

## 'Open Doors To All'

Chicago — (RNS) — Colleges with high academic standards should admit students of varying abilities and not just the "intellectually elite," Father Robert J. Slavin, president of Providence (R.I.) College, declared here.

Speaking at the 57th annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association, he said such colleges should challenge all students to "operate, produce, and achieve" in accordance with their aptitudes.

"If students through motivation and concentrated intellectual work achieve in a superior way their capacity for perfection," he said, "the students and the colleges they attend are pursuing excellence, the highest calling of any educational institution."

At another session, the Rev. Lorenzo Reed, S.J., supervisor of Jesuit high schools in New York State, proposed an "acc-convention" for students Marie, supervising teacher at St. Joseph's, Kennedy, Jr., school, he said, would give its School for Exceptional Children, students training in language, Peter Park, Ill., assert that literature, history, social sciences, mathematics and natural science, not in vocational skills, help their students evaluate their "own limitations and assets in order to help them avoid continual frustration."

"ITS PURPOSE," he said, "would be to give every student a liberal education up to the very limit of his capacities, with students divided into three groups — bright, average, and below average in intellectual capacity." Father Reed said that surveys reveal retarded individuals retain their jobs as long as a normal person does and that materials and teaching methods they are treated no differently so far as pay and hours of employment are concerned.

## TV Urged For Classroom

By JOHN J. DALY, Jr.  
Chicago — (NC) — Catholic college educators heard high praise here for educational television from a man who thinks TV is as good a teaching tool as a book.

Alvin C. Eurich also said the advent of electronic communications makes obsolete the issue of class size.

The vice president and director of the Fund for the Advancement of Education, New York, spoke (April 28) to a session of the 57th annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association.

Dr. Eurich disclaimed any intention to denigrate education and treat individuals as robots. He said TV and other processes, such as electronic tape recordings, are only means of assisting the child in learning.

HE SAID IT is outdated to assume that the best conditions for learning are when a teacher meets with 25 to 30 pupils.

"For me the issue of class size has become obsolete," he

said. Hundreds of experiments are often better than that for a classroom teacher.

Two reasons for this, he maintained, are that the TV teacher is a superior one and that the TV teacher looks directly at all pupils, something the classroom teacher cannot do.

"THE MODERN conception of teaching must once and for all abandon the hoary figure of the teacher on one end of the log and the student on the other."

The changes in communication techniques have broken education's sound and sight barriers," he said. The use of TV and electronic tape recordings, he said, can save school systems millions of dollars in construction costs because class sizes can be enlarged, thus cutting down the number of classrooms to be built.

This is especially true of schools using tape recordings, he indicated. One teacher can control a large class because she can divide it into as many as four or five sections, students in each section listening through earphones to a taped instruction graded for them.

At the same time, he continued, the teacher, sitting at an electronic console, can hold conversations with one student or a group of students, without bothering the others.

In a discussion after his prepared address, Dr. Eurich said tests have shown that the attention span of television teaching

## Teacher Offers Cure For Anti-Semitism

New York — (RNS) — Constructive, basic education, rather than a mere resort to teaching the evils of Nazism, constitutes the best cure for anti-Semitism, declared Dr. George N. Shuster, recently retired president of Hunter College in New York.

Writing in the Passover issue of "American Judaism," national publication of American Hebrew Congregations, the noted Catholic educator said that "plain old-fashioned hammering away on the evils of Nazism may well do little more than give the German 'basinik' generation a free course in how to be anti-Semitic."

In an article entitled "Of Symbols and Sadism," he said that basic education could correct many of the dangers of anti-Semitism. Teaching its evils alone, he said, is beneficial only when it achieves identification with something good.

"Thus," he noted, "German youngsters who have experienced the 'Diary of Anne Frank' in one form or another have, by sharing the fate of a young Jewish girl in an imaginative sense, learned to know something about what unites all men in about."

the face of tyranny?" DR. SHUSTER asserted that the technological age has caused frustrations resulting in the current wave of desecrations, sex crimes and other juvenile crimes.

"Wherever modern technological civilization is in the making," he said, "it produces frustrations which are probably not the same in any two countries."

"We do not know nearly enough about these things as they affect our country," pointed out Dr. Shuster. "But one may isolate test in the use of force to the point of cruelty or even sadism, which now runs like a virus through some segments of society. This test currently manifests itself most glaringly in the area of sex aberration and crime."

"Normal children here and in Germany do not do the things we have been talking about what unites all men in about."



## Twins Meet After 40 Years

New York — (RNS) — Sister Mary Josephine (left) of the Queen of the Apostles Order, Ghazipur, India, is greeted by her twin, Sister Mary Leonina of the Franciscan Order, who is attached to St. John's Home for Boys, Rockaway Park, N.Y. Sister Mary Josephine arrived in New York on the ocean liner Queen Elizabeth for the first reunion with her sister in 40 years. The twins were born on March 25, 1898, in Hallenberg, Germany, and parted in 1920 to serve orders on different sides of the world.

## Preparations 'Going Well' On Ecumenical Council

Vatican City — (RNS) — Praising the aims of Pax Christi, Pope John recalled Christ's words, "Peace be with you," and said that "to spread peace it is necessary first to become at peace oneself with God, and with one's fellow men." He exhorted the organization to continue its work "despite the opposition and conflicts that divide the world."

## Women Have So Many Activities Because Husbands Are So Dull

By FATHER JOHN L. THOMAS, S.J.  
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You must have a "mom" complex. All your articles are aimed against the husband, yet the American father provides the highest standard in the world for his family. Although time-saving gadgets are supposed to lighten the women's work, modern wives get crabdier and lazier all the time. They like to get involved in clubs, church societies, PTA's, and so on, and when they do, they take it out on their husbands. Why don't you give the other side of the picture?

I don't know whether I nourish any complexes or not, though I suppose I'm fairly normal and probably have a few. At any rate, I call the plays as I see them, and in my position, one sees a good many.

YOUR LETTER contains some interesting assumptions. We should examine these first because the strength of your case rests heavily upon the extent to which they may be true. In the first place, you assume that because American wives now have more time-saving gadgets and conveniences they have it much easier than their grandmothers.

This is only partly true. Many modern gadgets are not necessarily time-savers. They tend to lessen hard work, while enabling the housewife to do a better job.

At the same time, we expect of her in terms of cleaning, the care of the children, marketing, and the quality and variety of the meals she serves.

If she lives in the suburbs, she may have to spend considerable time delivering the children to and from school, to the doctor, dentist, and so forth. Although some of her social activities may not be obligatory, participation in church societies, PTA's, and community organizations may not rightly be considered as mere escapes from the home.

Your letter further assumes that the current high standard of living wives enjoy is owing to the fact that American husbands work so hard. Do you really believe this is true? Machines have rapidly



replaced muscle and brawn in industry, while the average workweek has dropped to forty hours plus time off for holidays and vacations.

With the exception of some of the professional classes, farmers, and top management, the most serious problem faced by modern workers is what to do with their leisure.

Both wives and husbands have benefited from the widespread application of machines and work-saving inventions in their jobs. There seems little to be gained by arguing this point, though it should be evident that many tasks involved in raising children do not lend themselves readily to automation, while weekends and holidays are not regarded by the average housekeeper as days of vacation.

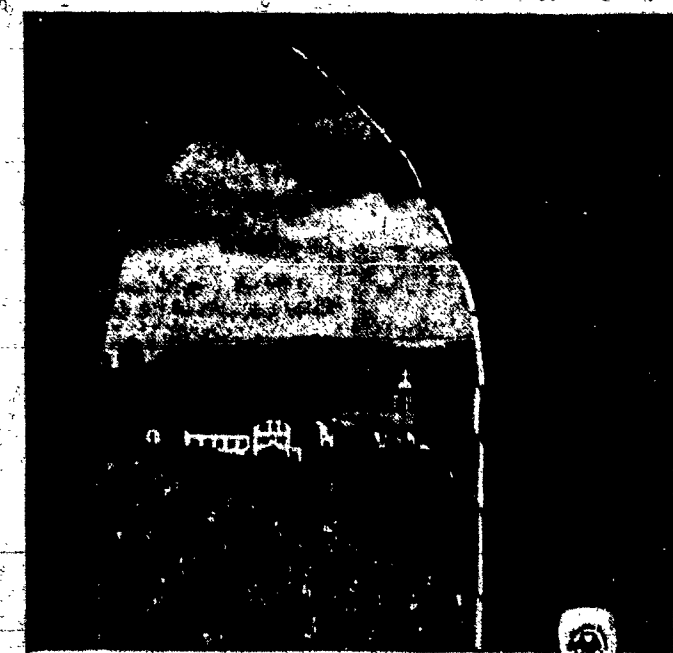
The chief point at issue is their way of life. You bypass how husbands and wives have adjusted to these changes in this question by assuming that modern husbands are knocking themselves out to support their families, while their wives, who are the chief

beneficiaries of their labors, are either getting lazier or wearing themselves out in extramarital activities that are really none of their concern.

MY GENERAL position can be stated rather clearly.

First, I do not feel that the majority of husbands and wives are in danger of dying from overwork, though I am willing to admit that many of them are kept reasonably well occupied. Second, since marriage is a partnership aimed to provide for the fitting creation and education of children, both husbands and wives must dedicate themselves fully to the demands of this task, whatever needs may be under modern conditions. Third, in spelling out these demands, I have insisted that traditional definitions of roles and ways of doing are not necessarily either adequate or applicable today.

This last point seems to strike at the root of your contention. You maintain that I aim all my criticism at husbands and fathers, while allowing the faults of their spouses to pass unmentioned. I call the plays as I see them.



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