

# Education

## Get 'Brassily Practical,' Churches Told

Uppsala, Sweden—(RNS)—A speaker at the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches here called on the Churches to get "brassily practical" in their approach to education.

Dr. Theodore A. Gill noted that the church is not in control of the educational explosion marked by student eruptions on campuses all over the world. But the church can and must, he said, bring its "ancient expertise, and some good people and some relic resources" to a joint effort with professional educators to understand and utilize aspects of the development.

Dr. Gill, a former seminary president who is a clergyman of the United Presbyterian Church (USA), has for the past two years guided a special study on educational developments for the World Council's Joint Study Commission on Education.

"Though the church was in early on education, we come late to the current phenomenon," Dr. Gill said.

He drew a mind picture of "a chart, a great circle round as the world, with wedged sections representing the various departments of human enterprise, with racing activity somehow portrayed in each, all aiming at, moving on the center."

The center, he added, is "not the church, as it might once have been, not government as it often has been, not the industrial complex as others today might claim — the center is education."

"Let us be clear, though... we will be of no use to anyone or anything if our main new address to education is another expression of 'concern.' Committee-sized, consultation-length evidences of concern are about the biggest, while our precious financial sand gets pounded down in the Churches."

Neither, he continued, should there be efforts to develop "a theology of education" or time wasted on "heralding the co-operating with Roman Catholics, trial in our education operation, as another 'first' in Roman Catholic-Protestant-Orthodox relations."

"Especially, let us not set up a desk or an office, get it co-operating with Roman Catholics and then go into a long effort to establish our specific motivation for work in this field."

Describing the student rebellion around the world as the "explosion within an explosion," Dr. Gill said:

"On the campuses a generation erupted, an important piece of society let fly. The protest might have begun on the field of general education, but it was a wild shout, a rough rejection of education in general, of everything taken for granted by all the elements now moulding people, coercing society, determining the future."

While immediate student uprisings might be contained, he said, they will not be contained finally. He cited a significant "subterranean seething" which has come to view through the students but which also exists in many places other than the universities—some homes, for instance, and some offices."

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## Rumors Ab

### Is Pope I On Birth

By **PATRICK RILEY** (NC News Service)

Vatican City — The news created by Pope Paul VI's withdrawal from the Vatican to his summer house at Castelgandolfo is filled by a rash of rumors which will soon issue his long-awaited statement on the morality of birth control.

This time the rumors could be true.

The Pope's "period of reflection" has strengthened conviction that artificial birth is immoral, according to sources informed and usually reliable in the Vatican.

An equally reliable source without reservation that Pope had already prepared a state-of-the-art contraception.

Vatican observers noted the four years since Pope Paul promised a pronouncement.

## LBJ On To Birth

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) 18-member panel on birth control has been asked by President Johnson to return a report to him by mid-September reviewing government programs in family planning to make recommendations for improvement so all American may have access to such aid.

President Johnson urged the panel to obtain cost figures for a program which would provide only for adequate services, continued research and training will be reflected in the budget for fiscal 1970.

There are four principal to the job outlined for the President. They are:

1. Ascertain methods of determining information on birth control in the present generation, and same time making its significance understandable to the general rising.

2. Define the government's direct participation, in training research regarding population trends. This would include providing human reproductionology and controlling fertility would also involve developing new contraceptives.

## A Look at Teens NOT in Churches

The Area Youth Ministry is a medical organization in Rochester which attempts varied programs to reach teenager who is not a church-goer.

Patricia Roesch of the Journal staff is describing ties of the youth ministry in part series. Today's installment on Page 7.

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