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Destroy the Family!

Madame Alexandra Kollontay is to be the ambassador from Soviet Russia to Mexico. A dangerous woman to have access to the North American continent.

In addition to being a communist and atheist, a "Red of Reds," the new arrival would obliterate the family as we know it. In a recent issue of the Journal of the Russian Soviet Commissariat of Public Education according to Charles L. Seltz, appears the following: "We must have the children we must have the children from the pernicious influences of the family. We must register the children or let us speak frankly—we must nationalize them. Thus they will from the very start remain under the official tutelage of Communist propaganda and schools. Here they will grow up to be real Communists. To compel the mother to surrender her child to us, to the Soviet State, that is the practical task before us."

Imagine in any Christian civilized country in the world, a government so ruthless, so heartless, so unscrupulous to take the child from its mother and place him in a school to be taught atheism, "free love," and develop those instincts which will induce that child to enter a life of shame and degradation.

And this Alexandra Kollontay approves! (Madame Kollontay) approves! In her pamphlet, "Communism and the Family," distributed by the Workers' (Communist) Party of America, she has written a chapter on how having a wide distribution of the Communist system.

The central tragedy of the Bolshevik regime is an organized effort to subvert and corrupt the minds of the children. It is to be a Bolshevist principle to take the children from the family. Madame Kollontay's writings can leave no doubt that she is even in the minds of the skeptical. The idea is to remove children at an early age from their parents and bring them up in orphanages.

Recently those who have believed the Communist action against the children in Mexico was due to the cause alleged—the domination of the Church in politics—may be ready to change their mind when they understand the purpose of Madame Kollontay who is soon to be ambassador for personal supervision. The Church is the enemy of the home. It always has been and always will be. The Church in Mexico has made the family relations sacred. World revolutionaries cannot win so long as the next generation have their minds properly reared for home, for government, for national loyalty and patriotism, and for God. Take the children from the parents, remove the children from the influence of religion, teach them false theories, and they will rise up as generations of Communist criminals.

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Recently Alfred Rothman may have been a victim of the Communist activity of his opponent.

Harsh, But True

In his monthly letter in "Columbia," Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty uses harsh but justifiable language when he writes as follows about present conditions in Mexico—

"What a picture is Mexico! A land torn by cruelty and tyranny. A smiling barbarian on the throne, a despot who laughs behind his hand while he tells the world of his love for the poor and his zeal for social reform. Criminals stalking the streets, pistol in hand. Peaceful citizens at the mercy of robbers and murderers. That is Mexico. That is the 'sovereign state' below the Rio Grande. That is the 'sovereign state,' whose authority, we are solemnly told, is God-given and sacred."

"Would we empty penitentiaries, give the inmates the freedom of the city and call the result a sovereign state? Would we gather up the lowest criminals of the land, put them into the high place of our government and call the resulting chaos a sovereign state? Let us not be deceived by his prating of Mexico's 'sovereignty' so long as the present regime is allowed to persecute the unhappy people of that country."

"While Mexico remains in control of Mr. Calles and his fellow bandits she cannot be called a charming neighbor for a civilized democracy. She cannot be called, even a safe or desirable neighbor. Very recently she took a long step downward. Madame Kollontay, representative of Soviet Russia, arrived in Mexico City with trunks that contained sixty gowns and thirty pairs of shoes. The figures are only approximate. They are, no doubt, incomplete. Some where in Madame Kollontay's wardrobe, we may be sure, were large plans for the communication of Mexico. Where there is smoke, there is fire. Where there are leads, there is danger. The peril of Bolshevism will not be confined by the border of Mexico. It will spread quickly to the countries to the south. More slowly, but just as surely, it will cross the Rio Grande. The menace is there. Let those who will, laugh at us, as sincere lovers of freedom carry on the fight. If help comes to us, we will be glad to accept it. If not, we will fight alone."

Approves

It is pleasant to find a paper like the Rochester Times-Union standing against the "Rough House" in a recent issue our contentions were said—

The church supports marriage as the agreement of both parties that the marital state is entered into voluntarily, advisedly and in the face of God. Once, however, the marriage is pronounced, the marital bond is indissoluble. It is not a mere contract, but a sacrament, and as such, it is not subject to the whims and caprices of the parties. It is a bond that is made in the presence of God and man, and it is a bond that is not to be broken by the parties themselves. It is a bond that is made in the presence of God and man, and it is a bond that is not to be broken by the parties themselves.

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Handmaidens

President Coolidge realizes that education is useless without Religion as a handmaiden. In a recent address he is quoted as saying:—

"Under our institutions the only way to perfect our government is to perfect the individual citizen. It is necessary to reach the mind and the soul of the individual. It is not merely a change of environment but a change of heart that is needed. The power of the law may help, but only the power of righteousness can be completely sufficient. I know of no way that this can be done save through the influences of religion and education."

"By religion I do not mean either fanaticism or bigotry; by education I do not mean the cant of the schools; but a broad and tolerant faith, loving thy neighbor as thyself, and a training and experience that enables the human mind to see into the heart of things. This has been a long, slow, and laborious process, accompanied by many failures and many disappointments. No doubt there will be many more in the future. But those who have faith in the power of the individual to work toward moral perfection are willing to intrust their destiny to that method of reform. It is that faith which justifies the American conception of popular sovereignty. There is no other theory by which we could explain the making of the American nation and no other theory on which we can hope for its continuity. It was in this faith that Washington crossed the Delaware."

A Big Country

Mr. Hearst's Rochester Journal and Post Express administers this indirect rebuke to the Eastern United States senators who have failed to vote the way that Senator Capper and other western senators want them to vote on "farmer relief legislation" so called.

Few who live in small Eastern States realize the real size of this nation. For instance, Wisconsin has a dozen counties, every one of them bigger than the State of Rhode Island, and several Western States haven't a single county smaller than the State of Connecticut.

One county in Nebraska is as large as the State of Rhode Island and Connecticut combined. San Juan County, in Utah, is bigger than New Jersey, and Socorro County, in New Mexico, is bigger than Maryland, Rhode Island and Delaware combined.

Farmers have to cultivate all this great territory, using it to feed the 115,000,000 of Americans. And what bothers them is the fact that eight little Eastern States, with their sixteen votes in the Senate (Rhode Island has as much power in the Senate as gigantic Texas), are able to control farm legislation and prevent the government trying to "do something" for farmers, as it does so successfully for railroads.

Help Near East

Rochesterians will not turn a deaf ear to our Bishop's appeal for enrollment in the Near East Relief Association, sponsored by the four American Cardinals and organized in response to direction from Our Holy Father, Pope Pius XI.

There is want and penury and need in the Far East of that there is no question. There are a score of more secular organizations already engaged in raising funds for Near East Relief.

There are so many Catholics at the head of the Holy Father has decided, and wisely, that the Catholics should raise their own quota and handle it, thereby giving assurance that our own people will receive the full measure of assistance from the money we raise.

One dollar will not beggar any body. If each adult Catholic who is working gives a dollar and those who can afford give more the Near East sufferers will benefit greatly.

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Looks as though there had been a monkey wrench thrown in the intricate machinery so carefully designed by the Sulgrave Foundation to give the so-called Nordic races the best of the immigration quota and to accelerate the "mild propaganda" alliance of the English speaking peoples against all the rest of the world.

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Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Sunday, January 30.—St. Bathildis, queen was an English woman who was carried while yet young to France and sold for a slave at a very low price to Erkenwald, Mayor of the palace under King Clovis II. When she grew up her master was so taken with her prudence and virtue that he placed her in charge of his household. The renown of her virtues spread through all France, and King Clovis took her for his royal consort. This unexpected elevation produced no change in a heart perfectly grounded in humility and the other virtues, she seemed more humble than before.

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Wednesday, February 2.—The Purification, commonly called Candlemas Day. Under the law of God, given by Moses to the Jews, a woman presented herself at the Temple at a given time after child-birth and was purified.

This feast is called 'Candlemas' because the Church blessed the candles to be borne in the procession of the day. Thursday, February 3.—St. Blaise, Bishop and martyr, devoted the earlier years of his life to the study of philosophy and afterwards became a physician. In the practice of his profession he decided to devote himself to the service of God. He became Bishop of Sebaste, in Armenia, and people flocked from all quarters to be healed of throat disease, and since that time his aid often has been effectually solicited in similar cases. He was beheaded in 316.

Catholic Chinese Missions Looted By the Natives

Washington, Jan. 21.—Expulsions of priests and confiscation and looting of mission property of the American Dominicans in China are seriously threatening their mission work in that country, according to news received at the Dominican House of Studies here. These acts of violence are a part of the general wave of anti-foreign excesses now sweeping China. So serious has the situation become that the Very Rev. Raymond Meagher, O. P., S. T. L., Provincial of the Dominican Order, has directed that all missionaries and brothers remain in Hong Kong. He has designated the Spanish Dominican Procurator as official headquarters and cabling address. Specific instances of excesses against the American Dominicans in China, established by the despatches received here, include: Expulsion of the Rev. Bernard C. Werner, O. P., in charge of the Dominican mission at Kienyang, and the confiscation and looting of all the mission property. Taking over of virtually the entire Dominican plant at Kien-nia-fu. Endangering of the American Dominican property at Foochow by cannon and rifle fire during a fight in which 1,000 Chinese were killed. Raiding of the headquarters of a party of young American Dominican missionaries who had just arrived at Foochow from the United States. Here the home of the Spanish Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Aguirre, also was forcibly entered and the Spanish Dominican Sisters' orphanage was invaded. These acts of violence are in addition to the list of offenses against the persons and property of Spanish Dominicans and other Catholic religious which are reported daily in the secular press. They are cases of which the Dominican Order here has positive word.

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Knute Rockne, Back From Hawaii, Takes Track Team In Tow

South Bend, Ind., Jan. 20.—Knute K. Rockne, athletic director and football coach at the University of Notre Dame, today returned from a visit to the Hawaiian Islands where he conducted a two weeks' football course and refereed two games. He will take charge tomorrow of the Notre Dame track squad which has been under the direction of Coach Wendland, former Notre Dame athlete, in Rockne's absence.

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London, Jan. 17.—Seven languages were used by the preachers of a course of Epiphany sermons at St. Patrick's church, Soho Square, here. The languages were English, Polish, Italian, Dutch, Spanish, German and French.

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