

# RC's take stand against racism in Africa

Roman Catholics in Canada are taking stands against racism in Africa and anti-immigrant attitudes in Canada; according to articles in two recent editions of the Saint John New Freeman, a Roman Catholic newspaper.

The lead story in the November 12 issue carried the headline, "Canadian Catholics asked to examine attitudes to immigrants, and urged — Canadian Catholics to become aware of the ramifications of the new Canadian Immigration Act."

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops recently issued a pastoral letter entitled "Strangers in Our Midst," which decried arguments that the number of immigrants in the country should be reduced for economic reasons.

"In addition to this, many incidents have indicated tensions and make it appear Canadians are far from open-minded about the numbers and kinds of immigrants and refugees we will admit in the future," the article said.

The article was critical of sections of the act allowing the immigration minister to limit annually the number of immi-

grants entering the country.

Another article on the front page of the same issue reported a speech by Pope Paul to the fifth World Synod of Bishops, where he urged an end to the "painful situations of racial discrimination" in Africa.

"Each page of the Gospel invites us to hold back the spirit of domination and privilege, to serve those near us as brothers, and to make ourselves artisans of justice and peace," the Pope is reported to have said.

"This emphasis contrasts with the painful situations of racial discrimination which are still the affliction of certain African nations."

The Pope also spoke on the "Africanization" of the Catholic Church in Africa. Christian religion was merged with traditional religion, the article said.

The November 5 issue carried a front page story calling on Canada to "give leadership in the struggle for human rights that make life more fully human and those without which life is impossible."

This was contained in a letter from Canadian Conference of

Catholic Bishops president Bishop G. Emmett Carter to External Affairs minister Donald Jamieson.

"It is imperative to call for concerted action against religious and civil freedoms, unjust imprisonment, torture and the annihilation of life itself by harsh regimes of Latin America, Africa, and Southeast Asia, and in communist countries of Eastern Europe," the letter is quoted in the

article.

Another article in the same issue said two Ukrainian-rite bishops urged Catholic bishops to stress defence for religious liberty.

The two were Cardinal Josip Slippy, exiled Metropolitan of Lvov, and Archbishop Maxim Hermaniuk of Winnipeg.

"It seems that Christians who live in an atmosphere of religious liberty do not concern themselves

with practical action on behalf of brothers in various parts of the world who are partly or

completely deprived, of religious liberty," Archbishop Hermaniuk is quoted as saying.

## Teachers update 1923 agreement

Two young teachers recently decided to update a 1923 agreement between teachers and the employers in Western Canada, according to a recent story in the "Medium", the student paper at the Nova Scotia Teachers' College.

The article contained a copy of a 1923 agreement governing the activities of female school teachers. The article with the updated version of the agreement was reprinted from a 1970 issue of the "Medium."

1923 agreement: 1. Not get married. 2. Not keep company with men. 3. Be home between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless at school. 4. Not to loiter in downtown ice cream parlors. 5. Not to smoke. 6. Not to drink. 7. Not to appear in a carriage with any male except a

brother or father. 8. Not to dress in bright colours or dye her hair. 9. To wear at least two petticoats. 10. Not to wear a dress more than two inches above the ankles. 11. To keep the schoolroom neat and clean by sweeping, scrubbing, and also keeping the stove stocked with wood.

That agreement was obtained by the "Medium" from the Sussex Kings County Record. The updated version appeared in Pictou Advocate.

Updated version, 1969: 1. Not to get married unless she continues to take the pill. 2. Not to keep company with men unless they are willing. 3. Be home between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. to receive telephone calls from interested friends. 4. Not to loiter in cocktail

lounges until after school hours. 5. Not to smoke pot. 6. Not to drink beverages containing cyclamates. 7. Not to appear in a carriage without a male unless it's her own vehicle. 8. Not to dress in dull colours or fail to visit the beauty parlour at least once every two weeks. 9. Not to wear petticoats. 10. Not to wear a dress longer than two inches above the knee. 11. To make sure the thermostat is kept at 72 degrees and call the janitor if the room gets too chilly or too hot.

"Perhaps the above items will seem just as ridiculous, 46 years from now as the 1923 rules look to us today," the article concluded. The article on the 1923 agreement said school teachers then were paid less than \$100 per month.

## Dating course offered at Western

Gail Hutchinson is a firm believer in mixing business with pleasure. She believes a student must combine studies with dating to produce the best possible academic results.

Dr. Hutchinson, (Ph.D. in counselling psychology) has established the first dating course ever offered to students in a Canadian university.

"This program complements a student's academic environment and I believe it's very important," said Dr. Hutchinson.

Dr. Hutchinson concentrates on counselling students as part of her work with the counselling and career development department at the University of Western Ontario. Her non-credit course stems from similar projects in the U.S. "This is not a place where partners are set up," she said. "Nor is it similar to computer programming. This is a program where students learn. They have an opportunity to practice the dating process. It is hoped that

their anxiety will be reduced and they will gain valuable knowledge."

Her students are expected to do much more than just meet, go out and have a good time. "It's up to the students to arrange the dates," she said. "After they've gone out, they're required to exchange information on paper, describing how they felt about each other."

The students also submit a report to Dr. Hutchinson. In this, they include aspects they liked most about each others appearance and behavior, and anything the other person can work on to improve him/herself. If something concerns them very much they talk about it.

Dr. Hutchinson believes the value of this course lies in how it transforms an individual's confidence. "If a student is lacking confidence, he begins to start and looking down on himself. This definitely affects his school work," she notes.

"The most difficult aspect of social life at university is meeting," Dr. Hutchinson thinks. "At Western today, meeting is still a problem. The students are not confident about meeting new people."

"That's where this helps. The students learn things about themselves that they would not learn in any other situation."

(The Globe & Mail)

## Philosophy Lecture

Visit of Dr. Elizabeth Trott — lectures on Canadian & Maritime Philosophy Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th.

The Department of Philosophy announces a visit to the Fredericton Campus by Dr. Elizabeth Trott.

Dr. Trott received her graduate degrees from the University of Toronto and Waterloo University and has studied at the London School of Economics.

Last Spring she was an invited participant in the Workshop on the History of Canadian Philosophy at the Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association, and she is coauthor, with Dr. Leslie Armour, of a forthcoming book, "The Faces of Reason: An

Essay on the Philosophy and Culture of Canada, 1850-1950". All are welcome at each of the following lectures: Thursday, November 24th in Room 28 Tilley Hall

3:00 p.m. Coffee will be served. 3:30 p.m. "Canadian Philosophy: Myths, Manifestations and Martimers"

Friday, November 25th in Room 28, Tilley Hall

11:00 a.m. Coffee will be served. 11:30 a.m. "John Clark Murray: A Rebel with a Cause" Murray was Professor of Philosophy at McGill University at the turn of the Century. The lecture will be concerned with his work in political and ethical philosophy.

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