

Reconstructing the Social Order

Twenty-seventh of a weekly series of articles on Pope Pius' Encyclical "Forty Years After," by the Department of Social Action, National Catholic Welfare Conference

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—Finding a model in "Him who being in the form of God chose to become a Carpenter among men and to be known as the Son of a Carpenter" gives dignity to one's work and one's life no matter where it is placed, the Encyclical of Pius XI, "Reconstructing the Social Order," insists in its treatment of needed changes in work, wages, income, ownership, economic organization and government action.

With the Faith and right reason are a part of a scheme of life. At the center of this scheme of life is "God, the first and supreme end" both of all created activity and of all created goods. Both occupations and property are to be used only to attain our supreme end.

Work is not belittled by being made subordinate to God, the Encyclical maintains. A person's work is given new dignity. Possessed of the Christian idea of life, people will become proud of their job. They will become "well aware that every man by doing his duty is working usefully and honorably for the common good." They will see themselves "following in the footsteps of Him who being in the form of God, chose to become a Carpenter among men and to be known as the Son of a Carpenter."

The central specific recommendation of the Encyclical is that Government organize, by kinds of work every person working in the country to guide and plan and administer economic life under governmental stimulation and supervision. This would assume organization also along the lines of special interest within the occupation into labor unions and employers' associations. One of its aims is to give to a man's work the dignity it merits. Another is to introduce into all economic life and all occupations an order and a unity.

Our occupations, respect in them for the laws of God and the rights of our neighbor, and the use of occupations and property in accord

Vatican Honors Mussolini With High Decoration

Confers on Premier Order of the Golden Spur as Symbol of Accord and Good Will.

Rome, Jan. 15.—Premier Benito Mussolini received his first Papal decoration, the Order of the Golden Spur of Egypt, possessed by only nine other persons, including King Ferdinand and King Amanullah of Afghanistan. The decoration was presented at the Palazzo Venezia Saturday morning by the Papal Nuncio, Mgr. Borgognini Duca.

It was the second exchange of decorations in consequence of the settlement of the State and Church controversy. The Supreme Order of Christ was bestowed upon King Victor Emmanuel earlier in the week. Premier Mussolini's decoration is just a shade less important than the King's.

\$100,000 Station Will Be Erected By Loyola in La.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 15.—Concurrent with the announcement that WWL, Loyola University radio station, has been given permission by the Federal Radio Commission to increase its power from 5,000 to 10,000 watts has come the announcement that the local station plans a new studio which will cost about \$100,000.

The new transmitter will cost about \$80,000 and will be built about 100 miles from this city. When completed it will make the Loyola station the most powerful in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. The new studio will be located in the business section of the city. One of the development phases stressed at the hearing was the aim of the station to promote goodwill and the exchange of culture between the towns and cities within the service range of the station, once it secured increased power. It was pointed out that the university has devoted a portion of the service of WWL to the promotion of the commercial interests of New Orleans, particularly the trading activities of that city as a shipping port between the United States and Central and South America. The new equipment will enable Station WWL to be heard in a wide area.

57,661 Students In Milwaukee's Parish Schools

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 15.—There are 57,661 pupils enrolled in the Catholic parochial schools of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, according to a report just made by the Rev. Joseph F. Barbina, archdiocesan superintendent of Catholic Education. There are 1,292 grade schools in the archdiocese, according to the report, 25 high schools, and eight institutions having grade and high school work.

Burns His Coffin After Two Years

St. Joe, Ark., Jan. 15.—Ben Malloy's coffin won't figure in his scheme of things for 1932. The 76-year-old farmer had it made two years ago in the belief he was on his death bed. But he recovered and the coffin was utilized for storing seed corn. However, with the close of 1931 Malloy decided it provided a poor atmosphere for dreams of a prosperous new year. He used it for a bonfire.

Only One Paper In Mexico City Prints Protest

Letter of Archbishop Diaz, Protesting Against New Law, Was Ignored By Others.

Mexico City, Jan. 15.—Not one of the large dailies of the capital published the open letter addressed to the president of the republic by the Most Rev. Pascual Diaz, archbishop of Mexico, but the letter has been distributed gratis in public places, particularly at the doors of churches. Omega was the only paper that carried the text.

In publishing the letter Omega declared that it was actuated by a desire for legal consideration of the law limiting the clergy and for peace and national harmony. In its editorial comment, Omega declares that Article 130 will send Catholics "back to the catacombs and in their homes and in the forests they will practice the ceremonies and rites of their religion."

La Prensa made caustic comment upon the work of the 34th Mexican congress, which "suspended deliberations before the end of the month, not that they worked any faster than previous legislatures except when carried away by anti-religious phobias and becoming public functionaries who protest their compliance with the constitution which guarantees religious freedom."

Johnny Noonan Becomes Member Georgetown Frat.

Johnny Noonan, former self professional at Durand-Eastman Park, has just been received into the Georgetown University chapter of Gamma Eta Gamma, national fraternity. Johnny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Noonan, of 233 Lexington Avenue and was graduated from St. Bonaventure College in 1930. He is well known here, having served as professional at Durand-Eastman course from 1926 to 1931.

"Prodigal Son" Parable

Marvelous Short Story Though it was not until the Nineteenth century that the art of writing it was consciously practiced, As Sophocles said of Aeschylus, these early authors of short stories did the right thing without knowing why. It was only on rare occasions, however, that these happy accidents occurred. This Professor Baldwin, after an exhaustive examination of the 100 tales in Boccaccio's "Decameron," decided that only two of them are short stories in the modern critical sense, while three others approach the totality of impression which is the result of conscious unity in expression. The New Testament contains a short story which is a structural masterpiece. The parable of the "Prodigal Son," which is only 500 words long in the authorized version, still fits the modern definition, securing the greatest emphasis possible with a surprising economy of means. In America the short story had its beginning in the "Sketch Book" of Washington Irving.

Naturally In a lesson in parsing a sentence, the word "courting" came to a young miss of fourteen to parse. She commenced hesitatingly, but got on well enough until she was to tell what it agreed with. Here she stopped short. But the teacher said, "Very well, what does courting agree with?" Ellen blushed and held down her head. "Ellen, don't you know what courting agrees with?" "Ye-yes, ma'am." "Well, Ellen, why don't you parse that word? What does it agree with?" Blushing still more and stammering, Ellen at last replied: "It agrees with all the girls, ma'am."

Mexican Catholics Serve Many New Injunctions Upon The Government Officials

Nineteen Amparos Filed in One Day Bring Total to Thirty-one—It is Reported That Three Hundred Petitions Are to Be Filed

Mexico City, Jan. 15.—Nineteen new petitions or injunctions (amparos) against the Federal religious law were filed Friday by Catholic priests, bringing the total so far to thirty-one. In church circles it was said that up to 800 petitions might be filed, five or six at a time, giving a forecast of protracted litigation in the church's fight against the limitation and registration of priests. The Third District Court denied on Friday one of the first six applications filed three days ago, and the petitioner, Padre Francisco Romero, said he would appeal to the Supreme Court. The petition thrown out by the First District Court on the first day already has been appealed.

The Third District Court rendered its decision Friday afternoon in a cause hearing in which the Ministry of the Interior informed the court that it had issued its orders for registration and limitation to 35 of the priests in the Federal District upon orders from President Ortiz Rubio, in accordance with a recent decree of Congress, and that time had been allowed for priests to register and make application for the use of churches in which to hold religious services.

Knowing that of myself I can hope for nothing, I have taken refuge in the Cross of Jesus Christ, and taken myself to it, being persuaded that so long as I am nailed there with the nails of love and humility the devil cannot harm me.—St. Catherine of Siena

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Catholic Book Club

"Apost in Italy," by John Gibbons, published by the E. P. Dutton Co., Inc. The January choice of the Catholic Book Club of New York city. It sells for \$2.50 per copy, and is the story of a man who saw Italy in its everyday aspects, and not from the eyes of a tourist. Other books recommended are: "Every Inch a King," by Princess Pilar of Bavaria and Major Desmond Chapman-Huston; \$5.00; E. P. Dutton Co. "The Germans: An Inquiry and an Estimate," by George N. Shuster; \$3.50; The Dial Press. "Vital Realities: Essays in Order," by V. M. VII; \$2.00—the Merrimack Co. "The Story of Antoinette Margot," by Rev. Thomas D. Williams; \$1.50; John Murphy Co. "Copper Country," by Mary Symon; \$2.00; P. J. Kennedy & Sons. "Catholic Colonial Maryland," by Henry S. Spanglin, S.J.; \$2.50; The Bruce Publishing Co.

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Prisoner Told To Go to Church Or Go to Jail

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 15.—Substituting church for jail, Federal Judge Jeremiah Neider, ordered John Clarke, aged 18, to attend church every Sunday until he is twenty-one, or else spend six months in the Fort Lewis prison road camp for violation of the prohibition law.

In suspending the six-month term and \$1,000 fine for a quarter of liquor to a dance hall, Judge Neider imposed the following conditions on Clarke:

He must attend church every Sunday from now until he becomes of age on April 18, 1935.

He may attend neighborhood or family dances, but must keep away from public dances.

He must read good books for at least one hour every evening.

He must not associate with any persons engaged in violating the prohibition of other laws.

He must carry out his expressed intention to study for a marine engineer's license.

Clarke promised to observe all of the conditions. He must report to probation officer Arthur B. Miller and consult Assistant United States Attorney Cameron Sherwood, who prosecuted the case.

Mrs. Danford Dies Suddenly at Home

Mrs. Margaret Danford, president of the St. Aloysius Guild for a number of years and a zealous and devoted worker in many Catholic charities, died suddenly at her home, 1263 St. Paul Street, on Monday, Jan. 11, at the age of 67. Her funeral was held in the Blessed Sacrament Church on Wednesday morning. It was attended by many friends, including the members of the St. Aloysius Guild in a body.

Mrs. Danford was a woman of unusually fine character, charitable, kindly and thoughtful at all times for others. Her greatest happiness in life was to do kind acts for others, and to help the needy and the poor. Her ambition was to be a saint, and the good she did will not be forgotten. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. May Hunt, and by two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Birmingham and Mrs. Clarence Pruner.

Grant, Lord, that my memory may retain Thy benefits, that my will may burn with the fire of Thy charity, and that with the key of obedience I may open heaven.

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