



## Passion Play In 28th Year

Kirschchlag, Austria — (RNS) — More than 50,000 Europeans and Americans are expected to attend the 28th annual Kirschchlag Passion Play between May 1 and Oct. 30 in this Austrian mountain resort. A 1,200-seat auditorium was built four years ago, in which the play is presented each Sunday and holiday, 250 cast members, all village non-professionals, enact scenes of Christ's suffering and death on Calvary. Founded by the village pastor in 1932, the production was first put on by choir boys on an improvised stage in the town's largest restaurant.

## Population Boom Said Birth Control Screen

Cleveland — (RNS) — World areas where the economy cannot support the people result from an "imbalance of population" and not from "overpopulation" a Catholic priest-scientist declared here.

The Rev. Anthony Zimmerman, S.V.D., professor of moral theology at the Divine Word Seminary in Techin, Ill., told a First Friday luncheon club meeting that the subject of overpopulation must be considered "in the light of a particular nation's economy."

"If THE U.S. with its 170 million people, were suddenly to revert to the hunt-and-fish economy of the American Indians, we would find ourselves overpopulated overnight," he stated. "Yet in our present industrialized economy, we are paying farmers for not growing food."

Compulsory birth control, he said, would be as tyrannical as thought control.

## Protestant Group OKs Birth Control

St. Louis — (NC) — A St. Louis-area Protestant church federation has endorsed artificial birth control as "the only acceptable way by which man has a chance to control population growth."

The defense of "medically approved contraceptives" was contained in a 2,500-word statement on birth control issued by the Metropolitan Church Federation of Greater St. Louis.

THE FEDERATION includes virtually all Protestant and Orthodox churches in this area except for Southern Baptist and Missouri Lutheran Synod congregations.

In issuing its statement, the Protestant federation was taking a public stand on the birth control question for the first time. The statement was prepared by a special study committee of the organization's department of religion and health, and adopted as official policy of the federation by vote of its executive board.

declaring that "the psychiatrist has largely taken over from the moralist as guide to the good life in the modern world," the bishop said, "danger for us in this is that very many psychiatrists do not believe in God, free will or a future life at all."

"In consequence," he stated, "they propose a way of life the opposite of the traditional Catholic way of life."

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## Enemies To Return As Missionaries

New York — (ENS) — Two former U.S. servicemen who fought against the Japanese during World War II will be ordained Jesuit priests in Tokyo on March 18.

Cardinal-designate Peter

Tatsuo Dol, Archbishop of

Tokyo, the first Japanese mem-

ber named to the Sacred Col-

lege of Cardinals, is scheduled

to ordain the men, the national

information center of the Jesuit

Missions said here.

The two are Rev. Mr. Robert

Arrowsmith, S.J., of Los An-

geles, a paratrooper who fought

in the Liberation of Manila, and

Rev. Mr. Robert T. Beck, S.J.,

also of Los Angeles, who served

aboard a Navy attack trans-

port during the Pacific cam-

paign.

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(N.C. W. C. News Service)

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to a Harrisburg court, in sup-

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tract law under fire from movie

interests.

4) A Post Office Department

spokesman said in Washington

that the department has re-

ceived widespread favorable re-

action of the right of citizens' group

action to take action against obscene

literature.

5) Announcement by a New

Orleans movie house that it has

canceled plans to premier a

Hollywood film, "The Private

Lives of Adam and Eve," which

had been placed in its class

"C" — condemned — category by

for March 30.

Chicago

## Cure Set For Sick Marriages

Chicago — (NC) — New procedures—including the use of 40 specially trained priest-counselors—have been introduced in the Chicago archdiocese to deal with "sick marriages."

The procedures were outlined in a letter to all priests of the archdiocese by Cardinal Meyer of Chicago. They also were the subject of all sermons on March 15.

The procedures are embodied in a new archdiocesan statute which directs all Catholic couples with marital problems to consult their pastor or one of his assistants before taking any other step.

Couples with marriage problems may not consult the Catholic Family Consultation service, the chancery office, or any other agency until they have received the permission of their pastor.

If the pastor is unable to cope with the couple, he is to refer them to Loyola University here.

Under the new act, the Catholic Family Consultation service has expanded its facilities for social work, and has instituted a new marriage counseling service.

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Father Martin Kelly began a new phase in his priestly career today. He has volunteered to serve in a priestly barren area of Peru in a new program launched by Boston's Cardinal Cushing shown in photo giving his blessing and best wishes to the young priest whose mother, Mrs. Thomas E. Kelly, lives at 4386 St. Paul Blvd., St. Thomas the Apostle parish, Irondequoit.

Father Kelly is a priest of the Newark archdiocese.

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