Priests' Plea

Stem Split Homes To Aid Children

Washington—(RNS)—This nation is meeting only half its obligation when it provides welfare services for neglected children, but does nothing to stem the growing tid of divorce and "broken homes," warned Msgr. Raymond Gallagher of Cleveland, O., chairman of the program committee, National Conference of Catholic Charities.

Msgr. Gallagher made known his views here in a partial dissent from a report of the Federal Advisory Council on Child Welfare Services, of which he is a member.

The council, in a 56-page report to Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare Arthur S. Flemming, recommended increased Federal appropriations for aid to dependent children.

While agreeing with this objective, Msgr. Gallagher said, "I propose that we have much more to do than simply appropriate dollars to pay for picking up the pieces of broken families."

"We are obligated to do more than finance specialized care of these casualties of a social tide," the priest declared. "It is the duty of the nation, as a whole, and certainly the duty of its official and voluntary leaders, to stem that tide and reverse the trend so that untold millions of children will be spared the unkind fate of dependency and neglect."

HE SAID THAT the type of program "generally promoted by public welfare interests . . . does little or nothing about providing the nation with an explanation of why these needs arise and what we should be doing to limit them, if not eliminate them."

"It is my feeling that under our present method of operating, public welfare promoters consider it their primary duty to meet the need without making a major contribution to the removal of this great need," he asserted.

Msgr. Gallagher cautioned against the "insidious pattern that is multiplying itself in succeeding generations."

Children dependent by reason of neglect or desertion have a tendency to repeat this cycle in their own adult years, the Catholic social leader pointed out.

"If we continue to nurse the casualties and ignore the epidemics raging around us, we sow the very seeds of greater social casualties," he warned.

"The instability in individuals and their children contributed by the American attitude toward marriage and easy divorce" is a major cause for millions of neglected children, he charged, adding: "If we continue to countenance under law such a condition, we will bankrupt ourselves, if not totally destroy us as a nation."

IBM Heads Named Papal Knights

New York — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII has awarded the Grand Cross of the Equestrian Order of St. Sylvester to two top Non-Catholic executives of the International Business Machine Corporation for their concern's application of electronic computers to the indexing of church and Biblical writings.

Cited were Thomas J. Watson, Jr. (Congregational), president of IBM, and Arthur K. Watson (Episcopalian), president of the IBM World Trade Corporation, a subsidiary organization which handles the company's overseas business.

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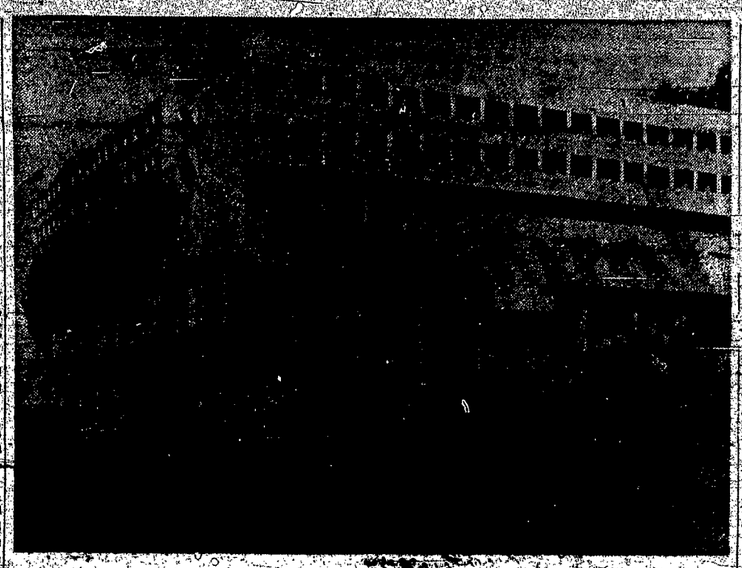
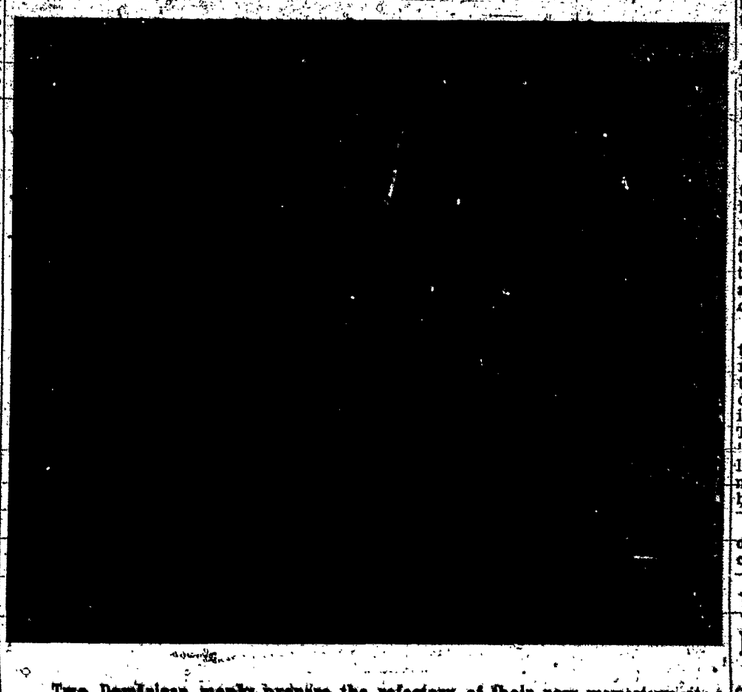


Monastery Soars On Stilts

Arbresle — (RNS) — A wholly original treatment of the monastic tradition, this new Dominican monastery at Arbresle, near Lyons, France, was the inspiration of famed French architect Charles Le Corbusier. Set on a wood-screened hillside, the soaring building seems to float on stilts. The honeycomb upper structure forms the windows of a hundred individual cells. Le Corbusier said he got this idea from the individual cells and communal halls of the Carthusian monastery of Ema in Tuscany.



Two Dominican monks prepare the refectory of their new monastery at Arbresle, near Lyons, France, which was designed by famed French architect Charles Le Corbusier. The monolithic simplicity of the structure affirms the central purpose of the monastery — that of focusing attention on the glory of God.

Population Boom Spells Progress

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theories, Dr. Castro needs more knowledge of medicine and history."

In his own research, Clark says, "I have found no evidence whatsoever to support the assertion that natural human fertility rises with undernourishment . . . Evidence from India indicates that consummation of marriage below the age of 17 tends, in the long run, to reduce rather than to increase total fertility."

"Whatever the reasons," The Sign interviewer remarked, "human fertility appears to be considerably on the increase today."

"But," Clark replied, "that is not because fertility itself has increased — rather, conditions favorable to population growth have developed. The present world average rate of population increase is 1¾% per annum as against 1% in the nineteenth century."

IN ANSWER to advocates of artificial birth prevention, Clark quotes the leader of the French delegation to the 1954 World Population Conference as saying "If population limitation were the key to economic progress, then France should be the wealthiest country in the world by now."

"France," Clark comments, "had followed the advice of Malthus. France had seemed to be on the point of dominating the world in 1790. In the 1800's birth prevention and divorce became fashionable. The size of the French family began to decline early in the nineteenth century. Since then, her influence in the world has steadily declined . . . Fortunately, today the trend in France has been reversed — as also in the U.S.

"At the World Population Conference," Clark continues, "American and British spokesmen were loudest in their appeals for limiting population growth. Secretly, Asian and African leaders laughed at them — or rather they sneered at them."

Of India, Clark was asked whether present population pressures there will ultimately work to the benefit of that nation.

"Yes, certainly," he answered, adding: "This reminds me of what Gandhi said to me once when I had an interview with him in India shortly before he died. He said, 'Nehru is making a great mistake in trying to make food cheap—and to make it easier for the Indians. On the whole they are an idle lot and they won't do any work unless you put them under pressure.' Gandhi knew his own country."

For the future, Clark concludes, "I am optimistic in my firm belief in an Almighty Providence who has created the earth for mankind and commanded him to increase and multiply for some tremendously important and eternal purpose which extends far beyond the horizons of this planet . . . Man may be destined to populate the universe. At present, this is God's secret."

Anti-Semitism Deplored

London — (RNS) — William Cardinal Godfrey, Archbishop of Westminster, declared here that Catholics the world over are "deeply distressed" by reports of widespread anti-Semitic manifestations.

Preaching at the opening of the new church of St. Melitus in Tollington Park, North London, he said, "We should strive with all our might to remove forever from the hearts of man that bitter and violent antagonism which in the past has wounded so deeply the brotherhood of the human family."

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Refugee Aid Program

Crusade Of Charity

Geneva — (RNS) — Msgr. Giovanni Ferrofino, acting head of the papal nunciature in Berne, declared here that the World Refugee Year "can aspire to no finer title than that of being a crusade of charity."

Addressing a conference of representatives of national committees called by the International Committee for World Refugee Year as a Vatican observer, he stressed the Holy See's strong interest in the global effort on behalf of the displaced and needy.

"By sending an observer to the conference," he said, "the Vatican intends to do more than manifest its sympathy toward the magnificent surge of public and private generosity represented by the national committees.

"It considers it conform to its high mission by keeping itself informed of their plans, achievements and hopes, and in contributing to the pooling of so many efforts, experiences and hopes."

Msgr. Ferrofino recalled in particular the Vatican's "wholehearted association" with efforts to aid refugees, and its part in launching the Refugee Year.

"The delegation of the Holy See," he said, "has always stressed two essential characteristics which the World Refugee Year should have. One is that it should truly be an enterprise destined to serve all refugees, whether inside or outside the United Nations mandate, whether national or international," whether old cases or new.

"Another is that the Year should be, as far as possible, a concern of all men in which not only government organs, but voluntary agencies, non-governmental organizations and private initiative would give of their best and would freely orientate their action."

More Than Talk

Familes Aid Refugees

by GORMAN HOGAN

Portland, Ore. — (NC) — The World Refugee Year is half over but a small group in the Christian Family Movement at St. Cecelia's parish in suburban Beaverton has done more than talk about it.

The CFM members inaugurated a project to bring Dutch Indonesian refugees to the United States under Federal legislation which was enacted in 1958 but largely has been overlooked.

THE IDEA spread through this area and to date 12 families, who include 70 men, women and children, have been sponsored. They either are on their way or soon will leave the Netherlands for new lives and homes in the Archdiocese of Portland.

The Beaverton unit initiated the project by sponsoring a refugee family on its own. Then through publicity and personal contacts the CFM in Beaverton interested others in the project. They had little difficulty in "selling" the idea and now believe that another dozen or more families of refugees will be brought to the area.

Through letters sent to other organizations throughout the country, the Beaverton unit has aimed to inaugurate a nation-wide resettlement program for the refugees.

Meanwhile the Beaverton unit is continuing its search for new sponsors who will provide homes and jobs for additional refugees. One family being brought here has eight children; another seven; two others, six.

The CFM members are working against a deadline. Both the World Refugee Year and the U.S. immigration program, under which 3,136 of the Dutch Indonesian refugees may be admitted to this country, expire next June 30. The CFM members have learned that usually it takes from three to four months for a refugee family to obtain a visa and make the trip to the U.S.

To facilitate resettlement of the refugee in this country, the Dutch government has agreed to finance transportation, insurance costs and provide a cash payment for each family.

Before the refugees can obtain visas, they must be sponsored in the United States by persons willing to provide them with a home and job.

The refugees are among some 29,000 Dutch citizens who left Indonesia during the political turmoil which followed independence from Dutch rule there in 1954. Most of the refugees went to the already overcrowded Netherlands.

Mexico Edition For Digest

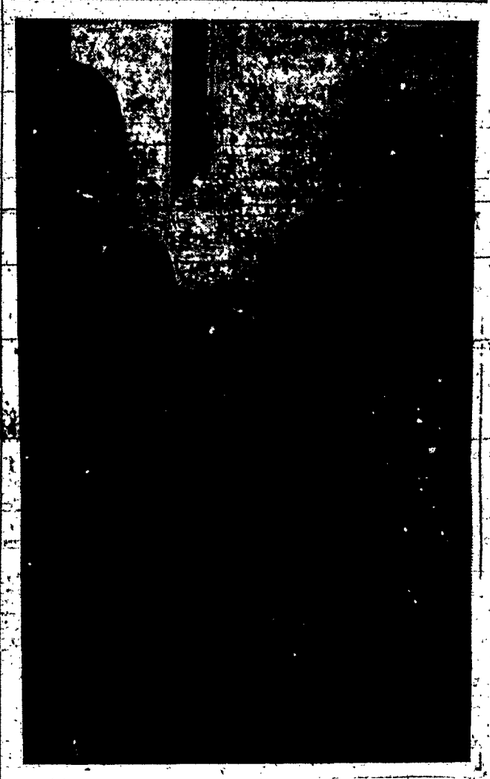
Mexico City — (RNS) — Discussions took place here between Msgr. Patrick J. Ryan, executive vice-president of the Catholic Digest, a United States national magazine, and Catholic leaders on the possibilities of publishing a Spanish edition of the periodical in Mexico.

Msgr. Ryan, who retired last year as Chief of Chaplains in the U.S. Army, said "such a publication could be a great thing for the Church in Latin America, because it would be the voice of dynamic Catholic thought in our times."

Textbook Case

Oregon City — (NC) — Circuit Court Judge Ralph M. Holman said it "undoubtedly would be some time" before he hands down a ruling in a suit to prevent parochial school pupils from using textbooks paid for by tax funds.

The Judge said he believes the trial to be "only the first round in a three-round show" regardless of his ruling, indicating he expects appeals to the Oregon Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court.



N.Y. Priest To Africa

New York — (RNS) — Father John Mark Joyner, C.S.Sp., points to Tanganyika, East Africa where, church sources say, he will become the first Negro priest from the New York area to do missionary work in Africa. Standing with him is Father George J. Collins, C.S.Sp., pastor of St. Mark the Evangelist church, where Father Joyner has been an assistant.

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