

National Birth Control Parley Nov. 18 in N. Y.

Famous Educators, Doctors and Pastors on Program

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NEW YORK—The first national conference on birth control, "to consider it in its social, moral, religious, economic and legal aspects," and expected to draw thousands of sociologists, physicians, pastors, law-makers, club women and labor leaders from all parts of the United States, will be held at the Hotel Astor, Nov. 18, 19 and 20. It is announced by the American Birth Control league.

Birth control, it is pointed out in the announcement, has become a national issue, demanding the attention of those interested in the future welfare of the American nation.

Dr. Clarence C. Little, former president of the University of Michigan; Dr. Henry Pratt Fairchild, professor of Sociology at New York university; the Rev. Henry V. B. Darlington, rector of the Church of the Heavenly Rest; the Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick, pastor of Park Avenue Baptist church; Canon H. Adye Prichard, of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine; Dr. Ira S. Wile, former commissioner of Education of New York; Dr. Stephen S. Wise, rabbi of the Free Synagogue of New York; and Dr. James F. Cooper, medical director of the American Birth Control League, are among the speakers on the program.

At a business session of the League on Nov. 19, the question of repeal of the sections of the federal criminal code passed more than 50 years ago under the influence of Anthony Comstock and prohibiting the mailing of birth control information, will be discussed, and a resolution drafted.

This law, it is pointed out, makes practically impossible the instruction, even of physicians, on matters directly affecting the health of mothers. It prohibits physicians from giving information which might save the lives of thousands of women and babies through the proper spacing of successive child-births.

Mrs. Margaret Sanger, founder of the American Birth Control league, has been asked to be the guest of honor and speaker at a luncheon meeting at the Astor on Nov. 19. Another speaker at the meeting will be Dr. E. Boyd Barrett, former Jesuit Priest, and birth control advocate.

"Acceptance of the fundamental philosophy underlying birth control has become the rule in America rather than the exception," Dr. Little, member of the committee in charge of the conference, declares.

"Only a few backward and medieval organizations today attempt to prove that mankind has not the right to regulate its rate of reproduction. The general declaration of independence from emotional and hysterical control by groups ignorant of the extent to which science has advanced, is obvious to all except those who refuse to see."

The committee in charge of the conference includes Leon J. Cole, professor of genetics, University of Wisconsin.