High School Dates

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What do you think about dating during high school? I'm a junior this year and most of the boys and girls fan my class go on dates because that's about the only way one can go any place. Since I intend to go to college, I've no intention of taking dating seriously now, though I don't think it's good to cut myself off from the others either. What do you recommend?

I quite agre with you, dating has come to be one of commonest means available for sharing in social af? fairs with your own agegroup. Hence, unless you have other forms of entertainment or other interests that absorb your time and energy, you'll find dating one of the easiest ways of enjoying some social life.

Although I see little justification for more than very occasional dating during the first two years of high school, the practice may serve some useful purpose in the junior and senior years. However, since dating at this time is primarily for entertainment, it would show lack of balance to allow it to absorb much of your time and energy.

Throughout the high school years your chief aim is to prepare your self for life, Wouldn't it be really childish to allow your desire for entertainment to interfere with the achievement of this important goal?

What purposes can dating serve at this period? Obviously it offers you one way there are others - of associating on a friendly, social basis with a large number of people, both boys and girls.

These contacts can broaden and deepen your knowledge of people and of social life. Moreover, besides the opportunity to associate in a group where you are one among several others, dating offers you the experience of dealing with just one other on the basis of a couple. You soon learn that this situation calls for considerable poise and balance. You're now appearing socially as a couple, together with other couples, and you have to learn the



cially regulate your behavior under such circumstances.

MORE EMPORTANT, you are, in a sense, responsible for each other's entertainment and behavior as a couple. What should you do? Where should you go? What can you talk about? In working out the answers to such questions, you discover that dating can give you experience in adjusting to others, in learning cooperation, and in sizing up the character of

All friencilly coratacts with others tend to accomplish this, but since dating involves only you and your partner, it greatly intensifier the exmerience.

Dating many also help you norms and customs that so do not have the same defects. own.

Sometimes we find it so easy to discover certain weaknesses in others because we have the same short-comings ourselves. You know the old

catche a thief!" If you are sincere, you'll and actions. It may come as had the experience of hearing others talking about some defect in another and found the Canadian hierarchy, yourself thinking, They

Unitess you cultivate sincere Red Dean insight into your own personality, you'll probably fall into the same error. Now is the time to see to it that your increasing knowledge others goes hand and hand with an ever deepening understanding of yourself.

Although this early dating experience is not to be considered a direct preparation for marriage, it should make you better prepared to size up the qualities to look for in a future mate. As you acquire exerpience in dating, the movelty of friendly Association with the opposite sex gradually wears off, and you are in a better position to view future partners objec-

Because men and women are mutually complementary -physically, psychologically, and spiritually — they are mormally attracted to each other as masculine and fem-Enine personalities. Young people sometimes confuse this general attraction between the sexes with love.

experience it, they may think they are in love, though they are really only being carried way by the novelty of intimate association with the other sex. Dating experience should show you that there is more to love than this general

You discover that types of masculine and feminine perconsiderably, develop your own personality. so that in selecting a future Whene you discover traits that mate, you must find one with you dislike in others, ask the special traits that are

Pickets Out For Coffee

New York - (RNS) - Long shore pickets abandoned their posts for a few minutes at pier 84 here out of courtesy to the Pro-Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office.

An International Longshore saying, "It takes a thief to men's Association official said the pickets "went out for a cup of coffee" to spare Alfredo examine your own attitudes Cardinal Ottaviani any embarrassment. He had arrived here a shock to discover that you from Rome on his way to Can-have the same defects you ada where he will officiate as ada where he will officiate as dislike in others. Haven't you Papal Legate at celebrations commemorating the third centenary of the establishment of

Moscow — (RNS) — One Soviet Russia's leading Commu-nist philosophers chided Dr. Hewlett Johnson, the "Red Dean" of Canterbury for "believing that Christianity can coexist with Marxism-Leninism."

In an article in Kommunist Communist Party magazine, which was later quoted by the Moscow Radio, Dr. Ivan Krivi-lov stressed that "science and religious thought are incompati-

"When, for example, such prominent public and religious figures as Hewlett Johnson state that dialectical materialism can co-exist with Christianity, we must, notwithstanding our high esteem for this outstanding man, show him the groundlessness of his thesis."

The Dean is an Anglican

Peace Award Given Prelate

Munich — (RNS) — Roman Catholic Bishop Pierre Marie Theas of Tarbes and Lourdes in Great Service Cross of West Germany in recognition of his contributions to Franco-German men smokers and 19 a day for women. inderstanding.

Bishop Theas, who founded the Pax Christi movement in France in 1945 and has seen it become international in scope, was awarded the decoration by former West German President Theodore Heuss, a Profestant,



A Hope For The Stage

St. Louis—(RNS)—Landa Hope (right), daughter of comedian Bob Hope, attends St. Louis University because she wants in education in her Catholic faith. Shown with a fellow student in the lounge of the Jesuit institution's girls' doramitory, she says she finds that "a couple of extra Masses a week and frequent reception of the Sacraments is a good investment." Linda's middle name is Theresa and St. Theresa, the Little Flower of Jesus, is her favorite saint. Linda is a major in theater ares.

Cigarette Costs Double **U.S. Church Contributions**

Washington - (RNS) - Americans will spend almost twice as much on cigarettes in 1959 as they contribute to their churches, the U.S. Department of Agriculture predicted here.

The department said eigarette smoking is on the increase and retail pearchases will total nearly \$6 billion this year. Total gifts to U.S. churches are a little

It estimated that 58 million Americans are regu-France was presented with the lar smokers - 35 million men and 23 million women. Average consumption is 24 cigarettes per day for

> Currently, 50 per cent of the male population of the United States 15 years of age and older smokes regularly, according to the government survey. Projections indicate this will rise to 59 per cent by 1965.

'At present, 36 per cent of women 15 and over smoke. By 1965, this is expected to rise to 40 per cent yourself homestly whether you fairly compatible with your shortly before his term of of and in 1975 to 46 per cent, if the increase in smoking by younger women continues.

To Relieve Poverty

Annual Clothing Drive In November

giving Collection conducted nationwide in some 16,500 parishes under the direction of the U.S. Catholic Bishops will be held from November 22 to 29, it was announced here by needs of their poor and afflict-Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cira-ed people." cinnati, chairman of the National Catholic Welfare Confer- Archbishop Alter called atteraence administrative board.

nals. Archbishops and Bishops 1980, conducted by the United of the nation, Archbishop Alier Nations and supported by the pointed out that the generosity United States. of American Catholics has been extended to poverty stricken areas in South America and Africa, in addition to the millions in the afflicted areas of Europe, Asia and the Far East.

"The appeals we received for To Relieve relief aid, exceed, if anything, hose of former years," Archbishop Alter said in the appeal to American Cathelies for donations of used and uscapie conting, shoes, bedding, blankets washington—(RNS)—Presi-and similar materials during dent Eisenhower signed into tions of used and useable cloth-

As during the last decade, the Public Law 480, under which donations to the parish collec-American religious and chariwarehouses of Catholic Relief foods from the Department of Welfare Conference, the world-tribution. wide relief and rehabilitation agency of the U.S. Hierarchy, President criticized the compre-for shipment to millions of mile bill on several points. needy overseas.

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hundred million pounds of But there was general agreeclothing, shoes, bedding and ment that the extensions is a other materials, valued at more that the extensions is a than \$125 million were collected and distributed to the desting legislation, at least so far tute throughout the world. tute throughout the world.

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"Our brothers in the Episcopate and their missionary priest sion of the program, which had continue to plead with us not already been trimmed to three only to continue this aid, so years by the Senate, was fairther gratefully received, but to add reduced to two years is the to it supplies of clothing so they final compromise with the may further meet the bodily House.

tion to the fact that the World Refugee Year opened last July IN A LETTER to the Cardi- 1 to continue until Jeane 30.

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mise bill on several points.

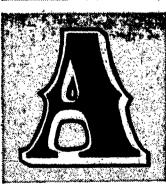
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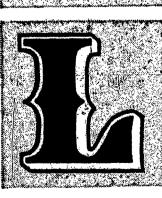
"Through the surplus food Sen Hubert H. Humphrey (D-products made available by the Minn.), principal advocate of generoilty of the United States an expanded "Food for Freace" Government, our Catholic Re-program lost most of the saveep-lief Service - NCWC, has been ing provisions of his bill which tute. people in Europe, Asia, Committee and the Senata For-Africa and South America," eign Relations Committee had Archbishop Alter wrote. recommended.

The proposed five-year exten-

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