

Automation Destroys Jobs

St. Louis — (RNS) — Automation is the built-in source of unemployment, Father Louis J. Twomey, editor of "Social Order," monthly publication of the Institute of Social Order at St. Louis University said here.

Father Twomey said "every man has a God-given right to a job from which he will derive income sufficient to support himself and his family in moderate comfort and reasonable security."

"What this means," he explained, "is that society owes no man a living, but every man should have an opportunity to make one. What is so damnable about our unemployment situation is that it is being built right into our economy."

THE BUILT-IN source of unemployment is automation, he said, and this in turn is causing an inability in the economy to provide the number of jobs necessary for men who want to work and who have to work.

Father Twomey made his comments after the "St. Louis Review," Roman Catholic weekly newspaper for the Archdiocese of St. Louis, revealed that an estimated 22,565 un-

skilled laborers in St. Louis are unemployed, representing 55 per cent of the city's 41,028 unemployed.

The figures were released by the Missouri State Employment Office and, according to Charles P. DeLargy, St. Louis manager of the Missouri State Employment Office, follow a nationwide trend begun shortly before the end of the Korean War.

The tangible effect is economic, Father Twomey said. "It is quite obvious: unemployment. But the intangible effect is far more serious. There is a certain status and pride that goes with a certain skill.

"Then one day automation is introduced and this skill becomes obsolete, and in effect the skilled worker is reduced to the status of an unskilled worker. His skills are no longer marketable. This is a terrific psychological blow."

Basically, this is the problem of automation, the priest said.



Memorial Honors Father Lynch

A memorial plaque honoring the memory of Father Paul J. Lynch of the Rochester Diocese and five other victims of a 1961 helicopter crash was dedicated in brief military rites at bleak Camp Tuto, U.S. Army polar research center in Greenland. Rites were held August 24, anniversary of the crash. (U.S. Army Photo)

Burial Rites to Inspire Living

Chicago — (RNS) — Cardinal Meyer of Chicago told some 260 cemetery directors here that the Catholic Church's "cemetery apostolate" not only honors the dead but makes a spiritual impact on the living.

Catholic cemeteries, he said, have the spiritual mission to instruct and inspire the living, which transcends the act of burying the dead.

In a message to the 15th annual meeting of the National Catholic Cemetery Conference, the cardinal declared: "Catholic cemeteries can never make efficiently, utility or even beauty, their goals except insofar as these things complement the goal of serving the faithful.

"Every policy, every decision must be examined against the ultimate purpose of Holy Mother church—bringing souls to Christ."

The cardinal's address was recorded for the meeting before he left for Rome to attend the Second Vatican Council. It was heard by cemetery administrators and other leaders who concerned themselves at the sessions with subjects as the conservation of cemetery population pressures, cost control, and support of cemeteries with inadequate income.

Protestant Colleges Get U. S. Funds

Washington — (RNS) — Approval of college housing loans to three church-related institutions was announced here by the U.S. Housing and Home Finance Agency.

They included: \$1,550,000 to Alaska Methodist University, Anchorage, to erect a residence hall for 96 men, four apartments for faculty members, three duplex units for faculty families, and a college union building with dining and recreation facilities for 500 students.

The university which opened with a class of 150 in 1960, has an enrollment of 350 this fall and expects a rapid expansion of its student body.

\$200,000 to Queens College, Charlotte, N.C., Presbyterian, to provide a college union building. The institution currently enrolls 640 women and has no college union facilities.

\$150,000 to Findlay (O.) College, Church of God, to build a college union addition which will include a snack bar seating 100 and will increase the dining hall capacity to 225. The college has almost doubled its student body to 885 in three years, and expects to expand to 2,500 within ten years.

Housing Costs Plague Aged

By RUSSELL SHAW

Washington — (NC) — Every day in the United States more than 3,000 people pass a major landmark in their lives — their 65th birthday. By tradition the occasion marks the start of their "golden" years, a time of fulfillment and satisfaction. For many, however, the golden years are tarnished by loneliness and economic insecurity.

A major problem of the over-65 age group is finding adequate housing at a price they can afford. The story of one 76-year-old man is typical:

"I GET \$87 a month from Social Security. I have to pay \$40 a month, almost half of my income, for one room with a bath and toilet in the hall used by 18 other people. Some of the rooms are not very clean, but we old people have to live in them just the same, because that is all we can get for the money."

"I have stopped smoking, going to shows. All these things I can do without, but I need de-

cent housing in a very bad way." There is little reason to think that the problem of housing for the aged is going to solve itself. Today in the U.S. more people are living longer than ever in history. During the 1950's total population grew 18.5 per cent, but the elderly group by 34.7 per cent.

It has been estimated that by 1980 there will be at least 30 million people in the U.S. in the 62 and over age group, compared with some 21 million today. As a group, the nation's aged are in the low or moderate income categories: about half of the elderly families receive less than \$3,000 a year; half of the elderly single persons in the U.S. have less than \$1,050 yearly.

Ohio Voters to Decide Sunday Shopping Law

Cleveland — (NC) — The director of the Family Life Bureau of the Cleveland diocese has urged Ohio voters to defeat a proposed constitutional amendment to relax state Sunday-closing laws.

Msgr. Francis W. Carney charged that the proposal "promotes in its own way a materialistic philosophy, repudiating the traditional American religious observance of Sunday and the dignity of the American worker who needs Sunday as a day of rest and relaxation."

The proposed amendment earlier (Sept. 21) was denounced by the Ohio Catholic Welfare Conference, representing the state's six dioceses. The conference expressed confidence

that Americans "would deplore any change in the present laws which would be conducive to the secularization of Sunday by making it a day of business-as-usual."

Ohio residents will vote in the November 6 general elections on an amendment to permit the Sunday sale of milk, milk products, and any food item or food product for human or animal consumption.

The amendment, which opponents claim will legalize Sunday operation of large food and dairy stores, was proposed by the Lawson Milk Company, a Chicago-owned firm which runs a chain of food stores in the state. It has more than 100 outlets in the Cleveland area.

More Than Million

Ford Fund Aids Birth Control

Karachi — (NC) — The Ford Foundation will spend "a little more than one million dollars" in the two years 1963-64 to assist the Pakistan government's "family planning" (artificial birth control) program, a foundation official said here.

In 1961-62 the foundation gave \$549,000 for this purpose in Pakistan.

The program is supposed to include aid for childless couples who wish to have children. In practice, according to the official, "only lip service is paid" to this objective.

Ford Foundation assistance to the Pakistan birth control campaign takes the form of "research and training," the official said. It is given through the Population Council, New York, and Johns Hopkins University and the University of California.

Representatives of these universities are active in the "family planning" program in Pakistan. Fifteen Pakistani students are taking courses in public health and mother-and-child health, on Ford Foundation

grants, in these universities in preparation for "family planning" projects in this country.

PART OF THE foundation's grant has been used to provide 15 audio-visual units, panel-jeps and trailers with generators and sound-film equipment. These vehicles travel through the villages of East and West Pakistan promoting birth control. The films have been prepared by the Pakistan authorities.

The Ford Foundation is likewise aiding the India government's "family planning" program. It lists the funds given for these programs in Pakistan and India under "Overseas Development."

In both countries the foundation is engaged in constructive activities, social, technical and educational, as well as in the artificial birth control campaigns in public places. Its total outlay for Pakistan is about \$4,000,000 a year.



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