

NOTICES

WE welcome the re-appearance last January of the French Dominican monthly, *La Vie Intellectuelle*, in a new format and under a new title, *Signes du Temps*. There are thirty-eight pages in a periodical about the same width as the *Tablet* and a few inches longer. There is an excellent and very warmly written article on *l'affaire du Prado*, the matter of the priests arrested in Lyons on charges of aiding and abetting Algerian terrorists. The slogan of the new periodical is 'to confront the faith with events each month'.

The January number of *La Documentation Catholique*, besides the current Roman documents and pontifical pronouncements, contains a translation of the joint declaration made by the bishops of the United States last November on racial segregation. This seems to us an extremely important document, stating with lucid simplicity the central issue that challenges the Christian conscience in this matter. We would like to think that it had received the attention it deserves in the Catholic press of this country, but it had certainly not come to our notice before.

France Dominicaine, the French Tertiary monthly, in its December issue has a long article by Fr Congar, O.P., on the history and lay function of Third Orders in the Church, which should be of interest to Tertiaries in this country.

A conference of religious head-mistresses was held at Spode House in January, during which a lecture was given by Sister Joseph, S.N.D., one of the head-mistresses present, on the method they have worked out in her school of co-operating with parents in giving sex instruction to the girls. We intend to publish the lecture as an article later this year; meanwhile parents may be interested to know that the method centres on a series of three pamphlets, each entitled *My Dear Daughter*, which the school distributes to the mothers of girls for them to discuss with their daughters at home. These pamphlets are printed for private circulation only, but if parents can wheedle a copy from the Notre Dame High School, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool 3, it will be well worth their while.