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Push It Along!

While the elaborate preparations and well-considered plans made by the citizens committee in charge of the campaign to raise funds to build the much needed nurses' home at St. Mary's Hospital make failure impossible, nevertheless it is not out of place to urge that the response to the committee's appeal be generous and widespread.

Rochester, irrespective of creed or race consideration, owes much to St. Mary's. For years it was practically the only institution of its kind and its kindly ministrations were never denied to any citizen, no matter what his race, or creed, color or condition. It has not had the benefit of wealthy benefactors. Its friends were the ordinary citizens. But its record is unexcelled.

And now appeal is made to broaden its facilities and that means greater service to the public of Rochester. Hence let the list of contributors be a long one and let as many be represented as possible.

Perfectly Plain

There is no question where the Church stands on the infamous birth control, so called. The executive committee of the National Catholic Welfare Council, headed by Archbishop Hanna, made the Church's position plain at its January meeting in Washington, as well as on the Federal education and the maternity bills, so called.

The Bishops' pronouncement on birth control was as follows:

"The activity of the advocates of birth control is an affront to all genuine Christians, and to all other persons who cherish the elementary principles and sentiments of morality. We protest against this unholy movement, and we take occasion to reassert the teaching of the Catholic Church.

"The Church condemns all positive devices and methods of birth control as necessarily immoral, because they are pervasions of nature and violations of the moral law. Moreover, they lead inevitably to weakening of character, degradation of conjugal relations, decline of population and degeneracy of national life.

"As a remedy for social and economic ills, birth control is not only mistaken and futile, but tends to divert attention from genuine methods of social betterment."

On the subject of the tendency to bureaucratize government in our country, the Administrative Bishops declared:

"The growth of bureaucracy in the United States is one of the most significant after effects of the war. This growth must be absolutely checked. Federal assistance and federal direction are directed among the judicial in some cases beneficial and even tried of the state. When an industrial dispute occurs three of us is foreign to everything this panel residing in the judicial district where the dispute occurs. It seems as if we are to be invited by the State

socialism, red tape, and prodigal waste of public money. It spells hordes of so-called experts and self-perpetuating cliques of politicians to regulate every detail of daily life. It would eventually sovietize our form of government.

"The forward-looking forces in our national life must resolutely stand against further encroachments on individual and state liberty. The press, the home, the school, and the Church have no greater enemy at the present time than the paternalistic and bureaucratic government which certain self-seeking elements are attempting to foist upon us"

Father Krischel

In the death of Rev. Michael Krischel, another of the rapidly lessening circle of priests who served under and with the first Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester has been called to his last reward. While not originally ordained for the Diocese of Rochester, Father Krischel came into the Diocese when the sees of Buffalo and Rochester were rearranged and he served his new see faithfully and well. His pastorate of St. Francis Xavier's was marked by zeal, prudence and development. His many friends will mourn his death and unite in prayers to Almighty God for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace!

Will It Work?

Since the relatively of small importance in an industrial sense state of Kansas began to try out the plan of a court of industrial relations other states and communities have begun to think and plan how to prevent strikes and lockouts in industry and how to stop them after they have begun.

The New York Board of Trade and Transportation has worked out a plan which has been embodied in a legislative bill which has been presented to the New York State legislature by Senator Holland S. Duell and Assemblyman Charles P. Miller. This plan virtually makes the State Industrial Commissioner and the Supreme Court of New York State the arbiter of industrial disputes and in certain cases the Court is to take over and operate the business involved in the strike or lockout, if it involves a public utility or tends to deprive the community of food or clothing.

It may well be doubted that any method of compulsory settlement of industrial disputes can be put into operation in the United States under our present republican form of government. Quite possibly, some provision that would delay the inception of a strike or lockout until the public had a chance to learn the facts in the dispute and make up their mind as to who was in the right and wrong would help matters some. Certainly, no harm would follow such an enactment into law. But how to prevent a man or woman from quitting his job without charging the law forbidding compulsory servitude seems the question before us—even those of us who would deny to the worker any right to criticize the acts or decision of his employer, is a puzzle which we have not solved to our satisfaction.

Another plan presented to the Legislature is said to be favored by the New York State Department of Labor. This is somewhat similar to the so-called "war labor board" of former Governor Alfred E. Smith. It proposes in brief, the designation by the Governor of a panel of one hundred citizens of the state, chosen with due regard to proportionate representation of employers, employees and the public at large, to be divided among the judicial districts of the state. When an industrial dispute occurs three of

Industrial Commissioner to join with the state mediators of the bureau of Industrial Relations in an effort to effect an amicable adjustment as speedily as possible with the end in view of a return to activity in the plant involved. This much may be said of the second plan: It is difficult to induce busy men in private life, who have the ability and equipment needed to deal with such a dispute, to voluntarily give up the time needed to perform such public service. Of the first plan it may be said that there is a repugnance against loading any more work on our courts, especially work that does not appear to be in consonance with judicial functions. However, the appearance of such legislative propositions may aid in the ultimate development of public opinion to the stage where industrial disputes that lead to public disturbance, disarrangement of business conditions and increase the public burden. Viewed from this angle, the proposed legislation may tend to promote healthy discussion of a very important subject.

Where To Go?

Emma Goldman and her associates who liked Russia so well while in the United States are not so dazzled of this real thing now that the United States Government furnished them free passage to the land they idolized and the conditions they raved about.

The Post Express well describes the plight of these destroyers of liberties in the following editorial: No land wants Emma Goldman. No country where she would like to go is open to her. She stands for theories that have brought on Russia ruin and misery which beggar description. Millions of people have died, are dying now and will starve to death in the next few months because of the imposition on the Russian people of a system which, speaking generally, Miss Goldman has strenuously advocated, openly preached and earnestly approved. The horror of its workings is beyond imagination and beyond belief. Its frightfulness quickly disillusioned and obviously appalled her, and she had not been there a week before her one idea and hope was to get away. We may cheerfully admit that she is a higher type of theorist, a more humane and civilized being than the vicious, unscrupulous scoundrels who have brought such woe on Russia. But it was not their personal depravity, nor their thievery and assassinations, but their theories, their indefensible doctrines, their lack of sanity, which have destroyed the empire, and these theories our departed communists—Goldman, Berkman, and others of their ilk—championed as of value to mankind.

No wonder no country wants them. The nations have enough unattractive doctrines of their own. Nor do the Bolsheviks have them back, the probable reason being that having lived in America they were decenter in their instincts, less callous to human suffering, less demoralized and brutalized than the polluted Trotsky gang.

His Honor, Mayor Hylan of New York, His Honor, Mayor Lunn of Schenectady and Hon. William Randolph Hearst might form a combination that could raise ruction.

Have you subscribed to St. Mary's Hospital nurses' home? If not, make your offering one worth while.

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