# **CEROSIT**

The Catholic Bishops of the United States picked the in the interest of "censorship" as the main in the interest issued this week.

Black said they were in favor of censorship as a reminarde

May then launched a year-long study to determine how the movie-rating program of the Legion of De-polytic radio and TV productions.

Malor have thus taken a stand which flatly right to say or do, read or see, hear or print by or everything.

those who claim this right to see, read, and do as they shipet to any restriction or regulation imposed by or revernment.

hally, common sense shows that freedom is best by reasonable limitations. The right to smoke there the right to blow smoke in your face. the right of freedom of speech does not mean

have the right to tell lies about you. The right to Ireedoes not mean you have to abandon your child temptations of pornographic publications.

Decent Reneat people have rights too. They have a tan muscle the mad dog and they have a right to pro-Charledyes and their tamilies from moral dangers.

"It stands to reason that if government has the right to control traffic it also has the greater right to regulate good perblic morals too.

Civil egislation, however, said the Bishops, is ordinarily not "an adequate standard of morality." Traditionally our American national and local governments have preforred to let the citizens regulate themselves. If, however, the citizens fall to keep themselves within the reasonable limits freedom sllows, then the government has to impose obnoxious, restrictive laws of "censorship."

Im recent years there is growing evidence that too many Americans have overlooked their duty of self-regulation.

Besider Catholic Church officials, others also recognize committee, juvenile court judges, and a New York State legislative committee have all come to this same conclusion.

The Catholic Church in America has provided its own members with the Legion of Decency and the National Office for Decent Literature to guide them in their movie going and magazine reading. The Bishops in their statement said they wished the movie producers and magazine publishers would develop a sense of responsibility to regulate the make the work of guidance agencies

Until that day dawns, and it still seems a long ways way, the Church will continue to aid Catholics in saving their souls by evaluating current shows and publications in the light of Christian moral principles. And if the tide of immorality continues to increase, then the government itself will have to step into this field to muzzle those who cannot control themselves in decency.

## Clothing Collection To Aid World's Needy

Will you be able to give thanks for giving when you sit next Thursday at your turkey laden dirner table?

Across a score of nations swept by the scourge of war, thousands sike out a starving existence in refugee camps or huddle homeless on some Korean roadside waiting for a shred to over them, a crumb to sustain them.

This week Catholics have been asked by their Bishops to scour their clothes closets for used but usable clothing to aid the world's needy. This will be the ninth annual "Thanksgiving Clothing Collection" conducted by the Catholic Bishops of the United States for the relief of those who are victims of persecution and poverty.

Relief supplies are dispatched promptly by the Catholic Relief Services organization to areas where needs are most urgent. Take these cases as examples:

REFUGEE CAMP, GERMANY - Elderly men and women, their faces lined with bitter years of hardship, their bodies scantily clad in thread-bare clothing sure targets for tuberculosis, no hope of returning to their homes confiscated or destroyed by Communist governments which seized their countries and exiled these "useless" people. .

CHILDREN'S ORPHANAGE, ITALY - Hungarian children, oxphans whose parents were killed or arrested or lost when Russian troops bathed Budapest in blood a year ago. The waifs who have found their way into the free western world must wonder if freedom is worth very much if they have to live in squalid, weather beaten buildings and have only scrops for food and rags for clothing.

A ROADSIDE, KOREA-A young mother and willow, her undernourished and shivering tots next to her, not even a roof to shelter them, a day which begins as every day has begun for the past five years with the cay of hungary children and the rasping racking cough of a fatal disease.

These are the people you can help and hundreds like them.

All you have to do is sort out the clothes your children have outgrown, clean out the shoes and not needed bisnikets which dutter your closets, pack some socks, morfilers, gloves, wearable clean clothing of any description and bring it to your parish clothing collection depost.

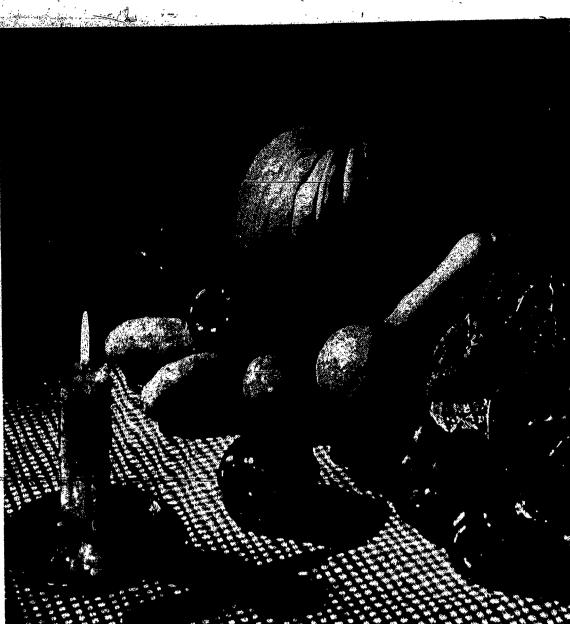
Your Ten minutes of therity will seel months of comfort to people who will give thanks to you because you gave in at Thanksgiving for them.



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Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts which we are about to receive from Thy bounty through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Thanksgiving Day

named its greatest Sacrament "Thanksgiving." That is what "Holy Eucharist" meams in Ets original Greek form.

The Church's official "Thanksgiving Day" honoring the Holy Eucharist is, of course, Holy Thursday, the annual observance of Charist's anstitution of this great Sacra-

Ever since that first Holy Thursday night when our Saviour said, "Do tiris in menuary of me," the Church has made this sacred rite the heart of each church day. In a special way, the Church marks every Thursday as the day of the Encharist even as every Frienday is to some extent a Good Erl.

As Catholics we smould weeognize that it is more than coincidence which prompted our nation's pioneers to set aside' the last Thursday of November as a special day of thanks ziving to God for spiritual and

The Catholic Church has temporal gifts given us during the past year.

> This festival was first observed in 1621 when the Pilgrim Governor Bradford decreed the observance for the Cape Cod Bay colony to mark surviving their first year in the New World. The pilgrim feast was repeated the following year and today is one of America's most widely observed holidays.

For Catholic Americans. Thanksgiving Day is not just the last Thursday of November, it is also the last. Thursday the Church's ritual year. And since Thursciay is the day chosen by our Lord for His institution of the divine Thanksgiving, we should make the day as truly "e-ucharistic" as

Devout Catholics will begin the day at Mass and Communion, the banquet prepared by our Lord for the nourishment of souls. There should also be provision made for a banquet

for the poor by contributing clothes and alms to comfort the world's needy. Finally there should be some private prayer and meditation to express in humility our sincere thanksgiving to God who has been so generous to each of us.

SUCH IS THE SPIRIT of every true pilgrim who is homeward bound toward our Father who is in heaven. Like the pioneers of Cape Cod, we too and colonicis in his world establishing in our offices, our neighborhoods, even in our own hearts an outpost of the

Year after year we will celebrate our Thanksgiving daysurrounded by our fellow parishioners at Mass. surrounded by our families and friends at the traditional turkey dinner until that greater feast dawns when with our Lord our Lady and all our loved ones we shall celebrate the eternal Eucharist. our thanks to God at His throne forever.

#### JOSEPH BREIG

## If A Catholic Were Elected President

Catholic's religion might conflict with any of his duties if he were Presi-

dent of the Unit ed. States I 🛰 ould answer more commple **≭e**ly and positively thara did Sen. John S. Renned v of Mass

I would be∙ gin by sa ving flatly, "No. it is utterly inapos-

Kenned; was interviewed by magaine writer, Andre Fontains, who remarked that if Kermedy were President, a situzeron conceivably might arise "in which the dictates of your Church and the demands of your country would conflict."

Kennedy replied that he could not imagine such a situation. But if it did arise, "nohody in my Church gives me orders . . I've be en in Congress 10 years, and at has mever happened. People are a fraid that Catholics take orders from higher organization. They don't. Or at least I don't."

The answer seems to me ade-

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH itself teaches that it has no right or desire to make political decisions for us.

The Church's field is the moral and spiritual. Where spiritual or moral factors are involved, she has a duty to call attention to them.

The Church, for instance, condemned nazism because nazism is immoral. She condemns communisms for the same reason. Catholics cannot conscientiously vote for candidates who uphold such anti-God and anti-human systems

of government. But if an incompentent Catholic is a candidate for public office, whether for the Presi-

If I were asked whether a dent or some other position. Catholics are under moral and religious obligation to vote against him.

> KENNEDY SHOULD have challenged Fontaine's basic assumption, because it is false. It is not conceivable—indeed it is impossible—that "the dictates" of the Catholic Church could ever conflict with "the demands" of our country, unless the demands were illegitimate. In that case, the demands would conflict with the right conscience of all good citizens, not merely of Catholic

The Catholic Church's "dictate" to Catholic citizens is that they be go-od citizens, and to Catholic of Eiceholders that they be good officeholders. That is the winole story in a nutshell.

Questions such as Fontaine's are, of course, profoundly insulting to Catholics, although we realize that Fontaine meant no offense. But nobody has any right to impugneour patriotism.

I AM PUZZLED by the fact that the question is repeatedly

#### Wait, Then Bait

• Pat and Sandy went fishing. They agreed that the one who made the first catch would give the other a drink. After about ten minates the Scotsman yelled: "Hey, Pat, you got

Pat yanked in his line, and sure enough there was a measly little fish. But Pat would keep his word so he poured his pal

"Ah, well," said the Scotsman. wiping his lips, "I think now I'll beit may hook."

raised in connection with the Presidency, but not in relation to other public offices.

Essentially, there is no difference. If a Catholic can be a good governor or mayor. as many have been then a Catholic can be a good Presi-

Every public official has the obligation to uphold the Constitution and the laws, and to govern well and faithfully. A Catholic must take that obligation with utmost serious-

If he doesn't, he is not a good Catholic. The better Catholic he is, other things being equal, the better public official he will make, because he is bound by a strict moral code.

There is nothing unusual or exclusive about that fact. Catholic public officials have a religious and moral duty to be good public officials - but so have Protestants and Jews.

TO BE A GOOD CITIZEN is part of being a good man or woman. To be a good citizen is part of being a good Catholic. Patriotism is a moral and religious duty.

Every Catholic citizen is under religious and moral obligation to try to inform himself about issues and candidates, and to vote in accordance with his conscientious judgment of what will best serve the common, good.

A Catholic who does otherwise, does wrong. So does any other citizen who does otherwise. Every last one of us, Catholic or not, is duty-hound to act for the best interest of our country.

To repeat - the Catholic Church's "dictate" to Catholic citizens and officeholders is that they be good men, devoted to their country and to the public interest. Conflict between true Catholicity and duty as a public official is completely impossible.

# Catholics 'Sit In Bleachers'

(The author of this article is editor of the Monitor, San Francisco archdiocese neuspaper. He served as an observer at the sixth national convention of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). In the following article be details bis impression of the convention.)

By MONSIGNOR WALTER J. TAPPE

San Francisco — (NC) — The impression that the higher echelons of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) were "running scared" was prevalent at its sixth national conference here.

They seemed quite conscious of the criticism leveled at the agency, especially the charges that: 1) it is atheistic; 2) its publications have advocated world government, and 3) it has tried to infiltrate the idea of world government in American schools.

There is the definite impression that the charges made against UNESCO have had a healthy effect on the agency, for, if such charges were true and a subcommittee on internal organzations and movements of the House Foreign Affairs Committee found they were not they seemingly have separated the long haired dreamers from the realists among UNESCO people.

that teach Russian propaganda

and to Egyptian schools that

spout anti-Western propaganda.

Dr. Veronese gave a forth-

right statement on education in

his formal address. He said:

"In our countries we are fierce-

ly opposed to government text-

books in education. We would

not be less so on the interna-

tional level. We believe that

there is truth in culture only

insofar as it can be freely de-

bated, criticized and compared

with opposing theses. We could

not even admit that the

UNESCO mark be used to give

privilege or protection in the

creative struggle of ideas to an

officials or recommended the

sia." Unfortunately, Dr. Vero-

TWO MORE facets of the

conference should be pointed

out. Two speakers in particular

used their moments on the

podium to remind the delegates

that, in all their deliberations,

they should be aware that a

mortal conflict is now going on

between the communist and

These two were: Under secre-

tary of State Christian Herter

who told emphatically how the

Reds are exploiting a "new di-

mension's in diplomacy by

means of a "cultural offensive,"

and Walter Reuther, who spoke

of labor's understanding that

"the struggle in the world be-

tween the forces of freedom

and the forces of tyranny, be-

tween the forces of democracy

and the forces of communism

. . . is a struggle for the hearts

and the minds and the loyalty

THE SECOND facet is the

comment, heard from more

than one delegate "off the rec-

ord." that in practice UNESCO

by and large remains on the

leftist side of the fence; he-

cause it is those inculcated with

the principles of educational

liberalism who are carrying the

brunt of the effort to do the

job that is UNESCO's to carry

Most conventions are not

satisfactory. The delegate is

constantly "talked at." How-

even conventions enable people

from all sections of the coun-

try, or world, to meet with

earh other and to talk shop

over a cup of coffee Herely.

we got our best impressions of

We discovered that Catholic

participation is most welcomed.

the UNESCO conference -

of mankind."

nese spoke in French.

free world ideologies.

IN ALL THE speeches we desks for Hungarian schools heard and lead there was the constant use of such phrases as of member-states," and "cooperating," and "advising." I nere was a continued stress on the theme of respect for other cultures. One speaker put it: "In educating Americans Lor service abroad, we need especially to teach them to avoid trying to superimpose an American biueprint on another

Fayorable references to religion were many. Actually the word "reterence" is inaccurate. Religion was the substance of many a propounced theme. President Waiter Reuther of the United Automobile Workers, in a fiery address before a jam-packed juncheon meeting at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel said bluntly: "The crisis in the world is not essentially ecomomic, political or military. The crisis is principally moral in

Incidentally, Mr. Reuther was asked after stressing the need for increasing educational opportunities for all Americans, it he would oppose the taxation of private schools, such as some groups are trying to do here in California. He replied, almost in a shoul; "I surely would oppose such ef-

DR. LUTHER Evans, UNESCO director - general said: "1012 know that whenever we undertake an activity in any of our fields, it's always on request of the member state involved. Sometimes a request will specify that Catholic experts be turnished. We are happy to obline. And we'll supply the best Catholics we can find." Dr. Evans likewise said he has conversed with the Pope and is particularly pleased with the good support UNESCO has had from the Holy See.

Since this particular conference was geared to the question of "Asia and the United States," Dr. Evans also said: "If we are to penetrate the Asian mind at all, we must start with religion. Until we know and understand their values, their faiths, their various philosophies, we'll just be marking time. We can get through to them if we learn these things. Not otherwise.

WHEN UNESCO Commission President John R. Richards presented Dr. Vittorino Veronese, chairman of the UNESCO executive board, in the opening session at the Opera House, he ran off Dr. Veronese's Catholic affiliations like a litany.

Charles A. Moore, philosophy professor at the University of Hawaii, at the panel on "Ine Mind and the Spirit of Asia" stated that if UNESCO is to work out any kind of cooperation between Asia and the United States, "we must turn to the philosophical and religious convictions of peoples in order to understand them, for in this way we can reach the basic motivations, the basic ideas, ideals and values which provide the only sound explanation of the man or the people under consideration.'

There was a definite consciousness of the work of missionaries even if their efforts were not spelled out in detail.

WITHOUT A DOUBT, the "E" in UNESCO is still a headache. The U.S. Commission, faced with some hot eratory over whether the international agency should ride herd on its educational grants, failed to quench the fire but did get it banked safely for the time being.

The problem arose when a Tabbi asked if money is going to Arab schools that teach hatred of Israel. This was followed by two more queries whether UNESCO is supplying



WALTER REUTHER 'crisis is moral'

We found that non-Catholics are eager to hear the position of the Church on every conceiv-. able subject. It proved for us, at leaste that if an Catholic "ghetto" exists in the cultural and intellectual world, it is only in the minds of Catholics themselves.

We were told by Dr. Paul Sih of Seton Hall University, South Orange, N. J., how he was able to give the delegates at the last international conference of UNESCO held in New Delhi, India, the statements of the Pope on disarmament. When we asked Dr. Sih how the delegates received the information, he told us that they were positively delighted. He said that the delegates had never known that the Pope had spoken on the question.

As a Catholic editor, that last remark bothered us. Obviously, the Catholic press has printed all the addresses of the Pontiff. If these statements remain unknown, then quite obviously. our problem is one of distribution. We are doing a good printing job, but somewhere we must have falled to have our printed material read, especially by non-Catholics.

WHICH FURTHER reminds us that at the San Francisco UNESCO conference, there was all the printed material one wanted, or could carry away in a truck. And it was free. It appeared that everybody and everybody's mother ha printed materials to give away - except the Catholics. We thought that here was a great opportunity for such publications as Worldmission, or the Notre Dame University Review of Politics, to be passed around to all delegates. But the only Catholic literature available was the San Francisco archdiocesan paper, the Monitor.

We must observe that although Catholic participation is welcomed at these meetings Catholics are not carrying their cultural weight. Of all the speakers at the sixth hational conference, we know of only four Catholic participants, that is, four who had the floor. Mathematics alone would seem to indicate that we should liave had 20 per cent of the speakers.

There were a goodly number of Catholics attending the sessions. That was a most pleasing note. But they were in attendance only as "listeners." They were in no position to mold opinions, fashion ideas or present our rich cultural heri-

Make no mistake about it, UNESCO has a world-shaking impact. Moreover, UNESCO members need, and want, our cultural, intellectual and spiritual contributions. But most of us were in the bleachers, not on the field.

### Strange But True . . .



Making Basic

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missing mouth an from stem the spoon