

NCCW Meet Cites Parents Duties, Family Aid Need

By WILLIAM E. RING

St. Louis — (NC) — Parental responsibility for the sex education of children was stressed in a resolution adopted at the 29th national convention of the National Council of Catholic Women here.

This responsibility, the resolution said, is "emphasized by the misinformation and violation of moral principles in such education often obtained mainly from mass media.

THE DELEGATES also advocated study of a family allowance program in the United States, and called for "an increased emphasis on Christian family living, through such programs as family prayer, family recreation and reading, desirable teenage codes, modesty in dress and action, premarriage and marriage instruction and discussion groups, and a general reevaluation and exercise of the virtues of self discipline, courage and faith."

Another resolution called upon the nearly 12,000 organizations affiliated with the NCCW to assist in "recruiting competent lay teachers for our parochial schools."

The resolution pointed out that parent-educator groups have recognized the need for improved education and educational facilities. It said that the cooperation of parents and school officials is essential.

The programming of these home and school groups, the resolution said, "should reflect a mutual understanding of the rights and duties of parents and teachers, and should provide suitable information to help both parents and teachers fulfill God-given responsibilities to today's children and tomorrow's Catholic citizens."

The growing trend to "bust-

ness as usual" on Sundays was deplored in a resolution which advocated whole-hearted support of movements to "restore Sunday to its proper place in the Christian scheme of life."

Another resolution urged Catholic women "to study the teachings of the Church on censorship and to interpret it to others." It called for support of the National Legion of Decency, the National Office for Decent Literature and codes established by mass media industries.

No Dull Moment At NCCW Congress

St. Louis — (NC) — Two time-honored clichés, perhaps best summed up in the five-day going-on at the 29th annual convention of the National Council of Catholic Women just concluded here.

There was never a dull moment. There was something doing every second.

Spread over the five days there were 44 separate events with a total of 184 leading participants. These participants included some 35 archbishops and bishops who spoke or presided at the various sessions.

Race Issue Seen Block To Hawaii Statehood Bid

By JIM KELLY

San Francisco — (NC) — When Hawaii becomes a state and he is confident this will happen within the next 12 months — Catholics can take particular pride in the fact, the territory's Gov. William F. Quinn said here.

"Frankly, the greatest barrier to Hawaiian statehood has been the race issue — the mixture of races in our population," he declared.

The Governor, a Catholic himself, then said:

"The Catholic view on this point has been a strong force in our fight to enter the Union, because the Church teaches the equal dignity and brotherhood of mankind. If there has been a Catholic contribution in our 50-year struggle, this is it."

NUMERICAL strength of the islands Catholics lends weight to their moral stand, Gov. Quinn indicated. They form nearly two-fifths of the territory's 600,000 population.

Hawaii's 12th governor, and first Catholic in the post, made the remarks in an exclusive interview here.

The 39-year-old bespectacled chief executive, a graduate of St. Louis University, was in San Francisco to address a civic banquet.

THE EVENT highlighted the week-long Pacific Festival honoring 30 nations in the Pacific

area. Speaker was Michael A. Stepovich of Alaska, also 39 and a Catholic, who recently resigned as Governor of 49th State to run for the U.S. Senate.

The racial issue was a key point in Gov. Quinn's talk, in which he described Hawaii as a catalyst in the meeting of East and West."

This understanding between our various racial groups has equipped Hawaii to make an important contribution in the development of closer and friendlier relations among countries of the Pacific world," he said.

To perform this function, Hawaii needs the prestige of statehood, since some Asians now view the island territory as no more than a colony, he added.

Also, he said, Hawaii's admission to the Union would counter communist charges that the U.S. is a "nation of racists dedicated to a theory of white supremacy."

My Husband-To-Be Wants To Go Fishing On Our Honeymoon

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Tim and I have just had our first big disagreement. We're planning our honeymoon, and he wants to go up to the lake country where there's good fishing. I say fishing is for bachelors! I'd like to travel around and visit some of the places I've always wanted to see. My sister did that, and we got cards from all over while they were away. It was thrilling! Isn't Tim being selfish?



You know, Helen, every time I'm called to discuss honeymoons, I enjoy recalling a little German treatise on marriages written around 1850. The author had very definite ideas about the aftermath of the wedding. He gave husbands one guiding principle—show your wife who's head of the family right away!

Even in returning from Church after the wedding, if she wants to take one way, you take another just to make clear who's boss. Husbands who fail to do this are in for a rough time all the rest of their lives.

How times have changed—and in this regard, for the better.

It's a good idea to work together in planning your honeymoon. Sometimes because they are very much in love, either the bride or the groom makes all the decisions. This may not be as healthy as it sounds. Couples should learn to discuss all their family plans together.

Marriage is a partnership—husbands and wives were to be helpmates, with each contributing to marital success and happiness according to their ability.

However, in all this modern emphasis on the need for discussion whether among couples or groups, it is generally forgotten that discussion which is not based on clear knowledge of pertinent principles and facts results in little more than muddled ignorance.

Your letter suggests that you and Tim have made this mistake. Before planning your honeymoon, you should ask what a honeymoon is for.

Now the honeymoon represents the period of your initiation into the conjugal state. This remains true whether you go fishing, travel, or stay right at home. Hence your honeymoon should provide you with a reasonable opportunity to be alone and to enjoy your newly acquired intimacy together in a leisurely, mutually satisfying way. No matter what you do wherever you go, this should be dominant in your planning.

I don't have to remind you, Helen, that honeymoons, like weddings, often serve several other purposes, some of which may obscure their real meaning. Because getting married is a social event, we tend to invite and, all too frequently, to impress others the way we manage it.

Although your own likes and dislikes, along with your past experience together, should be the chief guides in planning your honeymoon, perhaps I can offer a few helpful suggestions.

KEEP THE UNIQUE character of this period clearly in mind. You will be going through some profoundly intimate experiences in starting

your life together, and your schedule should provide the freedom, privacy, and flexible, unhurried pace which will allow you the leisure to take the required adjustments and adaptations in stride.

Though marriage makes you life partners, this partnership is a process, not an act, so what you plan to do in your honeymoon should include something you can both reasonably enjoy. In fact, this is the time when you should learn to start doing things as a team.

You may now feel that you could never be alone together long enough. This is a common delusion, but don't fall for it. Plan your honeymoon so that it provides access to some social life and entertainment. A solitary twosome may become a highly tiresome circle after a few days.

Don't try to impress others with your durability as travelers or the size of your bankroll. This is the honeymoon of your marriage, not an effort to show off before your neighbors.

Fit it, if at all possible, plan to attend Mass and Communion together. You're starting something mighty big, and you need special graces to guarantee success.

That's about it, Helen. I take for granted that you have adequate premarital instructions. However, if anything still worries you, consult your pastor or a doctor, according to the nature of your problem. They will be happy to assist you.

Oh, yes, do I think Tim is being selfish? Maybe you can now answer that one by yourself. After all, he's your man.

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'Won't Be Atomic War' Says Dawson

Southampton — (NC)—Historian and philosopher Christopher Dawson said here prior to sailing for the United States that he has "an instinctive feeling there won't be an atomic war."

Such a feeling may only be "wishful thinking," Mr. Dawson admitted but he pointed out that whoever starts a nuclear war "will certainly perish themselves."

Even should there be another war, he added, it might not necessarily result in all-out nuclear conflict.

During World War II, he pointed out, it was generally expected that poison gas would be used by one or both sides, but it was not.

Mr. Dawson left here with his wife Valerie to take up his post as first professor of Catholic studies in the Protestant-oriented divinity school of Harvard University. Neither he nor Mrs. Dawson has ever visited North America before.

The 68-year-old scholar, a convert to Catholicism, said he was looking forward to teaching at Harvard and to visiting Boston, which he said has become "a great Catholic city."

Mr. Dawson was scheduled to come to the United States during the summer session of Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash., before going to Harvard.

However, his trip here was delayed when U.S. officials denied him an entry visa, because chest X-rays indicated he had pulmonary tuberculosis. A reexamination showed this diagnosis to be incorrect and Mr. Dawson was given a visa.

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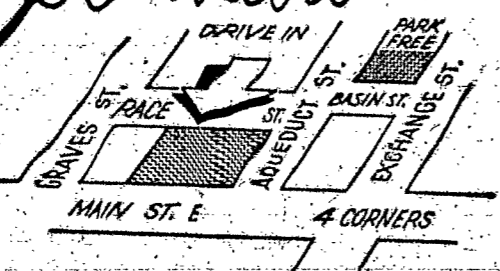
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