

# Vatican Radio Lashes 'Deputy'

Vatican City — (RNS) — An essay by Archbishop Emile M. Guerry of Cambrai, France, strongly criticizing Rolf Hochhuth's controversial play, "The Deputy," was broadcast to the world in many languages by Vatican Radio.

The 72-year-old prelate said "we do not find fault with the author for bringing on to the stage in a work defined as historical the personality of Pope Pius XII. Still less do we reproach the author for having raised the problem of the Pope's attitude toward the terrible drama let loose by the folly of Hitler and his Nazi regime. Nor are we criticizing the author in so far as concerns his literary composition or the scenic value of his work."

However, Archbishop Guerry went on, "What we do denounce is the false and lying explanation the author puts forward of the attitude of Pius XII and his seriously blameworthy silence about the acts and writings of the Pope that would make nonsense of the interpretation of Pius XII's conduct in this tormented age of ours."

"And, finally, the open and unjust accusations against the head of the Church constitute an offense to the faith of Catholics and their devotion to the Pope. And we denounce the secret design to divert responsibility for the persecution of the Jews and lay it to the head of the Catholic Church."

Archbishop Guerry, one of the leading members of the French hierarchy, was a lawyer before he entered the priesthood. He was the author of a book published in 1947 which denied Communist charges that the French bishops collaborated with the German occupation and Vichy authorities during World War II. At that time he was Coadjutor Archbishop of Cambrai and secretary to the Assembly of Cardinals and Archbishops.

## Sea Apostolate

Sydney — (NC) — St. Vincent de Paul Society members made 1,800 visits to 1,421 ships anchored in Sydney's harbor during 1963 and interviewed more than 71,000 seafaring men.



## Priest Brothers at Baptism

Priest brothers, military chaplains Fathers Lawrence and Leo Ward came home for the baptism of their niece Tamara Joanne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rhodes of Rush, at Good Shepherd Church, Henrietta, Friday evening. Grandmothers Mrs. Robert Rhodes and Mrs. Basil Durkee and grandfather Peter Ward attended the ceremony. Godparents were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown.

# Father's Role Secondary in U.S. Family Life

BY J.F. WILLIAMS

Ottawa — (NC) — The U. S. father plays a supporting role to the mother in a family unit which puts priority on the individual rather than the family group, a Canadian congress on the modern family was told.

"For example, the man's role is one of economic support and of influence rather than final authority in moments of decision," said Philippe Garigue in describing the U.S. family.

Garigue, dean of the faculty of social sciences at the University of Montreal, spoke at the first plenary session of the Canadian Conference of the Family.

About 350 delegates gathered at the invitation of Gov. Gen. Georges Vanier and Mrs. Vanier to discuss problems facing families today.

GARIGUE'S COMMENTS on U.S. family life came in an address on differences over the centuries in the family unit. He cited the dominating role of the father among the Hebrews in Biblical times and the concept in feudal Europe of the family as merely a group of people living together on one plot of land.

Then he turned to the United States. He cited widespread divorce, large numbers of working married women, a strong influence of individualism and

"dispersion of responsibilities."

"We do not wish," he said, "to give the impression that there is only one mode of family life in the United States. On the contrary, there are important differences between the different social groups and the different regions."

"However, in spite of such diversity and plurality, in a society where more than 25 per cent marriages end in divorce and where more than 35 per cent of married women work outside the home, the family life would seem to be dominated most of all by the interests of the individual."

Family life in the United States, is not considered an institution, he said.

"In practice, American family life gives priority to the father's role rather than the group, an attitude based upon equality between the sexes and the right of the individual to determine to satisfy his needs. The result is a dispersion of responsibilities."

"His wife is not only his equal under the law, but due to the family's orientation toward the satisfaction of each member, and especially the children, it is she who is the 'operational' center of family life," he said.

Garigue cited a U.S. belief that family stability depends on the degree of satisfaction derived by two adults from living together, and that children should be independent as early as possible.

"The American family tends to exist as such only in the period between birth of the children and their departure from home. It tends to be no longer the refuge of elderly parents. Its role as a social group is increasingly disrupted by the growing divorce rate, and when children have left, family life reverts to the life of a married couple," he said.

Gov. Gen. Vanier told the conference in a keynote address that protection of the family is "the best and surest way of developing generous and idealistic hearts, of giving the community men and women who are well-balanced and conscious of their responsibilities to their country."

Delegates to the four-day congress (June 7-10) represented every phase of Canadian life. They included scholars, social service workers, religious leaders, housewives, doctors, judges, journalists, businessmen and other interested Canadians.

## Deacon's Son Ordained To Priesthood

Detroit — (RNS) — The son of a Baptist deacon here became the first Negro to be ordained a Roman Catholic priest in the Detroit archdiocese since it was established in 1937.

He was Father Donald M. Clark, a convert and son of Mr. and Mrs. James Clark of Detroit. His father is a deacon of Second Baptist church.

Said Mrs. Clark of her son's ordination, "We are thankful God has stepped into our home and chosen one of our children. All the family is happy."

Father Clark saw his ordination as a "great step forward in the cause of civil rights. Finally, after all these years, it can be seen that the Negro can serve as a priest with dignity."

He was one of 31 young men ordained at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral by Archbishop John F. Dearden of Detroit. All will be assigned to Detroit parishes.

In 1926 when Detroit was a diocese there was a previous ordination of a Negro—Father Norman A. Dukette of Christ the King Church in Flint, which is now in the Lansing diocese. Another Negro priest, Father Leonard A. Cunningham served Detroit's Holy Ghost parish for 11 years before joining a Trappist monastery in 1953, but he was not a native of Detroit.

## Praise for UN Trade Meet

Geneva — (RNS) — A Vatican representative praised the protracted United Nations Trade and Development Conference here for having "sown seeds which will produce conditions for a united civilization."

Father Joseph Louis Lebet, director of the International Research and Training Institute

for Harmonized Development in Paris, spoke during a plenary meeting marking the final week of the conference. He was a member of the five-man delegation, representing the Holy See.

THE FRENCH priest said his delegation had been "struck by the degree of maturity reached by the international community

on the issue of matching economic development with full recognition of human values.

"Perhaps at no time," he said, "has mutual solidarity been stressed with so much vigor and a will to understanding as in these discussions on a new economic order."

Stressing that economic development must go "hand in hand" with human values, he said some points were still pending, but that the conference had shown an encouraging willingness to meet this challenge.

Noting that there had been "common will to break with national parochialisms," Father Lebet said the conference marked "a promising stage on the road toward the pooling of all natural and human resources for the general good."

The delegation from the Holy See, he told the conferees, "honestly rejoices at the results already obtained and expresses the fervent hope for further agreements, even at this late stage."

## Theology Books on Exhibit Not for Sale in Poland

Vatican City — (RNS) — Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, Roman Catholic Primate of Poland, in speaking out in Warsaw against repression of religious freedom, told a congregation of his own experiences with the Communist regime.

According to a report on Vatican Radio, the cardinal made his remarks in a sermon delivered at the University Chapel of St. Ann's Church.

Cardinal Wyszynski noted, according to the broadcast, that he had attended an international book fair at Warsaw which had displayed some books published in the West. Among them, he said, were several books on theology and he had ordered a few of them.

When time came to pick up the books, he said, he was informed that they were not for sale and had been used for exhibit purposes only.

He reminded the congrega-

tion he had never been permitted to import into Poland a single copy of a devotional book he had written. It was published in France.

The Primate also cited excessive taxes assessed against the Catholic University of Lublin, the only Catholic university in Poland and, reportedly, the only such school in the Soviet bloc.

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## Cardinal Asks War On Smut

New York — (NC) — Francis Cardinal Spellman appealed to city officials to launch a citizens' commission to protect youths and families from the influence of obscene literature.

The Archbishop of New York, speaking (June 10) at the 119th annual Fordham University commencement exercises, said there is "urgent need" for a united front against what he described as a well-knit conspiracy to sell smut to youths.

"Pornography," he said, undermines the moral dignity of individuals and therefore the sanctity of the family.

"It makes the abnormal and immoral apparently normal and moral, so that, in effect, it encourages brutality, injustice, irreverence, disrespect for authority and distorts a proper and correct understanding of the God-given gift of sex by exploiting self-gratification and pleasure as ends in themselves," he said.

## Stay Home At Night

Brooklyn — (RNS) — Roman Catholics here were asked to set a good example of "courtesy, good manners and mature behavior" particularly when traveling on buses and subways, and to conduct church and social affairs during daylight hours in order to avoid the danger of violence on streets and subways.

The appeal in a letter from the Brooklyn diocese to all Catholic churches and schools in Brooklyn and Queens came in response to a police request that church groups in the city help combat the increasing incidence of youthful crimes.

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