

**Attorney General Says**

**'High Living' Seed of Crime**

New York — (RNS) — The American public has become so concerned with high living and making "an extra buck" that it has apparently lost interest in stamping out crime and corruption.

So charged U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy here as he declared that the epidemic of public scandals throughout the country was symptomatic of what he termed a great moral problem facing the nation.

HE TOLD a meeting of the National Association of Attorneys General that "mere passage of laws" would not end these incidents but that the only solution must come through a "change of attitude on the part of the people."

In an analysis of national crime, the President's brother noted as "shocking" the television quiz exposures, the basketball fixes, electrical price-fixing scandals and other anti-trust violations.

As a cause of this phenomenon, Kennedy pointed to the COURIER-JOURNAL Friday, June 30, 1961

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**Haiti Turmoil**

**Reluctant Te Deum**

Ciudad Trujillo — (NC) — There has been no change in tense Church-State relations in neighboring Haiti where the regime of President Francois Duvalier has expelled two bishops and half a dozen French missionaries in the past two years, according to authoritative reports reaching here.

This is true, reports said, despite the fact that a Te Deum was celebrated in the cathedral in Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital, to mark the inauguration of President Duvalier to a new term on May 23.

The Te Deum was permitted even though the Holy See has excommunicated everyone connected with the expulsion of the bishops, according to high Church authorities, partly because it is called for by the 1860 concordat between the Holy See and Haiti and partly because of government threats.

They pointed out that refusal to allow the Te Deum could have resulted in a new wave of anti-Church persecution by the Duvalier regime. They also noted that a refusal could have wrecked the diplomatic negotiations now in progress to solve Church-State difficulties. Thus, they said, it was permitted as a lesser evil.

While most opposition to the government in Haiti has been silenced, reports said, there is still a great deal of discontent. The overall situation, they went on, is still one of coercion, intimidation and outright dictatorship.

Church-State relations began to deteriorate in August, 1959, when the Duvalier regime, on the pretext of maintaining the "safety of the state," expelled two French priests: Father Etienne Grinenberger, C.S.S.P., superior of the Holy Ghost Fathers in Haiti, and Father Joseph Marec, pastor of a big parish in St. Marc.

THE DUVALIER regime has been in power since 1957 in Haiti, a nation the size of Maryland which occupies the western third of the island of Hispaniola. The Dominican Republic holds the rest.

The first nation of the Americas after the U.S. to win independence from colonial rule, French-speaking Haiti has since rarely known political, social or economic stability. Its 3,306,000 people — 95 per cent of them Negroes — have the hemisphere's lowest standard of living. Catholics number 2,524,000, making up 72 per cent of the population.

Following a turbulent period in the early 19th century, Church-State relations were generally good in Haiti between the signing of the 1860 concordat and the recent past.

But when Father Grinenberger arrived in New York following his expulsion from that nation, he said that Haiti is a "real police state" bent on "attacking the higher levels of the Catholic Church." The Duvalier regime, he added, is extremely nationalistic and antagonistic to foreign priests, especially the French. Most priests in Haiti are French or Canadian.

At the time the two priests were ousted the Haitian government issued a warrant — later withdrawn — for the arrest of Archbishop Francois Poirier of Port-au-Prince because the French-born prelate had criticized the priests' expulsion.

In May, President Duvalier announced — on the basis of rigged parliamentary elections held April 30 — that he had unanimously been re-elected to a second term, although his old term still had two and a half years to run.

In connection with inauguration ceremonies on May 22, a Te Deum was celebrated.

Reports stated that the government used threats in demanding the Te Deum in the name of the concordat and tradition. The government said that if the Church refused to comply with the concordat provision allowing the Te Deum, it would refuse to comply with other provisions.

The Haitian Foreign Ministry, which handles religious matters for the government, said that among the provisions it had in mind was the one which requires the government to pay subsidies to the clergy and to religious who teach in or direct national schools.

Church authorities in Haiti, reports continued, maintain that the excommunication decree is fully valid. But they took the position that the government's request did not involve the reception of a sacrament but only a disciplinary measure. Therefore, in view of the obligations of the concordat and to avoid a refusal being made the pretext for retaliatory steps against the Church, they decided to suspend, or at least delay, the application of one particular consequence of the decree and permit the Te Deum.

Reports noted that the Church's position in the matter was made more difficult by some priests closely associated with the government who tried to cast doubts on the decree's validity at a critical moment.

The priests did this, Church sources reported, by pointing to provisions of canon law (Canons 1587 and 2227) which state generally that only a pope can take action against the head of a state.

Basing its position on this interpretation, the Haitian Foreign Ministry took its strong stand against the excommunication decree in demanding the Te Deum. Since there is no free means of communication in Haiti, Church sources continued, the public could not be informed that the interpretation was wrong, since Pope John is himself Prefect of the Consistorial Congregation which issued the decree.

Therefore, Church authorities said, all consequences of the excommunication decree remain fully operative except one: public prayers may still be said for the President.



**Parental Pride Tripled**

Cleveland — (RNS) — Mrs. Gertrude Gallagher Whelan had three priest-brothers and now she has three priest-sons. She and her husband, Martin, are shown here with three of their sons after the ordination of their youngest son, the Rev. Gerald M. Whelan (left). Her other priest-sons are the Rev. Hugh Whelan, assistant chancellor of the Cleveland diocese, and the Rev. James F. Whelan, assistant pastor at St. Colman's church in Cleveland. Her brothers are the Rev. Hugh F. Gallagher, administrator of St. Philip and James church, Canal Fulton, O., and Msgr. Owen L. Gallagher, pastor of St. John the Baptist church, Canton, O. Another brother, Msgr. John F. Gallagher, of Seattle, Wash., is dead.

**In Religious Training**

**Can't Replace Schools**

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII praised the "very great role" of Catholic schools in the training of youth during an audience with 104 superiors of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools who were in Rome for a congress of their order.

The Brothers, who came from many countries, were accompanied by Brother Nicet-Joseph, Superior General of the institute. They were received by the pontiff in the Consistory Hall of the Vatican Palace.

"YOU OCCUPY a high and distinguished place in the Catholic world," he told his visitors, important vocation as teaching "because of your singular and vocation as teaching brothers. It must be stressed that the Christian education of young people is an outstanding duty. Nothing can replace the gradual infusion of Christian virtues deriving from an education to which teachers have dedicated their existence."

According to the sources here, Church authorities have issued statements repeating exhortations to the Polish faithful to avoid any forms of birth control except the rhythm method, which does not involve artificial birth prevention.

Declaring that "the flourishing of the Catholic schools throughout the world is one of the noblest glories of the Church," Pope John exhorted his hearers to continue carrying on "in the field of the Lord with that love and predilection for the smallest and the poorest which has been one of the distinguishing features of your institute since its foundation."

**Birth Control By Radio**

London — (RNS) — Polish Roman Catholic sources here reported that Communist authorities in Poland have inaugurated regular radio broadcasts giving listeners advice on the use of contraceptives.

Meanwhile, they stated, illustrated birth control booklets are being published "by the million" and distributed free throughout the country.

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**Red Church Meet Raps West Clergy**

Vienna — (RNS) — A sharp attack on what were described as "plans of the Roman Catholic hierarchy and some West German Protestant circles" aimed against the "peace" campaign of the Communist camp marked the first plenary session of the First Christian World Peace Conference in Prague.

In a speech reported by the Czech News Agency, Professor Joseph I. Hromadka, dean of the Amos Comenius Theological Faculty in Prague, denounced the "plans" as "incompatible with the Christian faith."

Winner of a Lenin Peace Prize, Professor Hromadka who has been criticized by Western churchmen because of his open support of the Czechoslovak Communist regime — asserted that the aim of the 700 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox delegates assembled for the Prague sessions was to "create conditions for successful work for peace."

"OUR WORK," he said, "is an attempt at coordinating all these peace efforts, to rouse those church circles which have hitherto remained silent to our programs, to our calls for atomic disarmament. We seek their support for statesmen, scientists, educators and all who have dedicated their lives to the cause of peace and reconciliation among nations."

Vienna — (RNS) — The Communist-sponsored First Christian World Peace Conference in Prague, Czechoslovakia, heard a top Russian Orthodox Church leader denounce the Vatican for having "formed an anti-Communist front."

Reports received here quoted Bishop Nicodim, head of the Russian Church's Department of Foreign Church Relations, told the 700 delegates from Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches that the "supreme Catholic hierarchy is engaging more in politics than in teaching believers Christian morals."

Bishop Nicodim said the forthcoming Second Vatican Council cannot unite Christians, but will further divide them, because the Vatican "has not been a spiritual leader of the present-day world for a long time."

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