

Birth Preventers Assassinate Truth

Rev. Francis Sugrue Scores Advocates For Their "Heedlessness"

Former Local Priest Impresses Large Audience With Masterly Review of Movement, Serious Consequences; Outlines False Notions Offered Public

"Birth Preventers have, this many a year, been endeavoring to assassinate not only new life but also logic and truth and for their destructive achievements in this field, I suggest that there be conferred upon them the degree of D.L.L., — Doctors of Limping Logic", stated Rev. Francis J. Sugrue of South Norwalk, a native of Waterbury, in an eloquent symposium on "Birth Prevention and the Natural Law" last evening at Temple Hall before a large and appreciative mixed audience of approximately 600.

Attorney Finton Phelan reviewed the state rulings on birth control measures from a legal standpoint and John P. Kinney of the Crosby High School faculty discussed "Character Building of Youth" asserting that our children today are wholesome in a world that does not want their wholesome. Dr. John Freney, master of ceremonies, in a brief prelude to the introduction of the first speaker told of his work examining Selective Service records. He aimed the Italians are always in the majority proving that they're not sons of the birth control movement.

"If Birth Preventers have their way," commented Father Sugrue, principal of St. Joseph's School in South Norwalk, "the world will be a sicker and sadder place. The young will be fewer and fewer; the oldsters will be more and more. There will be fewer and fewer to pay more and more. But, in Birth Preventerism, upside-down world that will be all right, for, in the future, it is the oldsters who will exceed the greater. And thus all will be happy. Yes, indeed—Slap-nappy!

Father Sugrue's address in full follows:

The Blind Would Lead the Blind

At a moment when national unity of mind and heart is most needed, it is truly regrettable that any group should propose legislative change of such a nature as to divide our people deeply and bitterly. Such a proposal is that of the Birth Control League.

It is, perhaps, an evidence of the ineptness and reckless irresponsibility of most of the Birth Control propagandists that they have neither a thought for such possible disunity, nor a concern for the future health of the nation, in a world threatened by international gangsterism.

The Birth Preventers' utter lack of concern for the future health of the nation is evidenced by the yellow pacifism of a few years ago, which was concerned about disarming America totally, but which had little energy to accomplish disarmament equally elsewhere in the world. It parallels the attitude of those who scream for the preservation of "social gains," when any sane person knows that, just at this moment, the first and greatest task before us all is the preservation of this very nation, in which alone such gains can be enjoyed.

I address you as a citizen of this great state whose welfare I desire to continue, not alone for the present, but far into the unseen future. I remind you that no device for the present, which makes greater problems for the future, will promote the general welfare. I ask you, therefore, to take note of the fact that the efforts of the Birth Prevention propagandists have produced many false and misleading impressions in thousands of minds; that these people lack a sense of social and civic responsibility; and that they are unworthy to inspire legislation for the strength of the nation.

Among many false impressions made—sometimes by unblushing mis-statement, sometimes by silence, but more often by inuendo—the Birth Preventers have been able to get many thousands of people (so they claim) to accept the following:

Wrong Notions:
1) That Birth Prevention is a cure-all for every ill, from unemployment and poverty to dandruff and the seventeen year locust.
2) That the only objection to Birth Preventionism is on religious grounds, and that only from the Catholic Church.
3) That sex relations are not matters of the Natural Moral Law, but are exempt from it, and therefore, not accountable to God. (A kind of C. I. O. versus A. F. of L. jurisdictional dispute as to who is the boss of our actions: God or "der Führer," or any other Führer.)
4) That maternity is unusually dangerous, with its dangers increasing. That, therefore, the expected child is practically an aggressor against the health of the mother and the welfare of the community.
5) That maternity is not normal, but rather an abnormal condition comparable to disease. Corollary: that children, like disease germs, must be guarded against with germicidal antiseptics.
6) That each new pregnancy leaves the mother less able to bear the next, and that numerous pregnancies are, of themselves, a general cause of illness and death.
7) That contraceptives are entirely effective in preventing conception in every case.
8) That contraceptives are entirely harmless to body or mind, and that, therefore, they may be used without fear of evil physical effects.
9) That medical science and physicians in general practically unanimously approve contraception.

These ladies and gentlemen, are the false ideas that drive on most of those who seek to make contraception an easy, legal, and general practice. Even brief reflection reveals that to follow the Birth Preventers would be to follow the blind. May I take but a few moments to give you briefly merely the high points, in the refutation of these very dangerous errors?

Catholic Church Alone
To maintain, especially in the State of Connecticut, that objection to Birth Preventionism comes only from Catholics is obviously absurd

Even today, when Catholics are fairly numerous and influential in business and the professions, Catholics, as a Catholic bloc, exercise little or no effect on our state legislation. How, then, could they have written into the state law their doctrine against Birth Prevention, many years ago, when their influence amounted to nothing in getting laws passed or repealed?

The undeniable fact is that the law now on our books was passed in the good old days when Protestant beliefs had a very definite and generally wholesome influence on our State and its laws. And may I remind you that, not so many years ago, our State regarded Congregationalism as the official religion of the State of Connecticut?

Briefly, the law against Birth Prevention was written at a time when Protestants more generally accepted the evident dictates of the Natural Moral Law, as well as the strictures of the Scriptures, which they so highly regarded. It is unfortunate that the Catholics, as do the prominent state leaders of the Birth Control groups, that they are opposed by the Catholic Church alone. Had they raised the question of Birth Prevention more than two generations ago, the Birth Preventers would have been opposed vigorously by the entire body of all the Protestants. Even today, many Protestants and Jews are in opposition to the Birth Preventers, but their objections are given much less prominence than the pronouncements of their Birth Preventing brethren.

Dictated By The Natural Moral Law
Any man, with normal reasoning ability, is able to discover, by his own power, the existence of a Personality and Infinite God, the Supreme Owner of all things. This he can do simply by observing the evident order and harmony in the universe. His experience, in life, has always been that order and harmony arise only from intelligent and deliberate design. He concludes, therefore, to the existence of a Supreme Designer.

Further reflection tells him that God, the Master of all, expects certain activity or conduct, on the part of His creatures, in order that He may manifest His requirements of man in the way that man can know—in the nature of things. This is the Natural Moral Law. It binds everyone who possesses rational human nature. For example, man finds that he has an appetite for food. It is pleasant to satisfy that appetite. In so doing he preserves and nourishes the life of his body. He concludes that the appetite for food is a pleasure attached to it, to promote in him to preserve the life of his body.

Man discovers, too, that he has an appetite for sexual union. To it is attached a pleasure. He finds that the result of such action is the production of new life. He sees that, in both instances, there is an appetite, the satisfaction of which gives pleasure momentarily, while the action produces an important effect: in one case, the preservation of life; in the other case, the production of new life. He then concludes that right moral order, before God, demands that the appetite be not an end in itself, but serve the higher end or purpose: the preservation of life, and the production of new life. He concludes, likewise, that the reversal of this arrangement—the frustration of the primary end for the purpose of enjoying the appetite—is a grave upsetting of Nature's purpose and, therefore, a moral perversion.

Natural Moral Law
An example clearly shows this principle of Natural Moral Law. In the days of decadent Rome, sensual pleasure was made the end of all living. Along with the most unspeakable sex perversions, a disgusting perversion of the appetite for food. The "Vomitium" was established. The Roman voluptuary glutted himself for hours on the best of food and drink. When he could plug no more, he retired to the "Vomitium." There an attendant tickled his palate with a feather, thus causing him to vomit up all that he had swallowed. After cleansing his mouth and resting while he returned to the table to gorge himself again with more food and drink.

No one, even one degree above a pig, has any difficulty seeing that the practice of the "Vomitium" is a disgusting, a frustration of nature, and, therefore, immoral.

Wherein is contraception any different or less reprehensible morally? In the "Vomitium" the pleasure of eating was indulged in for its own sake, while its natural, normal purpose—nutrition—was deliberately frustrated, so that the glutton could gorge himself, some more.

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Anti-Birth Control Speakers



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"Character Building"

comes apparent, in contraception, only upon closer examination.

Limping Logic

One would not expect an intelligent person to object that contraception, or Birth Prevention, is not any more unnatural in getting your hair cut, wearing glasses, or cutting down trees to build houses. Yet the Birth Prevention propagandists do so with straight faces. It is an indication of how thin their knowledge and logic have worn.

So childish is such an assertion that it seems almost childish to reply to it. Yet, so many have repeated it, that apparently they are somewhat impressed by the almost obvious sophistry.

Birth Prevention is morally bad, not because it is unnatural in the sense of human artifice and skill exercised to redirect irrational nature to serve man better. Birth Prevention is morally bad because it uses a natural, normal function and then defeats and frustrates it. It is not skillful redirection of nature; it is defeatist frustration and destruction of normal nature.

It seems almost unbelievable that anyone should fail to see that there is a hierarchy in created things, in which the lower serves the higher, and all serve man on earth. All irrational nature serves its natural function when it serves the needs as modified by the skill of man. It is a sign of the most object mental poverty not to be able to see that artificial exercise upon materials and irrational animals is vastly different from the artificial defeat of a normal function in a being of moral, rational significance—man. There is an infinite difference between stopping the flow of a river, to build a hydro-electric plant, and stopping the flow of human semen to proper terminus. For their defeat of preventing the act of human reproduction from producing new life. It would be the sign of the dot not to perceive that vast difference.

If the Birth Preventers have their way, the world will be truly upside down. Even the textbooks of biology and physiology will have to be revised. Up to now, all science books have universally named the sex organs according to their primary purpose: "the organs of reproduction." Under the thumb of the Birth Preventer these organs should be named according to Birth Preventionism's version of their primary purpose: "the organs of pleasure."

However, such a change in nomenclature will probably not take place, for the Birth Preventers have, this many a year, been endeavoring to assassinate not only new life but also logic and truth. For their destructive achievements in this field, I suggest that there be conferred upon them the degree of D.L.L.—Doctors of Limping Logic.

Social and Civic Irresponsibility
Apart from every consideration of even natural morality, their evident heedlessness of consequences disqualifies the Birth Preventers from any position of leadership in civil life.

They have no concern for the fact that their activity, for the propagation, in this land has made the people contraceptive-conscious; the wrong people—the best-equipped to have children. It is only now that they are waking up to the fact that their bungling, irresponsible propaganda has helped declimate the best and multiplied the worst. On their own admission, contraceptives, even in clinics, have proved an almost universal failure in the truly "moral" groups. They are apparently beginning to heed the warning given several years ago by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's Dr. Louis I. Dublin: "The Birth Control movement will have much to answer for, unless it can square its account with the American people by emphasizing, at this very time, the need for correctives of its own activities in earlier years. It has placed bundles of dynamite all over the country. It is now high time that it began to bring them back, or, at least, to remove the fuses."

Unconcerned
They seem totally unconcerned that their efforts are soon going to give us a population top-heavy with elderly people—men and women over sixty-five years of age—and woefully deficient in youths under twenty and children under five years of age. They seem to have no concern at all for what that will do to our national economy. Far from

and which, for the woman, at least, are highly dangerous to mental and physical health.

Numerous Authorities

I could quote you more than three dozen international authorities in medicine, all of them specialists in obstetrics and gynecology, who condemn all forms of contraception as most dangerous to mental or bodily health. One of them, Dr. Van de Velde, a great Hollander, says that the ideal contraceptive—one that is entirely efficient in preventing conception and is altogether without danger to health, Does Not Exist and Never Will Exist. A fair sample of the attitude of great medical authorities is that of Dr. McCann, a noted British surgeon who, on many occasions, had dug embedded contraceptives from the internal organs of women when the undertaker had not been called first: "Normal pregnancy is beneficial to woman. Many women enjoy better health during pregnancy, for pregnancy may be the means of producing in woman the most rapid and efficient restoration to health that is known to science—The mortality and morbidity of children are high, but I have tried to show that the morbidity of contraception is even higher—Every effort should be made by providing an efficient maternity service."

And in these latter words hides the secret of really aiding the "pa-thetic case." These mothers get sick and die, not from frequent pregnancies, but from the poverty, filth, and bad hygiene in which these numerous pregnancies are endured. We are all keenly aware of the needs of such unfortunate women. But their needs are the same as our own: to each family a minimum living wage that will assure them of the decencies of life. Let us give it to them; there is plenty to go around. Let us give them the better, let us make it by reason of the human nature they possess in common with us: bread, clean and decent housing, medicine and proper care;—not contraceptives.

Let's Go!

In the confusion of claim and counter-claim in the discussion before you, ladies and gentlemen, when it is difficult to decide what move to make, might suggest that, until we are absolutely certain of a change for the better, let us make no move. As our fellow-Yankee of the Manchester (N. H.) Herald said to the Birth Preventionist who shrieked for "a morality based on fear and ignorance," "All right, lady, now all we have to do is to decide what is intelligent and what are the right ideals, just what is ignorance, and whether it's smart not to be afraid to put your finger on a buzz-saw; then we can say: 'Let's go.'"

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Maintaining humus content of the soil is all-important. Humus improves the structure and character of the soil, increases its water-holding capacity, readily absorbs the sun's rays, stimulates plant growth by freeing essential elements, prevents the leaching of water-soluble plant foods, and promotes bacterial action.

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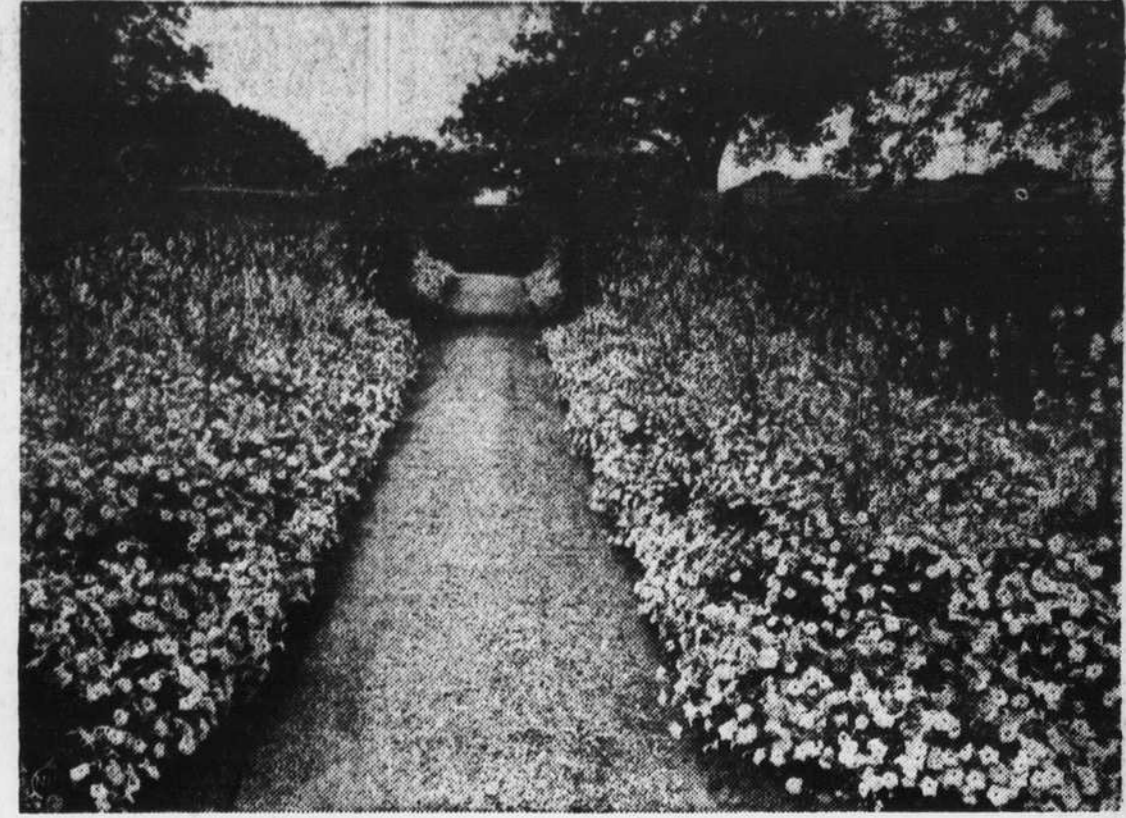
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"Adding a green manure" — i. e., plowing under certain legumes, such as soybeans, alfalfa, the clovers and the vetches—will frequently add from 100 to 150 pounds of available nitrogen to the soil per acre, or the equivalent of 10 to 15 tons of good animal manure. Soybeans, the most valuable, should be plowed under when the beans are half grown. Previous to planting the legume seed should be inoculated with a commercial inoculant carrying the type of bacterial needed for that particular seed. After plowing under a legume, rye is planted, to add to the humus content, and it is plowed under in the spring when it is approximately 10 inches in height.

Next: Hot beds.

GARDENING FOR HAPPINESS

To Shelve Cares, Plan a Garden; Careful Study Of Soil First Step



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HARRIS TO SPEAK TO CHURCH GROUP

Second Congregational Non Club to Hear Lincoln House Director Sunday

William M. Harris of the Lincoln House will speak on the subject, "The Repair of Broken Lives," at the meeting of the Non Club at the Second Congregational Chapel next Sunday at 11:45 o'clock.

The calendar of events next week at the Second Church follows:
Sunday, March 23—10:30 a. m. morning worship, kindergarten department, 11:45 a. m. church school, Sunday Non Club, Davenport Bible Class, 12:10 a. m. Communicant's Class, 3:30 p. m. Pilgrim Fellowship mass meeting, 6:45 p. m. Intermediate choir rehearsal, 7:30 p. m. forum.
Monday, March 24—4:00 p. m. Girl Scouts, 7:30 p. m. Senior Choir Supper and Meeting, 7:00 p. m. Vikings, 7:30 p. m. Older Boys' Fraternity, 8:00 p. m. Girl Scout Leadership meeting.

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