ITALY DEBATES EDICT OF POPE

Recent Schools Encyclical Causes Furore; Fascists Are Interested

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VATICAN CITY—(AP)—All Italy is debating the extent and force of Pope Pius's recent encyclical on education, with particular reference to modern "natural" education.

This is taking place at the moment when Dr. Maria Montessori, founder of individualistic education, has begun in Rome her 15th international course for teachers and the Fascist government has opened the first Montessori high school. She asserts, however, that the structures of the encyclical do not apply to her work.

Naturalism in education, or progressive education, as it is called in America—which means that the child's personality is not to be subordinated to that of the teacher and that the teacher must suggest and guide but not rule—the Pope denounced as based upon a false foundation. He said:

"Every naturalist system of pedagogy which in any manner excludes the supernatural Christian foundation in the institution of youth is false. And every method of education, which is founded, in whole or in part, on the negation or forgetfulness of original sin and of grace, and therefore on the sole force of human nature, is erroneous.

"Such are generally those systems of today of various names, which appeal to a pretended autonomy and unconfined liberty in the child, and which diminish or suppress the authority and work of the educator, attributing to the child an exclusive primacy of initiative and activity, independent of every superior natural and divine law, in the work of his education."

The Pontiff concluded, yet more sharply, that these systems ruin the child.

"Those who pretend to 'liberate the child,' as they say, are miserably deluded," he declared. "Instead, they render the child rather the slave of his own blind pride, and of his disordered passions. These passions, by logical result of those false systems, come to be justified by the demands of a nature permitted to govern without check."

The Pope's remarks have had a widespread reaction, because there are in the world tens of thousands of schools based on the systems he denounced. The Osservatore Romanto, the Vatican daily newspaper, has had its columns filled with objections and replies from all quarters of the globe.

Dr. Montessori, interviewed by this correspondent, declared that the Pope's encyclical did not apply to her method. She said:

"His Holiness referred to systems of education wherein the child is left to work out his own destiny in education. The Montessori system demands enough supervision of the teacher to place it outside the Pope's objections. In the Montessori system the child is not left so alone that he is without formative influence."

Dr. Montessori has just received the Pope's blessing on her work, and the Osservatore Romano published a long account of the inauguration of her course.

The church itself, the Pope said makes judicious use of the development of individuality in the child through her schools.

"But if you speak of the necessity of active cooperation on the part of the pupil in his own education," he said, "this cooperation being gradual and ever more knowing, and if you intend to remove from the pupil despotism and violence, which is not, moreover, the just correction, you do rightly; but you do nothing new. The Church has taught this principle and put it into practice on a foundation of Christian tradition, in imitation of the method adopted by God himself."

JACOB BERMAN IS ARRESTED AGAIN

LOS ANGELES, April 11. — (AP)—Jacob Berman, much arrested former Julian Petroleum corporation stock transfer clerk, is in jail again tonight, this time charged on an old indictment for forgery and embezzlement and held in default of $250,000 bail.

The bail is the highest Berman has faced since his first arrest in connection with the $100,000,000 stock over issue which caused the collapse of the oil company in May 1927.

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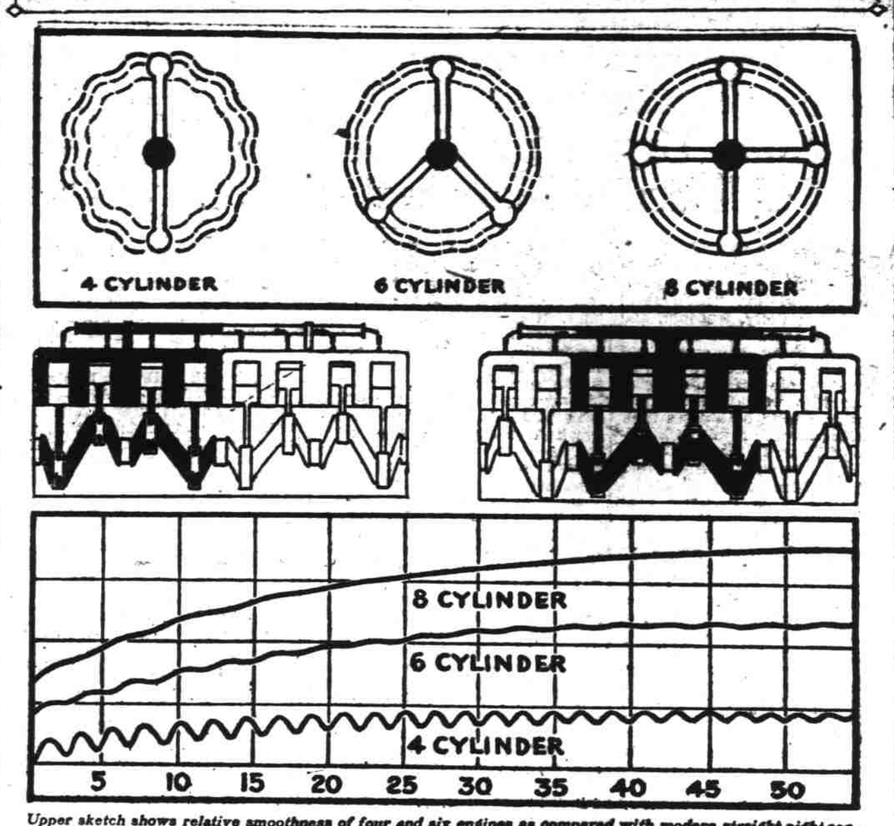

Upper sketch shows relative smoothness of four and six engines as compared with modern straight eight construction used in the De Soto. Old straight eight (left) and new (right) shown in center. The old was merely two fours joined end to end. Vibration was noticeable. In the new, velvety smoothness comes from splitting one four and placing two of the cylinders at each end of the four in the middle. This gives 90 degree straight eight crankshaft construction and cancels vibration. Chart at bottom gives relative smoothness in acceleration and high speed. In the De Soto straight eight smoothness prevails throughout the entire range.

THE NEW YORKER AT LARGE

By DEMING SEYMOUR

NEW YORK—On racket-ridden Broadway the theatre ushers have devised a scheme of their own to make a little extra money—but for once the customer gets a break.

If some seats are vacant in the orchestra circle of a theatre when the curtain goes up, the ushers approach patrons seated in the boxes or the galleries and offer to move them to seats nearer the stage.

The customary tip for such a service is a dollar, and many an alert usher makes the racket pay him $8 to $15 a night. Of course the ushers work in league with the box office men, who get a share of the spoils for telling the ushers, as soon as the sh .. starts what seats are unsold and will be empty.

The racket tarted at Madison Square Garden, where it's less innocent.

Ushers there offer, even when the house is sold out, to put the holder of a $2 seat into a $10 seat near the ringside, asking a fee of from $2 to $5. Those who accept the offer are shown to the fore..ost vacant seats.

When the holder of the ticket for a seat already filled comes along later, the usher puts him somewhere else. Finally, if there are still ringside seat holders arriving and all the ringside seats are gone, the usher may find himself in a jam.

In that event he gets a colleague to demand the seat stubs of some patron improperly seated, and to order him back to his $2 gallery seat—minus the several dollars he paid to sit up close.

Those trucks which rumble through the city streets with huge revolving cylindrical tanks on their chassis are carrying concrete from a central plant to building jobs, and mixing it as they travel.

The business of handling ready mixed concrete, which does away with cement mixers at the building site, is two or three years old, and has now spread throughout the country.

At a central plant, cement, gravel and water are dumped in proportion into the truck tanks, which mix the concrete as they are driven to their destination.

Engineers have found that a stronger mixture of concrete can be obtained in this way, but the plan was conceived by the city builders because there wasn't room in New York's narrow streets to mix cement where a new building was going up.

A New York theater critic lampooned three successive plays of one producer, and that irate magnate thereupon quit sending him seats to his new shows.

A second critic, by way of taking up the cudgels for a friend, chided the producer about being so narrow, and presently the producer cut him, too, off his ticket list.

Then, having a spare pair of critic seats, the producer restored to his curtesy list the name of the first critic. And now critic No. 2 who was doing a pal a good turn, is out in the cold all by himself.

March automobile production is estimated at 400,000 according to reports submitted to the directors' meeting of the National Automobile chamber of commerce, held yesterday. The chamber states that in view of the early date of the meeting, data is incomplete and subject to revision.

The total is 18 per cent higher than February production, and 36 per cent lower than the total of March last year.

Robert W. Woodruff, president of the White Motor Car company, was elected to the board of directors.

The chamber went on record as favoring a flexible provision in the tariff. During consideration of the tariff bill in the house, power was given to the president of the United States to make tariff adjustments as and when competitive conditions make such changes necessary.

"The house provisions are an essential factor in the world tariff condition now confronting all who are engaged in export trade," says the automobile chamber's resolution.

"Without provisions of this sort, American industry is left helpless to meet any changes which may occur in other countries when congress is not in session."

There are 91,214 members of Parent-Teacher organizations in Ohio.

BRITISH ARE AFTER THEIR LOST TRADE

By NELSON J. RILEY
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BUENOS AIRES—(AP)—Great Britain is making a big effort to regain her lost commercial supremacy in South America.

British trade, knocked into a comatose state by the war, has been unable to overcome the lead taken then by the United States, and neither is it recovering apace with that of some of her pre-war trade rivals, notably Germany.

Britain's attack along the Argentine trade front was opened last fall with the sending of a special trade mission headed by Lord D'Abernon. This group of experts came here to study conditions and to promote Anglo-Argentine commercial relations. Far reaching results are confidently predicted by local Britons in view of the favorable impression left by the mission in Argentina.

Another major offensive will take place early next year when a British Empire trade exhibition opens in Buenos Aires. For six weeks, from February to April, South Americans will be invited to see and buy what post-war Britain is producing. Sponsored by the British chamber of commerce in Argentina and with the Prince of Wales as patron, there is in the making a trade fair comparable to that of Wimbledon that will draw thousands of visitors from Argentina and neighboring republics.

The site chosen is that of the spacious grounds of the Argentine Rural Society in Palermo, a suburb of the city. Here is held the annual national stock show that ranks with the best in the world. In addition to use made of the permanent buildings of the Rural Society's plant, pavilions covering a vast area will be built to house special exhibits.

Goods displayed will be strictly limited to products of the British Empire. In planning the show stress has been laid on farm machinery, British automobiles, of which few are seen in Argentina; motor trucks and tractors, textile and other factory machinery and similar lines in which Britain has been losing out. One display will be the latest word in British loco-

DAN POLING HOME; HELD NATIVE SON

PORTLAND, Ore.,—(AP)—A newsboy who at times was barefooted and at all times in need of the nickels he gathered has returned home as perhaps the most widely known native son of Portland, Oregon.

Dr. Daniel Alfred Poling, known both north and south of Burnside street here as "Dan," with Mrs. Poling have taken the necessary steps to make this city their legal residence. They have registered and plan to select themselves a home. Dr. Poling is president of the International society of Christian Endeavor, with more than 4,000,000 members in 34 nations.

"Most of our children have grown up," Dr. Poling says, "and I've resigned my pastorate in New York City, which has been our home for more than 10 years, and we're home to stay."

Dr. Poling recently "made the front page" with testimony he gave before the congressional committee investigation prohibition. The ex-Portland newsboy is for prohibition. He supports his views with plain statements.

"Prohibition at its worst in New York City is significantly better than the license system at its best," he declares.

Motor vehicle March output, 400,000.

Incomplete returns indicate 18 per cent gain over February; 36 per cent drop from March last year.

GOVERNMENT SPONSORS DUCK CENSUS

To ascertain if water fowl are increasing or decreasing, the United States Department of Agriculture has appointed bird observers in practically every county of the country to report regularly on the number and species of ducks feeding in their respective sections. *Above*—An official in northwestern Oregon "counting noses" of the ducks on a nearby lake. He is standing beside his new series Pontiac Big Six, used in this work. *Below*—A typical government-protected lake in Oregon where water fowl may feed unmolested. *Inset*—The Black Crowned Night Heron—a rare species in the Northwest—which was observed this year by the government bird men.

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