
Divorce.

Sociologists have a great time trying to defend divorce.

Sociologist Elmer in his book "Family Adjustment and Social Change" explains the increase of the divorce rate in the United States by these four causes: 1. passing of so-called family system; 2. independence of women; 3. education; 4. ability of children to pick their own mates.

How wide of his target he seems to hit is best illustrated by another sociologist, Goodsell, who assigns virtually the same four causes for the decline of the divorce rate in Japan. Here are Goodsell's reasons: 1. decline of the family as an economic unit; 2. the employment of women; 3. trend toward individualism; 4. transition from the patriarchal to democratic family.

While all the "explaining" goes on, important facts regarding divorce are accumulating. Here are some of them:

- (a) the proportion of divorced men in prisons and reformatories is four times the proportion of divorced men in the general population;
- (b) Four times more cases of mental disease exist among divorced persons than among the married population;
- (c) 40% of those in orphan asylums are from broken homes;
- (d) Divorce is one of the chief causes contributing to child delinquency.

Still there are those who contend that the only convincing argument against divorce must be drawn from the Scriptures!

Hatred.

And Christian defenders of Communism in this country might consider the following facts (until recently withheld in Spain by strict censorship):

Last October 9th in the little mining town of Turon eight Christian Brothers were brutally killed, without trial, by the Spanish communists.

The eight Brothers were led to a cemetery, lined up beside a prepared grave and then riddled with bullets.

Not only that, the bodies of the eight Brothers, when found, had been tortured and horribly mutilated.

Pamphlets.

A new supply of pamphlets has arrived. Look them over before you leave for the holidays.

Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Feast tomorrow. Mass for Church in Mexico at 6:25 in Sorin Chapel, at request of La Raza Club. Everybody invited.

"A drunkard is like a whiskey bottle, all neck and belly and no head." Austin O'Malley.

PRAYERS: Ill, father of James Jones (Howard); mother and father of Bob Siegfried (Lyons); mother of Bob White (Lyons). Four special intentions.