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Birth-Controllers, About-Face!

At the recent Birth Control Federation's Annual Dinner, the main theme of every speaker was: "How can birth control contribute to a better post-war world?" Every speaker had the same answer - Birth Control can help to reduce the crowded populations in "have-not" countries and halt the decline of the birth-rate in the United States and other "have" countries!

They have seen the devastating effects of a low birth-rate in France; there is now a general clamor in anti-axis countries for greater man-power; hence the birth-controllers have reversed their field, like the American Communists after the falling out between Adolph and Joe, and now are slanting their propaganda for larger families. They see now that birth control and selfishness have succeeded - too well.

They have even changed their magazine's name from the "Journal of Contraception" to "Human Fertility".

It took her and her group 25 years to realize hazily, at least that marriage and sex are creations too delicate, yet too powerful for regulation by mere humans, who try to adjust them solely to human convenience, motivated by selfishness and pleasure.

Mrs. Sanger's group has changed positions especially because they find birth control too willingly adopted not by the relatively poor, but by those best able financially to have children and many children. It was extremely easy for her group to persuade financially able parents to be selfish, to refuse the labor, care and responsibility of having and raising children.

Can she now persuade her followers to about-face and curb selfishness? She's had very easy going so far, making selfishness scientific, modern and popular but she'll find the going tough from now on in. She is starting a big campaign with big names, scientists, educators and writers. She wants to make motherhood and large families once again respectable and patriotic. She's going to be battling against that most powerful human urge - selfishness. We're interested to see how she'll fare against it now, having used it for her campaign so long.

Chesterton was right when he wrote some years ago that birth controllers have eliminated births and made control unnecessary. Births have been quite eliminated among financially able and we wonder whether the birth controllers can control their followers back to the path of unselfishness even in the name of science and modern progress.

Mrs. Sanger must be embarrassed but the old Catholic Church isn't. Rome goes serenely on, guided by God who created marriage and sex. She is still teaching the same true morality. True morality does not shift for expediency, even for war. It doesn't have to. It can't in fact.

Mrs. Sanger could protect herself against further embarrassment and shift of position if she would return in humble submission, where she belongs, to her Holy Mother Church who hasn't had to change her position on birth control since she first met it in her cradle days in pagan Rome, almost 2000 years ago.

It's Your Own Party.

The Notre Dame Carnival for War Charities is warming up. You'll hear more about it later.

Canvassers will approach you this week on the door prizes. They are getting no rake-off, and your kicking in won't ruin you - even if you're saving for the Prom.

PRAYERS: (deceased) brother of Fr. Terence Kelly; father of Larry Hackett (Cav); friend of Joseph Roesch (Dil); Geo. Wolf, Jr., ex '38; grandmother of Francis Moore (B-F); relative of F. Spiegel (Car); grandfather of W. Waldron (Mor). Ill, Mr. McAllister (Athletic Off); Chas. Urruela (Mor) oper; friend of J. Lynch (Bad); mother of B. Nenzo (Dil); Mrs. Elizabeth Kelly. Eight special intentions.