

Parents Mustered To Fight Smut

Washington (NC)—A veteran soldier-priest flashed the V-for-vanquish sign here, mustering parents to the front lines for all-out war against printed smut.

Monignor (Ma) Gen. Patrick J. Ryan, retired chief of U.S. Army chaplains, said the 500-million-a-year obscenity racket is a "vicious, vile, venomous and vast" operation which "preys upon this nation's most cherished product—youth."

"Censorship is a dirty word today in this country," Msgr. Ryan said. "Other methods to fight this evil must be found to replace the effective results which were gained through censorship in years past."

"The combined output of the obscenity merchants runs into billions of magazines," Msgr. Ryan said. "The operation is 20 times larger than all the religious publications — Protestant, Jewish and Catholic — combined. It is far larger than the publications of all good magazines and newspapers in this country. A careful check by the Post Office Department has disclosed that this is a \$500-million-a-year operation and that is a conservative estimate."

Since his retirement in 1958 after 30 years of service in the Army, Msgr. Ryan has devoted much of his time to work on behalf of youth and for decency in the publications field. He is executive vice president of the Catholic Digest magazine.



No Caption Necessary
This cartoon by Herblock in the Washington Post carried no caption or title.

Suburb Parish Adopts 'Sister'

Philadelphia (RNS) — A "sister" relationship has been established between a Negro Roman Catholic parish in a blighted section of North Philadelphia and a suburban white parish in a pilot program sponsored by the Commission on Human Relations of the Philadelphia archdiocese.

The city parish is St. Elizabeth's, which has a large number of poor and underprivileged negroes in its midst; an adult congregation of about 2,000 and about 850 children in its school.

Its suburban "sister" parish Sacred Heart, at Manoa, on the Main Line. The first activity was a cash offering for food certificates and the collection of food for Christmas baskets by the suburban parish to enable St. Elizabeth's to provide for some of its needy at Christmas.

The longer-range plans call for visitation between the two parishes, occasional exchange of choir; joint Holy Name breakfasts and basketball games between the youth groups.

"It is a small start, but a significant one that we hope will be meaningful in terms of racial understanding and Christian brotherhood," said the Rev. Philip J. Dowling, executive secretary of the Human Relations Commission.

The Rev. John J. McHale, rector of St. Elizabeth's, and the Rev. Thomas B. Falls, of the Manoa parish, also expressed enthusiasm over the experiment.

St. Elizabeth's was one of the first large Catholic parishes in any U.S. city to undergo transition. In 1937, it had a membership of 1,000 white families, but there was a mass exodus that within five years left it almost a ghost parish.

With some financial assistance, the parish has gradually been rebuilt. It has a modern school, just built to replace the original that was destroyed by fire. One of its services is a free hot lunch to compensate



U.S. Bishop for India

Altoona, Pa. (RNS) — Bishop Urban McGarry, a Franciscan missionary from Erie, Pa., is consecrated as the first Ordinary of the new Indian diocese of Bhalgalpur. Here he is congratulated by Archbishop Gregorios B. Varghese Thangalathal of Trivandrum. Consecrator at the rites in the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral was Bishop J. McCarrroll McCormick of Altoona-Johnstown. Bhalgalpur, in Bihar State, was a Prefecture Apostolic before being raised to a diocese by Pope Paul VI earlier this year. Bishop McGarry served as head of the prefecture since 1956.

Deanery Meet in Watkins

The annual May meeting of the Chemung-Schuyler Deanery will be held at St. Mary's of the Lake, Watkins Glen, Monday, 8 p.m. Father Leo Matuszewski, deanery moderator, invites all women of the parish to attend.

Mrs. James Mitchell of Elmira is deanery president and guest speaker in Mrs. James Allen from St. Benedict Church in Odesa. Mrs. Allen will give a talk on her travels in the far east and show slides.

Refreshments will be served by St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society.

Sullivan Trail Scouts Plan Retreat Campout

The Catholic Committee for Scouting of Sullivan Trail Council has planned the Second Annual Retreat Campout to be held at St. John's Atonement Seminary in Montour Falls, on May 22 and 23. All boys will register at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22.

Sixty-one boys have completed studies in the different parishes and have completed the test given by council Scout Chaplain, Father John O'Connor of St. Charles Borromeo Church. These Scouts and award holders who are interested will make this retreat. This is the final requirement for the "Ad Altare Dei" Award, The Catholic Religion Award.

Leaders and parents of the different troops will handle all work details of cooking and camp set up.

The program at St. John Seminary will be carried out by Father Gerald and the seminarians. Included will be four of seminary, orientation by Father O'Connor, Bible Vigils, religious movies, conference with campfire.

Program will close with Mass religious instructors, religious in Seminary Chapel at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Presentation of Awards will be held at St. Anthony Church, Elmira on June 27. At this time "Parvuli Dei" Award for Cub Scouts will also be awarded.

Fund Drive's Vicechairmen

Selection of two additional committee vicechairmen for the \$9 million fund-raising drive for St. John, Fisher, and Nazareth Colleges has been announced by Robert B. Wegman, campaign general chairman.

They are Marjita F. Birmingham, vice-president of Marine Midland Trust Co., and Paul A. McGuire, vice-president of Vardon Studios Inc.

Birmingham will head the commerce and industry division for the joint college fund, and McGuire will be chairman of the parish solicitation division.

Previously announced was the selection of C. Peter McCollough, executive vice president of operations of Xerox Corporation, as general vicechairman of the corporations and major gifts divisions.

Wegman said solicitation of corporate and major gifts for building expansion at the two colleges will begin next month. Slated next fall is solicitation of commerce and industry, alumni and alumnae, and parishioners throughout the 12-county Rochester Diocese.

St. John Fisher College plans include a science building, library, student center, and a diocesan house of studies. Nazareth College will add an arts center, including an auditorium and music and arts wings.

Birmingham, a trustee of St. Mary's Church and of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester, is a member of the Rochester Community Chest's special and budget committees.

He is a member of the boards of St. Mary's Hospital, St. Ann's Home for the Aged, the Catholic Youth Organization, the Better Business Bureau and the Abstract Title Division of the Title Guarantee Co. He lives with his wife and three children at 303 San Gabriel Dr.

McGuire, a trustee of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Brighton, was general chairman of the school fund campaign in

Birmingham McGuire that parish in 1947. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Rochester Club and the Oak Hill Country Club, and resides with his wife and three children at 505 Claybourne Rd., Brighton.

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The couple will be feted by an Open House Reception at their home on May 30. A Mass in Thanksgiving will be offered at St. Casimir's, their parish church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kamas were married on June 9, 1915, in St. Mary's Church, Morris Run, Pa. That year they moved to Elmira where they now reside.

Their twin daughters, Sister M. Gervase and Sister M. Prota, are Sisters of St. Joseph and teachers in the Rochester Diocesan School System. Their other daughter, Miss Lucille Kamas, resides with her parents.

Corning CDA Aids Seminary

Corning — Members of Court St. Joseph, Catholic Daughters of America, meeting recently in the Knights of Columbus Home, heard a report that the group has donated \$113 to the Marie Curie Seminary Fund.

Mrs. Frank Tokar, grand regent, who conducted the meeting, made this announcement for Miss Marian Holmes, chairman.

On May 24 at 7:30 p.m., there will be a baby shower of new or used clothing for the Pope's Relief Closet at Rome, Italy. Chairman is Mrs. Robert Reep, vice regent.

The next meeting will be June 7, when officers will be installed.

Ladies Plan Benefit Cards

The Infant of Prague Committee of the Ladies of Charity are having a Card Party on May 24 at the Central Y.M.C.A., corner State and Gray Streets, Elmira, at 8 p.m. The public is invited.

The proceeds will be for the benefit of Camp-Villa-Marie and Barne Retreat League to send one girl to each.

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