



Pontiff Urges Poverty Drive

Vatican City —(RNS)— Pope John told more than 100,000 Catholic workers and Catholic Actionists here that he has written an encyclical to bring up to date the Church's teaching on social and economic problems.

He said, "this document will be laid before your eyes a few weeks hence. It will affirm the new and great contemporary problems and will bring our doctrine up to date."

Addressing the throng from a throne erected on the steps of St. Peter's Basilica, the Pontiff also called for a worldwide attack against hunger and poverty.

THE PONTIFF spoke to the workers from 64 countries on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's famous encyclical, "Rerum Novarum" (Of New Things), issued May 15, 1891.

Called the "Magna Carta" of Catholic social principles and ranking among the outstanding papal pronouncements on social issues, the encyclical has influenced Catholic thinking for the past 70 years.

Pope John paid tribute to Pope Leo for "Rerum Novarum," to Pope Pius XI for modernizing the Church's social doctrines in 1931 with his encyclical, "Quadragesimo Anno" (On the Fortieth Year), and to Pope Pius XII for his pronouncements on social and labor issues.

The forthcoming encyclical, which awaits only translation from Latin to the world's major languages, will consist of four sections or parts, Pope John indicated.

The first section will review the teachings of Popes Leo Pius XI and Pius XII on social and economic questions; the second will concern itself with "problems of social action" still facing the Church 70 years after "Rerum Novarum."

In the third part will be discussed "new, grave and, at times, perilous problems of this our recent epoch, and contemporary for us." And the fourth section will show how the "problems of social living together" can be "recompensed" in the light of the Church's teachings.

"OUR DOCUMENT," the Pope said, "will offer major directives to inspire human and Christian solidarity and which are considered the most effective for our intentions." The encyclical, he said, will out-

line "a magnificent program of Christian life and apostolic social activity, a living in Christ."

To combat world poverty, Pope John urged a "disinterested and multifaceted initiative designed to place great capitals and intelligent technical knowledge at the disposal of the economically underdeveloped countries."

"The principle of solidarity between all human beings must be emphasized and exalted," the Pontiff stated. "It is necessary to recall and preach duty for communities and individuals that have an abundance of means of subsistence to aid those who are in difficult condition."

Many of the workers whom the Pope addressed were in Rome for the Fifth Congress of the International Federation of Catholic Workers' Movements. He was frequently interrupted during his talk by cheers and applause. At the end of address, many of those present knelt to receive the Pope's apostolic blessing. The Pontiff spoke in Italian.

Pope Leo's encyclical was based on the principle that the social question is primarily a moral one. It emphasized that man takes precedence over the State and has a right to own property of his own. The document declared man's right to a decent wage and adequate living conditions.

"RERUM NOVARUM" condemned both Marxism and the selfish capitalism of the 19th century. It called for cooperation between employers and workers, recognized the worker's right to join in trade and professional organizations and said the State should intervene in defense of workers.

Maintain Denies Joining Order

Toulouse, France. (Radio, NC) — Catholic philosopher Jacques Maritain has denied a published report that he intends to enter the Little Brothers of Jesus and spend his life as a missionary in the Sahara. Mr. Maritain said he is merely visiting the Little Brothers of Jesus at their house here.

"I am passing a part of the year in this house where I am living as a friend and not as a member of the community or as a professor," he said.

"I do not hold classes or conferences. I do not envisage entering orders. I am remaining a layman."

The report that he planned to become a missionary was published in an Italian newspaper, L'Avvenire D'Italia.

Professor Maritain is 78. His wife, Raissa, died in November of last year.

The Little Brothers of Jesus are followers of Father Charles de Foucauld, who lived as a hermit among Saharan tribes.

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Mothers Assn. of the Academy of the Sacred Heart installed new officers recently in the school auditorium. From left are, seated, Mrs. John E. Carberry, vice president; Mrs. Francis Dowling, president; standing, Mrs. Elmer Schmidt, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Allen H. Ottman, treasurer, and Mrs. Raymond Leecese, recording secretary. Committee chairmen are Mrs. George Green, hospitality; Mrs. George E. Ford, ways and means; Mrs. Peter DeLuca, telephone; Mrs. Eaton Hammond, publicity.

U. S. Appoints Jesuit To UN Seismic Unit

Boston, Mass. — (RSN) — A noted Boston Jesuit scientist has been named the United States representative for the United Nations' study of earthquakes and seismic seawaves, the Boston office of the Society of Jesus announced.

He made the first magnetic studies on the ground in the Arctic, and from 1954 to 1958 was a consultant in Antarctica for the U.S. Navy. In 1958, he completed the first seismic soundings ever made in Antarctica, proving there was land above sea level at the South Pole.

During World War II, the Jesuit priest developed a method based on seismic principles to detect hurricanes, and in 1951-52 he conducted a search for St. Peter's tomb in Rome.

The Rev. Daniel J. Linehan, S.J., director of the Boston College Observatory at Weston, Mass., will make a study in countries of Southeast Asia from June 21 to July 25, and his itinerary will include the Philippines, Indonesia, Singapore, Bangkok, Rangoon, Hong Kong and Tokyo.

FATHER LINEHAN, 55, has made many contributions to seismology.

Meeting Listed The annual meeting of the Women's Council of the Rochester Museum Association will be held in the Members' Lounge in the library of Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences on Tuesday, May 23, at 11 a.m.

Chiang Kih Given Baptism

Taipei, Formosa — (NC) — The first great-grandchild of Nationalist Chinese President Chiang Kai-shek was baptized in St. Christopher's church here by Archbishop Paul Yu Pin, refugees, Ordinary of Nanking in Red China and rector of the Catholic Fu Jen University here.

THE BABY GIRL, christened Faina Maria Margarita, is the daughter of Alan Chiang, the President's grandson, and the former Nancy Cecilia Zi, a convert.

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Children's Freedom Needs Limitations

By FATHER JOHN L. THOMAS, S. J. Sociology Professor St. Louis University

How much freedom should children be permitted in order to develop as normal, happy children who will retain pleasant memories of childhood? Our friends have four little boys ranging from four to ten and insist on giving them complete freedom at home and abroad. The neighbors have tagged them "the little monsters." Our friends claim kids need freedom or they'll grow up bitter and repressed. We know "boys will be boys," but aren't there limits?

Opinions about raising children have shifted so frequently in the last fifty years that I suppose we shouldn't be too surprised if some parents remain utterly confused. At present, the weight of opinion is swinging back from the irrational interpretation of "permissiveness" in vogue fifteen or twenty years ago to what is called the developmental approach. This attempts to gear training practices to the assumed changing needs of children as they grow through various stages of development. The training received at each stage is sup-

posed to prepare the child for the next step — an excellent theory, perhaps, if only we knew more about the various stages and the training practices appropriate to them!

Your letter reminds me of the cartoon depicting the troubled mother who has taken her little "monster" to the psychiatrist. He has evidently just explained to her that the child is insecure, and she replies, "I don't know whether he feels insecure, but I can assure you the rest of us do!" Permissiveness carried too far spells chaos in the family — "spoiled" children and frustrated parents.

What your friends seem to have fixed on in their child raising practices is the tag end of a theory, current a generation ago, that children would develop best if left to their own devices. All parents should do was to remove the conventional restraints — and stand around to pick up the pieces. Every child would know, or would discover through experience, what was most suitable to his peculiar needs.

Some traces of this theory still remain in our educational system. Not so long ago, I attended a teachers' conference, during which a student representative read a report insisting that the classes in introductory sociology should decide what topics they were to study during the course. Most of the teachers present found this report very "interesting," until someone suggested that since the introductory students knew nothing about sociology, their choices could represent nothing more than pooled ignorance.

This cult of permissiveness in child training appeared as a reaction to what was perhaps a somewhat too-narrowly conceived parent-centered approach. Children were to be seen and not heard, while not too much attention was paid to their changing, developmental needs.

But the contrary shift to a child-centered approach was equally unbalanced. Why should respect for the child and his needs imply rejection of discipline, training in self-control, or awareness of the rights of others? Of course, the resultant little monsters don't develop into big monsters — they just don't grow up, for they never learn to control their emotions or overcome their childish self-centeredness. Fortunately, with the excep-

tion of a relatively few couples like your friends, the majority of modern parents recognize that some controls and discipline are necessary, at least for their own peace of mind.

Judging from the contemporary literature in the field, the current ideal held up to parents is to raise their children as comfortable, understood, satisfied individuals. Parents are urged to "enjoy" their children, to be consistent yet reasonably flexible in discipline, and to grant them considerable freedom in choosing their life-goals and standards. This sounds reasonable, considering that modern children should be raised to live in a complex, changing, highly organized society in which they must learn how to get along with a great variety of persons and pressures.

But a second look at this ideal reveals that it stresses technique rather than content, the "how" rather than the "what." To raise a child as a comfortable, understood, satisfied individual is not, in itself, an adequate preparation for life, even in our affluent society. What life-goals does the child have? What values does he cherish? What basic principles and norms has he acquired to guide him in his adult activities?

Men are not mice — or contented cows, either. The utter permissiveness practiced by your friends may produce little monsters; the goalless, frustration-free, comfort-nurturing method so popular today may turn out a generation of satisfied, shallow little moral eunuchs; but if training is to prepare children for life, they need to be given worthwhile goals to aim at and a set of principles enabling them to "make sense" out of their widening experience. It's not techniques but content that really count.

Grant, Dochak To Open Auto Agency

R. Wayne Grant, 219 Roosevelt Road, Brighton, and E. Doak Dochak of 180 Dartmouth Street, have been appointed to establish and operate an au-



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thorized Volkswagen Agency on Routes 5 & 20, Geneva. The new dealership, to be known as Grant and Dochak, Inc., will open this summer to serve the Finger Lakes Region.

Grant, a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Business School, will be President of the Agency. He has been with Koridite Company, Macedon, since 1957. An alumnus of Kent State University, Dochak will be Vice President, while continuing as a representative of the Equitable Life Insurance Co. of Iowa. He is a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Unionists Set Paris Meet

Paris — (NC) — This year's congress of the International Federation of Christian Trade Unions will come to grips with problems raised by its recent admission of non-Christian unions.

Constitutional modifications are expected to emerge from the congress, which meets here from June 29 to July 2, at the headquarters of the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Moslem and Buddhist groups allied themselves to the IFCU during its extension into former colonial countries. These groups preferred to join the IFCU rather than unions with strong materialistic and collectivistic outlooks.

The 200 delegates from 40 countries will also elect a new president to replace Gaston Tessier of France, who died on August 8, 1960.

Frank House Now Youth Center

Amsterdam — (RNS) — The house in which Anne Frank hid from the Nazis during World War II and wrote her famous diary has been opened here as an international youth center. Now known as the "Anne Frank Home," the house has been chosen as the gathering place for a youth convention on improving relations between the peoples of the world. Young people from Britain, France, Germany and Holland will attend the conference.

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