

### Allegation Starving Babies Being Killed Causes Disquiet

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SYDNEY, Australia (CP) — A parliamentary committee report that aborigine mothers were killing their starving babies has stirred up a furious controversy touching the national conscience.

An important clergyman said from his Melbourne pulpit "the position of the aborigines is a national scandal, a disgrace."

The federal government said aborigines are the responsibility of state administrations. The Western Australian government said it cannot afford further help for them.

**SHARP DROP**  
The hard facts are that 167 years ago when Europeans came to Australia—more than 200,000 aborigines roamed the continent, living by hunting in the harsh dry land. Now there are fewer than 50,000, mostly in reserves or around mission stations in the poorest sections—the wild ranges, deserts and dreary wastelands.

The current controversy—threatening awkward international complications—started three months ago when a select committee of

the Western Australian Parliament, headed by W. Grayden, reported that many hundreds of natives were hopelessly short of food and water.

Mothers were killing their babies rather than see them starve. Blindness and other diseases were commonplace and medical assistance sorely needed.

**HUNTING AREA**  
The committee said that the federal government had taken 250,000 acres on the slope of Rawlinson Ranges for a secret defence weather station. The government denied that the station encroached on tribal hunting grounds.

Rupert Murdoch, publisher of the Adelaide News, led his own expedition into aborigine territory and came back to report the special committee's statements were greatly exaggerated and in some cases untrue. He was threatened with action for contempt of Parliament.

There were questions in the British House of Commons and threats to raise the matter in the United Nations. This meant embarrassment for Australian diplomats at the UN, who had been defending Australian development of eastern New Guinea against charges of colonialism and seeking support against an extension of Indonesian influence in the area.

Australia's treatment of the natives during the 19th century was admittedly bad—although perhaps no worse than that of other developing countries in that period.

It is to put your thoughts across by means of speech, since most people only "catch" that which they already know or have thought about. And it shows how much arduous concentration, and zeal for right reception of another's speech, are required of the listener—if he is to grasp, and accurately transmit, the sum and the gist and the personal logic of the speaker's comments.

It seems advisable to mention this by way of preface, before evaluating Dr. Mead's views as you "heard" them. Assuming, for purposes of discussion, that you've got her theory straight, I suppose the question in your mind is—do I agree that motherhood is over-emphasized as a cultural goal in our society?

**AID TO MARRIAGE**  
Well, it sometimes appears that sex satisfaction, per se, not necessarily related to parenthood, is perhaps the most over-emphasized social goal in our culture—if we may infer from the insistently sexy theme of books, plays, theatre entertainment, advertising copy, etc., that mirror the "dream life" of our times.

A startling fund of evidence to this effect is given in Pitirim Sorokin's new book "The Socratic Sex Revolution" (Porter Sargent publisher). And on page 15, discussing the urgent need to turn from sex anarchy to sane sex order in our society, he writes: "Statistics clearly show that marriages with children yield much lower rates of divorce, suicide and certain forms of morbidity than do childless marriages. . . . In this age of divorce, mental disorders, suicide, insecurity and anxiety, the rapid replacement of the (once) fashionably childless marriage by those with children is one of the most effective remedies for these diseases. . . ."

**LISTS BLESSINGS**  
"When married persons deeply interiorize the ideals and attitudes of total love, . . . and when they are blessed with offspring, they live in fulness, joy, inner peace and good will towards other human beings and the whole cosmos," he adds. "Such lives are truly blessed. Such persons are builders of everything that is noble and beautiful and true in the human universe."

Dr. Sorokin is director of the Research Center in Creative Altruism at Harvard University, where he is also professor in the department of sociology. As a student of mankind, his reflections carry equal weight with Dr. Mead's, perhaps.—M.H.

Mary Haworth counsels through her column, not by mail or personal interview. Write her in care of this newspaper.

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### Cuba Is Setting For Very Elaborate Wedding

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The civil ceremony took place March 22, 1957, at 5 p.m. in Camaguey, Cuba. The ceremony was performed by Notary public, Dr. Alfred O. Correia. The ceremony was performed first in Spanish then in English. The bridesmaid was Miss Jacqueline Gould of Montreal, Canada. The best man was Mr. Lucien Rivard of Camaguey, Cuba.

The wedding reception was held at the Copacabana open-air club. A large number of guests were

present. The bride and groom rode in a white Cadillac convertible to the reception. They were escorted because of the revolution in Cuba.

After the wedding dinner, there was dancing, the music being furnished by a twelve piece band. Moving pictures and photographs were taken of the wedding and the reception.

Later the bridal party were escorted to the Morocco Club, a colonial at the Cuba base was host to the bride and groom and later had the honor of dancing with the bride. Mr. and Mrs. D. Salvatore Galanta will reside during the summer months in Montreal, Canada, and during the winter months in Miami Beach, Florida.

### MARY HAWORTH Husband's Goal Is Children

DEAR MARY HAWORTH — As one of your faithful readers, may I say something to the young wife who is panicky at the thought of having children—which seems to be her husband's next goal in life.

Just recently I had the privilege of hearing a talk given by a distinguished anthropologist, author and lecturer, before a convention of the Family Service Organization of America.

The speaker, Margaret Mead, raised the issue of the over-emphasis, in our culture, of child-rearing as the only socially acceptable goal in life for eligible young women. She feels that this emphasis is detrimental to the well being and progress of our society, as well as to many individuals.

**NOVEL IDEA**  
Dr. Mead emphasized that not every individual is capable of becoming a good parent, and that other worthwhile values and goals in living should be stressed by social leaders. She feels that our culture is in great need of other expressions of personality and ability.

Perhaps the young wife could be spared the feelings of guilty anxiety over her disinclination to bear children and have other avenues of self-development suggested for her.

I would appreciate your usual thoughtful comment on this novel idea, and its merits.—L.L.

**CHANCE OF ERROR**  
DEAR L.L.—From time to time I make talks to. And, on a few occasions, I have been interviewed. And generally it is an astonishing experience to read, later, what the listener (the reporter or interviewer) says you said!

It makes you realize how dif-

### KEEP IN TRIM

### Staying Slim Is Test Of Successful Diet

By IDA JEAN KAIN  
It has been said that the test of a diet is whether you stay with it. That's only part of the story. The real test of a reducing plan is this—whether you remain at desirable weight once the excess pounds are lost.

A noteworthy example of successful reducing is found in the story of a reader from Georgia who reduced 90 pounds, and has held the line at her healthy streamlined weight. She writes:

"On April 1, 1955, my weight was 210 pounds for my 5'3". Under a physician's care I started to diet—lean meat, green vegetables, fruit, skim milk and buttermilk. From April to November of that year I didn't eat a piece of cake, pie or candy. By Nov. I weighed 138. I kept reducing gradually until I reached 120, and have maintained that weight ever since."

**LEARNED SELF CONTROL**  
"It was difficult at first, but I learned self control. It no longer bothers me to see others eat between meals. Now I eat a little of everything, even sweets, but do not indulge too heavily, especially along the starchy lines."

"My friends had to look again to recognize me. They said I looked 16 instead of 34 years. Everyone was amazed that I did not become flabby. I did a few exercises regularly before bedtime. I lost everywhere—even my shoe size. I have so much more energy! My heart palpitations ceased, and my blood pressure, which was 10 points high, dropped to normal after the loss of only 15 pounds."

"Dieting not only helped me to improve my looks and health, but my budget as well. I find that small dress sizes are always plentiful, especially at sales."

**PROTECTIVE NUTRITION**  
Cheers for this triumphant woman! Her experience is further proof that the best keeping slim formula is to reduce on protective nutrition and, once the pounds are lost, never to slip back into the habit of eating to belt pressing proportions, for that practice stretches the appetite.

A word of advice on keeping slim: Watch the foods that added weight before. If it was too much bread, and butter, put yourself down to three or four thin slices a day, and a half pat of butter per meal. If second helpings were your weakness, don't get back into that habit. If rich desserts were your downfall, make it a rule to have a favorite dessert once a week only. At other times, take fruit.

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