

Political Hazard In Latin America

Washington — (RNS) — An expert in birth and population control research said here that the United States must exercise utmost discretion and wisdom in coping with population problems, especially in politically turbulent Latin America.

Dr. J. Mayone Stychos, director of Cornell University's international population research program, said that unless "a human and humanitarian spirit" prevails in administration of the program, it will be subject to wide misinterpretation.

The Catholic Church faces difficulty in Latin America, he implied, in that it could play into the hands of left-wing opposition to birth control if it took a liberal stance on the question in the Latin nations.

If the Church were to take a sterner stand in Latin America, he said, more political difficulties would arise.

Dr. Stychos based his reasoning partially on the premise that intellectuals leaning to the left in Latin America are strong supporters of the Marxist contention that the rate of population growth is not socially significant.

This, then, would put the Church in the same camp as the leftists, but for different reasons, he said.

Though he believed a change in Catholic moral teaching unlikely, he said, "Should the Church move into a pro-birth control policy it would help to consolidate leftist opposition to birth control, since such a policy would make consistent the Socialist views of the reactionary character of the Church and the reactionary character of population control."

Dr. Stychos said Latin American nationalists on the right, while they might favor birth control, do not want America to look to this program as an inexpensive way out. They want U.S. dollars for both economic development and population control, not solely for tackling the population problem as an indirect means of mastering the economic problem.

Cornell's expert told the symposium at the annual convention of the American Association of Science that there has been a virulent reaction, fostering anti-Americanism, stemming from a statement in the last year by President Johnson.

The President said, "Let us act on the fact that less than \$5 billion invested in population growth is worth \$100 billion invested in economic growth."

The sociologist said a widespread interpretation of this remark in Latin America is that the U.S. intends to slacken considerably its aid to the economy and substitute relatively inexpensive birth control programs.

"Many believe Pope Paul's message to the United Nations was a direct reply to this new kind of economic calculus," he said. The Pope called for economic development rather than birth control programs throughout the world.

Dr. Stychos said leftist nationalists see both dollars and contraceptive devices as unacceptable. They want to see the whole political structure toppled by revolution. The Latin societies are decadent, they maintain, and must be done away with rather than assisted.

Many also say they want to see large populations so they can build up big unpopulated areas in such countries as Brazil and Argentina.

But Dr. Stychos believes the U.S. should go on supporting population control programs — and be very careful in how it goes about it. "Entirely voluntary" is the key, as he sees it, on the national and on the family levels.

(In September, 1965, at the Second United Nations World Population Conference at Belgrade, the USSR emphasized its policy of advancing economic growth rather than birth control to raise the standard of living.

(Said Dr. Vasily E. Ovisenko, Russian population expert, "national economies should be developed to meet the needs of the people. Far better than spending millions on contraceptive devices and abortion clinics

by governments is my government's recommendation that money now spent on both armaments and birth control be diverted to further economic development."

"The term 'population explosion' is nonsensical," he said, "when used to describe a growth rate of 2 or 3 per cent a year. The slogan itself has helped to build world hysteria with regard to the people problem."

(Opposition to birth control programs proposed before the U.N. has come from the Soviet Union, African countries having sparse populations, Oceania which is also lightly populated, and Roman Catholic delegates from the Vatican.)

Youngsters To Vie For Top Awards

The B squad from Our Lady of Lourdes parish went undefeated in six debates last Saturday to take first place in the fourth meeting of the Blessed Edmund Campion Grammar School Debate League at McQuaid Jesuit High School.

St. Joseph's, Penfield nosed out St. Ambrose A squad by a single point for second place. Both squads had a 5-1 record.

Top speaker of the tournament was Sue Stone from Good Shepherd, who finished first in every round and gathered 91 points. Judy Skelly of St. Anne's took second place. Third place went to Patricia O'Brien of St. John the Evangelist.

The last meeting of the Campion League will be held at McQuaid High School on Sunday, May 7th, from 1-5 p.m. The public is invited. At that time trophies will be presented to the top three schools and the best five speakers. In addition, the best boy and best girl debater will be awarded full four year scholarships to three Catholic high schools. The boy will get a full scholarship to McQuaid valued at 1800 dollars. The top girl will have a choice of a full four year scholarship to either St. Agnes High School or Mercy High School. The total value of these scholarships, each of which will be awarded on a need basis, will be \$5,000.

Laymen Ask 1968 Congress

St. Paul — (RNS) — Archbishop Leo Rinz has been asked by a group of laymen to convene a lay congress for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis in the Spring of 1968.

The request came from the Association of Christians for Church Renewal, organized last June to seek a stronger voice for laymen in the archdiocese and more active participation by laymen in Church affairs in line with decrees of the Second Vatican Council.

The association gave the archbishop a 94-page report raising issues which, it suggested could be discussed by a lay congress. "Aspects of Church Renewal" covered seven areas of concern: parish life, human dignity, liturgy, marriage and family life, education, ecumenism and communications.

Archbishop Rinz was asked to appoint a research committee by May 1 to begin preparation for a lay congress. The association also urged him to appoint a full-time director of lay affairs for the archdiocese. It suggested that the director be headquartered in the Minnesota Protestant Center at Minneapolis to facilitate work with other religious bodies.

The association also asked the archbishop for "a letter of credibility" which would enable its thousand members to do organizational and educational work in the archdiocese's 210 parishes.

DEADLINE FOR NEWS MONDAY NOON FRIDAY DELIVERY

Frank Menz Funeral Mass

Funeral Mass for Frank Menz was offered in St. Ambrose Church, Tuesday, April 11. Mr. Menz, 66 of 122 Waring Road, operator of a refuse collection business in Irondequoit, died Saturday, April 8.

Mr. Menz was born in Naples, N.Y., and came to Rochester as a child. He was in the ice business from 1931 to 1949. He conducted the Frank Menz Coal and Coke Co. from 1936 to 1949 when he started the Frank Menz Refuse Co.

He was a member of the St. Ambrose Holy Name Society and Irondequoit Fish and Game Club.

Surviving are his wife, Mae Geiger Menz; three sons, Robert, Frank, and Gerald Menz; two daughters, Mrs. Frank (Mary) Simmons, Mrs. Gerald (Betty) Kruppenbacher; two brothers, Arthur and Leonard Menz of Honeoye Falls; 21 grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements by Hengstler - Menges Funeral Home, Culver Road.



To Benefit Retreat Movement

Annual card party for the Cenacle Retreat House will be held this year at the Cenacle, 693 East Ave., on Monday, April 17 at 8 p.m. This is the sole fund raising event of the year to support the retreat work of the Cenacle. Cochairmen are Miss Norma Trabold and Miss Norma Dentinger. Planning the event, in photo, are Jean Flanagan, Sister Brown, Rosalie Nesser and Miss Dentinger.



ROSARY SOCIETY of St. John the Evangelist Church, Humboldt Street, will present a Fashion Show Monday evening, April 24, 8 p.m. Among the models will be (in photo) the Mesdames Thomas Mason, Jack Duffy, Richard Lodico, Paul Kaltenbach, George Delong and Miss Mary Jane Palmerno.

Priests' Meeting Open to Press

Victoria, B.C. — (NC) — Divergent trends of thought among the clergy were shown clearly during the January meeting of the Victoria diocesan priests' senate.

The meeting was described as the first of its kind in North America, perhaps in the world, that was open to the press.

Discussion showed the majority of the priests in the senate are progressives — optimistic about lay involvement and willing to make experiments, even at the risk of also making mistakes.

The more skeptical minority emphasized need for caution, foresaw dangers rather than the opportunities in new proposals.

The senate is comprised of seven elected priests representing the 50 priests in the diocese. The decision to let a reporter sit in on the meeting for a while was considered by some of the priests as daring.

The meeting was held in the living room of Bishop Rini J. DeRo's suburban home. It got warm, so some priests shed their coats, collars and black

vests and sat in shirtsleeves. They were relaxed in talking too. The bishop addressed them by their first names, rather than "Father."

The main business was consideration of a proposed diocesan council to be composed mainly of lay persons with some representation of Religious.

Bishop De Ro told the senate he met with groups of lay persons, heard their ideas, and then drafted a proposed constitution for the council, based on the ideas submitted. He circulated a copy of this draft containing a copy of this draft containing the ideas to the priests and invited them "to tear it apart."

The Benjamin Franklin High School Chorus will present a concert Friday evening, April 14, at 8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium under the direction of Dr. Calvin Dash.

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Open House will begin at St. Ambrose at 2:45 p.m. followed by a brief social in the school hall. An open house and social will follow at the Baptist Church.

Program will end with a brief worship service at 5 p.m.

Bank Award For ND Senior

Marcia J. McCarthy, 18, of St. Patrick's parish, Elmira, is the recipient of the annual Chemung Canal Trust Company \$2000 scholarship. She is a senior at Notre Dame High School.

William E. Clark, bank president, announced that a total of 19 nominations were considered, representing every high school in Chemung County. High schools were invited to nominate one senior for every 100 members and additional fractions in the graduating class. Marcia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Justin McCarthy.

School Paper

Mt. Morris — Students of the 8th grade of St. Patrick's School have composed a school paper called "The Lucky Leprechaun" that they sell for ten cents a copy and turned the proceeds over to the missions. The paper is a mimeograph print and has ten pages of school news, comments and drawings.

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Human In Urban

Newton, Mass. — (RNS) said here that the forces should be placed in "the creation of 'cities of the future' offering him a better world than he has known, leading him to a dream he can only dimly discern."

Msgr. Francis J. Lally, editor of The Pilot, Boston Archdiocesan newsweekly, spoke here at a Boston College Citizens Seminar. Some 400 state, city, business and religious leaders took part in the seminar on urban planning.

The editor, who is chairman of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, stressed that unless human values are a paramount concern in urban planning the project would be "a fraud, a snare and ultimately a failure."

Msgr. Lally noted that "a city for the citizen" is not a new idea. "But it is one that easily slips into the background" when competing claims demand the attention of urban planners.

"We need well planned cities, well designed ones, we need usable space and a return on investment."

Encyclical Clarified

Vatican City — (RNS) — Despite enthusiastic comments by many Communist spokesmen, Pope Paul VI did not condemn capitalism as a system in his encyclical On the Development of Peoples, according to L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper.

It said Pope Paul "was only criticizing errors and abuses in the capitalist system. Many left-wing newspapers in Europe interpreted this to mean a condemnation of the capitalist system, L'Osservatore said."

"It does not particularly condemn the economic system founded on capital," the article continued, "but the errors and abuses which easily derive from it and which oppose harmonious co-existence and the development of each man and the whole man. The encyclical does not protest against industrialism itself and it does not condemn profit, freedom of trade, savings and free enterprise, but the abuses of the system."

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