

Senate Told:

Housing Projects Breed Delinquency

Washington — (NC) — Public housing projects all over the country have become "breeding places for delinquency," the secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities told a Senate housing subcommittee.

Housing policy must be revised, said Msgr. John O'Grady, so that public housing will be a "means of lifting families to a higher scale of living."

MSGR. O'GRADY pointed out that early planners of public housing thought of it as "designed for . . . families who might be regarded as poor people and would always continue to be poor people."

But, he said, a change in thinking has occurred, so that "we are no longer willing to admit that the families that occupy public housing will always remain poor. . . . Public housing, then, must be shaped to meet the newer concepts of a dynamic society in which people have an opportunity of constantly moving up the economic ladder."

Juvenile delinquency and broken homes, Msgr. O'Grady asserted, have given "a black eye to public housing."

"We have not adequate housing program to take care of those who have been displaced by our slum clearances," he declared. In addition, he remarked, "we have cut the ties that bound people together in the downtown

sections of the city. Many of them belonged to the same religious and ethnic institutions. Their churches and schools provided bonds of union that held them together."

THE TIME has come," Msgr. O'Grady, said, "to think of rehousing the people in the areas from which they have been displaced. This should not be done exclusively by a public housing program."

As for public housing projects in this field carried out in downtown sections, he continued, they should first of all be made up of smaller units than is the custom at present. In addition, he said, "we ought to make it possible for the tenants to use their payments as a means of acquiring ownership of the housing units."

Msgr. O'Grady maintained that "the existing programs of social agencies and public welfare programs in American cities do not have the strength necessary to build the type of program that we should envisage."

"The leadership in this sort of program must come fundamentally from the people themselves, from their own strengths," he said.



Monsignor John S. Randall, managing editor of the Rochester Catholic Courier — Journal, and retiring president of the Catholic Press Association, congratulates John J. Daly, K.S.G., editor and general manager, the Catholic Virginian, Richmond, Va., newly elected CPA president. They admire a plaque given to Msgr. Randall, president of the association for the past two years, in recognition of his service. The association held its 48th annual convention in Richmond, May 20-23. (NC Photos)

Catholic Press Names Msgr. Randall To Board

Msgr. John S. Randall, managing editor of the Rochester Catholic Courier Journal, was elected to the board of directors of the Catholic Press Association for a one year term at the association's 48th annual convention held last week at Richmond, Va.

Msgr. Randall, president of the association for the last two years, was succeeded by John J. Daly, editor and general manager of the Catholic Virginian, newspaper of the Richmond Diocese.

Over 400 delegates from Catholic newspapers, magazines and general publishing firms were present at the three-day convention.

Bishop Albert R. Zuroweste, Belleville, Ill., honorary president of the CPA, and Msgr. Randall, keynoted the convention by sending greetings to Catholic journalists behind the Iron Curtain. These messages will be broadcast over Radio Free Europe.

Msgr. Randall said in part, "We of the Catholic press of America pledge our resources to keep the free world informed of your struggles to attain complete freedom of expression and faith. We look forward to the day when, through this freedom will be attained."

In his message, Msgr. Randall told his "colleagues, the Catholic journalists in eastern Europe," that the Catholic newspapers and magazines in the United States and Canada "operate within the constitutional guarantee of a free and unrestricted press."

Msgr. Randall further stated that his main purpose in communicating over Radio Free Europe was "to convey fraternal greetings from our members to all Catholic journalists in the

Baby Boom Continues

Evergreen Park, Ill. — (NC) — There have been reports recently that the U.S. birth rate has declined as a result of the current recession.

But just the reverse is true at Little Company of Mary Hospital here, where births were up 35 per cent during the first three months of 1958, compared with the same period in 1957. There was an increase of 150 babies, from 1,337 to 1,517.

The Chicago area hospital, where more babies are born annually than at any other private hospital in Illinois, is currently conducting a \$1,200,000 development campaign.

Standing on the Corner . . .

Isn't a good pastime for the "teenage set" in any country. "But what are they going to do . . ." is the question you can hear parents ask all over the world. It has become quite a problem in Siria (Greece) as well as in New York, Paris and London. The pastor of the parish feels if he could build a parish hall he would have at least a partial solution to the problem. We think so too. The young people who will use the hall plan to do the work, their parents will supply the material (at least part of it) and the parish will provide the land. This leaves a deficit of \$1,000. Would you like to help the young people of Siria—who have the same problems as your own children? This is certainly an important work — we would like to help the parish by giving them \$1,000—may we count on you?

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Why Does A Husband Criticize His Wife In Front Of Others?

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Shouldn't a man show respect for his wife? My husband criticizes me in front of our children and even in the presence of outsiders. He never misses a chance to pick me up on a mistake, so that sometimes I think he's just waiting for me to pull a boner. Lately, he's been making disparaging remarks about my family. When I protest, he just says he's only teasing. What makes a man act that way?



I'm not sure, Louise; maybe he's developed an ulcer! In all seriousness, though, you do face a distressing problem.

Your letter suggests that his critical attitude is something new or, at least, has taken a turn for the worse at present. This may provide a clue to its origin, though with my present knowledge of the problem, I can only suggest several possibilities.

AS YOU KNOW from experience, loss of respect in marriage causes real suffering when it is manifested in critical remarks and obvious attempts to humiliate the partner. More significant, it may indicate a loss of love. True love is always founded on mutual respect.

When respect is lacking, there may remain emotional, sensual, or sexual attraction, but not love, and such relationship usually indicates exploitation.

The reason is that true love involves a relationship between persons, and the human person demands respect because it is the highest value in creation. If so-called lovers do not respect each other, this shows that they regard each other as objects or things, hence the likelihood of exploitation.

Least this bit of philosophy eludes you, Louise, just remember that there is no true love without respect; and conversely, where there is no respect, there can be no love.

If young men and women remembered this on dates, they would be less likely to mistake affectionate exploitation for true love. When "lover-boy" says or implies, "If you really loved me, you would do this," he's not talking about true love!

NOW TO YOUR problem, Louise. What makes a man act that way? Let's survey some of the possibilities.

Have you made him feel that you're competing with him? Sometimes husbands think that their wives are trying to outshine them and use this indirect way to cut them down to size. Wives may do this unconsciously, and if their husbands are insecure, they may react in this immature fashion.

Are you at odds with your husband in some other area of marital or family relationships? Again, this may be your husband's indirect way of showing resentment over an unwilling concession or defeat in some other area. This is typical strategy in marital disagreements.

Is your tongue sharper and more critical than you realize? Some people lack empathy—the ability to put themselves in the other fellow's shoes so as to see how he thinks and feels.

Hence they may remain quite unconscious of how their words and actions affect others, though they are highly sensitive to what is done to themselves. We all know people who "can't take a joke," yet delight in pulling them on others.

MAYBE YOU'RE JUST growing up, that is, assuming a mature role in marriage after posing as a more or less flighty, carefree school girl, and your husband can't adjust to the change.

Some girls pose as mental lightweights during courtship and early marriage because this seems to flatter a certain type of husband. When they start acting maturely, their husbands may resent it as a threat to their masculine superiority.

These are some of the possibilities, Louise. Look them over carefully for any light they may throw on your problem. What else can you do?

YOU WILL BE on safe ground if you try to bolster up your husband's self-confidence and sense of security as head of the family. Don't hesitate to compliment and praise whenever possible. This should be mutual among normal couples, of course, but you will be wise to start it yourself.

More directly, if your husband stubbornly persists, you best have a showdown. Don't let him pass his criticism off as mere teasing. Ask him why he feels so insecure, what score he's trying to even up, what he hopes to gain by hurting you. These questions may open his eyes.

Above all, don't let his criticism undermine your own sense of security and self-confidence. As wife and mother, you're queen of the home. Act the part, and your children, at least, will never doubt it.

Catholic Schools Rate 'Year Ahead'

Los Angeles — (NC) — Schools of the Los Angeles archdiocese rank high among the nation's schools, according to results filed here by statisticians of the Iowa Test of Education Development, a national testing service.

Msgr. Patrick J. Dignan, archdiocese superintendent of schools, told the Archdiocesan School Board that according to testing authorities, archdiocesan pupils are working an entire year above the national grade level.

The 7,500 ninth grade pupils who took the Iowa tests attained a rank of 75, compared to a national norm of 50, in tests one to eight of the Iowa battery.

The rank of the local ninth graders is comparable to 10th grade achievement level as fixed by national norms, according to the interpretation of the testing authorities.

The battery of tests included separate exams in social studies background, natural science background, written expression, quantitative thinking, general vocabulary and interpretation in social studies, natural science and literature, it was reported.

Msgr. Dignan observed that these scientifically designed and administered tests disclosed the

value of traditional emphasis accorded the "three R's" and the fundamentals of the learning process.

Archdiocesan curriculum specialists are analyzing results so far to further improve courses of study.

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