

Abp. O'Brien Hits 'Right-to-Work' Bill

Hartford Conn. — (NC) — Bills which have been introduced in the Connecticut legislature to enact a "right-to-work" law are opposed to Christian economic principles and are potentially injurious to the state's economy, Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien of Hartford has declared in a statement.

Msgr. Joseph F. Donnelly, director of the Archdiocesan Labor Institute, appeared at a public hearing here before the legislature's Labor Committee and presented the archbishop's opposition.

The bills would outlaw union-management agreements requiring workers to join the union within a certain period after they are hired.

ARCHBISHOP O'BRIEN'S STATEMENT SAID:

"This so-called 'right-to-work' legislation in my opinion is not in accord with the sound Christian principles which should in spite of economic life. In brief, the general purpose of such legislation is to make it unlawful to require a worker to become a member of a union even though the majority of his fellow employees, acting for what they believe to be their common interest, have designated it as their representative in negotiations with their employer.

"The sponsors of the proposed legislation claim that a fundamental right of the individual is invaded if he must join a union. I do not agree with this viewpoint. It is neither immoral nor unethical to

Jacobite Joins Catholic Church

Alwaye, Indla — (NC) — A leading member of the Jacobite schismatic church has entered the Catholic Church in a ceremony presided over by Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios of Travandrum.

Archbishop Gregorios who is a Jacobite convert to the Catholic Church, administered the profession of faith to Father T. V. John who entered the Church after seven years of study.

Public Relations Seen 'Poor'

Toledo, Ohio — (NC) — A college professor here has said he is disturbed "at the poor public relations" Catholics have "in the eyes of our non-Catholic fellow-Americans."

"While Catholics must differ with others on many points of religion and morality, Father James B. Sullivan, O.M.I., said here, they are put not merely in the position of disagreeing but also of being disagreeable. Father Sullivan is a professor of Mary Manse College here.

The only reason Catholics refuse to use the public schools, he said, is because they believe religious training is the soul of education and must accompany the teaching of every subject.

"It really pains us when bad publicity suggests we are divisive," he explained. "Much more it hurts to be accused of hostility toward the public schools. They also are our responsibility and our hope for the simple reason they are the responsibility and hope of all Americans."

require union membership for the greater common good of the group.

"In our modern and complex society everyone is subject to prohibitions and restraints as well as to mandatory rules of conduct based on the common good of the group.

"THE CHURCH encourages the union movement and membership therein as generally necessary to insure the worker his share of social justice. The 'right-to-work' bills, if enacted into law, would seriously affect union membership. They would injure the labor movement, which, when it acts in accordance with sound moral principles, has our full support.

"Furthermore the legislation would be a disruptive factor in the industrial economy. For these reasons I am opposed to the so-called 'right-to-work' bills."

Holy Name Men Asked To Join Fight On Smut

New York (RNS) — City License Commissioner Bernard J. O'Connell suggested here that Holy Name Societies band together to halt the sale of obscene publications "unless the people who make money in distributing their clean house."

He spoke at a Communion breakfast attended by 1,000 members of the Holy Name Society of the Newspaper and Mail Deliverers' Union.

MR. O'CONNELL stated that Congress, the courts and state lawmakers had failed to stop "the flood" of obscene literature. He said that he himself had been hampered in policing vendors' stands by "certain groups crying censorship and freedom of speech."

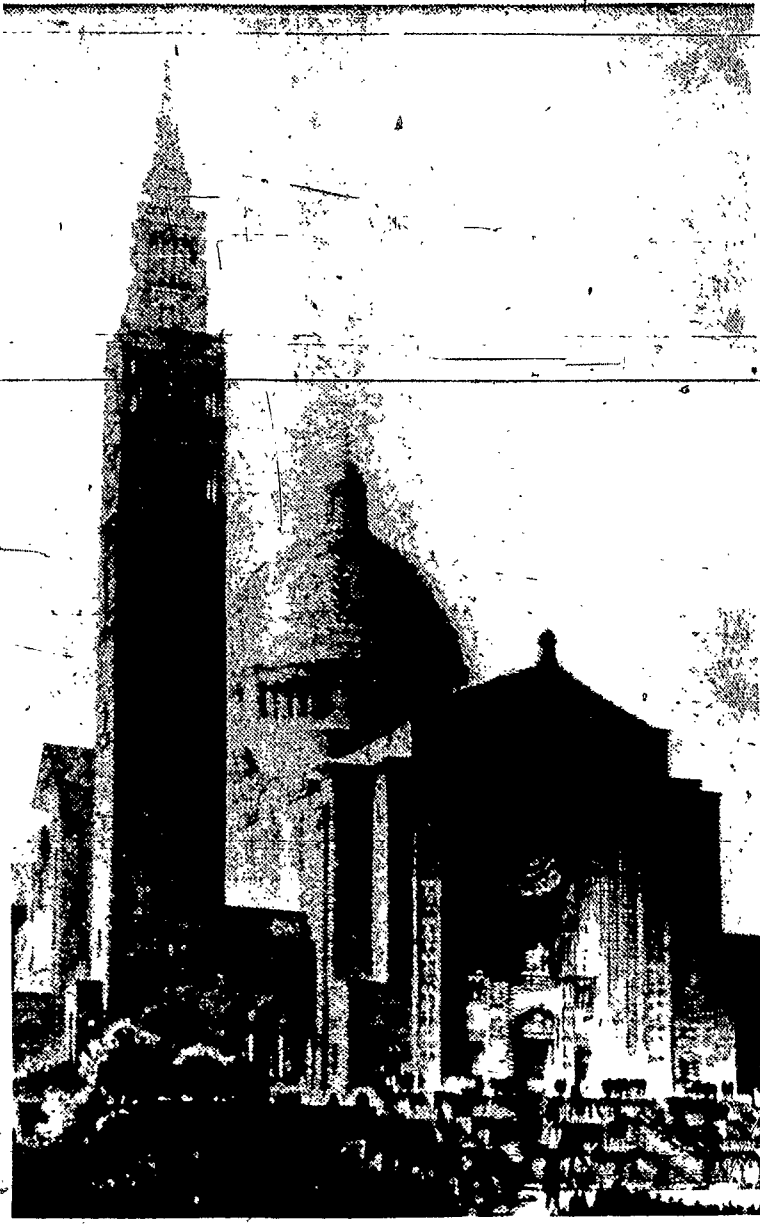
"These liberal organizations think that any interference with the newspaper stands is

interference with constitutional rights," he said. "But it's about time we began to think of the community, which has some constitutional rights, too, like the right to protect children from such poisonous material."

The city official reported that some publishers circumvented existing laws by mixing classic Greek and Roman art with "salacious material." These "borderline cases," he said, constituted a difficult enforcement problem.

Vatican Urges Fight On Obscenity

Vatican City (NC) Military vicars have been instructed to report on obscene literature and means to combat anti-religious activities in their reports to the Holy See in a decree issued here



Shrine Tower, Gift Of Knights

Washington, D.C. — (NC) — The 316 foot bell tower of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, here will be erected as the gift of the Knights of Columbus at a cost of \$1 million. Announcing the gift, Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart explained that the K. of C. is defraying expenses of the tower in thanksgiving for 75 years of successful work enjoyed by the society. The tower, shown above in the architect's drawing, will be known as the Knight's Tower.

K of C Launches 75th Anniversary

Waterbury, Conn. — (RNS) — long observance of the Roman Catholic fraternal organization's 75th anniversary. It was chartered among the 8,000 persons who witnessed the unveiling here of a statue of the Rev. Michael J. McGivney, local priest who founded the Knights of Columbus.

The ceremony, which was presided by one of the longest and most colorful parades ever seen in this city inaugurated a year-

How Can You Tell If A Boy Will Be A Good Marriage Partner?

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Everyone keeps telling us how important a good marriage partner is, but how can you recognize one before marriage? Like most other girls, I want a happy marriage. I'd like to have children, a home, and a loving husband. What should one look for in a future mate? I've dated quite a few boys and like most of them. How can I tell which one would make a good husband?



YOUR SHORT question calls for a long answer. Mabel, I suppose every thoughtful girl reaching maturity has this question more or less in mind. Because marriage will be so important for your happiness and sanctification, your first step is to pray earnestly and steadily that God will help you find a good partner.

Once you decide that marriage is your vocation in life, this intention should be included in all of your prayers. How can you recognize a good future mate? Of course, it must be someone that you can respect and love. Unfortunately, love is not enough.

You can love someone — or even think you love him — even though there is little or no chance that you could build a successful marriage with him.

Marriage means partnership in parenthood. It implies being able to live with a person as well as being able to love him. Because premarital love necessarily centers on mere companionship, it cannot be the sole criterion for selecting a marriage partner.

But love, or perhaps more correctly, emotional involvement, is such an exhilarating experience that few couples pay much attention to other criteria once they have reached this stage.

Further, since frequent association between marriageable men and women normally leads to love, it is important to keep these other criteria in mind when selecting your dat-

household. This implies that he has some training or skill, a sense of responsibility, and the ability to hold a steady job.

If a man has made no effort to prepare himself for an adequate job, if he displays little sense of responsibility either in his attitude toward work or the use of his money, he's a poor marriage bet.

You're not likely to reform him after marriage, and remember, your position in society will depend almost entirely upon his ability to support you and the children.

THIRD, YOUR partner should have a balanced personality. Can he control his temper? Does he treat others justly and with respect? Does he "go to pieces" under strain? Does he have any insight into his own character or does he always blame others for his failure and lack of success? Is he stubborn and self-centered in dealing with others and with you?

If some of these traits upset you before marriage, reflect that you will experience them much more intimately and personally in marriage. They are signs warning you of his true character.

Finally, don't marry a man with the hope of reforming him.

I suppose every woman is a born mother, endowed with perennial desire to sympathize, console and remodel. However, if a man is old enough to marry and still needs to be reformed, don't flatter yourself that you are the divinely appointed agent to do so.

If his own mother, his friends, the school, and society couldn't achieve this, you had best leave him up to God. Marriage wasn't meant to be a reform school.

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