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Priest Resigns In Dispute

London — (RNS) — A Catholic priest has announced his resignation from the priesthood in protest against the Church's laws on birth control.

He is Rev. Alan M. Lynn, 40, of St. Thomas More's church, at Knighton, Leicestershire County, who was quoted as saying:

"The existing rulings are making life impossibly difficult for many Roman Catholic married couples. Marriage is the vocation of the vast majority of people and it seems to me to be quite incomprehensible for God to have made this normal state so difficult."

He added that the use of contraceptives should at least be left to the conscience of individuals. Those who found such methods repulsive would be free to avoid their use, he said.



Cardinal Songbirds To Warble For Mercy Concert

These songsters from Cardinal Mooney High School will appear in the April 22-23 concert of the Mercy Sisters, planned for the Mercy High Auditorium. Directors, in front, are Brother Renatus, C.S.C., and Sister Mary Edwina, R.S.N.

Co-existence To be Studied

Berlin — (NC) — Despite the opposition of most Church authorities, about 100 Catholics, backed by their governments in communist-dominated eastern Europe, will meet in the Red-ruled East to discuss topics such as peaceful co-existence and European security.

Nearly all the eastern delegates to the March 22-24 meeting will be leftist "peace priests" or laymen friendly with their regimes. Among them will be Josef Plojhar, the excommunicated priest who is Czechoslovakia's minister of health.

However, many delegates from Western Europe will be Catholics of good standing in their Churches. Fifteen Dutch Catholics have been invited to attend, including Father Dominican A. G. Dekker, a noted Catholic Action leader. Last year 140 Catholics attended a similar meeting. This year more are expected.

Archbishop Alfred Rensch, whose Berlin diocese includes all the sectors of this divided city, has already expressed his opposition to the meeting. During his New Year's address last month he stated that "em-

grants" from the Church can hardly speak for the whole People of God.

In Vienna, it is reported that Franziskus Cardinal Koenig is skeptical of the meeting. Cardinal Koenig is an experienced negotiator with communist leaders in Eastern Europe, and the Vatican Secretariat for Non-Believers which he heads has already initiated some talks with communist ideologists. But the secretariat has yet to make an official statement of approval or disapproval concerning the Berlin talks.

In Holland, it is generally agreed that while the Berlin meeting may be a pointless exercise in propaganda, Catholics may be justified in taking part. Father Dekker wrote in a recent edition of Euros, a Catholic Action magazine, that the trouble stems from the fact that both sides are sharply divided as to what methods are necessary to achieve social and political betterment. The lines are so sharply drawn, he said, that they cannot be put to a test of reality.

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HOLY NAME SOCIETY of St. Philip Neri Church was presented a flag from Congressman Frank Horton at a Communion-Breakfast on March 13. Mrs. Eugene Petrossi gave a papal flag in memory of her husband who died in 1963. In photo are Santo Petrossi, Mrs. Eugene Petrossi, Congressman Horton, Father George J. Weinmann, pastor, Mrs. Santo Petrossi and Angelo L. DiNieri, president of the Holy Name Society.

238 Marriages

Vatican City — (RNS) — The Sacred Roman Rota — the Vatican's court of appeals from diocesan courts in matrimonial cases — rendered judgment on 243 cases in 1965, and 238 of them involved petitions for nullification of marriages.

This was disclosed in the Rota's annual volume of decisions, which noted that over one-third of the nullity cases — 98 in all — were heard at the expense of the Rota itself.

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Spring Concert Tonight

MOONEY MUSICIANS prepare for their spring concert. David Del Vecchio is in foreground with bassoon, David Alling is playing the bass clarinet.

London — (NC) — A Catholic dialogue with humanists at the international level is to be held at Amersfoot, the Netherlands, on April 16 and 17, with six representatives from each side attending.

The announcement was made here by Harold Blackman, director of the British Humanist Association, when he joined Cardinal John Heenan of Westminster and other national personalities at a "teach-in" on the Vatican Council at London University.

Blackman said humanists believe dialogue with Christians was both possible and desirable. Humanists, he added, were agreeably surprised with the cordial dialogue in which they took part with Christians last year at Salzburg, Austria, and Utrecht, the Netherlands.

Korea Aid To Continue

Seoul — (NC) — Five U.S. relief agencies in Korea plan to continue many of their activities here despite the government's intention to take over operation of the entire food distribution program.

The American agencies are Catholic Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference, Church World Service of Korea, CARE, World Relief Commission and the Seventh Day Adventist Mission. Between them they distribute an average of \$10.6 million in food annually for families, school lunch programs and workers on public projects, such as land reclamation.

Teach-in on Council

pending the papal commission's report. This the cardinal forecast would be published in a few weeks time.

Speakers in this marathon debate included also Auxiliary Bishop Charles Grant of Northampton, Anglican Bishop John Moorman of Ripon, who was an observer at the Vatican council; a Baptist minister; a Jewish rabbi; a Catholic layman and a Dominican editor.

Among the statements made by Cardinal Heenan in answer to questions were:

• The layman's lack of an organization through which to express his views is about to be remedied. Plans are being worked out not only for the election of a senate of priests to help each bishop, but also for a senate of laity in each parish to help their pastor.

• It would be foolish for the Pope to pronounce on "the pill" before medical science has made up its mind. It could still be discovered that "the pill" destroys a mother's health.

GOD LOVE YOU

Most Reverend **Fulton J. Sheen**

One day, when out for a walk in the country, I saw a little frog beginning to cross a road where there was considerable traffic. I took a stick and turned him around in the other directions towards the woods and a pond. There seemed to be an inner resistance against my attempt to save him from death. I am sure if that little frog grew up to be a writer, he would have written a work entitled "Man is Dead" — dead because of his cruelty," his unwillingness to allow a lesser creature to do whatever he pleased even though it meant a crushing death under the wheels of a Cadillac. Man is in somewhat the same position under God Who in His Providence prevents us from doing those things which we would like to do on the highway of life. Some men do grow up and write books against God, entitled "God is Dead" or "God is cruel."

I know of one man who had very little when he married. He went to a gambling casino and won large sums (all over \$200) every night for 33 nights. Every morning his wife would give \$50 to the Little Sisters of the Poor in gratitude. Because God had been so good to him for 33 nights, the man decided on the 34th night to invest all the money that he had made and even borrowed some for the "great kill." On the 34th night he lost everything. God sometimes uses a big stick to keep us from places and circumstances which might mean our ruin. God also makes us lose everything when we get greedy because He is good.

In this affluent civilization may we regard ourselves as "trustees" of our wealth and blessings. Get into the habit of sharing with the poor the bounties that God puts in your hands. Each month set aside a little for the poor of the world and, as regards your whole life, take out an Annuity with the Holy Father's Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Remember the poor in your Will. Think twice before you give to institutions and groups which already have millions. Remember that Christ is in the poor and on the last day He will not say "You gave me five million to add to my 25 million." No — He will say, "I was sick, I was hungry and you gave to help me." God Love You!

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Math, Computer Talks at Fisher

Dr. John Selfridge, professor of mathematics and computer science at Pennsylvania State University, will discuss "Famous Problems of Number Theory" in a free public lecture at St. John Fisher College Tuesday, March 22, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Basil Hall auditorium.

Tuesday afternoon Dr. Selfridge will conduct a conference on vocational opportunities open to college mathematics majors for students from all area colleges. The conference is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. in room 307 Kearney Hall.

Museum Films On Parks, Indians

Two films, "Children of the Plains Indians" and "National Parks: Our American Heritage" are featured on the Family Program at Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences Sunday, March 27. There will be two showings at 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.

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