Limits On Press Stir Debate

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Exceptional interest has been aroused in hills secular and religious circles here and shroad by a tecent appeal of Pape John XXIII to 'men of govern-ment, legislators, lawyers, business men and indicatilate ists" for proper action to curb abuse of freedom of the

The Pope's plea served to understore the growing volume of protestative recent years by Protestant in well as Catholic lenders against the increasing defice to which certain newspapers, through their advertising as well as news columns, are helping to weaken the moral fiber and character of the people, especially

This was by no means the first time that the Poper directed his fire against licentlousness in newspapels. However, it was probably the first time that effiles chided him for attempting, as one American news; paper put it, to suggeste restraints that are "insters if individual conscience and responsibility."

The Pope's appeal was made in an address early in December to delegates of the Union of Italian Catholic Jurists who met in Rome for their northist congress. In his talk, the Profife spoke of daily in: trusions by sections of the press against the religibility and moral health of mankind under the pretest of

Pone John described the problem as "a deligit is, important for the future of every matters that at the same time he cautioned that limitations but hills. bliness and sepatitizations must be decided will line posed by law, not by captice.

'A number of n. asympers, some in the thillest States, immendately expressed convern over the Pople's words. Aniong the first to comment-was the indeficit dent daily La Simpa-of Tirle, Italy, which claimed that the Pope had come out for "limitations on the done of the press,"

Americatore Romano, Valleum Illy newspaper. replied by ataling that Pape John had apoken baly against those who above their freedom by dispetishing 'polson" to the innecent, it said it would bare been mor, accurate in describe the Pontill's request 84 calling for "limitations on livenee of the direct."

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In his statement, the Pope underscored penisals that have been made by talkulle and fruit-sight leaders in the United States and other entitles against publications which pander is intentital and persected taxtes or that ignore or attack moral sixts:

Last October, in a talk to a investing of the Familial for Religion in independent Schools at Atlantic tilly. N. J. Prof. Julian N. Haill, head of Yale University's Deparament of Religious, inclinated menopology as auditive segments of the mass module may be of whose mistial le "highly organized morgidity, viciousness and Hills."

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the of the most notable was addited by the all Shrify, managing relitor of the Unibule Hatland official weekly of the Paltimore archibicear Similar those new spapers which feature sensationalistic Recharged that 'In these journals even important and elegational materials and temperature and t treated in authorizate aste safely the renders travilla

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CHARITY ... THE EASY WAY!

bby the Rev. James D. Moriarty

Scare ads are constantly screaming from our billboards, magazines, radios and TVz warning us of myriad dangers which stalk us. If an American leaves the continent he must be vaccinated lest he become a carrier of rome discuse . . . or a victim.

Infection works in two ways. The good can be infortious as well as the bad. This idea led a certain reprier is conduct an experiment. He reasoned that if harmful germs of discase could be passed from one to another perhaps good feelings might be con-

tagious as well. The reporter approached a certain business man one morning as the man stood waiting for his bus. He asked for directions. He did so in a cheerful manner, smiling all

the while and thanked the man profusely for his help. And then the reporter watched. As the man got on the bus he

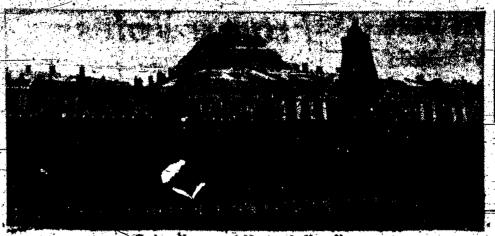
smiled at the conductor and the other passengers as he walked along the aisle. The conductor who had been inforted smiled at each passenger in turn who boarded the

Hetween the time he got off the bus and had walked two blocks to his place of business the man infected fourfeen others with his smile. As he got on the elevator he apread the germ of cherfulness to everyone present. He passed it on to the men and girls in his office as he said good morning. The reporter sat in the reception room and ncliced that every one who came out this busy man's office was amilios. He then took tire trouble to tell the man what he had done. The man laughed aloud and was happyto learn that he had been a good influence on so many.

-We often forget that a smile can be infectious. It is enough at times to pull one from the brink of discourage ment. But of a smile encourages cheerfulness then a gloomy countenance can also infect. One person manifesting distemper and meanness can start an epidemic.

It doesn't pay to be sad. It actually takes more physical effort to frown than it dies to smile ... It takes many more muscles.

So be happy... be relaxed, or if you will, only



Red walls around Moscow's Kremlin.

Inside View

Church In Chains

a difficult category, inasmuch

The other Catholic church

in Moscow is St. Louis of

France. It has a resident priest, Father Viteld Brout-

ski, a Pole from Vilna. He has some 3,000 parishjoners,

mainly of French or Polish

extraction. About 25 per cent

of these people attend Mass

each week, Some Catholics

from embassies also attend

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During my stay I attempt-

ed to take photographs of the inside of the Church of St.

Louis, but was sefused per-

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They are extremely careful

foreigners. They, know they

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no contact with the foreign

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once last Easter when he ac-

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French embassy on Bastille

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Father Bionitski have little

contact with Father Dion. or

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The parishioners of St.

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(The writer of the following report is managing editor the Catholic Review, Baltimera archdiocesan weekly. He he completed a 22-day fact-finding tour of the Soviet Union and other European countries.)

BY GERARD E. SHERRY

Moscow — (NC) — The Church here is in chains. One ray of light in this darkness of atheistic materialism is "Our Lady of Hope."

Our Lady of Hope is the name of the chapel serving American Catholics in the Soviet capital. The title is new and was recently approved by the superiors of Father Louis Di n. A.A., of Worchester, Mass., who ministers to the spiritual needs of American Catholics

The chapel's name was aug-gested by Michael Francis six months. Father Dion's Doyle of Philadelphia, an attorney, and long-time benefactor of American priests as he comes under many serving in this citadel of comcivilian regulations. murism.

Father Dion has been here since January, 1959. He sucreeded another Assumption-Father Georges Bissonnette, A.A., who was expelled by the Soviet government in 1955. The American chapel is on the eighth floor of an apariment building specially assigned to foreigners.

The chapel serves some cathalice in the fareign colony, and has a Sunday persons. As Father Dion says. half of his "perishioners" have reasons -- "some excellent and some poor" - in keep them away from weekly

Mass is available every day, however, and several evening Masses are celebrated during the week. Furthermore, the pravers after Moss are always prefaced with the invocation: Let us nray for the conversion of Russia:"

Father Dien is Apostolic smillied by this office to wear the robes of a Domestic Prelate. He always officiates-in these rabes at haptisms, marriages and at Masses on national holidays.

Among Father Dion's other duties are catechism instruction at various embassies, and. teaching French at the American embassy. Desnite his denials, he is be oming suite expert in the Russian lan-EUNEC.

Father Dion is in Moscow under the Roosevelt-Litvino agreement of 1933, which guarantees religious freedom to Americans in the U.S.S.R., and authorizes an American priest to reside here for Catholies. He is not a member of the embassy staff and has an ordinary passport and a reg-ular residency permit.

Just recently he had the

dicial to the Polish priest.

dom of religion are hollow when one views the actualsituation in Moscow, Besides the one Catholic church, there are two synagogues, a Baptist church, a Moslem mosque and some 55 Orthodox churches. These 60 churches are filled each Sunday, or on the Sab-

The Soviet claims of free

bath, but mostly by older people, with women in the majority. To understand this situation in its true light, one could ask the question. What are 60 churches for more than six million people?

(The World Almanac lists Moscow's population at 7

At that rate Baltimore, with its million-pluse population, would have only 10 churches to serve the needs of the citizent of all faiths. Or .. Worcester, Mass., would have only two churches for all religiousgroups.

One question I asked about church attendance by Soviet citizens drew an interesting sponse. I pointed out that it is always said that only old people attend church: But the regime has been in pow-On the ign Surplays I was here, Father Bronitski was old people now attending sick. The first Sunday, people urned up for Mass and, finding no priest available, simply said prayers. The first Sunday a priest fame. If they didn't go to church ond Sunday a priest fame. When, why do they go now? er 42 years, and some of the

from Leningrad to offer the Here is the answer given by Mass. Father Bronitski was- a Soviet citizen:

> go to church until they enter chool. After that the party takes complete control them, and attendance at church is out of the question. Many of them never com-

Children are permitted to

seemed rather excited about my attempt and was quite pletely lose their faith, however. But it they wish to get firm in denying permission. ahead in their tob or profes sion. they have to toe the cleaning the walls of the party line. church. Several old women kneeling in the pews were praying. Although there was When they reach the age:

of 40 or 50, some Soviet citino priest available, the Blesszens have progressed as far as they ever will, either in their jobs-or in the Communist party. Hence they have noth-Louis-re Soviet citizens. ine to lose by returning to about their relationship with church attendance.

> They are indifferent to what the party feels, and the regime does not seem to care too much. After all, the communist altitude is that religion is lurmless if it is cor fined to children and the

Even under this arrangement, however, all is not lost. Many parents, even, when their children go to school, try to continue religious education secretly in the home. They do not always succeed. but the flame of faith is kept kindled in many hearts and there comes a time when itshines forth again.

The situation of the Russian Orthodox Church is pa-

During my stay here, Pravda, the communist party news-paper, printed two interesting items. One said the Patriarch of the Orthodox Church had appealed to the Western world accept Premier Nikita Khrushchev's proposals for disarmament.

The very next day, thereippeared a violent attack on the Orthodox Church, its bish ops and its priests, The attack was written by a youth who said he was a former believer. He accused his local bishops of all kinds of vile immoralities, adding some choice vilifications against his Orthodox pastor.

Here was an example of how the Orthodox Church is used by the communists to further their international sims, while at the same time, the Reds domestically sabotage the church's work.

The constant attack on the Catholic Church is reflected in a recent article published in a Soviet magazine on science and religion. A certain Comrade Chidlov wrote that contemporary Catholicism in the bourgeois countries is closely connected with imperialism and plays a read tionary role."

Besides complaining about the Catholic Church, the Soviet government tries to de something about it. In the Catholic Baltic states, the communist youth erganizations arrange their own pagan-style weddings, alleged "feast days," "christenings" and rites for youths reaching maturity. All this is an at-tempt to defeat the influence



Bishop Kearney's **Appointments**

JANUARY ...

1 Friday - St. Joseph's Church - St. Monica Sodality Mass 947 East Avenue: Priests' Reception 2:00-5.00 p.m.

2 Saturday - I.F.C.A. Mass - 8:30 a.m.

3 Sunday - St. Joseph's Church - Holy Name Society Mass

947 East Avenue - Poception for Luity - 2:00-6:00 p.m. 5 Tuesday - St. Joseph's Church - Notre Dame Retreat

League Mass - 8:00 p.m. 7 Thursday - Sacred Heart Academy-Low Mass-9:00 a.m.

23 Saturday - Nazareth College - Nazareth College Gulld Communion - Breakfast.

27 Wednesday - Nazareth College Aluminae Dinner.

30 Saturday - McQuaid Jesuit High School - Catholic Theatre Awards - 6:00 p.m.

Greek Patriarch To Visit Pope

Rome - (RNS) - Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras in Istanbul, top spiritual leader of the world's more than \$250 million Eastern Orthodax believers. has announced that he will visit Rome shortly as the guest of Pope John XXIII, according to reports from Beirut, Lebanon.

Catholic circles here hailed the Fatriarch's reported plans as of extraordinary significance, especi-. ally in view of the Ecumenical Council summoned by Pope John at which Christian unity will be a major

PATRIARCH Athenagoras was in Beirut in the course of a Middle East tour during which he had talks notonly with leaders of the various Orthodox communities, but with many represented tives of the Catholic Church. He came to Beirut after visits to Damascus, Jerusalem and Cairo in the course of which he spoke frequently on the theme of Christian unity.

The Beirut reports quoted he had a meeting in the Lebanese capital with Archbishop Paolo Bertolo, Papal Nunclo to Lebanon. At this meeting, the reports said, the Patriarch disclosed he had maintained direct relations with Pope John for many

"I have always had the most friendly relations with the Vatican and its representatives in America, Europe and Asia," he reportedly odd- gate in Turkey congratulate the Pope on his election. We saw a great deal of each other in the old days before our promotions to the head of our Churches."

Pope John's acquaintance with Patriarch Athenagoras began more than 30 years andwhen the former, as Archbishop Giuseppe Roncalli, served as Apostolic Delegate in Bulgaria and the latter, as an archbishop's secretary, visited many parts of the Balkans,

In 1931, Patriarch Athenagoras was appointed Arch-bishop of New York and Pri-Church in North and South America, a post he held for-17 years until his election to . Orthodoxy's highest and most influential office. Pope John meanwhile had served for sévéral vears as Apostolic Delegate to Turkey and

Greece and Apostone Administrator of the Latin Vicariate Apostolic of Istanbul.

The first American citizen ever chosen for the Ecumenical throne --- he was born of . Greek parents in Turkey, but became a naturalized U. S. citizen in 1938 - Patriarch Athenagoras has been moted for his strongly anti-Commu-nist stand and his consistent opposition to efforts by the Russian Orthodox Church to Whitel ever Orthodox Churches both inside and outside the Iron Curtain.

Meanwhile, the Patriarch has shown constant interest in efforts to secure a rapproachment between the Orthodox Church and the Vatican. The first outstanding sign of this interest was in 1952, when he made a personal call on the late Archbishop Andrew Cassulo, the then Apostolic Dele-

Such a visit to the Ecu-menical Patriarch to a represontative of the Pope was unprecedented in the history of the Patriarchate. The same year, Patriarch Ahenagoras was represented by a threeman delegation at ceremonics in Islanbul marking the 13th anniversary of the coronation of Pope Pius XII.

Patriarch Athenagoras was among the first Non-Catholic religious leaders to great Pope John on his election. Subsequently, when the Pope an-nounced he was planning to call an Ecumenical Council to mate of the Greek Orthodox be attended by Catholic bishons from all over the world. his action was hailed by a high official of the Ecumenical Patriarchate as an "excep-tional eventy Saithough it had to be remembered, he said. that great obstacles stand in 'the way of Christian unity.

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