

## Traditionalist & Pax Groups Scored

MEXICO CITY — (NC) — The Mexico City archbishopric in a pastoral letter has denounced two extremist organizations—one on the right and one on the left—as creations of “divisive elements aimed at creating schism within Catholicism.”

It said that neither the “Mexican Catholic Traditionalist Movement”

## New Movie Code Seen on Horizon

NEW YORK—(NC)—Hollywood may scrap its detailed code of production standards in favor of a brief statement stressing treatment rather than choice of subjects for motion pictures.

This is reported in Variety (Oct. 20), a weekly show business tabloid, which said presidents of companies allied in the Motion Picture Association of America are examining the new code in draft form.

Major U.S. film producers now subscribe to a 3,000-word self-regulatory code which spells out prohibited subjects and methods of treating certain episodes.

Variety said, however, the code is often ignored and movie producers believe it fails to meet changing standards of public acceptability.

The 200-word statement being proposed as its replacement, Variety said, is designed “not only to liberalize the code by allowing its administrator to permit tasteful handling of any and all subjects, but to strengthen the code by permitting the administration to object to tasteless and offensive renderings of any kind, regardless of whether they are specifically prohibited.”

“Brutality, illicit sex, indecent exposure, vulgar or profane words and gestures, and offensive treatment of religion and racial or national groups are noted as subjects for restraint, but interpretation in all areas, including the recently debated matter of nudity, is left to the discretion of the administrator,” Variety said.

nor the “Pax Cultural Association” has the authorization of the archdiocesan hierarchy.

The letter, read at Sunday Masses in the 400 churches of this capital, was signed by Auxiliary Bishop Francisco Orozco Lomelin in behalf of Archbishop Miguel Dario Miranda, Primate of Mexico, who is in Rome attending the ecumenical council.

THE LETTER warned Mexican Catholics that the so-called Pax association, which had its origins in Poland following World War II, is known to have had communist financial backing. It noted that the movement was disavowed by Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, Primate of Poland, and by the Polish bishops as a whole.

It recalled also that the so-called “traditionalist” movement originated in the United States under the leadership of Father Gommard De Pauw, and that Father De Pauw was reprimanded by his archbishop, Lawrence Cardinal Shehan of Baltimore.

The letter said that no Mexican who considers himself a Catholic “may join, take part in, or en-

courage” the Catholic Traditionalist Movement or the Pax Cultural Association.

While formation of the traditionalist movement here was announced only last August, the organization has been very active. It has carried on an intense membership campaign, and has circulated leaflets and published large newspaper advertisements aimed at discrediting the reform movement within the Church.

Favorite targets of the so-called traditionalists have included Bishop Sergio Mendez Arceo of Cuernavaca, whose cathedral has been referred to in ads as “the wine cellar,” and Msgr. Ivan Illich, priest of the New York archdiocese who directs the missionary training center in Cuernavaca known as the Center of Intercultural Formation.

A quarter-page advertisement in the Mexico City daily Excelsior labeled the Cuernavaca center a place “where a Russian monsignor, Ivan Illich, and other foreigners prepare the new Catholic missionaries who are to spread throughout Latin America, where they will become agents of ideas so foreign to traditional Catholicism such as the abandonment of devotion to Mary and the saints and the substitution of Biblical psalms for the Our Father and the Hail Mary, in order to carry on a dialogue with God in the Protestant fashion.”

## Our Lady of Mercy Students Addressed By Dr. Leyasmeyer

Dr. Karlis Leyasmeyer, European author, educator, and editor, recently addressed the students of Our Lady of Mercy High in Charlotte. Dr. Leyasmeyer, a first-hand authority on Communism, gave a penetrating discussion on Communist strategy and the Communist threat to the United States. To prevent a Communist take-over, he said Americans must develop “dynamic men,” men with total acceptance, total dedication, and total discipline for the cause of Christian freedom. Dr. Leyasmeyer, an excellent speaker, who has won acclaim throughout the United States for his “factual and clear-cut presentation,” won the acclaim, also, of the students of Our Lady of Mercy.

## Fatima Prepares for Fiftieth Anniversary

FATIMA, Portugal —(NC)— A large auditorium, a library and several other buildings will be constructed at the Marian shrine here in time for the 50th anniversary of the apparitions of the Virgin Mary in 1967. Msgr. Antonio Borges, rector of the shrine, said he hoped that Pope Paul VI would be able to attend the anniversary ceremonies. He said he was not hopeful that Lucia dos Santos, the only survivor of the

## Supreme Knight Hits Public Apathy to Smut

NEW YORK — (NC) — The moral apathy of the American public is largely responsible for proliferation of pornography and its hazards to youth, John W. McDevitt, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, said here.

Popular unconcern is one of two principal sources of protection for the smut publishers and peddlers, and the other is the legalistic decisions of courts, he told the fourth national convention of the Citizens for Decent Literature.

Despite the present apathy, McDevitt said he is confident the public can be persuaded to act against pornography.

“My optimism is based on the tremendous reservoir of good will and good sense that the American public has ever shown when given the full facts on a problem,” he said.

“One of the great concerns of the American people long has been the proper rearing and education of our youth. Each year the American public spends billions of dollars to provide the schools, teachers and technical equipment to give our children the opportunity for the best education ever available.

“Other billions are spent for vitamins, children’s formulas, pediatric devices, playgrounds and rec-

three children who witnessed the apparitions, would be present. Lucia is a cloistered nun living in Coimbra.

reational facilities to give our youngsters the opportunity for vibrantly healthy bodies.

“The American people do not leave aspirins lying around for children to chew on. They have been educated through years of warning by every package of drugs: ‘Keep out of the reach of children.’ I think the American people can be equally educated about the toxin of salaciousness. Then nationwide efforts will be made to keep this moral menace away from youth,” he said.

McDEVITT said that youth counselors, psychologists and social scientists are finding “a significant relationship between salacious literature and increasing crimes of rape and sexual degeneracy.”

“Those who argue to the contrary run into the face of common sense,” he said. “A universally accepted effort is made to provide our youth with reading material that is good, solidly informative, exemplifying a good and virtuous life, illustrating high ideals and providing motivation for personal integrity, proper human relations and community responsibility.

“Does the American public think that this tremendous and costly effort is mistaken? Wasted? Futile? Absolutely not! Yet it is an absolute waste according to the logic—or lack of logic—of those who defend pornographic literature. They maintain that letting the minds of the young wallow in filth and debauchery has absolutely no effect on them. The rampant rise in crime among the young seems to prove them wrong.”

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