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Unemployment

Constant Fear

My husband has been out of work for nearly a year, and we hve in constant fear of having another **child** at **this** time **I am** the mother of five **living** children and one dead

*The causes of unemployment are complex, and no one **social** reform will provide the cure But letters such as these, **recezved** by the **American Birth Control League** during the **past month**, **show** that the **unemployed** should not have to bear the **additional burden** of **unwanted children***

A Mother at Work

My husband has been out of work for seven months, and has no prospects, and at the present **time** I am the sole means of support for our **family** You can **imagine** that **with** a stenographer's salary and a baby a year old to look after, we are in a critical position However, we can keep going, but if we have another baby, it would mean the loss of my job, and we would be in a hopeless **situation**

We are living with my mother-in-law, and as she **is** absolutely against birth control, can you answer **in** a plain envelope, as it **will** save our having words over the matter

Can Manage with Three

I am unemployed and have been for five months Out of all pity it isn't **fair** to us, to our present children and to the unborn **children** for one so situated to have to bear the burden of a large family We love our **little** ones so we want to do all that is possible for them We can manage with three but the **picture with** four seems **dismal**

The Road to Child Labor

We have **six** **children**, five of them **in** school and a baby two and a half years old I have had two abortions since then, but feel I cannot go on this way My husband has been out of work all winter, and if we should have another baby I don't see how we can keep all the other children **in** school Two of the children are in High School We would just have to let them try to earn something I do all my own work, am well and healthy, and thirty-four years old

A Young Couple

I have a httle boy **six** months old and I would not **like** to have any more children **until** we can afford them We started **housekeeping** not very long ago and we have many debts My husband has been

out of work for eight months, and it is all we can do to keep our httle baby fed and clothed

A Family of Eight on Part-Tune Wages

I am the father of six children Part of the **time** I am out of work, and it is hard for us to make my wages meet the bills Now what my **wife** and I would like is to get some medical advice on **birth** control for we cannot get on this way any longer We have been marned **12** years I am 84 years old, and my **wife** is **31** Our **children** are aged **11**, 9, 8, 4, 2 and a baby 6 months I hope you can help us somehow

Two Abortions a Year

My husband has been out of work for over **six** months and no help is **in sight** I am **31** years old, have a girl of **11** and a boy of 8 I can't afford more children I have **practiced** home-made contraceptives to no **avail** and I average at least two abortions a year, which I perform myself and which are gradually **ruining** my health I have called our Health Bureau here and so far find no place to obtain information I have just now gotten up from an abortion and don't **want** to repeat it **again**

For the Rich Only

A year ago I lost my job because the man I was working for failed in business I've had no steady work since, and on top of all the rest of the trouble, my wife has had an abortion and is expecting a baby now We got scared of another abortion, so we went through **with** it this time I've tried hard to find out about **birth** control, but people put you off with stuff that's no good, and where I live they say its against the law I bet my boss who **laid** me off gets it all **right** from his **private** doctor and his wife doesn't have to go through such hard **times** I don't beheve in class **differences**, but **it** gets one sort of upset to see something you need so badly held back for the **rich**

Editorial

CLOSE on the heels of the endorsement of birth control by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, comes word that the New York Academy of Medicine adopted resolutions a year ago, (April 7th, 1930) endorsing birth control as a public health measure. These recommendations embody the results of study and investigation carried on by the Academy during the past eleven years. They have now been given to the public for the first time in the *Bulletin of the New York Academy of Medicine* for April, 1931, and through an April 21st release to the press. The future of birth control is in the hands of the medical profession, and we hail as a significant step forward the unequivocal stand of one of the leading medical bodies of the country. It cannot fail to fortify the individual physician, and convince the public that birth control is an integral part of medical procedure. The recommendations (full text is given in the *News Notes* on page 153) may be summarized as follows:

I Medical colleges and hospital clinics should give instruction in control of conception

II Hospitals and dispensaries should continue or organize birth control clinics wherever the service is needed

III There is need of the special birth control clinic. Clinics outside of hospitals should have a staff of doctors trained in the treatment of the disorders of women, with a board in active control made up of specialists in gynecology and obstetrics of recognized standing, who will make regular inspections. With diagnosis and supervision properly provided, such outside clinics should receive the endorsement of the medical profession until hospital clinics meet this public health need.

IV Federal and state law should be changed to make existing inhibitions inapplicable to duly licensed physicians, dispensaries and to the public health authorities, in protecting the health of their patients or of the community (1920-1921)

V The absence of education of the public in sexual matters by the medical profession is medieval

COUPLED with this indication of the trend of the medical attitude towards birth control, the news that the Special Commission on Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage of the Presbyterian Church, has unanimously endorsed birth control in the report it will submit to the General Assembly in Pittsburgh in late May, makes this a red letter month in the history of the movement. As in the case of the Lambeth Conference and the Federal Council of Churches, the approval seems to be "guarded." But we need not ask more of these great religious organizations than the recognition of the necessity for birth control, and its moral justification in creating happier marriages, and a better race.

AN UNOFFICIAL, but nevertheless stringent censorship of birth control was brought to light by Mrs. Caroline H. Robinson, when she attempted to advertise her authoritative book "Seventy Birth Control Clinics." The so-called "high-brow" publications—the *New York Times*, the *Survey*, the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, the *Nation*, the *World Tomorrow*, the *Crisis*, *Opportunity* and the *Family* accepted the advertisement. The *Cosmopolitan*, *College Humor* and the *Crowell Publishing Company* magazines, (including *Women's Home Companion*, the *American*, *Colliers* and *Country Home*) refused. Four Philadelphia papers, the *Evening Bulletin*, the *Record*, the *Daily News* and the *Public Ledger* refused to run the advertisement. It should be noted that the Philadelphia press has given most helpful backing to the birth control movement in its news and editorial pages. Apparently a different kind of blue pencil governs the advertising departments. Mrs. Robinson's book is entirely legal, and is sponsored by the National Committee on Maternal Health. No one can force these eminent publications to state their reasons for refusing this advertisement, but we can draw our own conclusions and be on our guard against this kind of censorship.

ACCORDING to the latest vital statistics from Russia, the infant mortality rate has fallen from 287 per thousand in 1912-13 to 127.5 per thousand in 1928-29. We cannot fail to link this spectacular record with Soviet Russia's maternity care program. We give in this issue an account of Russia's fight against abortion by means of free dissemination of contraceptive advice to prevent unwanted pregnancies—in so far as is possible—and by means of hospitalization of abortions. From far across the world comes another proof, if proof were needed, that repressive measures must go, and that birth control must be made available to all in well functioning, easily accessible clinics.

THE FORCES that brought about the defeat of the Birth Control bills in Massachusetts and Connecticut were strikingly similar. At the Committee hearings in both States, the sole opponents of the bills were Roman Catholics, and in both States it was not an opposition voiced by individuals of the Catholic Church, but an organized opposition led and instructed by the Church authorities. In Massachusetts this opposition was strong enough and noisy enough to defeat the bill in committee. In Connecticut, the fear of the Roman Catholic vote did not deter the Judiciary Committee from giving a majority vote to an amended form of the bill, which strictly limited contraceptive advice to cases, where in the opinion of the physician "pregnancy would be dangerous to the life or health of the woman." This would have made the law narrower than it is in New York State, for the provision "for the cure or prevention of disease" opens the door to a consideration of the dangers to the child as well as those to the mother. But no considerations of life, health or happiness influenced the Pope when he issued his recent encyclical, and the Catholic Church in America has accepted the dictum that contraception is mortal sin, and demands that the law of the land shall be framed to embody in statute this item in the code of morality of the ancient and unchanging church. In Connecticut, the Catholic opposition was more orderly than in Massachusetts. But it was

definitely episcopal, and the task of opposing the bill was laid upon the attorney to the Diocese, who announced that he was present to represent the Roman Catholic Bishop and Church in Connecticut.

HERE is a situation which may well give anxious thought to those Roman Catholics who remember that they are Americans as well as churchmen. Here is religious intolerance of the most typical nature. The great Protestant Churches—the Episcopalians at the Lambeth Conference, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, branches of the Methodist Church of the United States and many member churches—have declared for the righteousness and desirability of birth control in cases where true morality points to its need. The Roman Catholics know that in demanding that contraception be considered criminal they are openly demanding something that is contrary to the very basis of Americanism. Instead of separation of church and state with equal rights for all religious denominations, they are asking that the religious tenets of one church shall be by law binding on all the men and women in America, even on the members of those churches which have openly repudiated these tenets. Do these Roman Catholics remember the past presidential election and the outcry that they and their fellow churchmen made over the "religious intolerance" that made an issue of the faith of one of the candidates? If they are wise, such Catholics will dissociate themselves from the opposition to birth control bills. Any good Catholic might well support a bill such as was presented in Massachusetts or Connecticut. It would in no way affect the conduct of any man or woman who was obedient to his church teaching. It would not make birth control obligatory.

If a woman is willing to sacrifice her life or her health to her religious conviction, the sacrifice is hers and will be deemed by her church to be acceptable to a merciful God. But if she does not use contraception because she cannot secure the information, wherein lies the merit? Let the Catholic Church guide its own people, but let it not dominate the lives of those who are not in its fold.

The Ethics of Parenthood

By WALTER F ROBIE, MD

In this section from a forthcoming book "Rational Living," compiled from the writings of the late Dr Walter F Robae, this pioneer American sex hygienist points out the dangers of abstinence as a form of birth regulation, the positive necessity of birth control in preserving mental health and its ethical value as a factor in happy marriage

THE subject of birth control has passed the academic stage of broad generalizations and profound abstractions, and much can now be gained by analyzing ourselves, by determining whether we are willing to subscribe to the doctrines which we insist that our brother and sister shall abide by.

Marnage as the necessary and most desirable state ought to be participated in by as many people as possible. Since childless marnages conduce only to the health and happiness of the participants, and do nothing for the future, they should be encouraged among certain classes of the unfit, but should be frowned upon when contracted between sound and virile people, at the acme of selfishness. On the other hand, marriages which result in a progeny so numerous as to shorten the lives of father or mother, or prevent the happiness and progress of either, or deprive the offspring of proper food and training, should be frowned upon from every standpoint—economic, humanitarian, moral and religious. Since no intelligent man or woman who has escaped the trammels of tradition and dogma can fail to see the truth of the above statement, it is obvious that in our civilization we need both birth control and birth encouragement in about equal proportions.

The present state and national laws, which are a disgrace to any civilized country, make criminal, under most circumstances, the dissemination of any information to the laity concerning birth control, yet I say, with no fear of contradiction, that there is hardly a fertile, married, Protestant pair, in the intellectual classes, who have been married ten years, who have not sought, received, or given information on this subject, or who have not practiced some form of birth control. Further, though definite information as to educated Catholic families is less available, the limited number of children in such families makes the above statement true also for them. To be sure, while the present ban exists, the advice given and received is often im-

perfect, and the methods employed are frequently inadequate or injurious. What causes this universal law-breaking among the educated of all creeds and nationalities? It is just this. Experience teaches that uninterrupted child-bearing will kill, long before her time, almost any civilized woman. Experience and science teach (in spite of occasional sporadic objections by mono-idea-ists, for whom purity and abstinence are synonymous, who would willingly sacrifice the health, happiness and morality of all to the veritable Moloch of their one-sided, unscientific, ignorant idealism) that normal, mutual, moderately frequent sexual relations between husband and wife preserve the home and build the homes of the future. The abrogation or practical abrogation of such relations means instant increase in neurosis and other illnesses, increased promiscuity, increased divorce, increased unhappiness, increased menace to society by the numberless fanatical propagandisms which are the sequel to lives lived entirely against nature's dictates. In short, without this factor of moderate, mutual satisfaction of the sex hunger, the home and civilization would soon be things of the past.

Individual preservation is instinctive. Race preservation is the anxiety of the student and the altruist. While insuring this preservation it may be possible or necessary to modify nature, but nature must not be thwarted. Contraceptives are unnatural, say some. Very true, but eating with a knife and fork from porcelain, resting on beautiful damask, to the accompaniment of music, and with scores of other accessories, is not natural. Nature has here been modified with no higher motive than aesthetic reasons and increased enjoyment. Again, a modification of nature, or an adaptation to conditions occurred when our bodies became comparatively hairless, and again a modification of a modified nature occurred when we put on clothing. Our extensive sanitary appliances are anything but natural, but they please the aesthetic sense and

preserve many **lives** that would be sacrificed were nature here **unmodified**. If the race had followed nature in all **things** as closely as our **critics insist it** should in the matter of **reproduction**, we should today be **unicellular** amoebae instead of men and women, or we should still be in a crystalline, inert, **undifferentiated** stage, a stage from which, apparently, the **intelligences** of the **critics** alluded to have not yet emerged.

All that we have and are comes from nature, **modified** by **time** and necessity, through **changing conditions**. Nature is **prodigal** everywhere, and in her lower forms she ensures perpetuation, by her very prodigality, in **spite** of immense wastage and constant **destruction**. Modification of nature **which** gave man a **thinking** brain, enables **him, if he will** think **with his** brain, to prevent much of this sad wastage and the misery **which** ever increases **with** the capacity to suffer. Probably there is no living species which would not, were it not for natural **enemies** and the errors of instinct and **intelligence**, soon cover the earth **till** neither food nor **abiding** place were possible.

LIMITATION MUST ACCOMPANY ALTRUISM

Man, whose **intelligence** **increasingly** preserves many **individuals** who would be lost by any other genus, must **limit** its reproduction. Malthus and others, **despite** all **dispute**, have shown that, **without** **famine, disease**, and war, man would be no exception to the **rule** of **geometrical increase**, and the earth would soon be peopled beyond the **possibility** of finding subsistence. Hence, some have argued that these horrors, being **inevitable**, were good. But we **have** averted much **pestilence**, we hope we have had the last great war, we have relieved many of the **famine-stricken** in an attempt to thwart this **inevitable** rule of nature, and is not this the better way, **is** it not characteristic of a race **with** ideals? But all **this** is a **modification** of nature **which** must accompany birth control.

The most unselfish altruism **is** utterly diabolic in **its** results **without** **limitation** of **offspring**. We preserve and pamper a few now, that more may suffer and die **in** anguish later. We preserve the unfit, which **is** laudable, we do nothing to **limit** **their** production, **which** is damnable. If **this** policy of the conservation of the unfit **without** **limitation** of production **is** persisted **in**, we may see the provident, progressive and normal **portion** of mankind **sacrificed** to feed and house the **improvident**, the decadent and abnormal **portion**. Opponents of

birth control have apparently reasoned **with** entire ignorance of the inevitable, **logical** result of **their position**. They are unanimously in favor of peace, preservation of the helpless and unfit, better feeding and **housing conditions**, prevention of disease, everything that tends to **increase** happiness and insure comfort and long life for everyone. On the other hand, their **brief** is for **unrestricted** reproduction which, taken together **with** their altruistic program, means misery, want, and ultimately utter **annihilation**.

EFFECTS OF ABSTINENCE

Leaving, for the **time**, the **discussions** for and **against** birth control, we find that there are two **principal** classes of those who are in favor of some form of **limitation** of offspring: those who are in favor of so-called moral control and those **who** are in favor of the **intelligent** use of some harmless and suitable chemical or mechanical agency. Those who belong to the former class, **while** they have made a distinct advance from the **position** of those who are opposed to any and all forms of control, are **still** governed by the **unscientific, illogical, a priori** arguments of those who are **in** favor of no control whatever. I heartily agree with their **ultra-idealistic** concept in so far as it encourages early marriage, happy homes, better health and truer **virtue**, and **discourages** **promiscuity**, venereal disease, vice and misery. Moral control, within proper **limits**, by man and **wife, is highly desirable**, but, **carried** to the extent which Foerster and others advocate, which is, practically, **intercourse** for **procreation** only, it is the surest way to make a moral woman a confirmed faddist, a **neurotic**, or a case for the **alienist**, when her **idealistic** conceptions are stronger than her **instincts**, or to make of her, when her instincts **triumph**, a **clandestine** transgressor against her marital vows, and even, in some cases, a common **prostitute**. It **is** also the surest way to make a man of **highest** moral instincts a **failure**, a neurotic or a clandestine or open devotee of promiscuity.

Let us **justify** **this** statement which, though **it** may **astonish** some, is already known by many to be absolutely true. Woman has so long been ashamed of her sex, **it** has so long been **considered** a **sign** of **higher** morality for woman to be **devoid** of sexual passion, that her so-called **superiority** in morals is thought of as **consisting** of a supposed freedom from sexual **desire**, or an ability to control or **ignore** it absolutely. Sooner or later in life,

every normal woman who **marries** a true man for love comes to know the falseness **of this supposition**. But on the whole, woman has lived up to her part, has talked about sexual slavery in woman and sexual hypertrophy in man, and from her general attitude on sex matters has often persuaded a **loving** and devoted, though woefully **ignorant** husband that a good woman has no sex desire. Then, **if his will** is strong and his principles are correct, he unduly restrains himself, to **his own** and her **detriment**, and they live out a miserable life together, **bringing** into the world one or more not-wanted, half-loved unfortunates. If his will and **principles** are not strong, he goes to the *demi-monde*, seeking not so much the gratification of his passion as the **psychic intimacy which his home** can never afford **without** complete sexual **affiliation**. The very woman whom he has outraged by his infidelity usually finds, too late, her **true self**, and, after the **possibility** of sexual harmony **with** her husband has been forever lost, suffers as he **did** before his fall, and **in** many cases falls herself, in the same way and for the same reasons.

SEX IMPULSE MUST BE NOURISHED

The **mistake** lies in our **clinging** to the exploded fallacy of woman's asexuality, or transcendence to passion. Several things tend to the continuance of this false belief. Girls are taught that sexual thoughts, sexual knowledge, sexual **feelings**, are immoral, shameful, unworthy, and belong **only** to the **prostitute class**. The **aspirations of maidenly adolescence**, even more than those of young manhood, are for honor, **purity**, and service. The girl makes every effort to live up to the **traditions which she has been taught**. The **biological fact** that a woman is receptive rather than aggressive sexually favors the development of the shy, modest, **retiring girl**, and these qualities often keep her well out of the way of the aggressive male. A woman's full sexual maturity, especially under the old **regime**, frequently does not occur **till** some months or years after her marriage. * It never occurs unless her husband loves her **and** understands **something** of **feminine psychology**, and unless she herself comes to **recognize the purity and ideality of physical love** as fundamental and necessary for the perfect soul-love or spiritual **communion** which

seemed and perhaps was the first **impulse to their mating**. **Psychic intimacy**, the love of soul for soul, **is a consummation**, or the **highest consummation**, of every **mating**, but **this in itself** would never have drawn the **parties** together had it not been for the **physical sex impulses which underlie it**, though at the time of first **attraction** **neither** of the **parties** may have been **conscious** of these. Love will **die** out, beyond recall, **without the continuance** of these sex **impulses**, and **without their expression** **married life** becomes an unhealthy, unhappy travesty on **marriage**, and in this state unsought **children** become a dreaded nightmare.

Ideally we should have two people of opposite sex, joined together by a love **which is** in each case partly physical and partly **spiritual**. The **physical** is first and fundamental, many call it **lower**, the **spiritual** is a later development and more permanently satisfying, many **consider it higher**. **Neither** form of married love can exist **without** the other, and no true **marriage is** complete or **possible without both**. Now comes the **question** of the adjustments of these two **beings** who are together, and who have a constant **spiritual** and a frequent physical craving for each other so that the results of the **physical union, which is** desirable and inevitable while the world lasts, shall not lead to a progeny so numerous as to unduly tax the mother in **bearing and caring** for them or the father in supporting them and fitting them adequately for life. The method of moral **restraint** and **sublimation** wrecks homes among the people who have **high ideals** just as surely as **unbridled licentiousness** wrecks homes among those who have low **ideals or none**.

The food hunger and the sex hunger are the two great **primitive instincts or appetites**. There **is a recognized necessity** for eating, and there **is pleasure in it**. There **is necessity** for sex **expression**, to some extent, or the race **will die** out, and there **is pleasure in sex expression**. No one **is** ashamed to study appropriate foods nor to enjoy eating, and no one **thinks it** laudable or **advisable**, from the standpoint of health or **efficiency**, to **live on a starvation diet**. Why should the sex **relation** between married people be kept to the bare limit of procreative **necessity**, any more than food should be taken only in amounts to barely **sustain life**? **Logically** the cases are parallel, by **deduction**. Inductively, a study of the **lives** of men and women proves this parallelism, though our **willingness to**

*A woman who is frigid, in other words, one who has no sexual desire, is abnormal. During twenty-five years of investigation of sexual questions but two clear-cut cases of this abnormality (actual absence of sexual feeling) have been revealed to me.

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Soviet Russia Fights Abortion

By W LEBJEDEWA

The *author, an official* of the U S S R Research *Institute, discusses* the *causes* of *abortion, and* shows how *it is decreasing* and the *birth-rate is increasing* under *Russia's policy* of birth control *instruction* and *the legalization* of *abortion* for *social reasons*

THE Russian government has instituted a complete program for the protection of mothers and children, two of the chief items in this program are the organization of maternal care — both medical and social, and the fight against abortion

Long before the expectant mother reaches the confinement hospital, she is cared for by one of the government advisory clinics. These clinics do more than look after the pregnant woman, and might well be called "Advisory Boards for Women," since their work includes the health protection of women from the beginning of adolescence to the climacteric. This health service comprises

- 1 advice to the expectant mother
- 2 diagnosis of pregnancy, and issuance of certificate for legal vacation with pay during pregnancy — two months before and two months after confinement
- 3 treatment of tubercular and syphilitic pregnant women to safeguard the coming child
- 4 mothercraft schools
- 5 advice regarding the prevention of conception, as a means of fighting abortion
- 6 marriage problems — instruction and adjustment
- 7 sex education of school children

This program is already in operation in the larger cities, and is being rapidly extended to the smaller towns and rural districts

It may seem strange that we take a decided stand on the question of abortion in connection with the care of mothers and children, we feel, however, that we are approaching a solution of the problem, and our results are being watched by the countries of Western Europe

It is a matter of general knowledge that the last quarter century has been characterized by a pronounced decline in the birth-rate

BLETH-BATE PER 1000 POPULATION

	1900-4	1927
England	18 4	16 7
Norway	28 9	17 4
Sweden	26 2	16 1
Germany	34 7	18 3
France	21 4	18 1
Italy	32 6	26 4
Hungary	37 4	25 2
Czechoslovakia	35 5	23 4
Russia	47 2	44 0

It will be seen that in comparison to prewar Russia, the decline in the birth-rate in Soviet Russia has been extraordinarily small. The Soviet birth-rate at present is high, the normal increase in population amounting to about $3\frac{1}{2}$ million per year

Abortion has always been the most common measure of keeping down the birth-rate, for the causes of birth-decline and abortion. Increase are closely related. The increased employment of women in industry, serious housing shortage, unemployment, the desire of women to take part in the social and political life of the country, the decline of infant mortality, which regulates in a "normal," but unfortunate way, the size of the family. In view of these causes, it is not surprising that attempts to control abortion by prohibitive legislation have never been successful. Statistics show that in Western Europe, despite repressive legislation, the increase in abortion during the last decade is greater, proportionately, than in Soviet Russia. Repressive legislation seems to have no deterrent effect on women who decide to procure abortions, but it has a detrimental effect on their health. It is no secret that the well-to-do classes in Western Europe, by paying the price, can have abortions performed by excellent physicians, but that the poor classes have to bear the burden of repressive legislation and suffer at the hands of quacks. The maternal mortality rate from septic poisoning after con-

finement and abortion combined (per 1000 cases) in the following table speaks well for our point of view regarding restrictive legislation on abortion

	1922	1923	1924
Leningrad	3 92	3 55	2 75
Berlin	13	14	11

—*Rosie*

How can the problem of abortion be solved? Abortions are a total loss, both to the individual and to the state, centuries of repression have not been able to reduce their number, and the figures increase year after year. The legal complications surrounding the woman who wishes an abortion, and the physician who takes care of her force the entire proceedings underground, into the hands of ignorant quacks. Bearing these facts in mind, Soviet Russia passed a law in 1920, permitting abortions in hospitals for social indications, and prohibiting any but licensed physicians from performing abortions. By "social indications" is meant a large number of children in the family, or lack of adequate means to provide for the coming child. The permit for the hospital is issued by a committee consisting of a doctor and two women deputies. Such a committee works in connection with every advisory clinic. The results look promising, witness, for example, the comparative figures from Leningrad and Berlin given above. It must be confessed that we have not succeeded in eliminating secret abortions, but we have every reason to believe that we shall do so with time and patience. The number of abortions outside of hospitals is decreasing, and will decrease faster as we enlarge

our hospital facilities and provide better education for women.

How does this policy of legalized abortion affect the birth-rate and general morality? The figures cited above show clearly that our birth-rate is increasing, in spite of (perhaps because of) our attitude toward abortion. Our average normal increase exceeds by $3\frac{1}{2}$ times the normal population increase in Western Europe. In five years the population of Soviet Russia will have increased by 17,500,000. As regards morality, such matters can with difficulty be expressed in figures. The current stories of very young girls resorting to abortion since it has been legalized are false. Statistics show that in Moscow and Leningrad only 7.3% of abortions were performed on women under twenty years of age.

Let us remember, however, that even an abortion performed in a hospital under the best circumstances is not without its bad effect, both physical and psychic. Many maternity clinics, among them the clinical department of our state research Institute, are investigating the after-effects of an abortion. The fight against abortion holds an important place in our educational program. Every lecture or forum dealing with the hygiene of women stresses the harm resulting from abortion. It would, however, be naive to expect too much from educational propaganda. The most effective method of fighting abortion is to develop better means of preventing undesired pregnancies. In our instructions for workers in the advisory clinics, we direct them to devote one or two sessions each week to giving advice on the prevention of conception.

THE REAL ISSUE

By GEORGE A. LUNDBERG, *University of Pittsburgh*

PRESENT controversy over the subject of population control is largely due to a misunderstanding of the issue involved. The assumption seems to be that it is a question as to whether there should be or should not be population control. This is clearly a mistaken notion, for there always has been, and is now, among all peoples such limitation of population. It is purely a question of what method or technique shall be employed. Here we are confronted with two principal alternatives. Either we must control population by the humane and scientific methods of modern

birth control, or the same result will be achieved by the barbarous methods of war, pestilence, famine, abortion and infanticide. This is the real and only issue. If the present opponents of the birth control movement are compelled to face this issue, few would have the temerity to argue for the second alternative. It avails nothing to sidetrack the issue by arguing for ideal solutions which are based on the assumption that man is a different type of being than he is. We must deal with the question on the basis of man as he exists and as he has existed throughout the ages.

Birth Control, a Public Health Approach

By LYDIA ALLEN DEVILBISS, M.D.

PUBLIC health nurses and social workers, in increasing numbers, have been calling attention to the need for protection from pregnancy for large numbers of women under their care. It is impracticable if not impossible in many cases for these nurses or workers to give these women access to birth control information, and in some instances even to recommend it. They cannot risk involving their respective organizations in a so-called religious or political controversy.

This lack of birth control information or, to use a more exact term, therapeutic contraception among the poor sick is undoubtedly responsible for a large proportion of the infant and maternal deaths among these groups. And, admittedly, this lack of proper information as to preventive measures constitutes one of the most difficult problems with which modern public health has to deal.

Public health is concerned with reductions in the sickness and death-rates. The authorities and the medical profession are not proud of the high maternal death-rate in the United States, particularly since deaths from child bearing are classed as preventable, and these deaths are not from a disease but from what should be considered a normal physiological process. While frequent studies have been made of the possible reduction of the maternal death-rates by such various devices as prenatal care and supervised obstetrics, yet there has been no sizeable investigation into the probable underlying causes for this high rate in the United States. In the absence of an underlying principle or cause of a high death-rate, the public health expert interested in the reduction of a particular death-rate looks for the strategic point of attack. Obviously the strategic point of attack in the high maternal mortality rate is the poor maternity risk.

If it were possible to eliminate a sufficiently large number of poor maternity risks, by proper therapeutic contraceptive procedure, it is logical to conclude that the effect would be a quick lowering of the number of maternal deaths. It should also show a reduction of the infant mortality rate. And what is quite as important as either, it should show a decrease in sickness and death incurred in the large numbers of abortions and interrupted pregnancies from whatever cause.

For the purpose of making a limited study along these lines, a small group was formed in Miami under the name of the Mothers Health Committee. The declared purpose of this group was to procure proper medical and surgical treatment for poor sick mothers. Poor sick women were referred to the Mothers Health Committee by health and welfare agencies, and also by private individuals. The Mothers Health Committee investigated, prepared a careful case report and in turn referred the patient to the proper source for treatment. The Mothers Health Committee acted only as an organizing agent.

For the purposes of this study the poor maternity risk was defined as a woman who was not able to bear a child with safety to the life and health of mother and baby. This definition might seem to be taking in too much territory, but in practice it does not. A woman entertains no uncertain risk to bear a child. If the child is doomed to stillbirth or an early death because of insufficiently treated syphilis, that woman cannot, for the time being at least, be considered a good maternity risk. Neither can the feeble-minded woman, the insane, or those with serious inheritable defects and diseases be considered good maternity risks for they notoriously augment the infant death-rate.

The poor maternity risks are found most abundantly in the public health and welfare clinics. Without exception these women are more or less aware that they are bearing too many children to be consistent with safety to themselves and their babies. They would prevent too rapidly recurring pregnancies if they knew how, and they are always grateful to one who brings them expert assistance. It is a well-known fact that the woman of intelligence today can obtain all the contraceptive information she may need or desire. It is the poor woman without friends and without money, and frequently without normal intelligence who is denied this assistance. It is therefore quite as much for the protection of society as for the protection of the women themselves that the public health and welfare agencies should take cognizance of this situation.

The Mothers Health Committee in Miami is still too young and has not handled the requisite number

of cases to prove by the **statistical** method that the **elimination** of the poor maternity **risks will** actually reduce the maternal mortality rate. It has, however, **in** the some **sixty** closed cases (**sterilization operations**) proven that its **operation** has reduced human **misery**, it has enabled economically submerged **families** to get back on **their** feet, it has removed the constant fear of pregnancy which was disrupting the married **life** of some couples, and it has removed the stigma and fear of passing on to unborn children **serious** physical and mental defects, which would in all likelihood render one so born a **public** charge **in** his **generation** as his parents are in this one. And **it** has proved that the proverbial few dollars spent in prevention has saved the hundreds spent **in** cure.

The Mothers Health Committee, **in** a short time, has come to enjoy the full confidence and **cooperation** of the health and welfare agencies, both official and voluntary. Some few of them have proven to their **satisfaction** that **it** pays to provide the Mothers Health Committee **with** funds to organize preventive care for poor sick mothers rather than to continue to pay for **expensive** prenatal care, **obstetrical** supervision and postnatal care for their poor maternity **risks with** the attendant **high** **maternal** death-rates.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF MOTHERS HEALTH COMMITTEE*

*Medical and Social Work by Dr. De Valbiss,
assisted by Dr. Louise De Vore*

GROUP I—NORMAL INTELLIGENCE

Patient deemed able to **administer** temporary contraceptive methods **satisfactorily**, pregnancy would be unfortunate, but not **necessarily tragic**.
Number of cases **given** temporary **contraceptive** prescriptions 23
Reported **failure** using method 1
Reported failure not using method 1
Cases reported by Dr. I. A. Agos (6) and Dr. Homer **Pearson** (4)—total 10
No **failures** reported

GROUP II—SUBNORMAL INTELLIGENCE

Also cases in which pregnancy is deemed dangerous to life and in which the **permanent** method (**sterilization**) is indicated.

*Classifications and numbers are constantly shifting. This report is accurate as of date December 6th, 1930.

Total cases	31
(a) Closed Cases, by operation	15
Salpingectomy, results all excellent	4
1 psychopathic personality	
2 feeble-minded	
1 insane	
Vasectomy, results all excellent	7
1 dipsomaniac	
1 psychopathic personahty	
1 psychopathic personality and sex pervert	
1 moron	
1 maniac depressive	
2 active tuberculosis	
Radium	4
1 chronic bleeding , 6 children, 7 abortions	
1 moron—17 children	
1 active tb, feeble-minded	
1 active tb, suspicious carcinoma	
Results are all excellent, except last case which is in City Hospital under supervision	
(b) Closed Cases by removal to other cities	4
Habitual paupers (transients) no record	3
Transferred to care of physician in Tampa	1
(c) Open Cases — needing constant supervision —all have had temporary prescriptions , some of them several times	12
Active tuberculosis	2
Feeble-minded	1
Already pregnant	1
Surgery indicated for abdominal conditions	8
Note: It is from group 2, Open Cases, that failures occur—though no fault of temporary prescription	
1 husband refused to let her use prescription	
1 admits she ran out of supply and failed to return for more	
1 improperly used prescription	

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The student of eugenics can do little more than insist that certain hereditary traits, deaf-mutism, for example, or **haemophilia**, make **breeding** from the stocks tainted by them **undesirable**, he cannot tell us what fitness means or show us how to breed the qualities upon which **racial** adequacy depends.

—HAROLD J. LASKI

Progressive Deafness and Contraception

By HAROLD HAYS, MD, FACS

I BELIEVE that it is the opinion of the majority of otologists that patients who have a tendency towards deafness should be extremely careful about becoming pregnant or being allowed to go on with the child-bearing period. In exceptional instances where the reaction of the patient towards her pregnancy can be watched carefully and where repeated hearing tests can be made during this time, it may be possible that a woman with defective hearing can get by and have the child she desires. In the majority of cases the cost to the woman is too great and I have found it necessary where such deafened patients have become pregnant to insist upon an abortion being performed. Such an abortion is justifiable in law. Why should not such women be taught contraceptive methods so that they would not have to go through an operation which, in some instances at least, may prove disastrous?

Physiologically, the pregnant woman is not the same woman she was before she became pregnant. Endocrinologists, as well as obstetricians, are well aware of the fact that there is an alteration in the internal secretions at the time of pregnancy and that there is a particular tendency on the part of the thyroid gland to send out an excess secretion. This alteration in the body mechanism may take various forms. I have seen women who secrete such an excess of thyroid extract that there is an apparent enlargement of the thyroid gland. I have seen other women whose entire physical and mental make-up have become so changed during pregnancy that one would not recognize them as the same individuals.

Statistics prove that many women become increasingly hard of hearing after each pregnancy until the time arrives when they are almost hopelessly deaf. Such a change in the ears may not be manifest during the pregnancy itself but only

shows itself after the laborious time of bearing the child is over. One can not say that such women would not have become deafer as time went on anyway, but when definite cause and effect can be ascertained it is beyond reason to suggest that such women should be allowed to have children.

One or two examples will suffice. A young woman came to me a number of years ago, she went through two pregnancies. After the first pregnancy she had noted that her hearing had become worse. After the second baby was born her hearing was decidedly worse and beyond repair. I have no doubt that a considerable amount of her hearing could have been saved if she had followed contraceptive methods or had had an abortion performed. A second woman whose hearing showed a considerable loss, claimed that her hearing had become decidedly worse after her first baby was born. She was pregnant again and I advised her to have an abortion performed. She consulted a second otologist who agreed with me. A short time ago another young woman presented herself with a moderate loss in hearing. She had been married about one week. I advised her against pregnancy and stated that under no circumstances should she allow herself to have a child.

We otologists make it a rule to advise the performance of an abortion in the majority of pregnant women who are deafened—how much better it would be if we could take the trouble to teach them contraceptive methods? All of us dislike abortions, and surely it is unfair to allow a woman to go on to the stage where it is necessary to have one performed. It is possible that some high minded individuals may take exception to a definite ruling on a subject of this kind, but when one sees the heart-rending life of the majority of deafened mothers, one feels that something ought to be done to make life more bearable for deafened women.



Comments and Comments

On the Report of The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America

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REVEREND DR WITHERSPOON DODGE, *pastor of the Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, Ga*

The Federal Council has made a **historic** statement **in being** the first church body **with** enough Intelligence and boldness to preach what all people—including its own members—have always **practiced**, now practice and always **will** practice, in some form. Such **universal** practice alone would seem to justify the **inherent** rightness of the custom, just as the **universal belief** in some **kind** of God validates the **essential** ground of **religion**.

The churches whose **chief aim** is to **build** themselves up and perpetrate **their institutions will continue** to array themselves **against** birth control, because the more **children** **their** members have the surer **their** future growth **will** be, but the churches **which exist** for the sake of **humanity**, apart from all self-interest and the **perpetuation** of superstition, **will** progressively advocate those humane **principles which** protect people **against** all needless suffering, handicap and unhappiness.

Mas F ROBERTSON JONES, *president of the American Birth Control League*

The **significant** fact **is** that Protestant churches, represented by **this** forward-looking council, consult modern **scientists—physicians, psychologists, sociologists—and** say, "**birth control is** right," and the Roman Catholic Church consults the teachings of St **Augustine, a Carthaginian** of the 4th Century, and says, "**birth control is** wrong, **is** a **sin**."

Different standards of right and wrong, and squarely opposed **views** on a matter as fundamental to family health and **stability** as **birth** control, become apparent today.

The report of the Federal Council, which declares that **birth** control is necessary and moral, **is** a long step toward the **organization** of a united front **in** a movement **which** already has the support of all **clear-thinking** people.

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REVEREND WENDELL CORCORAN, *Notre Dame University*

This doctrine, **which** has been sponsored by the short-hawed Amazons of **America**, reeks **with** the stench of any other sin of **impurity**. **It is** the doctrine that is **making America** the land of the **childless** home and the homeless **child**, a land where the lap-dog **is taking** the place of the **child**, a land where bad women walk **with** good dogs. **Continue this practice** and the son of the yellow man or the black **will** one day fill the president's **chair** at **Washington**.

REVEREND CHARLES E COUGHLIN *of Detroit*

This report has obtained front page **publicity** on a subject that should not be mentioned in decent **society**. **It is** the great betrayal, an example of the age old attempt of the moneyed classes to keep the masses in **subservience** by teaching them to **limit** their **children** by **immoral**, unnatural and inhuman means. We **will** make no **compromise with** indecency and **sin**, but fortunately this **is** not an issue between Catholic and Protestant. **It is** an **issue** between Christian and pagan. The fault lies **in this unchristian** capitalist **civilization** which **denies** the laborer a just and **living** wage on **which** he could rear a normal **family**. **Despite** what these new **moralists** may say, **birth control by contraception is** one of the most heinous of **sins**.

Remember, that God has always **limited** **population** as he saw fit to **limit it—by** war and **pestilence** and famine, and the **marriage** customs of peoples. The people of the past **did** not have to surrender **their** souls and their posterity to the god of **political** economy, and **neither** do we.

ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL J CURLEY, *Washington, D C*

It is a very sad **affair**. **It simply** means that **Protestantism** has **yielded** to the demands of **materialism**, and sex passion **run** not.

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DR HENRY NEUMAN, Leader, Brooklyn *Society for Ethical Culture*

The **action** of the Federal Council of Churches is a **heartening reminder** that it pays to keep **steadily** at the **business** of **educating public opinion**. The work of advocates of **legalized birth control** is far from **finished**. But it has **received encouraging** support from **this** report of the Federal Council. I am **inclined to think** that the **encyclical** of the Pope will also operate **in this direction** eventually. It is a good thing to have the **opposition** brought out **into** the open and shown, as in **this** Papal letter, to have so **little** to rest upon.

BISHOP WARREN L. ROGERS, *Episcopal Diocese of Ohio*

The **action** of the **council** of churches in **sanctioning birth control** on the **basis** of **economic considerations** and the problems of over-population is very much the same as that taken by the **Episcopal church** at the Lambeth conference in England last year.

The **idea** behind such **sanctions** is to assure the **children** brought **into** the world a **fair** chance. The problem of **birth control** is much more a matter of **economics** and **medicine** than of **religion**.

Scientific advance and our **changing civilization** have brought **this** problem to the fore. In **Bible times**, when **life** was almost **entirely agrarian** and there was always work to do, it **simply did not exist**. But today, when thousands are thrown out of work when factory wheels stop **turning**, it becomes a real problem, **requiring** a new outlook.

Certainly there are other reasons for **marriage** besides **procreation**.

MARGARET SANGER, *National Committee on Federal Legislation* for Birth Control

This is the longest step forward in the **history** of the **birth control** movement. **This** is a document of the new age.

Today is a most **significant** one in the **history** of the birth control movement. Today for the first **time** a large representative group of churches and women has gone on record as **being** aware of the tremendous mass of **scientific information** which we possess, **medical, sociological, and psychological**, and has **applied it directly** to the Important **question** of the sex **relation** between **married** people. How grateful we must then be to **this** **progressive**

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REVEREND JOSEPH HUSSLEIN, S J, *St Louis University*

It is pitiful but, in the **light** of modern literature, not surprising, to **believing** Protestants, Jews and Catholics **alike** to see a body of men and women, whom I shall carefully **refrain** from **considering** as **representative** of any **Christian** creed, **striking** their colors to **paganism** and weakly **surrendering** to a **doctrine** which, however popular it may be, is equally contrary to nature and **scripture**.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOHN J. KEAN of Brooklyn

We wonder what they mean when they say "guarded **birth control**." They **might** just as well speak of guarded murder or guarded manslaughter. There can be no **compromise** with a **thing** that is so inherently wrong.

REVEREND D. F. H. KNUBEL, *president of the United Lutheran Churches in America*

The duty of the Church is now **possibly** more than ever to **proclaim** the **holiness** of the sexual **relation**, as well as temperance in the use thereof. There **will** then be no need for **birth control**.

Even if the State should ever discover facts and **conditions** which could **conceivably** render necessary the **exercise** of **birth control**, only such an arrangement for it should be **devised** as would be-cause of its **stringency** **give** no comfort to those who, **consciously** or **unconsciously**, are **promoting** loose morals. **Anything** else would serve to weaken the **foundations** of the home, and therefore, of the State **itself**.

JAMES MCGINNESS at a *Carroll Council Communion* Breakfast

Members of **religious** orders have placed **their** stamp of approval on the most dastardly **thing** in **existence**, **birth control**. They wear the garb of Christ, but slap **Him** in the face. **If** we are to have a **nation** of real **citizens**, we must observe the moral laws of nature. No real **scientific** body has endorsed **birth control**, and they do not deny that it is a step towards **insanity**.

REVEREND FULTON J. SHEEN, *Catholic University of America*

Since a week ago last Saturday we can no longer expect them to defend the law of God. These **sects**

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and **representative** body which in **straightforward** and **unequivocal** terms—the result of clear **thinking**—puts its stamp of approval on this subject of **individual** as well as **international** importance and **necessity**

DR JOSEPH R. SIZOO, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D C

I believe that when **children** are born into the home, there should be proper **provisions** for their **education** and **upbringing**

If the parents are unable to afford to have **children** then they should **practice** **birth** control

I believe there should be **legislation** passed **making** it **possible** for every young **married** couple to be **instructed** in **birth** control methods

REVEREND GEORGE MAYCHIN STOCKDALE, St James Methodist Church, New York

The way of progress, like that of true love, never does run smooth. We must expect these tremendous **divisions** of **opinion**. On whichever **side** we happen to be, the **important thing** for all to remember is to be kind to one another **despite** our **differences**.

This is so very **vital** in this matter of **birth** control, since more and more the **alignment** is coming to be the Catholic Church **against** the rest of the world on this issue.

EDITORIAL, Dispatch, Columbus, Ohio, March 23rd

Birth control was **born** of that **prolific** mother of many things—**necessity**. **Economic** pressure, **physical ailments** and **ordinary** human selfishness combined to create a demand for a means to **limit** **families**, and man's **ingenuity** was applied to the problem.

Opponents of **birth** control frequently shoot their **cuffs** and snort that "self control" is the proper **alternative** for **married** people who do not, for one reason or another, **desire** **children**. This theory sounds good, but it wrecks itself upon the shoals of human nature. There is little reason to **believe** that **continence** in **married** people is either **desirable** or **possible**, except for a few **ascetics** and **eccentrics** who refuse to **recognize** the **biological** urge as the **basis** of love and **marriage**. The churchmen who have **indorsed** **birth** control have taken a sane view of the matter and **exhibited** a sound **understanding** of the trend of **public** thought.

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will work out the very **logic** of their ways and in fifty or one hundred years there will be only the Church and **paganism**. We will be left to fight the battle **alone**—and we will.

We are the only ones who know **anything** about **paganism**. We were born in the midst of it, we saw it die, and, with the grace of **God**, we will see it die again. But before that time those who are **sincere** will **begin** to return to their Father's house.

WILLIAM GERRY MORGAN, M D, president of the *American Medical Association*

If this **social practice** were to be universally **indorsed** and **adopted**, it would open the door to **unbridled dominance** of the basest **passions**, and **give** license to the most **widespread** **physical** abuses.

To establish the **habit** of **thwarting** nature, is, in the long run, a dangerous **practice**, and **invariably** leads to moral degradation and **disaster**. It would **strike** a death blow to self control and to the donunance of the home. The arguments in favor of **birth** control are subtle and **seductively** given to self **indulgence** and selfishness.

EDITORIAL, The Commonweal, March 29th

If the Federal **Council** correctly interprets the "corporate **conscience**" of the **majority** of **American** Protestants, it has done more than merely surrender the **historic** morality of **Protestantism**—it has **joined** the massed **enemies** of orthodox **Christianity** and now fights **with** them.

Liberal Protestantism is really (so it seems to us and we speak with all respect for the noble **solicitude** it **displays** for human welfare, its passion for the **building** up of a better order of **society**) a new **religion**, but it is no longer **Protestantism**—it is **pagan humanitarianism**, it is the creed of **social service** built on **shifting** and unstable **experiments**, but not on the demonstrated facts of **materialistic** science.

The **traffic** in illegal **contraceptives**, already huge, may soon **rival** the **traffic** in bootleg **liquor**. Who does not know that sexual **immorality** is **flooding** the world?

If the thesis nailed by Luther to the church door at Wittenberg three centuries ago marked the **birth** of the Reformation, the **thesis** of the Federal **Council**, when considered in connection with the **similar** approval of **contraception** by the **Anglican** bishops at Lambeth and by the **Umtanans** in this country, may mark the death of the **Reformation**.

"Married Love" Vindicated

By GEORGE BEDBOROUGH

FOR THIRTEEN YEARS Dr Marie Stopes has knocked at the door of the United States Customs with this excellent guide to married felicity. Until last year the Customs officers have had instructions from Washington to deny its admission. Many who had ordered the book from England received the laconic notification that "One obscene book called *Married Love* has this day been ordered to destruction, being inadmissible under Section —"

Some time ago two bold, bad, but highly reputable social workers in Philadelphia refused to accept this notice. They appeared in court to defend their right to receive a perfectly proper book, free from the slur put upon it by the ruling of the Custom house. Mr Morris L. Ernst, who had already taken steps to press the New York courts to end this insult to a good book, joined in the Philadelphia proceedings, these resulted in a victory for Dr Stopes, by the ruling of Judge William H. Kirkpatrick on October 30, 1930. It was assumed that the Philadelphia precedent would govern procedure in New York, the government, however, refused to take so sensible a view, and the fight went on. Finally the case was heard on appeal in the United States District Court before Judge John M. Woolsey.

Reading the enlightened decision, admirably expressed, of this cultured, modern, thoughtful judge, one can but regret the twelve years in which the book has been vilified and excluded. The following extracts give a fair idea of the points made by Judge Woolsey. It should be stated that as *Married Love*, is not directly a birth control book, the present decision does not settle the questions of contraceptive information and its dissemination.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Libelant

VERSUS

ONE OBSCENE BOOK ENTITLED
 MARRIED LOVE

Extract from the judgment of John M. Woolsey,
 United States District Judge, Southern District
 of New York, April 6th, 1931

I dismiss the libel in this case

I hold that Judge Kirkpatrick's decision es-

tablished the book *Married Love* as having an admissible status at any point around the Customs barriers of the United States. It is perfectly obvious, I think, that if a vessel had been libeled at Philadelphia, and there acquitted of liability to forfeiture, on her coming around to New York, she could not properly be libeled again on the same count. That is the real situation in the present case.

In Murray's Oxford English Dictionary the word obscene is defined

Offensive to the senses or taste or refinement, disgusting, repulsive, filthy, foul, abominable, loathsome

Offensive to modesty or decency, expressing or suggesting unchaste or lustful ideas, Impure, indecent, lewd

And "immoral" is defined as

Not consistent with or not conforming to moral law or requirement, opposed to or violating morality, morally evil or Impure, unprincipled, vicious, dissolute

The book *Married Love* does not, in my opinion, fall within these definitions in any respect.

Dr Stopes treats quite as decently and with as much restraint of the sex relations as did Mrs. Mary Ware Dennett in *The Sex Side of Life*, which was held not to be obscene by the Circuit Court of Appeals.

The present book may fairly be said to do for adults what Mrs. Dennett's book does for adolescents. *Married Love* is a considered attempt to explain to married people how their mutual sex life may be made happier.

Dr Stopes' book emphasizes the woman's side of sex questions. It also makes some apparently justified criticisms of the inopportune exercise by the man in the married relation, of what are often referred to as his conjugal or marital rights, and it pleads with sensuousness, and not without some eloquence, for a better understanding by husbands of the physical and emotional side of the sex life of their wives.

I do not find anything objectionable anywhere in the book, and I cannot imagine a normal mind to which this book would seem obscene. Instead of being inhospitably received, it should, I think, be welcomed within our borders.

POPULATION SECTION

Edited by Guy Irving Burch

Population Pressure in Biblical Times

Nowhere in literature or history are the terrible evils of population pressure and the need for contraceptive birth control brought out more forcibly than in the Bible

LED to believe that the Scriptures condemned contraceptive birth control, I read the entire Bible for the special purpose of verifying this impression. I was, however, agreeably surprised to learn that there was not one single passage in the Scriptures that condemned contraceptive birth control. On the other hand, I discovered passage after passage that described in the most forceful manner the crying need for a safe and effective method of birth control.*

I discovered in studying the Bible that the method of birth control condemned in the Scriptures, namely, *cotus interruptus*, or Onanism, is also condemned by the birth control movement and the medical profession generally. In fact, the method in question is nearest akin to those so-called "natural" methods of the opponents of contraceptive birth control and it is often called by the same misleading name, "self-control."

There are a few passages in the Bible that if cleverly twisted may seem to condemn birth control, but when these passages are analyzed, especially in the light of the Bible as a whole, the misinterpretation disappears. For instance, in the first chapter of Genesis, "God blessed" man and woman "and said, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth and subdue it." When this command was given there were only two persons upon the earth. Again after the flood when there were only Noah and his family, God repeated the command to "be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth," and to "bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and multiply therein." With these commands the most ardent enthusiast for birth control would be entirely in agreement under the circumstances. But as we may see later, when conditions changed, no such command was repeated, instead God punished the He-

brews with famine and pestilence "because ye multiplied more than the nations that are round about you" (*Ezekiel*, 5:7).

It was during these conditions that such passages as the following were written: "Sing, O Barren, thou that didst not bear, break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child, for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord" (*Isaiah*, 54:1).

And again: "She that has borne seven languisheth: she hath given up the ghost, her sun is gone down while it was yet day: she hath been ashamed and confounded: and the residue of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, saith the Lord" (*Jeremiah*, 15:9).

And again: "For thy waste land and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away."

"The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place is too strait for me, give place to me that I may dwell" (*Isaiah*, 49:19-20).

No command to multiply is repeated under these conditions. Rather we read such passages as the following:

"And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow."

"So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and she hath hid her son" (*II Kings*, 6:28-29).

Here is the real underlying and fundamental cause of war—hunger, or the social unrest caused by poverty, unemployment, and bad housing, themselves products of uncontrolled reproduction.

*Prepared for the Hearing on the New York Birth Control Bill, Albany, February, 1929.

"They that be **slain with** the sword are better than they that be **slain with** hunger for they **pine** away, **stricken** through for want of the **fruits** of the field" (*Lamentations, 4 9*)

To what lengths a hungry man **will** go in **his** **struggle** for **existence** against population pressure is **described** in the **following** passage

"**Thus** saith the Lord, for three **transgressions** of the **Children** of **Ammon**, and for four, **I** will not turn away the **punishment** thereof, because they have npped up the women **with** **child** of **Gilead**, that they might enlarge **their** border" (*Amos, 1 13*)

"Woe unto them that **join** house to house, that lay field to field, **till** there be no place, that they may be placed alone **in** the **midst** of the earth" (*Isaiah, 6 8*)

The New Testament speaks of a **eugenic** program more **drastic** than modern advocates of **birth** control would care to support

"**Even** so every good tree **bringeth** forth good fruit, but a corrupt tree **bringeth** forth **evil** fruit

"A good tree cannot **bring** forth **evil** fruit, **neither** can a corrupt tree **bring** forth good fruit

"Every tree that **bringeth** forth not good fruit **is** hewn down, and cast **into** the fire

"Wherefore by **their** **fruits** ye shall know them

"Therefore whosoever heareth these **sayings** of

mine, and doeth them, **I** **will** **liken** him unto a **wise** man, **which** built **his** house upon a rock,

"And the **rain** descended, and the floods came, and the **winds** blew, and beat upon that house, and **it** fell not, for **it** was founded upon a rock" (*Matthew, 7 17-20, 24*)

There are also passages **in** the New Testament that have been **twisted** and taken from the context by the opponents of **birth** control to fit **their** program For mstance, "But Jesus **said**, suffer **little** **children**, and **forbid** them not to come **unto** me, for of such **is** the kmgdom of heaven"

When the whole of **this** passage **is** quoted the fallacy of **this** supposed **evidence** against **birth** control is exposed **immediately** without a word of explanation These were the **circumstances**

"Then there were brought unto him **little** **children**, that he should put **his** hands upon them, and pray, and the **disciples** rebuked them

"But Jesus **said**, **Suffer** **httle** **children**, and **forbid** them not to come unto me, for of such **is** the **kingdom** of heaven

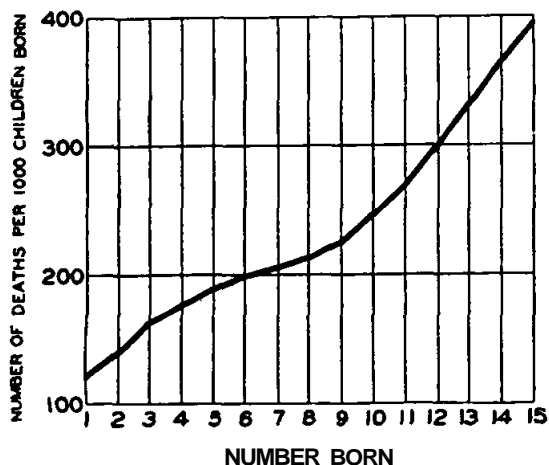
"And he **laid** **his** hands upon them and departed thence" (*Matthew, 19 13-16*)

This passage **is** an example of the extent to **which** opponents of **birth** control **will** go in the attempt to **gain** **their** point

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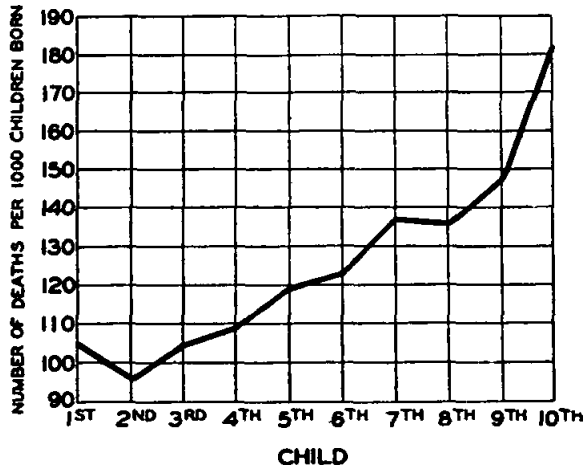
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Book Reviews

MORALS OF TOMORROW, by Reverend Dr
Ralph W Sockman Harper and Brothers,
New York \$2 50

BEWARE, Reverend Doctor! Do you realize the implications of such a title, "Morals of Tomorrow"? Morals then, you suggest, may not be axiomatically identical tomorrow, with those of today and yesterday!

Shocking possibility to some of your critics! Refreshing assurance to others of your readers, that by sincere and courageous thinking and acting they may aid in ridding morals of the static inhibitions and preconceptions which still distort them. And also have good hope of opening an invigorating trail to the high peaks of a more exhilarating moral outlook than at present.

In his chapter on *Machine Age Morals*, Dr Sockman (who is pastor of the Madison Avenue Methodist Church, New York City) arraigns in a single sentence the over-valuation today of mere technological skill in comparison with educational and inspirational values. "At present we pay high salaries to our engineers for laying the foundations of our skyscrapers, we pay a low wage to the school-teachers for laying the mental foundations of the youth who are to live in the skyscrapers."

Commendable is the author's frankness on the theme of sex, especially in his chapter, *Woman's New Codes*. He writes of that emotion of the heart which, drawing a man and a woman together, is fulfilled in ideal love in "the tumultuous activity of the whole being, and drives the two personalities together into a oneness of the flesh. Nothing satisfies real love except this complete mingling of two natures. It is a possessing and a giving. The man and the woman feel a glow of reverent gratitude each to the other for the giving of self, and both experience the surge of new vitalities."

So is the lonely "voice in the wilderness," of Havelock Ellis, nearly two generations ago, now relayed to more conservative listeners—"There are two main functions in the sexual relationship, or what in the biological sense we term 'marriage' among civilized human beings, the primary physiological function of begetting and bearing offspring, and the secondary spiritual function of furthering the higher mental and emotional processes."

The Lambeth Conference of the Bishops of the Anglican Communion, held in England in 1930, and also the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, in their report of March, 1931, by giving guarded but nevertheless decisive approval of birth control, of course thereby corroborate such a conclusion as Dr Sockman reaches in this same chapter on *Woman's New Code* that "the Church must face those conditions which give rise to the proposal by conscientious persons of recognizing 'companionate marriage' hitherto," he continues, "the term has so shocked most moralists that they have met it largely with blind antagonism. The adjustments of two Independent and high-spirited personalities after marriage are not easy, and when these are complicated within a few months by the new relationship of parenthood and the economic difficulties which ensue, the problem does often become bewildering. It is because of this too hasty complication of life for the young couple that Judge Lindsey and others suggest postponement of children for a time until the economic adjustment is made and the husband-wife relationship has had opportunity to develop."

Dr Sockman then carefully distinguishes this from "trial marriage", wherein, unlike the companionate (which is entered into as a lifelong union of mutual faithfulness), the relationship is regarded as possibly only temporary. He has been carelessly misunderstood as meaning by companionate marriage some form of "free union," "illicit relationship," and the like, but for all attentive readers and students, the author has amply guarded himself as giving no slightest countenance to such false definitions. And he adds, in further approval of the true companionate marriage "To live together as husband and wife, for a limited time without children, in order that each may give undivided attention to the other, is commendable."

No matter how controversial and even "dangerous" some of the topics which Dr Sockman treats may still appear, his claim in his chapter *Authority for Free Minds* cannot be disputed, that "if the Church is to win public recognition for its moral authority of this type, it will have to pay the price. It will have to prove itself a true teacher pursuing facts with unfaltering diligence, and facing up to their implications when found. The Church must approach moral situations with the

candor and open-mindedness shown by the scientist in entering his laboratory. It must set out to discover its duties rather than to defend its doctrines." Convincing also, in this connection, is the author's suggestion, earlier in this volume, that "the Church's moral problem is perhaps less the wolfishness of the wolves than it is the sheepishness of the sheep."

The book makes a trenchant and constructive contribution to the more vital moral thought and action of the future

REV. ELIOT WRITE

WHO'S OBSCENE, by Mary Ware Dennett *Vanguard Press, New York \$2 00*

MANY books have been written concerning the general subject of obscenity. It remained, however, for Mary Ware Dennett to tell the story of a specific case which points to its own conclusions. Generalities, philosophical reasoning and practical applications are of importance, but a more effective presentation of the absurdity of censorship is presented by telling the detailed facts of a particular case than by any amount of abstract discussion.

Mrs. Dennett was charged with crime because her sex pamphlet contained certain theological heresies. The prosecution of the case was an indication of the fear of knowledge on lines conventionally forbidden. Just as in the South people are afraid of the teaching of science, so in the North people fear the teaching of subjects which have for a long time been taboo. Fortunately, the Circuit Court of Appeals in New York is made up of liberal men, who concluded that Americans are entitled to other than bootlegged information on a subject which concerns them so vitally. Mrs. Dennett's pamphlet was a great contribution to the cause of enlightenment on this tabooed topic. Her prosecution, so well told in the book, gave its own answer to her prosecutors.

The book is well written, interesting and effective

ARTHUR GARFIELD HAYS

ADOLESCENCE STUDIES IN RIESTAL HYGIENE, by Fianhwood Williams *Farrar and Rinehart, New York \$2 50*

THIS is a volume of collected papers, but those who have already read some of them in the various journals where they were originally

published will be glad to have them in this convenient form. And for the few who have not previously been acquainted with Dr. Williams as lecturer and author, a delightful surprise is lurking in the brilliant style which he brings to his presentation of psychiatric material—a style which always renders his writings enjoyable as literature as well as of professional interest.

For example, in describing the general attitudes toward psychoanalysis, who else could have produced such an apt and entertaining simile as the following?

"Psychoanalysis fell naturally to the hands of the psychiatrists as it was developed in their domain of activity, and to the psychologists who were working in adjoining fields. But few of them would touch it. Most of them stood about like a scared boy who has come upon his first garter snake. Some poked at it with a long stick; others stood about fascinated but jumped every time the snake jumped, and finally rushed off to tell the world amazingly about snakes."

Many vital topics are covered in the first part of the book: parent-child relationships as they affect adolescent and adult adjustments, college and university mental hygiene problems, problems of sex adjustment, et cetera. The last part is given over to a description of mental hygiene aims and methods, with considerable attention to the prevention of delinquency and the field of child guidance. But a much wider horizon is lighted up than can be indicated in a brief review, and only by reading the book can the richness of its subject matter be conceived.

PHYLLIS BLANCHARD

AN INTRODUCTORY STUDY OF THE FAMILY, by Edgar Schmiedeler *The Century Company, New York \$3 50*

THE Catholic Church is very conservative. It holds fast to that which is good. Although priding itself upon not changing, it has always made concessions to the spirit of the age. It has no difficulty in making a right-about-face when the facts of science are too strong for it. Evolution is now taught in Catholic colleges.

Edgar Schmiedeler, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology at Saint Benedict's College, has written *An Introductory Study of the Family* for the Century Catholic Textbook Series. While his book might seem almost antediluvian in its orthodoxy to a

non-Catholic, it would have been **considered** heretical a generation ago. The author has read and quotes many books that are not **strictly** "Kosher". Catholics realize that they can no longer neglect the **wider** world outside the fold and Dr. Schmiedeler makes use of many **heretical** sources.

The author says, "The Church always sought to accommodate her laws to the **changing circumstances of time and place**." His book **is an incident** of the **evolutionary** process. The author is too **intelligent** not to realize that **birth control** is the best **solution** for **certain economic difficulties** of the modern **family**. His adherence to the present **position** of the church is **obviously** half-hearted. He makes the stock **claim** that birth control is unnatural, but he must **realize** that **this** is a weak position to be taken by a church **which** bases its **claim** upon **miracle**. Birth control **is** obviously no less natural than **celibacy** **within** the married state.

The Holy Catholic Church has recently lost much **prestige** by **playing** cheap ward **politics with fiddling-Nero Mussolini**, an **episode** as tragic as her **captivity** at **Avignon**. Nevertheless, much human **wisdom** is still **with** her. **Intelligent** men and scholarly men have been elected to the papacy, and such may be the next **incumbent** of the throne of Saint Peter. As soon as a pope **is** elected **with** any knowledge of ethnology, the **ridiculous childish blunder** of his present **Holiness** in **speaking** of the **sin of Onan** will be **repudiated**. Onan was condemned by a jealous tribal God not for **practicing** birth control but for **refusing to give children** to his brother's **widow**. At the present time **ecclesiastical law forbids marriage** to a **widowed sister-in-law**—but **this prohibition** was the real sin of **Onan**.

JOE GOULD

THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE, by Havelock Ellis
Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, Mass.
\$4.00

IN THIS text we have the **previously** published series of **Impressions and Comments** under one cover, **with** a new **title**, apparently taken from the Book of Proverbs XIII, 14. It **is** a "heavy" book and **will** not be read in one **sitting**, but it **will** be read through **by** any cultured reader who opens it. The book **is** one that tempts the renewer to write another, by way of renew, **in** order to set forth adequately the varied and **fascinating** contents found **in** what must **necessarily** be one of the last

books of this profound **thinker**. The various notes set down between July 1912 and August, 1922, that **comprise** the book, **give** a **kaleidoscopic** picture of one of the really great **minds** of our age as it passes from **topic to topic**, from lovely vistas of **hill, valley and sea** to the beauty of women, from stoned cathedral, tapestries and pictures to **music and literature**, from anthropology to **mysticism**.

Though **discursive** in style the eminent **hedonist** **brings** so much **erudition** and economy of **diction** to bear on each **topic** that one feels that in a few sentences he has read a great essay. In the section **dealing with Divine and Human Things** a cosmic **epic** **is** compressed **within** a few pages.

Satire and irony give **rich** flavor to many of the passages as, for example, **in speaking** of our religious **morbidity**, where **this** sentence concludes a very **amusing** comment: "Apparently our **traditions** are too strong for us, we cannot **dispense with Hell**, **if** robbed of **it** in the future we must have **it** here and now." As a supreme naturalist Ellis **carries consistency** even to a defense of the Mass (p. 113). **Surprising** paradoxes **impinge** on the mind, notably in his comment on **immorality** (p. 120). He defends **Taoism** as **against** Deism, as on page 122, the Omega rather than the Alpha. Let the **logicians** resolve **this**. "The World **is** everlasting Novelty, everlasting Monotony. It **is** just as you prefer. You **will** always be right." Perhaps the **logicians**, especially those who include **theological casuistry** in their fields, may find the thesis difficult in **which** the author **considers** human sacrifice in a **religion** less **reprehensible** than a defense of war on the part of a **religion** (p. 158). The next page reveals a **hedonist** defending pain as part of his **philosophic economy**. His analysis may provoke argument **if** not agreement.

The author writes **with** extreme **indignation** and great force on the Great **Betrayal**—the World War. His **bitterness** over the War and his realistic expressions **concerning** the slogans **with** which the people lashed themselves into **frenzies** of hatred during the struggle, the **hypocrisy** and **futility** of it all, are set forth in no tempered **diction**. His **justifiable** lack of restraint in these sentences reveals how **indignation** can **blind** a great **mind** to the **inevitable** results of what has been called the herd **instinct**. It completely **misses** the general **irrationality** of group psychology. Yet he prefers the loss of lives of the **soldiers** to the **blasting** of Rheims by shell fire. He defends his **views** on **this**

by saying that **it is** by his **traditions** that "Man is Man and not by the number of meaningless millions whom he spawns over the earth"

Ellis holds that there **is** in the Old Testament no better book than *Ecclesiastes*, an **opinion with which Hemingway** and many other moderns would concur, but he is **partial** also to The Song of *Songs*. **His realistic appreciation** of this beautifully sensual book would not please the modern catholic student of **exegesis** though **it** doubtless would accord **with** those of the Renaissance. He grows ecstatic over Jesus and the Gospels (pp 275, 276) and **conceives** the latter in their account of Jesus as "the **highest achievement** of Man the **Artist**"

He concludes by **saying** that he is skeptical of many people who seem at first to accept his **views**, as they have not gone through "the long and **painful noviciate** which would alone create a new heart within them" He feels **happier** when he sees that the Canadian police **inspectors disapprove** of **his** book. He **will** doubtless be more assured by the efforts of the **Irish** and the **Puritans** of Boston who have oddly united to make Boston a museum of **antique** culture.

This book can be profitably read for **leisurely** diversion and **instruction** only by the cultured few. **It is** not meant for, nor **will it** be understood by, the vulgar.

JOHN B. O'LEARY

DELAWARE BIRTH CONTROL LEAGUE LAUNCHED

A COMMITTEE to effect the **organization** of a state **league** for birth control was appointed at the **meeting** held at the **DuPont Biltmore Hotel** in **Wilmington** on **April 17th.** under the auspices of the **American Birth Control League.** The **group of prominent men and women who attended** were **quick** to see the value of forming a state league, and the great good **which** would flow from **a better understanding of the birth control movement.** It was decided that the League should be **affiliated with the National League** and that **it** should **proceed** toward the **establishing of clinics** as soon as possible. As there are no **anti-birth** control laws in Delaware, the movement should encounter no **difficulties.**

Mrs F Robertson Jones, **president** of the **American Birth Control League,** spoke on "Birth Control—Today and Tomorrow" and expressed her great **satisfaction** at the formation of the **ninth state league,** there are now state **organizations** in **Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Illinois, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Michigan** and **Rhode Island.** Mrs A C **Martin,** executive secretary of the **Pennsylvania Birth Control League,** discussed "Some Problems in **Organizing** for Birth Control."

Dr T H **Davies** presided at the luncheon, and the following well-known advocates of **birth control** spoke. The Reverend H **Adye Prichard,** of **Saint Mark's Church, Mount Kisco, N Y** on "Morakty and Birth Control", Professor Roswell H **Johnson** of the **University of Pittsburgh** on "The Need for Birth Control", and Dr Jay F **Schamberg** of **Philadelphia** on "Birth Control from the **Physician's Standpoint**"

A **resolution** endorsing the work of the **National Committee on Federal Legislation** for Birth Control was unanimously adopted and a copy forwarded to Margaret **Sanger.** It read as follows:

One of the primary necessities for family and therefore for public health is an intelligently determined interval between pregnancies, to be secured by **regulating the inception of life** and not by interfering with life after it starts, and

The lack of knowledge as to how to secure such an interval frequently results in serious disaster for mothers and babies and indirectly for the entire community, be it

Resolved, that **it is** the opinion of this Conference gathered here under the auspices of the **American Birth Control League,** that the **imparting of information regarding contraception** is a wholly proper medical function, and that where legislation exists hampering physicians in the proper exercise of this function, such legislation should be repealed.

Dr A C **Yost,** executive secretary of the State Board of Health, **which** has already endorsed the principle of **scientific birth control,** presided at the **organization meeting.** The **following organizing Committee** was appointed: Mrs William S **Bergland,** *Chairman pro tem,* Mrs George A **Elliott,** Secretary, *pro tem,* Mrs Crawford H **Greenwalt,** Mrs Charles W **Baker, Jr,** Mrs Thomas G **Bradford,** Mrs Wilham **Bradford,** Mrs Lawrence N **Thomas,** Mrs William **Pnckett,** Mrs Charles **Warner,** Miss Helen S **Garrett,** Dr Margaret I **Handy,** Mrs James N **Gmns,** Mrs Newhn **Booth,** Mrs Samuel **Bird,** Mrs Robert **Ferriday,** Mrs Charles F **Reese, Jr,** Mrs Harold G **Irons,** Mrs Carlton F **Bridgham,** Mrs Walter **Dent Smith,** Mrs J **Sellers Bancroft,** Mrs Bryant **White,** Mrs George L **Schwartz,** Mrs Elmer O **Kraemer,** Miss Mary R **de Vol,** Mrs Theodore **Pyle,** Mrs Harry **Braunstein.**

News Notes

CONNECTICUT The Birth Control bill which was favorably reported by the Judiciary Committee on March 24th, was rejected in the House after a lively debate on April 1st, by a roll call vote of 172 to 76. In the Senate the following day, only a few votes were cast in its favor, but it was vigorously supported by Senator Caplan, Senate Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and Senator Barton. The bill would have legalized contraception when advised by physicians. It was amended in the Judiciary Committee to cases when pregnancy would endanger the mother's life or health and this limited bill was vigorously opposed by Roman Catholic members. Senator Barton supported the bill, but offered two amendments—one to repeal the Connecticut law which prohibits contraception entirely, and one to delete the penalty clause from the act, and so reduce it to a "a pious gesture." "The State," he said, "has no business telling me, or you, or anybody else how we shall conduct our marital affairs."

A few days after the rejection of the bill, Mr. Francis E. Jones, who had appeared at the hearing as the personal and authorized representative of Bishop Nilan and the Roman Catholic diocese of Connecticut, gave to the press an open letter which he had sent to the members of the two Houses, thanking them for their favorable response to the demands of the Roman Catholics. He wrote:

"In rejecting the favorable report of the Judiciary Committee on the subject of permitting the use of contraceptives and in declining to enact the substitute or committee bill into law, our general assembly has, in both its branches and on non-denominational and non-political lines, by an overwhelming expression of its sovereign will, emphatically refused to follow where the fathers dare not tread and to apply a flaming torch to a fuse which, however superficially innocuous and alluring it might seem to be, is yet connected at its invisible end, as with clock-timed precision, with explosives foreboding no good for the medical profession, or for the health, or morals or the happiness of man, woman or child, or indeed, in the final analysis, for the supremacy of the white race, or for the existence of the commonwealth."

Though the bill was defeated, decided progress was made in Connecticut in connection with it. The medical profession came out strongly in its favor. A favorable report was given by the Judiciary Committee, the vote in the House, which at the previous session numbered only 17, was increased to 76, for the first time speeches were made and votes were cast for it in the Senate. The Connecticut Birth Control League adopts the words of the protagonist of the bill in the legislature, Judge Epaphroditus Peck, and looks forward to "the final success of the cause, which when it comes, as it undoubtedly will come some time, will be due to the general spread of a more enlightened attitude."

NEW JERSEY A meeting of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Association of Hospital Social Workers was held at the Maternal Health Center on March 30th and excellent cooperation was reported with hospitals throughout the state. The clinic is serving 241 communities and attendance is increasing, it is estimated that the number of patients at the end of this fiscal year (April 31st) will equal the number for the first two years combined.

Miss Henriette Hart, executive secretary, spoke at the Bethlehem Birth Control League meeting on April 7th, and spoke during the month in Glenridge, Summit and Plainfield. Dr. George Bedborough of England addressed members of the State Council and their friends from the Oranges, Madison and Princeton at the home of Mrs. Edward S. Scudder of Newark on April 30th.

KENTUCKY Fay H. Marvin, Director of Public Welfare of Louisville, speaking before the Lions Club on April 1st, advocated birth control as one way of combating the present depression. This precipitated a discussion in the Courier-Journal, culminating with this statement: "Birth Control and child health are so closely interwoven that there is no separating them. Anyone interested in birth control can obtain literature by writing to the American Birth Control League, New York City." It is significant that the League received over one hundred letters in a week as a result.

NEW YORK The New York East Conference of the Methodist **Episcopal Church** in session at Grace Church, Brooklyn, on **April 13th**, adopted the **following** report on **birth control** after a sharp debate

We recommend such **legislation** as will permit a **physician** to render **medical information** on the subject **In this connection** we **direct attention** to the doctor's **bill** Should this **bill** be enacted **into** a law, it would **give** greater freedom **in extending** to needy persons such **information** as would be in accord with the **highest principles** of **eugenics** and the best health of the **individual**

The New York Academy of **Medicine** adopted the **following Recommendations** in **April, 1930** (see **editorial page**)

1 The New York Academy of **Medicine**, as a medical **organization**, should be concerned solely with the **medical** and **public health** aspects of **birth control**, and not with its economic considerations

2 The contraceptive **clinics** already in existence in the various **hospitals**, and **operating within the law** solely in the **interest** of the health of the **individual**, should be **continued**, and all **institutions in which this service is required** should **organize** similar **clinics** as **integral parts** of **dispensary** and **hospital service**

3 All extra-mural **clinics**, when their existence is **temporarily** justified, should have a medical personnel of competent **physicians** with **special training** in gynecology, the **clinics** should secure the **services** of local **gynecologists** and **obstetricians** of **recognized standing** and **authority** to serve in an **advisory capacity** and to formulate and enforce **suitable rules** and **regulations concerning the medical indications** for the **giving** of **contraceptive** advice and to make regular **inspections** to see that these rules are observed Efforts should **likewise** be made on the part of these extra-mural **clinics** to **obtain the services** of **experienced physicians** in the several branches of **medicine** to **aid the staff** in the **diagnosis** and conduct of the more **difficult cases** The extra-mural **clinics**, if so safeguarded and supervised, should **receive** support of the **medical profession** only until a **sufficient number** of **hospital clinics** has been developed to meet the public health demand

4 A movement should be begun to **include** in the **curriculum** of **medical schools**, **instruction** in

modern **contraceptive** measures and in the **indications** therefor The **hospital clinics** should **likewise** be asked to offer **similar instruction** to **practicing physicians**

At a luncheon **given** by the N Y C **Committee** of the American **Birth Control League** at the Elks Club, Brooklyn, on **April 7th**, plans were drawn up for a **survey** of **philanthropic** and health **agencies** of Brooklyn to **determine the sentiment** regarding the **establishing** of **clinical service** in **birth control** Speakers were Dr Samuel C Kohs, **executive** secretary of the **Federation of Jewish Charities**, and **Miss Mary Palefsky**, **executive** secretary of the Brooklyn Social **Service Bureau** Among those present were **Mrs J M Schaap**, of the executive board of the **Council of Jewish Women**, Dr Anna **Levine** of the Brooklyn **Jewish Hospital**, Dr Helen **Miller** of the **medical board** of the **Birth Control League**, and Mrs Frances N Bangs, Mrs Thomas Lamont, Jr, Mrs **Hayden Smith**, Mrs **William Palmer Dixon**, Mrs W K Kohl and Mrs Carol K Nash, members of the N Y C **Committee** **Miss Palefsky** was **appointed chairman** of the survey committee

Margaret Sanger and Henry Pratt **Fairchild** spoke at an open **meeting** at the **American Womens Association**, held under the **auspices** of the **Clinical Research Bureau** on **April 14th** Over 400 people attended

PENNSYLVANIA The Bethlehem **Birth Control League** held a most successful meeting on **April 7th**, at the Hotel Bethlehem at which Dr **Fairchild** spoke on "Population and the Prevention of Dependency" Dr A Lovett Dewees, President of the **Pennsylvania Birth Control Federation** and **Miss Henriette Hart**, Executive Director of the New Jersey Birth Control League, were also on the program Professor H M **Diamond** of Lehigh University presided Mrs Geo L deSchweinitz, **Chairman** of the Bethlehem League and Mrs Ohver Holton, Treasurer, are **responsible** for the success of this **meeting** Among the patrons were Rt Rev and Mrs Frank W Sterrett, Prof and Mrs Chas Maxwell **McConn**, Dr and Mrs Raymond M Walls, and the Hon and Mrs Robert **Pfeifle**

One of the **outstanding activities** in the State at the present **time** is our **Birth Control Bill** No 1210 in the House of Representatives, introduced by Hon Matthew **Dunn** of **Pittsburgh** and refer-

red to the **Committee on Public Health and Sanitation**. The **bill** seeks to **liberalize** the laws **concerning** the **giving** of **contraceptive information**. Great **interest** has been shown by many of the **leading physicians** of the State in **this** legal aspect of the **birth** control work. Dr Jay F Schamberg, President-elect of the **Philadelphia County Medical Society**, Dr **Norris W Vaux** and Dr **Owen J Toland**, **obstetricians** of **Philadelphia**, have been successful in **drafting** a **doctors' bill** which will be presented shortly in the Senate. It has been endorsed by most of the members of the **Gynecological and Obstetrical staffs** of the **following hospitals**: **University of Pennsylvania Hospital**, **Temple University Hospital**, **Hahnemann Hospital**, **Abington Hospital**, **Philadelphia Lying-In Hospital**, **Jefferson Hospital**, **Jewish Hospital**. Dr **H C Westervelt**, **President** of the **Birth Control League of Allegheny County**, has been successful in getting the endorsement of many of the **prominent Pittsburgh physicians**.

Among many letters that are **being** sent to our Representatives at **Harrisburg** is a **significant** one from the Rev **John M Versteeg**, **showing** the **active interest** that the **Methodist Church** is **taking** in **birth control**.

By order of the **Executive Committee** of the **Social Service Commission** of the **Pittsburgh Annual Conference** of the **Methodist Episcopal Church**, representing **approximately 125,000** members, I am **informing** you of its **action** taken today in support of **Bill No 1210**, endorsed by the **Pennsylvania Birth Control Federation**, suggesting that **with** all possible **facility** **this** **Bill** be released out of **Committee** and **submitted** to the **consideration** of the **House**, and that our hearty support of **this** **Bill** is in accordance **with** the action taken last October at our 107th annual session, from which we quote

"There is an **increasing conviction** that, **while co-operation with God in creation sanctifies existence** as **nothing** else can, men and women must keep in **mind** the demand for a **Christian** consideration of motherhood and the **exigencies** of our **social** order. There are **re** circumstances where, for adequate **ethical** reasons, parentage should be **avoided**. We call upon the church for a **fair** and full **facing** of all the facts **involved**, and we recommend such **legislation** as shall make **it possible** for **physicians** in the families **which** they serve or **accredited** clinics to **give** such **information** as shall make the assumption of parenthood a consecration and not an **accident**."

An **increasing** number of **patients** are **being** referred to the Maternal Health Center by 82 **Welfare organizations** (**Public Health Nursing organizations**, **Hospital Social Services**, **Church Federations** and **Relief Societies**). **Membership** in our **statewide organization** is **continually increasing**.

ENGLAND

A **LARGE GROUP** of **distinguished** people met in London on March 17th to celebrate the tenth **anniversary** of the founding of the first **English birth control clinic**, and to honor **Mane Stopes**, founder of the **clinic**, and head of the **Society for Constructive Birth Control**. **Appropriate** toasts were proposed to "Our Guests", "The Health of All Mothers and All **Babies**," etc., and messages were read from **Henry Pratt Fairchild**, Dr **S Adolphus Knopf**, Dr **Graefenberg**, **Mary Ware Dennett**. The **American Birth Control League** was represented by Dr **Carohne Maule** and Mrs **Rachel Keeling**, who delivered **greetings** from Mrs **Jones**. Among the speakers were Dr **Branislav Malinowski**, Dr **Leuenbach** of Denmark and Miss **Maude Royden**.

JAPAN

A **BIRTH CONTROL** union has been formed in Tokyo under the **leadership** of Dr **Miyajima**, member of the Tokyo **municipal** assembly. About two hundred members met for the first time on January 17th, and **decided** that 1 The union shall **join in** and be **affiliated with** the **International Birth Control Union**. 2 The union shall **investigate various studies** on **birth control** and make reports of them. 3 The union shall publish **opinions** against **irrational** attacks on **birth control** methods or establishments **which** are found to be **unscientific**. **Baroness Ishimoto** is the **president**.

The New Jersey Birth Control League has sent in **one hundred subscriptions** to the Review during the month of **April**. The Review expresses its **appreciation** of **this** gratifying support. What state **organization** or what group **will** strengthen its interest in birth control and further the work of the Review by duplicating **this** record for May?

Letters from Readers

LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS

TO THE EDITOR

I think that the value or non-value of the **presentation** of contested matters at a **legislative hearing** is a rather **interesting** subject. The **Judiciary Committee** of the **Connecticut Legislature** at the present **session** has had **quite** a **little** experience along that **line**. When a hearing before the committee was **assigned** on a **bill** to repeal the state **prohibition** enforcement law, the **prohibition** forces sent word to every **organization** which they thought **likely** to be favorable **asking** them to send to the **hearing** as large a **representation** as **possible**, and particularly urging them to come several hours **in** advance and fill the committee room, **with** the suggestion that they should bring **their** lunches.

As a result of this, the committee room was packed to **suffocation** several hours before the hearing was to **begin**, the committee could enter their **own** room only by the **assistance** of a squad of state **police**, and then found their **chairs** and desks **occupied** by earnest advocates of temperance, the advocates of the **bill**, who arrived at the **time** set for the **hearing**, were not able to get **into** the hall except by the **assistance** of **police**, and then the three or four who were to speak had to do so **standing** in the middle of a dense and **hostile** crowd.

I think that a demonstration of that **kind** does not help the cause that it **is** intended to favor. In fact, I know that several members of the **committee**, who were strongly opposed to the **bill** **in** advance, felt strongly **inclined** to vote for **it** as a rebuke to the methods of the **opposition**.

The hearing on the **birth control** bill was **quite** differently conducted. The **ladies** of the **birth control** league took very little part **in** the hearing, and put forth some of the most **prominent** **physicians** **in** the state to advocate the **bill** from the professional **point** of **view**. These gentlemen rather **intelligibly** and **forcibly** rendered the merits of **their** **proposition**, the committee room was not over-crowded, and the **opposition**, which was **quite** numerous, had an **opportunity** to present their **point** of **view**. The result was that the committee **quite** unexpectedly ordered a favorable report on the **bill**.

The object of every **committee** hearing **is** to enable those who favor the **bill** to **explain** its terms and state the reasons why **it** ought to be passed,

and for those who oppose the **bill** to state the arguments **against** it. This can usually be done by half a dozen speakers on each **side** as well as by a greater number, and I do not **think** that the attendance of a great number of strenuous advocates or opponents who are simply there to show the **violence** of **their** emotions, and not to present any argument, **is** of any **particular** value. It may be assumed that upon any **Important** **question** of real controversy there are in any state a hundred **times** as many persons keenly interested on each **side** of the **question** as could by any **possibility** get **into** any committee hearing, and **it** really does not make a lot of **difference** with the **committee** whether one two-hundredth of one per cent of the **population** of the state are present to express their **feeling** or only one five-hundredth of one per cent.

EPAPHRODITUS PECK

Bristol, Connecticut

FROM A CATHOLIC

TO THE EDITOR

I have found the *Birth Control Review* very interesting and shall from now on look forward to its coming.

Although I am Roman Catholic, I heartily agree with your program and wish for your continued success. In my work with the poorer families (immigrant families) I see daily the great need for such work as yours and I hope some day to take an active part in it myself.

MAXINE STEINITZ, *Jugo-Slav Sec'y,*
International Institute of the Y W C A

Cleveland, Ohio

AN ANTHROPOLOGIST'S COMMENT

TO THE EDITOR

The articles by Drs. Warner and Aptekar in your April issue strike me as **eminently** sane and fair **presentations** of **primitive** man's **beliefs** and **practices**. I take it for granted that man, **having** long since **deliberately** taken charge of his own destiny by **starting** on a cultural career, has no choice but to seek a remedy for every **ill** that besets **him**. If, therefore, our **civilization** **is** now **in** danger of **being** wrecked by the **overproduction** of **inferior**

stock what more natural than that we should apply the **principles** already **tried** out in the plant and animal world?

Incidentally, might we not easily have many more well-bred children if **their upbringing** was made economically possible?

N C NELSON, Curator of *Prehistoric*
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American Museum of Natural History
New York, N Y

FROM A TRAVELLER IN JAPAN

TO THE EDITOR

I think this excerpt from a young college student's letter to **his family** may interest your readers

"The land **in this section** was **all cultivated with rice** fields and other vegetation, very small fields, each **family**, of **which** there were many, having their own and working them themselves Thatched roofed farm houses were all **along** the hne, and the "fields were full of folk " They seem to have no metal or modern **machinery** and I doubt if any one could sell they any, because each **man's** property is so small and he has so many in his **family** and labor is so cheap that it would not be **practical** to have any machinery They seem to do the work well and efficiently **with** the old-time methods and there is no need to change under the present conditions Japan seems to me to be overpopulated And I am sure it will be worse very shortly because I seem to see about ten children to every adult What this country needs is "bigger and better" birth control, but there is no prospect of such a thing in the near future because the government will not allow any talk of literature on the matter The way it is now there are not enough mothers to carry their own babies Grandmothers, men and even **six** year old children have to be rushed into service to give the wee ones an airing I do not see how a country so overpopulated can progress physically, **educationally**, economically, or any other way "

E D J

New York

PUZZLED BY CATHOLIC DOGMA

TO THE EDITOR

In a recent issue one of your correspondents **questioned** the Catholic **views against** birth control, even in cases of insanity, and asked for an explanation According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, the Church, after accepting and rejecting

various **theories**, has decided that "souls are created (by God) at their infusion into the body" and "are **multiplied** correspondingly **with** the multiplication of human organisms "

It is **evidently** on this idea that the Roman Church bases **its** laws against **birth** control This theory, of course, places the burden of creation on mankind, **with** the Deity occupying second **place**—in other words, making the will of **God** in creating souls subject to the will of the flesh in **creating bodies** (To some sensitive souls however, **this** may seem a bit blasphemous) The Cathohcs evidently beheve that an immortal soul is denied existence through the control of **birth**, which they **classify** as **sin**—but if it is also denied existence through **continence**, it **is** no sin

The Catholic clergy have argued that birth control is animalism But just where the difference is between **animalism** that is consummated in children and **animalism** that is not, seems rather obscure After all, **if** the conception of a child is rooted in **animalism**—just how the birth of that child **sanctifies** it, **is** a little puzzling It would seem more **Christian** to insure a **child** parents who are not animal rather than those who are—and **just** why a man who has twenty children is less so than a man who has one, **is** still a hittle vague

If truth could be reached by **theological** arguments and **theories**, we would probably all be nearer to it—but even in the Gospels the test of the truth **is** said to be "by their **fruits** " It would seem that to even a **Catholic** the "fruits" of this **doctrine** of promiscuous breeding would be evident enough The **prisons** and the asylums do not lie to us—no matter how we lie to ourselves

E R DOWLING

New York, N Y

IS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CABRYING ON A CON-
SPIRACY IN RESTRAINT OF TRADE?

TO THE EDITOR

Apropos the article by Mr Norman E Himes **which** appeared in your Apr1 issue, it may interest your readers to know that **in** a large **city** in Massachusetts a certain prominent **savings bank** recently advertised for a Protestant stenographer Forthwith every Cathohc depositor in the bank withdrew **his** or her account

The wife of a professor in a leading **Eastern** Massachusetts university reports that their family physician has had no Catholic patients since

he signed the petition recently circulated by the Massachusetts Birth Control League to liberalize the Massachusetts statute on contraception. These cases bear all the outward earmarks of concerted effort on the part of Catholic priests to interfere with the income of the parties concerned.

Query: When will the birth control movement become aggressive enough to fight such cases in the courts? Admitting that it is perfectly legal and ethical to withhold one's patronage for whatever reason one sees fit, is it equally legal to induce others collectively to withhold patronage? Is not this "malicious interference" with a professional market? In labor cases that have come before our courts, a secondary boycott, interfering with the market of a manufacturer, has repeatedly been declared illegal. And so the law stands today.

FAIR PLAY

Massachusetts

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP MANAGEMENT CIRCULATION, ETC. REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912

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STELLA HANAU
Editor

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Depression Hits the REVIEW

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I do not like to lose a copy of the REVIEW, have been taking it since 1925, right after I first heard of it. But we are in the drought and money is so scarce. However if you could or would send it on till wheat harvest I could pay up then. I know birth control is a vital need, and am for it until the poor have it as well as the rich.

Very sorry that I cannot renew my subscription just now, as my husband has been out of work, and just as soon as he gets work I'll send in the slip.

I regret not being able to renew my subscription, expect to be back with you soon, and you will not need to remind me. Birth control is as "near to my heart" as ever. I wish I could place birth control in close proximity to a fat bankroll, rather than to such an intangible as a heart.

The subscription, small as it is, makes a difference in my little budget, and I shall have to drop the REVIEW for the present. However I am interested and always will be in the splendid work you are doing. Just now I can do nothing except send my good wishes and sincere hope that your work will spread and spread.

I like it, but am dead broke right now. Later, perhaps.

THE ETHICS OF PARENTHOOD

(Continued from page 136)

study the food question and our **unwillingness** to study, or let the doctor study, the sex **question** has made us slower **in obtaining** results in the latter field than in the former

Many people try to be sensible about **their** sex relations, just as they try to be about **their eating** and **drinking**. Most of these **families** have from one to ten children. **All** wish them and **intend** to have them as far as circumstances will **permit**. These **wives** and husbands use various methods of prevention, suitable or agreeable to their different preferences. As the result of perfect **understanding**, these methods cause no cheapening of love, **comradeship**, or affection, nor is there any **conscious transgression**. The **exaltation** of sense, invoked at proper **intervals** by these moral, sane, robust, **unafraid** husbands and **wives**, leads to a greater daily harmony and more constant soul communion than I have been able to **discover** among any of the few whom I have observed who are **making** attempts (usually futile) at a celibate **marriage**, though I have seen some of the latter faith become **neurotic**, quarrelsome, **discouraged**, **pessimistic**.

Laws **against giving contraceptive information** are a disgrace to our country, a relic of **mediaevalism**, a high **crime against** women, a **serious** misdemeanor against any **legislature** which will tacitly consent to their continuance or **lift a voice** for **their** perpetuation. No congressman or senator should be re-elected who does not support human, modern, **constructive** birth control measures.

The **intelligent** people of the country are more or less quiet on the subject of **birth** control, they **will** not long be so, since there **is** a **sentiment** in favor of the **education** of the public in these matters, which **is** part of real **patriotism**, the **sentiment** to uproot the inhuman clauses of present laws **is** as insistent as is the determination in the **minds** of all good **citizens** to weed out the superimposed tyranny which would deny to any people knowledge on any subject. There is an **increasing** body of responsible people who realize that **Americanism** must mean everything which **is** the foundation of justice and well-being. **Pride in America** must be founded on the **verities**, not alone on patriotic emotion. If there is any one **thing** calculated to **antidote** half-baked **revolutionary** impulses, it is the knowledge by **which** wage-earners may gauge

the size of their **families according** to their health and their **earnings**. Those who **wish** to keep the people ignorant of **this** information are untrue to the best **spirit** of **America**, untrue to the **ideal** of democracy, they do not belong here, and they **certainly** should have no part **in** the making of our laws.

In spite of laws **which** perpetuate misery and **crime**, many people have common sense, and some people have knowledge, and some **intelligent** and informed people place morals and humanity above law. **Prevention** of conception **is** perfectly **legitimate** for husbands and wives who desire it. In **this** connection it may be well to mention that the fear of an undesired pregnancy is the chief obstruction to the perfect **affiliation** of many couples. I have **discussed** this **in** my books *Sex and Life* and *The Art of Love*, and must here content myself **with** the **briefest** statement.

CHILDREN THE GREATEST PRIVILEGE

All **married** people who have reasonable prospect of healthy **offspring** should **anticipate** a **family** of children as the greatest **privilege**, and undertake the **raising** of such a **family** as **their chief contribution** to racial progress. It **is** generally best to postpone pregnancy for a year or two after **marriage**. It should never be necessary to postpone **marriage** because the young people, in love and eager to marry, are not able at once to undergo the expense of children. **Families** should **differ in size according** to health and **economic conditions**, each couple should be **entitled** to decide when they should have children and how many they should have. Childless couples (when **fertile** and sound) are a menace to **civilization**, their early supreme selfishness acts to destroy the ends they had **anticipated**, and they finally become **dissatisfied** and **anti-social**. On the other hand, **families with** too many children for the father to support or for the mother to bear, are a menace almost as great. Such **families** nurture immorality and crime, they **drain** the public resources, they rob both father and mother of all the **rights** and the joys of **living**.

The **illegality**, under present disgraceful **laws**, of the **dissemination** of proper contraceptive information to those who need it, makes it incumbent on each **individual** couple to **repudiate** unjustifiable laws, which are no doubt also **unconstitutional**, and seek comfort, health, and **efficiency** for themselves, to choose between poverty and **handicap** on the one hand and proper food and **sufficient** early **training** on the other, for **their** children. Every doctor and

humanitarian should advise people, faced with this contingency, to seek until they obtain some form of adequate protection which interferes neither with health nor with perfectly satisfactory, mutual sexual relations

I fear no worth-while criticism if I assert dogmatically that sexual intercourse has a two-fold significance, a social and a procreative. Without the former, health and happiness would rapidly disappear, and we should become unfitted for the latter, the procreative function. No normal couple can follow literally the doctrine of intercourse for procreation only and be fit to train their children to become trustworthy elements in the community

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