

Reapings at Random

Catholic To Lecture Methodists

Washington — (RNS) — A three-week college-credit Institute of Human Relations...

Dr. John J. O'Connor, professor of history at Georgetown University (Catholic) and a leader in interracial work...

Dr. O'Connor, former president of the National Catholic Conference of Interracial Justice...

The institute, scheduled June 26-July 14, focus on "typical problems of human relations in schools and communities..."

Unemployed Have Right To Adequate Income

By GERARD E. SHERRY Editor, Central California Register

President Kennedy's call for increases in both the amounts and terms of unemployment compensation have brought the usual cries of the welfare state...

President Kennedy put the whole situation in its right perspective when he said that to those out of work, it is a depression...

If one accepts the necessity of a living, saving family wage for the security of the worker and his family and the subsequent necessity of modification of the family wage...

One may rightfully demand that the unemployed worker abandon luxuries during his period of unemployment, but one cannot ask

him to forego the basic necessities of decent sustenance. Ordinarily, unemployed benefits afford less than luxurious living and in most instances scarcely allow for the minimum necessities.

It is rather futile to point out that some individuals obtaining unemployment compensation may in some instances secure more money than those who are employed...

Those who urge against increase in unemployment compensation because of present or possible abuse ought to remember that the elimination of abuses is an administration matter and not a cause for restrictive social legislation.

The morality and economic necessity of

unemployment compensation on principle has been now long established, especially for Catholics. Papal statements on the social-economic order have always associated unemployment insurance or compensation with the living wage...

"The state should make comprehensive provision for insurance against illness, invalidity, unemployment, and old age. So far as possible the insurance fund should be raised by a levy on industry..."

The application of the established principle to an existing economic situation demands an honest presentation of facts from an impartial source and the principle cannot be morally defended in its application or rejection when statistics are twisted...

A grave injustice is done the voting public and the common good when the atmosphere surrounding the public vote is tainted with the smog of private interests and the eyes of the voting public are blurred with particles

of error instead of being allowed to penetrate the issue with the light of truth.

Some states have a limited dependence clause in unemployment compensation laws which may reflect the typical American family, but it can be scarcely defended as a norm in the ethics of family life...

Two children may be the statistical average of the American family in computation of economic need, but it is entirely too impersonal a norm to be morally right in all instances.

To any family that has the breadwinner unemployed, it isn't sufficient to offer sympathy. After all, sympathy, or even understanding will not pay the bills or feed and clothe children.

This is no time to parody Marie Antoinette. The unemployed should not have to beg for charity. In their behalf we must demand justice and it is justice here that is expected.

Sodality Head Named

St. Louis — (RNS) — The Rev. Joseph F. MacFarlane, S.J., of Gloucester, Mass., has taken over the posts of Jesuit National Promoter of Sodalties for the U.S. and that of General Director of The Queen's Work Publishers.

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Germany Cuts Sunday Work

By MANFRED WENZEL Bonn — (NC) — Germany's Catholics have chalked up their first success in a decade-long, uphill struggle against needless Sunday work.

The German government has approved a bill reorganizing Sunday work schedules in the steel industry, biggest offender in keeping men at their jobs on Sunday.

The bill must still pass the Bundesrat, upper house of Parliament, before becoming law. It was drafted by the Ministry of Labor and if passed will replace legislation dating to the last century.

It was Joseph Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, who called Sunday "a gravely wounded victim of the last war." During World War II the armaments and other vital industries considered Sunday like any other workday.

What stung Catholics into action was an experiment introduced by a German steel works in 1951. This was the so-called "sliding work week," which enabled factories to keep up continuous production 168 hours a week, stopping neither night nor Sunday.

as the Sabbath, endangered the religious life of the workers and loosened family ties.

"Rather than make of Sunday a working day, those who are in authority in economic life should try to make Saturday as well as Sunday a holiday, in order to give workers more time for rest and relaxation for religious worship and family life," the Bishops asserted.

Again in 1955 they lashed out at the sliding work week. "It is obvious that the sliding work week, which gives rest days to the different shifts at different days of the week, must lead to a further dangerous dispersion of our families," they declared.

But if management did not respond to the Bishops' warnings, neither did the labor unions. Labor-management bargaining in the steel industry began tending toward general agreement to introduce the sliding work week throughout the industry, in exchange for a shorter work week.

Again the Bishops spoke out. "A nation that gives first place to profit in the scale of values destroys its moral foundations and undermines its real wealth for time and eternity," they said in 1956.

Honors Missioner

Los Angeles — (NC) — Father Michael J. McKillop, superior of St. Francis Xavier Maryknoll Mission here, has stated that it abolished Sunday

They created a special commission to discuss Sunday work with representatives of the steel industry's management and labor. But these discussions ended without results.

DESPITE ALL warnings the sliding work week became general in the steel industry in 1957, when the government of North Rhine-Westphalia gave its blessing to Sunday work in the vast Ruhr industrial complex. But German Catholics did not capitulate.

In April of 1957 the German parliament took up the question and the Federal government promised to provide legislation. Two months later a special commission was set up by the labor ministry to discuss new legislation with representatives of management, labor, employers' organizations and churches.

These preparations lasted three years. But the new legislation became more and more urgent. Many other branches of industry, among them the paper industry, the glass industry, the cement industry and the chemical industry, began demanding the same Sunday work permissions that had been granted the steel industry.

man Bishops once more pointed out that Sunday work threatened to subordinate men to economics in spite of shorter working hours. They said the practice weakened family life by keeping family members apart.

"It is Sunday rest in conjunction with the Saturday holiday which makes real family life possible," they stated. "It and religious tolerance and mutual respect."

He told a group of Anglican bishops (Feb. 8) that "neither persecution nor discrimination will ever be permitted to blacken our history." He also called materialism "the supreme challenge which confronts the world today."

U Nu noted that some "fears of misgivings" had been expressed over the government's decision to make Buddhism the state religion of Burma. About 85 per cent of the people of Burma are Buddhists, and the Premier said that since "an overwhelming majority" of them want Buddhism declared the state religion, this will happen in the "near future."

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In October of 1959 the Ger-

Freedom Promised In Burma

Rangoon—(NC)—Prime Minister U Nu of Burma has reiterated his conviction that the good of the country depends on "an atmosphere of racial life possible."

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Civil War Memorial

Lexington — (RNS) — This handsome stained glass window adorns St. Brigid's Roman Catholic church here. It depicts Sisters of Charity and Sisters of the Holy Cross attending wounded men of the Confederate and Union armies on a Civil War battlefield.

Half Million Acres Bought

Beagle Bay — (NC) — The Bishop of Australia's largest See has bought half a million acres of range land. The purchase was made by the Bishop John Jobst, S.A.C., Vic-

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