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News Section

● NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, Notre Dame men everywhere will observe the 22nd Universal Notre Dame Communion Sunday. Students and faculty have been asked to join in making the day one of prayer for moral leadership in the cause of world peace.

● NEXT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, the 7th Annual Advent Symposium opens in the Law School Auditorium at 7:30 in the evening. The theme of the talks this year is "The Student and the World Mission". Participants will explore both the idea and the purpose of the layman in the spread of the apostolate. Detailed information will be presented on the workings of the missions. Talks continue through Sunday morning.

● THE FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY of December fall during the week.

● THE CHRISTMAS NOVENA FOR PARENTS begins a week from today. Plan to catch up on your sleep this week, then get to Mass and receive Holy Communion every day during the Novena.

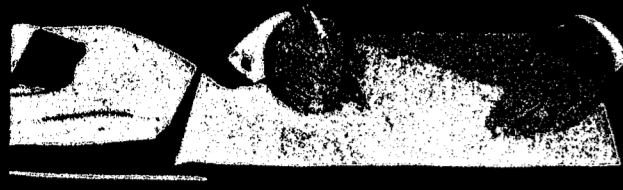
● PRAYERS. Deceased: Rev. Edward Cassedy; brother of Sr. Christiana, C.S.C., Richard Phillion, '40; friend of Louis Andrew of Farley; Charles A. Hannah, '20; two friends of Carl Goy of Dillon; friend of Marty Roman of Dillon; grandfather of Jim Carney of Keenan; friend of William Sonneman of Keenan; Prof. Ronald Rich of the Chem. Engr. Dept.; friend of Ron Blubaugh of Fisher; mother of Rev. Bernard A. Blatt. Ill: Al McGann; brother of Peter Scheid of Zahm; friend of Edward Scanlan of Keenan; son of Dr. R.G. Schmitt. Three special Intentions.

● YOU MAY DISPUTE HIS FIGURES, but who can deny that Advent is a good time to consider the thought behind Bruce Marshall's remarks when he says:

"Today, more than two thirds of the world's population remains unchristian, and of the 'converted' third, one half are schismatics or heretics and probably only a tenth devout. Catholics should remember this when they boast of their numbers. How many of our four hundred million lead better lives than the Protestants? Are the inhabitants of Madrid and Naples more kindly than those of Nottingham and Ust Kamschatsk? Is it so easy to distinguish the children of light from the children of darkness? Only a liar or a fool could pretend that it was. In France, four out of five first Communions are last Communions, and nine deaths out of ten unsacramented. Even in thunderingly Catholic Spain, only fifty per cent of the population go to Mass on Sundays and as little as fifteen per cent of the working class...; and in Ireland, Gideon's grace-soaked fleece, only about one in a hundred neglects his Easter duties. But of the whole bang shoot of us...how many of us spend five minutes a year thinking about our duty to try to end hatred and injustice?"

--From "World Crisis and the Catholic".

● IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO send out Christmas greetings this year, be sure to check the assortment that Moreau Seminary's Mission Society has available. Stop at the Seminary and look them over, or call Ext. 733 and get the information you want.



IN THE EVENT you were too busy over the holiday to keep up with events of a non-social nature, here's a glimpse of what went on...

BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON BIRTH CONTROL 'Explosion or Backfire?'

Huxley Is Pitifully Mixed Up, Naive, Say Theologians

Theologians Answer Attack on Religion

The Rev. Francis L. Filas, chairman of Loyola university's department of theology, said Huxley "is a good century out of date." Many theologians feel, therefore, said Filas, that Huxley should not be taken seriously.

Noting Huxley's criticism of anti-birth control laws in Connecticut and Massachusetts, Father Filas declared that Huxley's religion of man, as defined in his address, "merely deifies man—or Prof. Huxley?"

Commenting on the address as a whole, Father Filas said, "In all charity, I believe Prof. Huxley is a scholar pitifully mixed up."

One of the few authorities on the population business who writes with real science is S.V.D. Anthony Zimmerman. He shows that population is rising today chiefly because the life cycle is expanding, but cannot continue indefinitely. Average life expectancy will probably exceed 85, and in some countries it is reaching that point. Once reached, life expectancy will "explode."

Those who want a scientific discussion of "the population business" cannot do better than read one of the pamphlets of Father Zimmerman, such as "Overpopulation" (Techny, Ill., Divine Word publications, 10 cents).

BIRTH CONTROL ADVOCACY HIT

The bishops' statement said there is "abundant evidence" of systematic, concerted effort to convince public opinion, legislators, and policy makers in this country that United States national agencies and international organizations should provide artificial birth prevention. It added: "They like Catholics, not, however, support public assistance, whether home or abroad, to promote artificial birth prevention, whether thru direct aid or by means of international organizations."

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Sir Charles makes the astonishing proposal that the rich be induced, by preferential taxation, to have more children. "I believe in eugenics, you see. I would like to have a system of taxation—in which the richer you are the more induced you have to have children."

The Right Rev. James A. Pike, Protestant Episcopal bishop of San Francisco, said Thursday that the policy favored by the Roman Catholic bishops would "condemn rapidly increasing millions of people in less fortunate parts of the world to starvation, bondage, misery and despair."

or the past several years campaign propaganda has been gaining influence international, opinion in favor of Sir Charles Darwin, the grand-son of the famous evolutionist, because of expanding population, which he views merely as, "population explosion, from the biological standpoint, indeed, must be and not it also there."

SOCIAL FACTORS
Man himself is the most valuable productive agent. Economic development and conditions favorable to his highest progress implies discipline and the disposition to We might expect a biologist to find some extinct animals. Their extinction cannot always be accounted for by changing conditions. A decrease of fertility, for some reason, may have brought the end of the species. The human race may undergo some biological changes which could decrease the population.

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