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the First International Congress of Catholic Doctors was held in Brussels in 1935, and the second in Vienna in 1936. In accordance with the special wish of the Holy Father the third was to be held in Rome in 1937. But somehow the Italian colleagues failed in the

organization, and it had to be called off. And then the general break-up began, cutting short every further attempt. We should like to hope for a better future, but we feel that it might be slow in coming, should Europe be controlled in great part by Russia.

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### CATHOLIC DOCTORS PROTEST HARMFUL MEDICAL ARTICLES

A strenuous protest against the publication in medical magazines of articles contrary to the natural law was made at a meeting of the Catholic Physicians' Guild of St. Louis. The Very Reverend Monsignor John P. Cody, Chaplain of the Guild, is Chancellor of the Archdiocese. The association numbers almost two hundred members, including some of the most outstanding medical men of St. Louis. Monsignor Cody strongly endorses the protest, for he considers one of the articles "diabolical." The other paper deals with contraceptives.

The letter of protest to the A. M. A. follows:

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,  
AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION,  
535 North Dearborn Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

GENTLEMEN:

The attention of the Catholic Physicians' Guild of St. Louis, Missouri has been called to an ar-

ticle by Hannah Lees in the May number of *HYGEIA*, entitled "The Word You Can Not Say."

If the American Medical Association or its publications are to be used to tear down the standards of morality and decency which the Catholic Church was instituted to preserve, it is only right and just that the Catholic members of the A. M. A. should be apprised of that fact.

In the *Journal of the American Medical Association* of December 18th an article appeared under **NON - OFFICIAL REMEDIES**, giving detailed information about the relative efficiency of various contraceptive devices and practices.

The information given in this article promotes procedures positively forbidden by the Natural Law.

These papers can not fail to convince any reader who believes that morality and religion are necessary for the preservation of our Nation that *HYGEIA* and the

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Journal of the American Medical Association have become immoral and anti-religious publications which can no longer receive the support of that portion of our population which belongs to the Catholic Church.

Bearing this fact in mind, the St. Louis Catholic Physicians' Guild, made up entirely of members of the American Medical Association, at its annual Communion breakfast at Kenrick Seminary on May 14th, 1944

**RESOLVED**, That the above preamble be sent to the Chairman of

the Board of Trustees of the A. M. A. for presentation to that body at its next meeting, with the request that whatever action the Board takes, be reported at the earliest possible date to His Excellency, Most Reverend John J. Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis, and to Dr. James L. Mudd, President of the St. Louis Catholic Physicians' Guild.

Ordered transmitted by the unanimous vote of all members present through

Alver H. Kerper, M.D.  
Secretary

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