

More Catholics In Secular Colleges

Newman Groups Ask Funds

Washington — (NC) — A national organization has been incorporated here to seek funds for U.S. Newman Clubs, centers for educational and spiritual work for Catholics enrolled in secular colleges and universities.

The new National Newman Foundation is seen by the body of U.S. Newman chaplains as a big step toward financial stability of the Newman apostolate, now faced with cutting for more Catholic students than are enrolled in Catholic colleges and universities.

The National Association of Newman Club Chaplains said in an announcement that some 400,000 Catholics or about 60 per cent of all Catholics in higher education are enrolled in secular colleges and universities.

"Despite an almost 300 per cent increase in the number of Newman Centers and nearly a 60 per cent increase in the number of full-time chaplains within the past five years, it has become increasingly clear that increased efforts must be made to extend and strengthen the Catholic educational effort on the secular campuses of America," said the announcement.

The new foundation, it continued, will seek funds from foundations, as well as from Newman alumni and other individuals interested in the progress of the Newman Movement. A full-time director will be appointed.

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Passion Play Opens To Capacity Audience

Oberammergau — (RNS) — After nine months of rehearsal, the 1960 production of the famed Passion Play opened in this little Bavarian village.

An international audience of 5,000 persons filled the Passion Theatre to witness the eight-hour spectacle, which has been faithfully performed by villagers every 10 years since 1834, with only a few interruptions.

Included among the cast of 1,200 were two seven-year-old American girls who play parts in crowd scenes. The two girls, whose fathers are stationed at United States Army headquarters in the village, are Elizabeth Dlotz of Dayton, O., and Blythe Lasley of College Park, Md.

A spokesman for the play said they are the first foreigners to take part in the production since it was started.

Churches Endorse Rural, Small Town Research

Washington — (RNS) — Both Protestant and Catholic leaders interested in rural life problems have endorsed a proposal by Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.) that a Commission on Problems of Small Towns and Rural Counties be appointed.

A bill (S. 3149) to establish such a commission under auspices of the federal government has been reported favorably by the Senate Committee on Government Operations and early passage by the Senate is expected. Sen. Francis Case (R-S.D.) and Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.), the assistant majority leader, are co-sponsors of the legislation.

In bringing the favorable committee report to the Senate floor, Sen. Mundt asked and obtained permission for the full text of the endorsements by religious leaders to be published in the Congressional Record.

The Rev. James L. Vizard, S.J., acting executive director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, advised Sen. Mundt, "We are urging our NRCLC members to let you know of their support."

Dr. William H. Hillner, executive secretary of the Board for Missions in North and South America, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, endorsed the proposed commission saying, "We have observed how closely the work of our churches is related to the life and problems of the community or small town."



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Scot Bishops Score 'Control'

Edinburgh — (NC) — The Catholic Bishops of Scotland have reiterated the Church's uncompromising condemnation of artificial birth control.

They spoke out in a hard-hitting joint pastoral letter in the face of increasing pressure, radio and television pressure. The letter released prior to possible approval of birth control practices by the (Presbyterian) Church of Scotland holding its general assembly in Edinburgh. The State Church — called simply "the Kirk" in Scotland — had a motion on its agenda seeking official approval of birth control as "ethically acceptable" and not un-Christian. The (Anglican) Church of England has already accepted such practices.

Diocesan Bldg. Rising

Los Angeles — (NC) — A two-story building is being constructed here to house major Catholic charitable and social service agencies.

It will house offices of the Catholic Welfare Bureau, the Catholic Youth Organization, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Catholic Big Brothers, the Archbishop's Fund for Charity, and the Archdiocesan Department of Health and Hospitals.

Handshake Against Obscenity

Washington — (RNS) — Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.) and Msgr. Thomas Fitzgerald of Milwaukee, a member of the Postmaster General's Citizens' Advisory Committee on Obscenity Through the Mails, shake hands after testifying at a House Education and Labor Committee hearing on obscenity. Msgr. Fitzgerald also is a representative of the National Organization of Decent Literature. Sen. Mundt is the sponsor of a bill to set up a national commission on noxious material.

Mail Smut Invades Homes

(N.C.W.C. News Service) Mail order pornography is a threat to all families, regardless of their social status, a Post Office consultant said here.

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She added: "The persons running the pornography for profit racket are not the slightest bit concerned as to who their victims may be. Their only motive is profit. And if young children are hurt by the unsolicited mailings of this obscene material, it is all part of the campaign to promote the pornography matter and its sale."

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Boston Cardinal Charges Red Trap At Summit

Boston — (RNS) — Double-tongued use of the word "peace" by the Soviet Union "lured and trapped" the United States into attending the abortive Summit conference, Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston declared here.

In a copyrighted article in the Boston Globe, the prelate added that so far as the present record of the Communists indicates, any other Summit conference will be the same.

"Be it established once and for all," Cardinal Cushing asserted, "that when the Communists, both in the Kremlin and here, refer to 'peace' or 'peaceful coexistence' they have no other idea in mind but the conquest of the world by Soviet power."

"ANYONE WHO knows the fundamental philosophy or world outlook of Marxism-Leninism and Matsui for Berlin."

Minister Objects to POAU Protestant Title

Pittsburgh — (NC) — A Congregational church pastor here accused an organization consistently critical of the Catholic Church of wrongly using the word Protestant in its name.

Pastor Philip J. Barnstead of West End Congregational Church made the charge against the Protestant and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU).

IN A LETTER to the Pittsburgh Catholic, newspaper of the Pittsburgh diocese, the pastor said:

"I regret that many Roman Catholics identify the anti-Church bias of the POAU with Protestantism. The POAU wrongly uses the word Protestant in its name, for in its actions it opposes Protestant principles as fully as Roman Catholicism."

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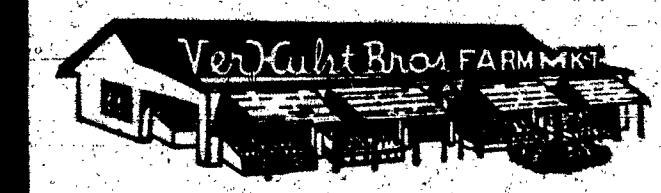
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