
Here, here, Ben.

When you threw that ritzy "Loyalist" dance in Washington Easter night, you weren't nearly so smart as you thought you were.

You may have thrilled some swing-crazy young couples who hardly know what the war in Spain is about. Out of eight hundred people including "bright-eyed zealots and dignified matrons" you may have wiggled four thousand dollars' support for the tottering communist cause in Madrid. You may even have won editorial approval from the Washington Post--if that means much to you. But to gain these noble accomplishments, you had to take, and did take, a pretty foul swing at us Catholics. And you knew what you were doing.

Undoubtedly it did not occur to you, but that puts your radio sponsor right on the spot. After this, your Tuesday night broadcast will be a poignant reminder what cigarettes not to buy.

And here's something else you probably overlooked. By trying your best to rekindle the dying Red Flame of religious persecution in Spain you embarrassed every fairminded Jew, especially the editorial board of the Jewish Advocate up in Boston. Only last week they made an urgent appeal to our Holy Father to ask us to stand firm with them against the evils of Fascism and Communism alike.

Just by way of being practical, Ben, if you really sympathize with communistic principles and are not just a sensational, publicity-loving actor, why don't you give your private property and all the money your swing earns to the Communist Party? Isn't that what the Communists teach?

"Preparation For Marriage"

is the title of a new course now being offered at Northwestern. The Chicago Tribune says "it is completely frank and informal, giving instruction ranging from family economic problems to the physical and physiological aspects of sex. The class is taught by Dr. Blanche Carrier, a professor in the school of religious education."

While it is true that college students certainly need religious instruction on marriage, it is hard to see that Miss Carrier qualifies as a religious instructor. Her Tribune interviewer reports:

"No bogeyman of sin is held over the students in the treatment of moral issues. Petting, for instance, is not discussed from a bad-and-good viewpoint, but from a basis of what happens to the petters and how it affects their later marriage. . . ."

"We do not need to take moralistic attitudes," explains Dr. Carrier, "because morals are obviously validated by actualities-- and are too often based on codes no longer real. . . ."

"Birth Control is accepted by the students as necessary to the proper spacing of children. It is discussed briefly and then dismissed."

As some of her doctrine is intrinsically wrong, not all that Miss Carrier says would be true even if she claimed to be God.

The most reverent, and at the same time completely informative and authoritative, treatment of marriage is contained in the Holy Father's Encyclical Casti Connubii. There are copies at the racks in Dillon, Howard and Cavanaugh Halls.

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of James Curnan (Mor.). Ill, Jack Winte (Dil). 4 spec. ints.