

Quebec Lawyer:

Adoption Must Favor Child

Montreal (NC) — Quebec legislation on the adoption of children was held as a model to other countries by a speaker at the International Catholic Child Bureau congress here.

MARCEL TRAHAN, legal official of the Family Welfare Court at Montreal, explained the present Christian civilization, contrary to earlier civilizations, looked upon adoption as a legal act which must first favor the child.

The child's spiritual interest, consequently, must be the first consideration of the legislator, he said.

The parents of a child cannot ignore the responsibility which is theirs to assure the child a religious education, Mr. Trahan declared. They cannot frustrate the child's right and the legislator must see to it that there is no violation of this right, he added.

The Quebec adoption law was enacted in this spirit, Mr. Trahan maintained, it is pointed out.

The adopting parent "must profess the same religious faith in which the child to be adopted has been baptized," he said. All other provinces in Canada except in their laws, respect for the religious faith of the child.

In the United States, 24 of the 48 states likewise possess stipulations regarding respect for the religious faith of the child, Mr. Trahan declared.

Dispositions in the U. S., generally, are not as exacting as in the Quebec legislation since judges are not obliged to exact the assent of religious faith of the adopting parent and the adopted child except "when that is possible," Mr. Trahan pointed out.



Sorrowful Mother Statue

Techny, Ill.—(NC)—Soon to be cast in bronze is this unique design of the Sorrowful Mother holding the body of her crucified Son in rigor mortis. It is the work of Father Peter Weyland, S.V.D. When completed, the work will adorn the vestibule of the Divine Word Seminary chapel in Techny, Ill. Feast of the Sorrowful Mother is this Sunday, September 13.

Founder's Aims Remain Jesuit Goal, Says Pope

Castel Gandolfo — (RNS) — Delegates attending the general congregation of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in Rome were received in audience by Pope Pius XII at the papal summer residence here.

The Pontiff voiced the hope that the society would "continue to be guided by the standards and aims established by its founder, St. Ignatius Loyola." In this way, he said, the society would maintain its fruitful apostolate and continue to lead souls along the road to Christian perfection.

Led by the Very Rev. John Baptist Janssens, Belgian-born General of the Order, the group comprising 185 representatives of Jesuit provinces in all parts of the world, they are meeting at the headquarters of the Jesuit Curia in the Borgo Santo Spirito, not far from the Vatican. The sessions are expected to continue for some weeks.

POPE PIUS, speaking in Latin, expressed his constant solicitude for the growth and success of the Jesuit order, which is engaged chiefly in teaching and missionary work. It is the largest congregation of priests in the Catholic Church.

Present at the audience were Father Janssens' eight assistants, representing groups of provinces in Italy, Spain, France, Germany, England, North America, Latin America and the Slav countries.

The general congregation is being held in the Hall of St. Ignatius at the Jesuit headquarters. It is the 30th in the 423-year history of the order.

May A Bride Continue To Work Until The Babies Start Coming?

By FATHER JOHN L. THOMAS, S.J., Assistant Professor of Sociology at St. Louis University

Is it all right for a bride to continue working until the babies start coming? George and I were married right after he finished school so we had no money saved up. I've been managing to handle my job and the apartment pretty well so far, and we do need the money. However, we're very anxious to make a success of our marriage, too. Am I endangering our future happiness by continuing to work?

I knew this question would come up sooner or later!

Perhaps I can help you reach a prudent decision by revealing a few principles and facts relating to your problem.

First, it is not a mere question of work. In every society, most wives have worked and worked very hard.

The modern problem is their employment outside the home. Changes in the social system have so modified the functions of the household and the position of women that past patterns are no longer entirely applicable. Over half of the modern brides have been employed before marriage. Many see no good reason why they should not increase the family income by continuing to work after marriage. In most cases it is not a question of a career but of more or less temporary employment.

Second, marriage is a partnership in parenthood. When you enter marriage, you dedicate yourselves to the service of new life. Conjugal love is by its nature productive and creative, seeking to extend and fulfill itself in a child. This is the normal way that marital happiness grows to maturity. It follows that anything which interferes with your partnership in parenthood offers a threat to your happiness.

Third, parenthood involves a necessary division of labor. During the child-bearing and child rearing period the wife's energy and interest must be focused on the home if she is to perform her task adequately. It follows that the family must live primarily on the income supplied by the husband under ideal conditions, therefore,



marriage should mark the beginning of this division of labor, and the family's standard of living should be based on the husband's earning capacity.

IN THE LIGHT of these facts and principles, I think we can safely draw the following conclusions concerning your problem.

First, your husband should agree to your employment outside the home. Second, you must both agree that your job is temporary, that it becomes clear that you are going to have a baby.

Third, from the beginning, you will base your standard of living on your husband's earnings. Whatever income you make should be used to pay past debts, buy furniture and other extras, or be put aside to cover expenses related to having a baby. This point is very important. If you start mar-

riage by basing your standard of living on your pooled incomes, pregnancy will represent a threat to your standard of living. You may thus tend to postpone it or, if it happens you may consciously or unconsciously resent it. Finally, your job must not prevent you from taking care of the home. This is not easy since you are really holding two jobs. Young couples who must rush off to work in the morning and return tired at evening frequently come to look upon the home as little more than a hotel. Their companionship suffers and they miss the deeper meaning of domestic partnership. If you feel you should hold your job you had best set a definite date for its termination, and then stand by your decision. Like most other families, you will always be able to use more money, but you married because you wanted happiness, not just more money.

Dying Mother's Prayers Spur Son's Conversion

Assisi — (NC) — The "Hail Holy Queen" recited by his dying mother marked the beginning of the conversion of Judge Nicola Jaeger, a member of Italy's Constitutional Court.

THE JUDGE revealed for the first time the story of his conversion to Catholicism before an audience of about 2,000 persons.

"I have felt a desire to speak to you," he said, "and to talk about a thing I have never said to anyone outside of my family. A thing I would probably find great difficulty in telling you individually."

Among the judge's hearers were Cardinal Siri and Roncalli, Judge Jaeger, a member of Italy's highest court, told how he was stirred by the devout prayers of his mother when she was at the point of death.

Following the example of his mother, he then began to pray in earnest. From that moment on, he said, he felt that he had to enter the Church to which she belonged.

The judge said he had no intention of making a public confession. He merely wanted to give open testimony of the power of prayer in bringing about the spiritual transformation of a man, he said.

"This funny case," he concluded, "I tell it to you so that you may judge it as you wish."

The prelate warned at the 20th

Irish Aren't Vanishing, Says Prelate

Ennis — (NC) — The Irish people are in danger of becoming obsessed with the idea that they are a "vanishing race," Bishop Rodgers of Killaloe declared here.

annual congress of Muintir na Tire (People of the Land) the assertion that the Irish are dying out has been repeated so often that the people are in danger of believing that Ireland is in fact a nation doomed to extinction.

In the course of the Rural

Week, held at St. Flannan's College here, Father Maurice Morrissey, 49, pastor in Killybegs, was elected chairman of the national board of the Muintir na Tire. He succeeds the late Father John M. Hayes, founder of the organization.

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YOUR WILL AGAINST HIS

All that God gives us—even life itself—belong to Him. He just lends it to us to use for His greater honor and glory. When we leave this world to return to account to Him for our stewardship, hasn't He a right to expect us to return some of His gifts by including His missions in our wills?

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