

Poster Contest For Pupils Announced

New York — (NC) — A poster contest for students in Catholic high schools and colleges will be a new feature of the Catholic Press Month, 1960, which will be observed in February.

The month-long promotion of Catholic newspapers, magazines, books and pamphlets is conducted each year in February by the Catholic Press Association, which has headquarters here.

CASH PRIZES will be awarded to national poster contest winners, James A. Doyle, CPA, executive secretary, said in explaining details of the 1960 Catholic Press Month program.

Any student of a Catholic high school, minor seminary, confraternity class, college, university, major seminary or no title is eligible to enter the poster contest. Schools will conduct their own local contest and then enter their winners in the national contest. National winners will be announced by the Catholic Press Association during February.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

"MARY CHRISTMAS"

The usual greeting is "Merry Christmas" because we rejoice that on this day is born to us a Savior. But over and above that, we must wish you a "Mary Christmas." That is the kind of Christmas Mary had, namely Christ in her and on her side with her. The whole world can be "merry" on the outside celebrating a festival, but only the special few who celebrate the feast can have a Christmas like Mary.

May Christ be in you with Mary; in your soul through Holy Communion as He was in her body through the Incarnation.

May Christ be from you as you radiate His Truth and Love and Charity to those around you and to the Missions, as Mary put Jesus in the hands of the home missions of the shepherds and in the foreign missions of the Wise Men in all their pomp.

May Christ be with you in your home, your office, your journey, your work, your trials as the Divine Child was with Mary in a stable in her journey to the land of the Sphinx, during her flight from the bloody sword of Herod.

No one can be truly Merry on December 25 except through Mary. Why? Because "He was born of the Virgin Mary." Either we get Christ the Son of God from Mary, or we have only a Jesus who is nothing more than another teacher like Buddha or Confucius. As Richard Crashaw has pointed out, there is a relation even between Mary and His "repulchre in which man was never laid."

"How life and death in Thee
Agreed!
Thou hadst a Virgin womb
And tomb,
And Joseph did betroth
Them both."

How true! The only ones today who believe in the virgin tomb (Resurrection of the Son of Man) are those who believe in the Virgin's womb (Incarnation of the Son of God).

There is a Christmas because Mary gave her consent; she was willing to give God a human nature. "Think ye it is possible for us to give God our human nature without Mary? As the Son coming into the world said to the Father, 'I am come to do Thy Will,' so Mary said to the Angel: 'Behold, the handmaid of the Lord.' The obedience of Mary was the first act of perfect submission that any creature made to God since the fall of Adam. Mary teaches us obedience again in the last words recorded of her in Scripture: 'Whatever He shall say to you, that do ye'.

Mary formed Jesus within her chaste body; so may she form Him within your soul that He as the Vine may entwine Himself about the branches of your thoughts and lives and deeds until you are less your own than His.

And finally, remember, he who writes this column about Christmas knocks at your door to ask you to help him, who represents the Holy Father's mission works, bring Christ to the world. Will you be to him an inn or a stable? If a stable, send us your sacrifice; if an inn, we love you anyway.

"MARY CHRISTMAS" to all!

Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and mail it to Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society for Propagation of the Faith, 356 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, N.Y., or your Diocesan Director Rev. George S. Wood, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.

Full contest details and other Press Month materials are contained in the new 1960 Catholic Press Month Planning Kit, now available for \$1 from the Catholic Press Association, 6 East 39th Street, New York 16, N.Y.

Parish and diocesan organizations, schools and other Catholic groups, Mr. Doyle explained, will find the kit of assistance in working out Catholic Press Month programs for their groups. These groups may also wish to work with local schools on promoting or operating the Catholic Press Month poster contest.

Convert Wins Top Award In Sweden

MALMO — (NC) — A Catholic convert author has won the award given annually here for outstanding cultural achievement of national interest.

Anna Lenah Elgstrom, 74, won the \$1,200 prize given by this city's oldest newspaper, the South Swedish Daily Express.

WHEN TOLD she had won the award, she said:

"Now it will be possible to fulfill my dream of many years: to finish the biography of Mother Elizabeth, whose life personified the new branch of the Brigittine Order."

Mrs. Elgstrom was referring to Mother Elizabeth Hesselblad, a Swedish-born convert who during the present century revised the Brigittine Order of the Most Holy Saviour founded by St. Bridget of Sweden in 1344.

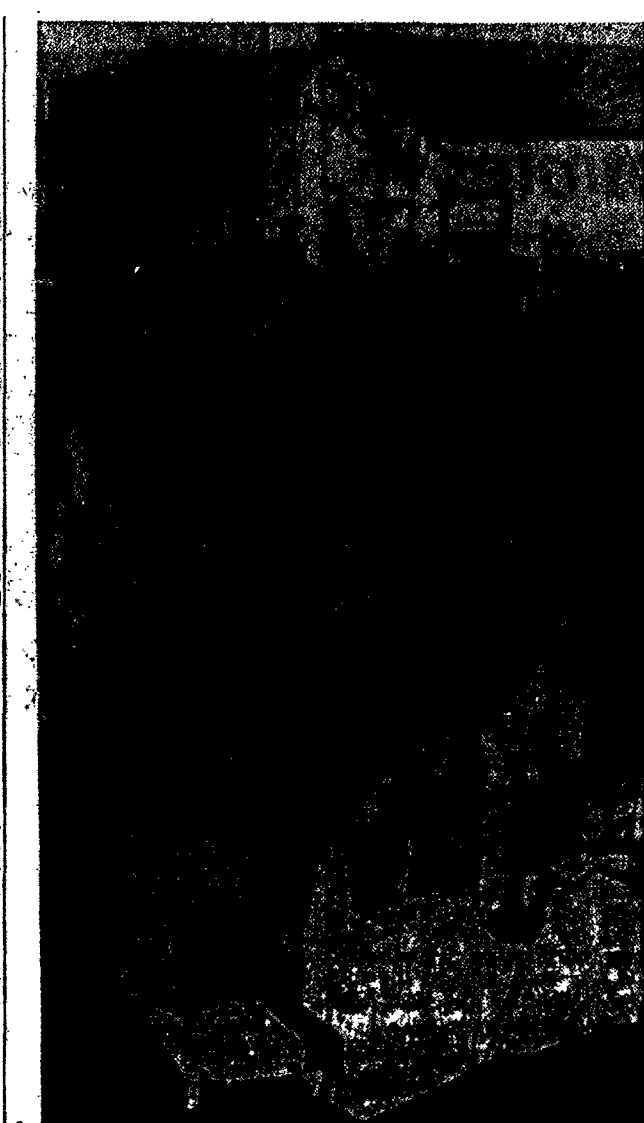
The citation of the award given to Mrs. Elgstrom stated that she "is an author of vision devoted to the cause of right and justice, who had done pioneering humanitarian work within her own country and abroad, and was one of the first persons to make modern American literature known in Sweden."

Million At Rosary Rally

Manila — (NC) — An estimated million persons took part in the final rally of the Family Rosary Crusade at Manila's Luneta Park.

Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., who conducted the crusade, said it was the largest turnout he had in such rallies, which he has been conducting throughout the world.

In speaking at the rally, Father Peyton said: "The family is the basic unit of society. Any threat to its unity would be a threat to world peace. It should be treasured as the world's most precious possession."



Mass For Flood Victims

Frejus — (RNS) — An open-air Mass is celebrated in the flood-stricken town of Frejus, France, after the nearby dam of Malpasset burst and took a toll of close to 300 lives and left thousands homeless. Pope John XXIII joined President Charles de Gaulle, Queen Elizabeth of England and U.S. Ambassador Amory Houghton in sending messages of sympathy to the bereaved and homeless. The tragedy was one of the worst in French history.

'Control' Bid Said Race Hate Echo

Reno — (NC) — Nevada's Bishop says history shows that fear of world overpopulation has generally been related to racial prejudice and he detects this element in today's birth control propaganda.

Citing racist appeals of decades back which called for curbing the population growth of colored peoples, Bishop Robert J. Dwyer of Reno said he hears "strange echoes" of such cries in today's birth control arguments.

THE PRELATE also asserted that no one denies a problem exists, but the situation today looks more like a "propagandist's holiday" rather than one reflecting "any real desire to find its solution."

Bishop Dwyer made his observation in his column, "Signs and Sand," which appears regularly in the Nevada Register, newspaper of the Reno diocese.

"How quickly we forget," he said. "The propaganda of Hitler's National Socialism was heavily slanted toward fostering fears of 'population explosion.'"

He said that despite "the well-advertised humanitarianism of the leading proponents" there are "strange echoes" in today's birth control propaganda of arguments of past racists.

Reds Hit Vatican Stand On Poland

Warsaw — (RNS) — A Communist newspaper here sharply attacked the Vatican for not finally recognizing Germany after the war by officially including them in the administration of the Church in this country.

Zygie Warszawy, in a lengthy editorial, said that several dioceses in the western territories are still officially listed in the Annuario Pontificio, the Vatican yearbook, as German.

"THE PAPER'S attack came as three Polish bishops were on a visit to Rome, reportedly to discuss Church-State problems in their homeland. The prelates are Bishop Eugeniusz Baziak, Administrator Apostolic of the Cracow archdiocese; Bishop Tadeusz Zakrzewski of Plock; and Bishop Franciszek Barda of Przemysl.

The paper said that Poland "has been waiting too long for the Vatican's recognition, and assurances of the Polish episcopate on this point have proved to be unfulfilled. What is the value of these assurances if the Polish episcopate does nothing to persuade the Vatican to end the state of affairs in the Church administration in our western territories?"

It is believed here that the three bishops now in Rome were instructed, among other things, to induce the Vatican to recognize the Polish territorial claims in return for a more liberal attitude toward the Church in Poland.

Observers said they considered it likely that the government has been informed of the bishops' failure. They said the prelates may have learned of this failure at a recent audience with Pope John. This, they added, would explain the Communist paper's attack on the Vatican.

Much To Learn From Philosopher Dewey

New York — (RNS) — John Dewey's contributions to philosophy will eventually be given highest recognition by Catholic philosophers, a Fordham University professor predicted here.

Dr. Robert C. Pollock, who teaches philosophy at the Fordham Graduate School, said that "even if the religious philosopher cannot go along with Dewey in his naturalistic interpretation of reality, he can still learn much from him."

"Indeed, what he learns from Dewey can immeasurably strengthen his own position," Dr. Pollock said at a symposium on John Dewey in observance of the centennial year of his birth.

"Surely in orienting us to the world of experience as a growing reality," the Fordham professor said, "Dewey has given us a new perspective on all human history itself and on the way in which Christianity changed the face of the earth at an experimental level."

DR. POLLOCK declared that Dewey's preoccupation with the world of concrete experience cannot be given its fullest meaning away from Christian tradition.

"After all," he observed, "Christianity from the beginning initiated a revolutionary appeal to experience — it was oriented to sight, fact and vision. St. Augustine stands before us as eminently the experimental philosopher."

"No one could be more insistent than he on the necessity of hard thinking," Dr. Pollock said in answer to some of Dewey's critics who have claimed the system of modern education which arose from his philosophy has resulted in lazy mental attitudes among school pupils.

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Federal Funds For Schools

By J. F. WILLIAMS

Ottawa — (NC) — Canada's Prime Minister John Diefenbaker has announced a Federal government plan which will make it possible for Quebec province to accept Federal aid to universities.

The plan will mean that some \$7,500,000 will be made available annually — with the amount to increase as the province's population increases — for the universities.

Quebec, since 1952, has not accepted Federal aid to universities on the ground that such aid, given directly or through the intermediary of the special body set up by the universities to administer such grants across Canada, was an infringement of provincial rights.

THE BRITISH North America Act, basis for Canadian Confederation, stipulates that education is exclusively a field for each province.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker's plan does not involve any direct payments to the universities from the Federal government, nor would it make the payment to the administrative body now operating.

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