, see the world's pantry running out of food while the population increases to standing room only.

"The good Lord has given man the ability to increase his means to feed himself as human beings increase in numbers," Dr. Brandt said. "Except for famine-struck catastrophe areas, most people get enough to eat — the quality of diet, of course, depends on their ability to earn income and to pay."

"By and large there are enough calories available in most areas of the world," Dr. Brandt con-

tinued. "However, the requirements for man's stature and work under varying climatic conditions is attainable in the form of a low-priced diet as well as that of a high priced diet. As income increases, fats and sugar replace some starches."

The key to the problem of adequate diet and man's physical fitness is, in the eyes of Dr. Brandt, an economic one. Diet improvement comes with increased purchasing power of the people.

CONCERNING conditions within the underdeveloped countries such as India and China, Dr. Brandt said:

"It is not true that all industrially retarded countries are short of food. Many are food exporters. General economic development, and social discipline, will conquer recurrent famine and undernutrition. In India food shortages can be foreseen long in advance and speculative hoarding of rice and wheat can drive the weak into starvation."

## They're Standing In Line To Become Catholics In Korea, Says Missionary

By JIM KELLY

SAN FRANCISCO — (NC) — In Korea the Church is taking no chances on building a "false bottom" Christianity. A prospective convert in the Land of the Morning Calm has to prove himself that hard way.

Here's what he faces before Baptism: Nine solid months, in some cases a full year, of religious instruction by a missionary or a catechist. And after Baptism: An examination every year to guarantee that he hasn't forgotten what he was taught.

IN SPITE OF the roadblocks, the work of the Church is "going a mile a minute." Koreans are figuratively standing in line to become Catholics. Those who survive the wait are figured as pretty good bets to stick it out, regardless of what happens to them after they're baptized. And in Korea today, nobody knows what the future holds.

This is a distilled picture of how things shape up along the Catholic front in a Far East hot-spot. It comes from Father Peter McPartland, S.S.C., United States director of the Society of St. Columban.

THROUGH HIS headquarters in Omaha, Neb., Father reports from Chunchon, Seoul, Mokpo, and a dozen smaller Korean communities staffed by Columban Fathers—most numerous of all American missionaries in that country.

"As far as convert work is concerned, it's pretty plain things are really booming in Korea," Father McPartland said. "Actually, there are more Koreans who want to join the Church than we can handle. That's one reason we have to be choosy. No point in letting a sincere prospect wait while a missionary tries to instruct someone who's interested only for ulterior motives."

"The other reason, of course, is the situation in the country itself. With the communists on the other side of the 38th parallel, who can tell what might happen, or when? We're preparing for the worst, and hoping it won't come. If it does, we want Catholic Koreans to be the kind who can take it."



## Meets Bishop - Brother

WASHINGTON, D.C. — (NC) — New president of the National Council of Catholic Women, Mrs. Robert H. Mahoney of Hartford, Conn., chats with her brother, Auxiliary Bishop Phillip M. Hannan of Washington, at meeting here of the National Board of the National Council of Catholic Women.

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