



Women Education Conference

Loveland, Ohio — (RNS) — Educators from 13 colleges and universities participated in a three-day conference on the future of liberal education for women held at Grailville in Loveland, Ohio. Leaders included Dr. Patricia Plante, dean at Thomas More College, Fordham University (left); and Mary Brigid Niland of the Grail Movement's National Education Committee. Delegates made plans for a larger meeting in the near future to focus on innovations in liberal education for women evolved from the sessions.

Marxist from France

Turmoil in St. Louis

St. Louis — (NC) — Roger Garaudy, French Marxist theoretician, was booked to lecture Dec. 7 here at St. Louis University. The event has touched off a controversy. Garaudy's lecture was arranged by the Student Conclave of the Jesuit-operated university. It was planned originally as a public lecture in a large auditorium. When protests mounted the university board of trustees restricted the lecture to a hall seating some 400 and confined attendance to faculty members and students in philosophical studies.

One of the strongest protests against the Garaudy lecture came from Thomas Wicks, head of two American Legion districts. Wicks told Jesuit Father Paul C. Reinert, university president, that Garaudy is "a rabid communist" whose appearance at the university would "profane God, the flag and our fighting men."

Wicks also protested the decision to allow the Frenchman to speak before a restricted audience. He said there are a number of "fine men in this country, in the Catholic clergy," FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and others who could enlighten students on communism. He added, "There is no need to go to France to bring over a Marxist."

The board then decided to permit the lecture to a restricted audience. It stated: "While we could not permit Dr. Garaudy to address a public

meeting, we do feel that our faculty and students, specifically those engaged in philosophical studies, have an intellectual right, if not a duty, to meet and hear a scholar of Dr. Garaudy's stature."

The action has been protested by a group of university students. A statement signed by Thomas Hayes, president of the Student Conclave; Mike Koetting, executive editor of the University News; and Jim Godsil, chairman of the Great Issues lecture series committee, charged the university "negated its responsibility to the larger community."

Radio Station WIL has asked permission of university officials to broadcast the lecture. A spokesman said: "If they ob-

Locker Room Mass

Turmoil in Philadelphia

New York—(RNS)—Officials of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia have been advised to discard their "outworn philosophy of news which dictates that no 'bad' news be told the people, not even in self-defense."

The criticism was made by Msgr. Salvatore J. Adamo in his column in America, national Catholic weekly. The column contained comments on the recent suspension of a priest and expulsion of seminarians from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Overbrook, Pa.

Msgr. Adamo, who is also executive editor of the Catholic Star-Herald, official newspaper of the Camden, N.J., diocese, called the handling of the story "a classic instance of the old and new ways in dealing with delicate Church stories."

He agreed with the original action of archdiocesan officials who sought to keep the episode a private affair.

Msgr. Adamo reported that some of the story appeared in the Delmaria Dialog of Wilmington, Del. more in the National Catholic Reporter and finally much more in the Catholic Star-Herald. Later, a chancery office statement entitled "In the Interest of Truth," was printed on the front page of the Catholic Standard and Times, the Philadelphia archdiocesan weekly newspaper.

According to these sources, the primary item of concern was a late-night Mass offered back in September for a group of seminarians in a basement locker room of the seminary's gymnasium. Commercial bread rolls and table wine were used, with readings from a non-liturgical book and the canon of the Mass in English. The distribution of communion was made under both species.

Dutch Protest New Catechism

Amsterdam — (NC) — The new catechism issued by the Dutch hierarchy was condemned by a group of Dutch Catholics in a petition addressed to Pope Paul that was supposed to be kept secret.

The Dutch national Catholic daily, De Tijd, disclosed the petition and the plan to transmit it to the Vatican directly, bypassing the hierarchy. According to DeTijd, the petition, in Latin, was sent only to extremely conservative Dutch Catholics for signatures.

Dr. P. den Otterlander of Arnhem, a philosopher and teacher of Dutch language and literature, was revealed as one of the petition's authors but he refused to divulge the names of others connected with it or of any signers.

The petition makes charges that imply heresy in the new catechism, although that word is not used. It asserts that in the catechism "one finds many things that are either in total contradiction to the faith or that represent the truths of the faith in an ambiguous way."

Another group, the Legion of St. Michael, placed an ad in the St. Louis Review, archdiocesan newspaper, which said a lecture by Dr. Garaudy opposed the "creed" of the university. The ad also stated "academic freedom should not permit a communist like Roger Garaudy to peddle his wares to our youth — any more than we would subject them to a lecture by a dope pusher or counterfeiter."

Garaudy is the author of the book "From Anathema to Dialogue," which supports cooperation between Christian-communist discussions. He was among a number of other Christian philosophers last year at a Catholic-communist meeting in Salzburg, Austria.

Subsequently, one of the two priests involved was suspended and five seminarians were dismissed. Two of these were said to have "bugged" a faculty meeting and two others were also charged with going through the rector's files. The statement in the Catholic Standard Times, which did not name any of the individuals involved, concluded:

"Priests and candidates for the priesthood must teach obedience to lawful authority by action as well as by word. There is no double standard of morality. All of the people of God — bishops, priests, religious and laity — are bound by the same standards."

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The chancery office statement appeared in the November 25 issue of the archdiocesan weekly newspaper. Two days prior to that a paid advertisement appeared in the Philadelphia Bulletin. It appealed to Archbishop John J. Krol to rectify conditions in the seminary which, the group said, were responsible for the suspension and resignation.

The advertisement was placed by a group called Interested Catholics to Help Upgrade the Seminary (ICTHUS), a lay group formed last Spring.

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