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FRIDAY, SEPT. 13, 1946

The Holy Father And Sports YOUNG AMERICANS WILL CHEER HIS WORDS ON ATHLETICS

(Radio, N. C. W. C.)

Former football, baseball, track, boxing and tennis stars from Princeton, Michigan State, Columbia, Pittsburgh, Leland Stanford and other American universities (many of the men non-Catholics) went away from the Vatican recently commenting on what a "regular fellow" His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, was.

A special audience with the Pope had been arranged for the directors and instructors of the United States Army Central Sports School. The ex-All-Americans and ex-athletes attended, some with no more interest than an average sightseer looking for something to boast about when he got home.

Instead, the American sportsmen went away with a warm feeling for the Head of the Catholic Church. He gave them a talk praising sports. In days to come when these men return home and hear criticism of American sports, they'll be able to toss papal statements at the critics.

"In bidding you a cordial welcome today", the Holy Father said greeting the physical instructors, "we are conscious that this is an exceptional group. As directors and instructors of the Central Sports School you represent the effort to develop man's physical powers and to train his character.

The Complete Man

"As graduates of many American universities you represent the striving of man for those higher values which are recalled by the very name university. And finally, as a unit under military direction, you suggest that discipline by which the spiritual and physical, the soul and body, must be brought into harmony, the harmony of the complete man.

"Sports, properly directed, develop character, make man courageous, a generous loser and a gracious victor. Sports refine the senses, give us intellectual penetration, steel the will to endurance.

"It is not merely a physical development then. Sports, rightly understood, mean the development of the whole man, and, while perfecting the body as an instrument of the mind, also make the mind itself a more

refined instrument in the search for and communication of truth.

Rightly understood, sports help man to achieve that end to which all others must be subservient, the service and praise of his Creator.

Sports Mean Discipline



"It is for this reason that we must rejoice to see the direction of the Central Sports School in the hands of university men. For

you will insist, on the one hand, on the immense help sports can give towards a man's perfecting of his faculties for the struggle of life; while, on the other hand, your academic associations will put you on your guard against the tendency, too common, alas, nowadays, of making sports an end in themselves — which they never can be, since the harmony between the physical development of man, on the one side, and his intellectual and moral education, on the other, is not achieved.

"Hence the necessity of your instilling into your pupils the importance of discipline—not a merely external discipline but the discipline of rigorous self-control, which is as momentous in the realm of sports as it is in that of the intellectual or moral order.

"Convinced that you will strive to put these higher values of sports before your scholars, we very gladly give Our blessing to you and your pupils and to all those near and dear to you."

Got Your New One?

More than 8,000,000 radio sets were produced, despite strikes, government restrictions and shortages, in the first year of reconversion, the manufacturers report. The figure is 60 per cent of the 1941 production of 14,000,000 sets.



K OF C NEWS

K of C CHARITY BALL SET FOR OCTOBER 5

The Knights of Columbus of Chicago and Charity Ball will be held at the Palmer House, Saturday, October 5th, 1946.

Dancing in the Grand Ballroom, cards and bunco in the Red Lacquer Room, entertainment, everything for everyone's enjoyment. Get a party together and make this a date. Tickets \$1.50 incl. tax. Entree 8:30 P. M.

Lithuanian Singer Star in Musical Hit

CHICAGO — From all indications, the musical "Bloomer Girl" now at the Schubert Theatre is making a hit with Chicagoans, and Victor Bender can claim a big share for its big success. The noted Lithuanian singer is playing the role of Herman Brasher.

Victor, originally from Pennsylvania, began his career here, singing on various radio stations while studying voice and giving concerts in the States and Canada. He was later offered a scholarship by the Lithuanian government and was studying for an operatic career when the war interrupted his plans.

Bender was a member of the original cast of "Bloomer Girl", leaving it to tour the southwest Pacific in "Oklahoma". He returned to New York for "Showboat" and later rejoined "Bloomer Girl".

Informal. Make your reservations with James R. Cherry, Virginia 1975, or any Knights of Columbus member in your locality.

QUIGLEY PLANS SMOKER AND BOXING SHOW

The Archbishop Quigley Knights of Columbus whose club-house is located at 1035 W. 31st St. are planning a smoker and boxing show soon. Some of the best C. Y. O. amateur boxing talent will exhibit their skill. If you are interested and desire to receive an invitation to attend, submit yours and your Catholic friends, non-members of the organization, names and addresses to Recorder James R. Cherry, 4534 S. California Ave., Chicago 32, Ill.

COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

Archbishop Quigley Columbian Squires Circle 478 Charter Class will be initiated Sunday, September 15th at their Club-house 1035 W. 31st St. at 2 P. M. This organization is for young Catholic men 14 to 18 years of age. Club-house facilities, various sports, teams, socials, etc. Initiation fee \$2.00 Dues 25c monthly. For applications or information write James R. Cherry, 4534 S. California Ave., Chicago 32, Ill. James R. Cherry

Catholics in the Middle East

By: The Observer

While the Middle East is steadily seething with unrest, it may perhaps be interesting for the American Catholics to know, that in the midst of this predominantly Moslem powder box, there are small but tenacious centers of Catholicism. This is of course outside of Jerusalem and the Catholic establishments around the Holy Sepulchre. Some of these centers are very old and have survived many a turbulent period of history, remaining unaffected and faithful to the Church. To-day, they may again be called soon to play their part as a spiritual force against the destructive penetration Communist Russia is trying through her agents to bring into the Middle East.

Quite recently a vast Communist conspiracy was uncovered in Egypt and arrests that followed led to far more serious discoveries than one could conclude from reports in the press. These discoveries are said to have shown that the Communist riots in Egypt were by no mean a local affair, but part of a large network covering also Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and Iraq. Headquarters of this network were found in Beirut, Lebanon, where the editors of the daily "Sot El Chaad" (familiar Communist name: "Voice of the People") proved to be the general staff of the Soviet secret army of agents throughout the Middle East.

The very same Lebanon, where Russia chose to place her Communist headquarters, is also the chief and one of the oldest centers of Catholicism in the Middle East. There lives the purest stock of Catholics of that area, the Maronites, who trace their existence to the 6th century, when they were founded by St. John Maron. They survived the Arab conquests in the middle ages, the Great Schism and succeeded in preserving their integrity. Among a population of one million, Lebanon has 400,000 Catholic Maronites, an equal number of Moslems, an odd 200,000 mainly Orthodox Armenians. There are also 30,000 Maronites in Egypt, where they form the Catholic intellectual elite. At the head of the Maronites is Patriarch Arida with residence in Diman, Lebanon. Their ritual is very complex, as it is a combination of old Byzantine and Latin rites, the old Syrian language used for the Mass and Arab or French for ordinary prayers. The Vatican has recently established diplomatic relations with Lebanon, recognizing it is an independent state.

The next largest homogeneous Catholic group in the Middle East are Catholic Coptes in Egypt. The Coptes are the oldest Egyptian stock, boasting of a history reaching the times of the Pharaohs. They are predominantly Orthodox and some time ago their Patriarch declared his submission to the Moscow Patriarch, thus making the Coptes potential tools of Russia. They number about 1,500,000, among them approximately 200,000 Catholics. Though converts of relatively recent time, Catholic Coptes form vital centers of the Apostolate, carried chiefly by Jesuit Fathers and called "Apostolate of Said". Cairo and Minieh near Cairo, where a Jesuit College and Dispensary are located, are the main centers. The seat of the Hierarchy is Cairo and the head of the Church is Archbishop Khouzam. The ritual is oriental.

Among Greeks who emigrated to Egypt and other countries in the Middle East fleeing Turkish persecutions in the past, there are about 40,000 Greek Catholics. Their center is Antioch in Syria, Cairo in Egypt. In Palestine there are about 100,000 Catholics, 150,000 among Armenians, Assyrians and Chaldeans in Lebanon and Mesopotamia. Catholic foreigners living in Egypt and other parts of the Middle East are of course not counted.

When Pope Pius XI introduced a decree forbidding the Latin rite to all Catholics in the Middle East without Episcopal permission, for the first time a certain degree of order was introduced for them, living as they do in the midst of a maze of numerous sects and rituals. At present, even Jesuit Fathers of Maronite, Coptic or Greek origin, must perform their ecclesiastical duties in the respective rite, unless granted special dispensation.

Catholics of the Middle East suffer no religious persecution from their Moslem authorities, on the contrary there is common cause in the field of defense against outside interference and foreign penetration. They enjoy religious equality and all legal acts performed in Egypt by the Church are recognized by the state as fully binding.



The Paris Peace Conference

We're the little guys, you and I. We don't start wars; we cannot make the peace. We're interested in that peace, though. You bet we are. We're the G. I.'s of World War III. We're the guys who will have to stumble through the bloody surf of tomorrow's Tarawas and die before the guns of another Salerno, if the peacemakers fail. Yes, we are interested!

What are we going to do about it? Write our Congressmen? Certainly, it would help if we knew the answers to the tangled problems confronting the world. Chances are we do not know enough about world affairs to be really helpful. What then?

Reporters and cameramen gathered on the White House lawn for a last minute interview with Secretary of State Byrnes who was leaving for the Paris Conference of Foreign Ministers. These reporters were interested in one thing: What can the little guy, you and I, do to make the meeting a success. Mr. Byrnes, when asked what he thought we stood most in need of, said: "I would say more prayers".

More prayers! Was Mr. Byrnes thinking of Moses praying on the mountain-top as the Israelites struggled against the power of Amalec? "And when Moses lifted up his hands (in prayer) Israel overcame; but if he let them down a little, Amalec overcame. And Jesus put Amalec and his people to flight, by the edge of the sword". (Excd. xvii).

Prayer is a weapon for peace. Our leaders realize this and ask all the little people of the world to take it up and, like Moses, call down God's blessing on the men who are sitting in session to-day, trying to bring peace to the world. We can, we must, do our bit to win the peace... Let us pray.

Let's Be Watchful!

MOST OF US can recall when Communists and Reds were caricatured as fiercely bewhiskered foreigners with bombs. Would that they were so easily recognizable today!

Now, under the camouflage of harmless anonymity, they are careful to attract no attention while they covertly operate in our schools, in Hollywood, in our literature, our unions — even in our government.

THEIR WEAPON is an insidious, slow poison injected into our body politic and economic, to weaken and finally to destroy us. The first symptom of the lethal dose is an unawareness of danger, a disinclination to do anything about it.

THESE DESTROYERS OF DEMOCRACY know us, inside out. Let us know and recognize them, and what they are doing!

In the face of Communist conspiracy however, the time may sooner or later come for the Catholics of that area to prove again their spiritual strength and capacity for survival. Now they are preparing for this emergency and intensifying religious education and knowledge of Catholic life elsewhere. They are reported to be eager to establish contact with Catholics of other countries, especially with the Catholics of America.

What Befell the American Gifts in Lithuania

LITHUANIA TODAY

(Continued)

The deported Lithuanians and expatriated Poles from the Vilnius region are partly replaced by imported Russians. There are about 40,000 such colonists in Vilnius and half as many in Kaunas. Some colonists appeared even in Šiauliai, Panevėžys and other cities. It is more difficult to colonize the smaller towns because of the underground activity. The settlers are mostly discharged soldiers. They receive all sorts of privileges. Their names are Lithuanianized and on their identification cards they are listed as Lithuanians. In this manner, the number of "Lithuanians" is steadily increasing. Many heads of institutions are Russians although their names sound Lithuanian. Already some of the peoples' commissars are "Lithuanianized" Russians. All commissars of Lithuanian origin are assisted by Russian deputies who are actual chiefs. Commissar Vaišnora has been forced out and arrested. His colleague, Girdzijauskas, has also been removed and a similar fate seemingly awaits the Commissar of Education Žiugžda who is trying to win Moscow's favor.

Living Conditions — Country and Town

Farming is vegetating. One third of the tillable land is going to waste. The farms are forced to give the same quota levies as they had given earlier to the Germans.

A land "reform" similar to the one in 1940 has already taken place. However, few people are willing to accept the land. Little mention is made of the kolkhozes, but within a few years the farmers will be compelled to join the kolkhozes, because private farming is subject to unbearably heavy duties and levies.

The Vilnius radio substantiates the fact that the farms are using home made torches for lighting purposes. There is no electricity even in cities. In Kaunas, for example, only the party headquarters and homes of high officials have electricity. No wonder that opportunities for robbery are excellent everywhere. It is dangerous to walk on the streets of Kaunas at night. Homes are also broken into quite often.

So far there is no starvation but it is extremely difficult to subsist on ration cards, especially for workers whose ration cards are the lowest. Black markets flourish. No one prosecutes them. Unfortunately, people

have no money with which to buy. Whatever they can, they exchange (barter).

Underground Resistance

Although several Russian divisions searched forests in their hunt for underground fighters, very few were caught. According to Soviet estimates there are about 25,000 partisans in Lithuania. Their main foes are the NKVD — NKGB detachments and the "exterminators." The latter are special formations composed mostly of diehard communists whose task is to combat the partisans. They have become a plague to the farmers. They often break into the farms searching for partisans... in the wardrobes and pocketbooks. Upon their departure the homes are left bare.

The government proclaimed an amnesty to those who would return to their homes. They even demanded that the bishops issue a letter to their flock encouraging their return. But the bishops did not agree.

Soviet Elections

The Soviets call a single ticket manifestation by which Communist party designated delegates are publicly confirmed for some representative function an "election". On last February 10th such a campaign recruited delegates to the Supreme Soviet.

The Soviets usually attach great importance to these "manifestations" as they make it possible to advertise Soviet achievements and the leading men of the Soviet apparatus.

The pre-election campaign in Lithuania was very intensive. Much attention was focused on the Klaipėda district, because it was participating in this kind of Soviet manifestation for the first time. 53 teams of campaigners consisting of 450 persons each were dispatched there. Even artists, actors and singers were forced to join the "elections."

(Lithuanian Bulletin).

Smile Of Success



LUCILLE BREMER has the appropriate look of a girl who appears as Fred Astaire's dancing partner in the Technicolor farfare, "M-G-M's Ziegfeld Follies of 1946." 63Q

CARDINAL STRITCH TO LEAD HOLY HOUR THRONG SEPTEMBER 22

MORE THAN 100,000 EXPECTED AT SOLDIER FIELD; THRONG TO PAY HOMAGE TO ST. FRANCES CABRINI



Cardinal Stritch

Heads bowed in prayer; chimes pealing a reverential salute; in front of a massive Mother Cabrini altar, His Eminence, Cardinal Stritch raising the Host-bearing monstrance on high in Solemn Benediction... all this will signalize the climax of Chicago's 1946 Holy Hour at Soldier Field, Sunday evening, September 22, a tribute of more than 100,000 Catholics to St. Frances Cabrini. It will climax, too, the special triduum in her honor which will begin Friday, Sept. 20, at the Holy Name Cathedral for devotees of Francesca Cabrini.

It will be Chicago's official token of homage to Chicago's own saint... an event no one will want to miss... a ceremonial that will be an inspiration to Mr. and Mrs.

Catholic Parishioner of every church in the Chicago archdiocese.

The evening's program is complete. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Daniel Byrnes, general chairman, assisted by the Rev. Edward J. Kelly of the Archdiocesan Union of Holy Name Societies, and the other members of the Holy Hour committees, has made certain that every feature of the pre-announced highlights is fully arranged; Mr. John Zvetina, president of the Archdiocesan Union and Holy Hour promotion chairman has made suitable provisions for the comfort and convenience of a capacity throng.

Yes, all is in readiness for Chicago's second peace-time Holy Hour — the 6th annual outdoor expression of Catholic faith and sentiment — so appropriately dedicated by a grateful America to its first citizen saint... little Mother Cabrini.

Billy Conn Gives \$5,000 To New Convent School

PITTSBURGH. — Billy Conn, the fight men say, is one of the toughest fighters ever to step into the squared circle. And Pittsburgh Billy has never denied it...

The big Army cargo plane thundered across the French coastline, roared out over the English Channel. Billy Conn relaxed with other Army entertainers in their bucket seats. Then word came back from the fight deck that the controls had jammed. It looked like a "ditching" in the icy channel.

But Billy the Kid wouldn't take it lying down.

He vowed that if he and his traveling companions were saved he would give a statue of the Madonna to the Sacred Heart school in Pittsburgh, his alma mater. He started the rosary; the others followed.

As the passengers finished the rosary the plane dropped swiftly, silently — and touched down on a British runway.

Billy Conn told the story himself as he donated \$5,000 to the new Sacred Heart school and convent here the other day. And if he needed witnesses, he had them in two fellow-passengers — a couple of Hollywood folks named Bob Hope and Marlene Dietrich.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Lincoln freed the slaves. Who will free us?"—GIs in Manila, demanding demobilization.

"We're friends—but not that friendly."—Col. "Pappy" Boyington, denying intent to wed Reno woman.

"Their purpose is to destroy democracy, set up a godless, totalitarian state."—FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover, re Communists U. S.

"Unless we get production quickly we're either going to have a bad deflation or a re extreme inflation."—U. S. Senator Homer Capehart, Ind.

"It's an attempt to rob men their freedom."—Pres. Green, AFL, on proposed finding law.

Mother, Also Nun, Sees Daughter's Profession

LONDON — (NC) — A mother who entered the Assumption Convent here some years after her husband's death was among the members of the community who watched the final profession of her daughter at the convent here. The daughter, Mother Julian entered religion some years before her mother, Mother Mercy, and is thus her mother's senior in the community.

A MIRACLE IN LITHUANIA

A few years ago it was reported that the Blessed Virgin appeared to the people of Girkalnis. Very many of us were interested in this incident, but because of the great chaos then in the world our attentions were drawn away, so we never found out more details of the MIRACLE.

The other day while reading the July-August issue of the LEAVES, a magazine published by the Mariann-hill Fathers, I found an interesting note concerning the "MIRACLE OF GIRKALNIS". This note read as follows:

"You will remember that we promised to give you more information on the "Miracle at Girkalnis" (November-December, 1944 issue of LEAVES) as soon as we received it.

"Today, we have more information — but the news is sad and tragic. The little village in Lithuania, where the Mother of God was reported to have miraculously appeared several years ago, has ceased to exist. In the last Russian drive against the Nazis before V-E Day, Girkalnis was totally destroyed. The quiet little

village, situated in a peaceful green valley with the steeple of its parish church overlooking it, has been wiped off the face of the earth!

"If it were truly the Mother of God who appeared to the people of Girkalnis several years ago, this will not silence her. If God so wills, and in His Own time and way the message of Girkalnis will be made known to the world. The din of guns and bursting bombs cannot silence the voice of Heaven!"

This news is shocking and not what we wished for, but time and prayers will soon reveal the truth and justice the world so eagerly waits for. Therefore, let us not be disappointed in this sad news, but go on hoping and praying for that which is, GOD'S WILL."

Frances Mary Siedlik

Artificial Insemination Is Essentially Immoral

HUNTINGTON, Ind. — (NC) — Artificial insemination is essentially immoral, no matter by what inoffensive name it may be called, Fr. Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R., of the Catholic University of America, writes in the June issue of The Family Digest, published here.

"Some doctors have suggested artificial insemination as a means of repopulating those European countries where a large proportion of the males have perished in the war years," the priest continues, adding that the tragic feature of the movement is that those "who practice or recommend it" never ask: "Is artificial insemination in accordance with the law of God, or opposed to it?"

Serious Sin

Artificial insemination is a sin of the same order as sexual relations between a man and woman who are not married to each other, Father Connell points out.

"Neither does the fact that the woman's husband consents to the deed change the moral aspect of the situation", he adds. "For a husband's exclusive right to marital association with his wife cannot be renounced, even if both he and his wife are willing, any more than the conjugal bond that unites them can be severed by their mutual consent".

If a single woman becomes a mother by artificial insemination and if the male donor is unmarried, their sin is one of fornication, Father Connell states.

Good Pamphlet Reading

"The Fight's Not Over"...

By JOHN CROSS

A Serviceman Wonders Whether We'll Find Enough Fighters For the Hardest of All Battles That Lies Ahead

John Cross — a serviceman — layman, candidly presents a layman's attempt to fashion tomorrow's world.

Although this pamphlet was primarily intended for servicemen, its contents should be summarily engraved in every God-fearing heart.

A serviceman boldly confronts today's problems in their relation to tomorrow's eternity. His fight is against vulgarity and immorality. Scandalous service abuses like the repeated violations of the second Commandment, the filthy and flagrant attack on modesty, the degrading and shameless defamation of the family, the home — are discussed with amazing candor and insight.

Perhaps you may be tempted by the invincible logic and assuring facts of the writer to believe that "the atmosphere at most military units is more conducive to moral and physical degradation than it is to the uplifting of a man spiritually or improving him physically". A thoughtful reading then may surely convince you.

This is a dynamic work. The road ahead is either

Godliness or Godlessness. We must choose sides and join in the lay crusade to conquer evil. Catholic thought must prevail everywhere and Catholic principles permeate every social endeavor. We must live our faith daily and contribute to a real Christian atmosphere. John Cross shows us how.

You'll like the "Fight's Not Over" — if you are a man of ideals, if you believe in placing first things first, if you see things straight.

This 30 page pamphlet is for men of action only. Price 35 cents. Order from Cross Publications, 1916 Forty Second Street, Kenosha, Wis.

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DON VARNAS POST

Veterans Honor Prominent Lithuanian

Don Varnas American Legion Post No. 986 has announced the award of another Certificate of Appreciation for special achievement. This time the recipient will be Stanley P. Mazeika.

Stanley P. Mazeika, prominent Chicago Lithuanian business man, has long been an active member of the

Bridgeport Lions club. During the war he was chairman of the loan drive that sold over \$1,000,000.00 worth of war bonds. He was a block captain, a zone captain and Community Lieutenant Commander in the O. C. D. He was chairman of the plaque dedication committee, a member of the ration board and active in the Red Cross, Community Fund, and Servicemen's Fund activities.

The presentation will be made during a banquet at a Chicago loop hotel. Particulars will be announced later.

BOOKS ON LITHUANIA IN ENGLISH

"The Story of Lithuania" by REV. THOMAS G. CHASE, with a foreword by Wm. Henry Chamberlin, published by Stratford House, N. Y., can be obtained at "DRAUGAS", \$3.50 a copy.

This is a complete history of the Lithuanian nation graphically and accurately related in 29 chapters, 390 pages, including maps, chronology and bibliography.

Also obtainable at "Draugas" is "Timeless Lithuania" by OWEN NOREM at \$2.00 per copy.

There is only a limited number of copies on hand, so first come, first served.