



Obviously, this is an old picture. The trousers are cut too full; there are too many trees; there are too many students -- too many students, that is, for the numbers that show up now for hymns during May. Little can be done about the trousers and the trees. But you can do something to increase the size of the crowd. Remember: hymns honoring Our Lady -- 6:00 and 6:30 each evening during Mary.

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CARDINAL CUSHING COMMENTS ON DR. ROCK'S VIEWS

(Excerpts from the Pilot, Boston archdiocesan weekly)

Since Dr. Rock writes explicitly as a Catholic, and since I am his Bishop, I have been asked from several sources to make some observations on his latest publication. [The Time Has Come: A Catholic Doctor's Proposals to End the Battle Over Birth Control]

The law of the Church requires that every Catholic who writes on a subject pertaining to faith or morality submit his manuscript to Church authority for a so-called "imprimatur.".... I regret to observe that Dr. Rock has published his book without such an "imprimatur." Therefore, the opinions on the morality of artificial birth control as presented in the text lack any official approval as authentic Catholic teaching....

When he speaks on the formation of the Catholic conscience he fails to take into consideration the true complexity of this problem and so commits in the field of theology the same mistake he urges against the theologians in the field of reproductive physiology. The entire chapter on the teaching of the Natural Law in matters which pertain to the morality of artificial contraception is oversimplified.

In his defense of the "natural" and, to his mind, "lawful," use of the progestational steroids (birth control pills) as contraceptive devices, Dr. Rock does not meet the incisive arguments against his position which have been continually voiced by Catholic moral theologians.

In the pages of this book Dr. Rock is emphatic in his claim to be a good and devoted Catholic. It must be said, however, that some of the positions which he defends therein are not in agreement with Catholic teaching.

Surely Dr. Rock, and other physicians, have much to offer the Church

and her teaching authority if medical men and theologians study together the complex problems of human reproduction. Theologians must recognize the competence of Dr. Rock in the field of reproductive physiology but he must recognize their competence in the field of Catholic moral teaching....

Love and Control Students interested in the direction of liberal Catholic thought with regard to the problems of birth control and over-population should read Love and Control by His Eminence Leon Joseph Cardinal Suenens, Archbishop of Malines-Brussels.

Cardinal Suenens, considered one of the "liberal" members of the hierarchy, will be at Notre Dame on May 16 to address the students and faculty and to receive an honorary degree. On May 13 he will speak at the United Nations headquarters on the recent papal encyclical, "Pacem in Terris."

In Your Charity Pray for and drop a note or a "Get-well-card" to Joe Giacinto, a member of the Rugby team whose leg was broken in a game with the University of Michigan over a week ago. He had planned to be back in school this week, but today he had to have his leg reset, and he'll be in the hospital another week. His address is: University of Michigan Hospital, Room 51, 8 East, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Please pray also for the following. Deceased: aunt of Father Raymond Cour, C.S.C., superior of Moreau Seminary; Daniel P. Bowling,

'60; Louis A. Wolf, '41; A. Francis Vitt, '34; Joseph W. Tatham, '26; wife of Edward F. Fisher, '46; mother of Patrick H. Meenan, '49; father of Carl Doozan, '38; wife of Louis E. Chreist, Jr., '33. Ill: Larry Hribal (knee surgery) of Stanford; mother of Don Kurth of Sorin; grandmother of James McAuliffe of Stanford.

Jumping the Gun The statement of Cardinal Cushing, hardly ranked with the "conservatives", is significant in other respects. Note that he insists that Dr. Rock needed an "imprimatur". Though some theologians, among them Dr. Kung, may be advocating the discontinuance of previous censorship of books, Cardinal Cushing is insisting that Canon Law as it exists be enforced.

In this respect, a tendency regarded by some as dangerous is developing. Some Catholics sympathetic to proposed changes are anticipating these changes in fact. A pastor complains that he is having difficulty enforcing mixed marriage legislation, especially the "promises", because of Dr. Kung's proposals. There is evidence that students are taking lightly the restrictions of the Roman Index of Forbidden Books. Because changes in some legislation have been proposed does not mean that all of the changes will be adopted -- or adopted to the degree proposed -- even by a Vatican Council which seems to be in a mood for change. In other words, until the Council makes a change and until that change is officially promulgated, we're bound by the present legislation.



We've had a few blood donors since the last request, but we're not building up the bank to tide us over the summer. Drop in at 116 Dillon or call 348 on your local hall phone to arrange for an appointment.