

'On-Going Education'

Father Godfrey Diekmann, O.S.B., editor of Worship magazine, addresses some 400 priests from the Archdiocese of San Francisco at St. Patrick's Seminary. The Benedictine editor was one of many speakers who participated in an institute for the clergy as part of an "on-going education" project. Experts on pastoral theology, sociology, liturgy, education, social justice and the whole spectrum of Christian concern addressed the gathering. (RNS Photo)

Protestant Expert Going To Latin Bishops' Meet

New York — (RNS) — The Catholic Bishops Conference of Latin America (CELAM) has invited Protestant "delegate-observers" to attend its meeting and "to participate with an active voice" in its deliberations.

It was learned here that the Rev. Dana S. Green, executive director of the Latin American Department of the National Council of Churches, will attend the next meeting of the Latin American hierarchy at Bogota, Columbia, Aug. 26-Sept. 3.

Pope Paul VI is scheduled to open the meeting, which will be devoted to "The Problem of the Integral Development of Man."

Parents Blamed For Violence

Los Angeles — (RNS) — Television may be getting an unfair share of the blame for violence in American life, Father Donald F. X. Connolly, coordinator of the National Catholic Office for Radio and Television, told a group of TV executives here.

"Althugh it is true that television does portray violence," he said, "very often children get conditioned to brutality by observing their own parents. Children hear their parents make bigoted remarks about ethnic, religious and racial groups, and undisciplined comments about political candidates for public office. Parents even quarrel among themselves,"

Father Connolly suggested that parents "should outgrow the idea that movies and television were devised to be free baby-sitters."

"The greatest control over the media is still the parent who can say no," he said.

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Plan to Tax Vatican Criticized

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Vatican City—(RNS)—Msgr. Fausto Vallaine, Vatican press officer, said that the Italian government's decision to tax the income on Vatican investments in Italy "arouses wonder" and violates existing

The special tax exemptions conceded to the Vatican by Italy have been under fire in the Italian Parliament, together/with other provisions of the 1929 Lateran Agreements, **£**or many months. The basis For most of the Vatican's stock holdings in Italian industry is the compensation given to the Church by Mussolini for the territory of the Papal States which had been confiscated more than a halfcentury earlier by Garibaldi.

No certified figures are

Vatican has invested in Italy and estimates vary widely, from about \$160 million to 10 times that. Former Finance Minister Luigi Preti, who gave the lower figure as his estimate last February, told Parliament that the tax on earnings from such holdings would probably come to about \$1.9 million per year. Stock dividends are taxed at a rate of 30 per cent in Italy.

Legal experts are divided on whether the exemption is actually required under the Lateran treaties. Since 1963, Parliament has voted annually to extend the exemption.

"Caretaker" Premier Gioanni Leone, attempting to rebuild a center-left coalition between the Christian Democrats and the Unified Socialists, told the Chamber of Deputies that he plans to end the exemption. He was later given a vote of confidence in the Chamber and expects to receive similar approval from the Senate.

Msgr. Vallaine said that money paid to Italy in taxes would have to be withdrawn from "useful investments" in religious activities, education. disaster relief and other forms of charity, in Italy and throughout the world.

He noted that many other countries give tax exemptions to the Vatican "because of its special nature" and said that the Vatican's investments have contributed greatly to Italy's economic development.

To Job Program

Washington — (NC) — The nation's chief Catholic Charities

spokesman has called on Congress to enact legislation guaranteeing a job for everyone willing and able to work.

Msgr. Lawrence J. Corcoran,

secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities,

testified before a House labor subcommittee on the pending Guaranteed Employment Act of

He called for legislation to

create more than two billion

new jobs and urged recognition

that the federal government,

working with the private sector

has a responsibility to assure

full employment."

and state and local governments,

Msgr. Corcoran said the need

for federal employment legisla-

tion is "widespread and mas-

ive." As of May, he noted,

here were more than 2.3 mil

ion unemployed persons in the

country and the unemployment

rate for non-whites-6.4%-wa

"The federal government.

should accept the responsibility for guaranteeing full employ-

ment by developing a program

double that for whites.

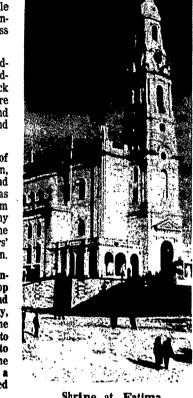
Sick Attend Congress Catholic Charities Gives Support

Fatima, Portugal — (RNS) Crutches, wheel chairs and stretchers were among the means of transportation used here by ailing people participating in the First International Catholic Congress

Some 3,000 persons attended the opening session, including approximately 800 sick people, some of whom were brought in ambulances and attended by doctors

They came from all parts of Portugal and from Spain, France, Italy, Belgium and Switzerland. Medical care was provided by 800 nurses from Enany areas of Europe. Many children attended - some were carried in their mothers' arms in the final procession.

Manuel Cardinal Goncalves Cerejeira, Archbishop of Lisbon, who presided and preached at the ceremony, said that the message of the Virgin at Fatima is a call to penitence. Urging the sick to accept their sufferings, he said that "suffering is not a redemption unless it is united with Jesus."



Hippies Assailed

Athens - (RNS) - Metropolitan Timotheos of Arcadia, Crete, has issued a pastoral Letter criticizing an international community of hippies in his diocese as a "home of moral decay."

Hippies from a number of Foreign countries have gathered in the Mandal region. The people of Crete are moted for their hospitality to Foreigners, the metropolitan said, but "those who have gathered at Mandala have meither God, homeland, nor Enumanism.

"Common young women, who remove their clothes in

For 'Moral Decay'

order to make a living, go round the houses and gardens at night. They are not interested in antiquities, but only want to live their immense

in cooperation with private enterprise and with state and local everyone who is able and willing to work has the opportunity to do so," he declared. FESTIVAL

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