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of my shirt, to support a Catholic newspaper."—Pope Pius X.

Editorials

FAREWELL TO MR. SHAW

It has been said of George Bernard Shaw that he has never revealed his heart—if he had one to reveal. Well, we did get a glimpse of it recently when the speech that he made in New York was broadcast. He believes in paying a debt. This is a revelation, although he did make a strong appeal that Britain be excused from paying her war debt to us. We refer to his statement that he came to America to pay a debt. It seems a lecture on Socialism by Henry George, delivered in London, is given the credit by Shaw in changing his outlook on Political Science. Now he, an old man, came to America to repay his debt to the American public. He offers us Communism.

This strikes us as being the return of an unwanted gift—if it could be called, that he received from an individual, and now tries to pass back to the American people at large. And most Americans would hardly have given such a gift to even Mr. Shaw. For they would have realized what results such a dangerous idea of government would bring to the hands of a Shaw. For Mr. Shaw is a very keen man and has the gift to spread his dangerous theories and make his audience like it. Witness for example his clever analysis of high finance, big business, policies of floating foreign bonds and the exploitation of the banking interests. The laudable part of the analysis however is that it is a grand anticlimax. We may be unintelligent to Mr. Shaw, but we have known for some little time all that he expounded. He talked, talked and talked but said nothing we did not already know. He might just as well have saved his breath. It is a consolation to know he had to invite applause from his audience and get it from the galleries.

But Mr. Shaw has always played to the galleries and such persistent faithfulness deserves some recognition even though it comes from those who are glibly enough to swallow his false doctrines. The great Constitution of the United States that Mr. Shaw railed against happens to be broad enough and solid enough to correct the abuses that have crept into the present system of Political Science. The fact that it lends itself to amendment signifies that its designers were not as sure of themselves as Mr. Shaw seems to be of himself. And the fact that an amendment too can be erased from the Constitution proves that the American People, of themselves, can correct their own mistakes or recognize when the purpose served by the amendment has been accomplished. Quite an accomplishment we judge for a "booby."

Mr. Shaw too is wrong in not believing we have learned to appreciate Communism in other countries. We do appreciate it to the extent that we want it kept out of America. The Statue of Liberty will continue to stand, and if Mr. Shaw's suggested sentence "All hope abandon ye who enter here" is engraved on it, it will be meant for Communists and the likes of the mountebank, Mr. George Bernard Shaw.

We, the American People, feel Mr. Shaw, that our government can decide on the payment of our foreign war debts, but we heartily cancel in full your "debt" to us. We would have been better satisfied if you had never attempted to pay it. Farewell, and a long farewell, to Mr. George Bernard Shaw.

THE COLUMBUS CENTER

We are gratified to know that the Columbus Civic Center has taken its place as a permanent institution in our civic life. This fact is quite evident from the support that it is receiving from its patrons. Non-Catholics have recognized the advantages of this institution as well as our own people. It is our desire to insist on the value of this new community and welfare center in Catholic life and to have it recognized as such by all Catholics and Catholic organizations.

The Columbus Center offers a very pleasant atmosphere to its guests. They are accommodated in three hundred rooms, well ventilated, some equipped with showers, the others served by shower rooms on each floor. The building's proximity to the business district makes it easy for the guests to go to business or shopping in short time.

The dining room is a real, quiet spot where good food at lowest prices is served. It is a pleasant meeting place for luncheon groups and its feature of serving large banquet groups is becoming more and more popular.

The auditorium, one of the finest in Rochester, is continually being used by parish groups for plays, motion pictures and concerts as well as being a splendid meeting place for convention activities.

The ball room, recently equipped with new furniture and new colored lighting system, is making a strong appeal to social groups, parish and lay organizations.

The Gymnasium and Athletic Departments are for men, boys, women and girls. Each class is appointed to use the facilities of the building. The department, built on principles of a great purpose that

cannot be too highly praised. During these days when people and especially our young people, have so much leisure time, it is fitting that they should have a place wherein they can go for healthful and supervised exercise and recreation. According to well informed Social Workers, such recreational centers as the Columbus Building is, are a salvation to the youth of our days. Constant pleas are coming from the workers in the departments handling delinquency and from officials in civic life to keep open playgrounds and recreational centers for such give a much needed safeguard against crime breeding. The Columbus Center is doing just this and therefore takes its place among character building agencies. In this field it is using a modern social method to meet a social need that is becoming more and more apparent.

The Center also furnishes office space to many Catholic ecclesiastical and lay organizations. The Propagation of the Faith, the Catholic Courier, the Parochial School Department, the Catholic Charities, the Knights of Columbus and Rochester Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women, are located in this building.

It is clear this Center is housing and is serving the Catholic population of our diocese well. It deserves an ever growing support from our Catholic people and our Catholic organizations. The entire tone of the Columbus Civic Center is Catholic and its prestige in our civic life is quite the highest that could be desired by anyone.

HANDS OFF RUSSIA

Daily press reports reveal the fact there are many agitators seeking the recognition of Russia by our government. On the other hand, there have been several reported pleas, signed by thousands of people, sent to the President asking that no such recognition be given Russia. As far as we are able to judge the sentiment is very much against our giving the right hand of fellowship to this Communist State. That seems to us to be the right attitude.

The philosophy behind such a movement as Communism is a false philosophy. It is true we can distinguish between the philosophy of a society and the society itself. This we even do between a murderer and his crime. It is said that if we cannot agree with the one we can at least for our own material gain recognize the other. A new argument in favor of recognition is for our self protection against the Japanese who are said to hate America.

Still it is hard to differentiate between Communist Philosophy and the Russian Communist State. For the philosophy is identical, in Russia, with the state. It is the foundation stone, the means to the end and the driving force behind all of this state's progress—if any has been made.

One of the Principles of Russian militant political philosophy is that all nations, all races, all creeds are to be leveled to make an international solidarity of the proletariat and the brotherhood of all toilers in the world. The leaders of the Russian State do not limit their gaze to Russian territory. It is a gaze coveting the whole world. Yet diplomacy forbids outright war on the world nations. Rather it seeks peace and recognition by existing governments so as to insure the result of "educating" the masses in Communist principles and strengthening the Soviet in Russia itself. When this has been accomplished in the different countries, revolution will eventually bring all countries to be controlled by Communists.

Something slipped in the Soviet plan and the required amount of grain was not produced. Food in Russia is short. Hence it is imperative that Russia be recognized in order that trade relations can be accelerated. The policy of diplomacy urges Russia to agree that no longer will she actually spread her communistic propaganda abroad. This is a lure that France has already swallowed. Russia can safely do this for the time being. But from official utterances we can rest assured it will not be an everlasting policy. Once Russia gets back on its feet international treaties will be mere scraps of paper, if we judge aright. Besides, Russia has enough supporters of the Slavian type who will continue the communistic drive before the minds of all peoples.

Shall America recognize Russia even for the sake of trade relations? We hope not. We have been accused of saving Russia for Communism by our foreign bond issues. This may or may not be true of us. But at least Communism in Russia is a fact, as it is their hope to make the world safe for Communism. Can we, as a democracy, pay the eventual price of helping this philosophy and this State along, by our recognition of its power originating from and maintained by out and out organized violence? If we do, we are laying ourselves open to its attack to overturn our democracy which will eventually come and who can say that even our America will be strong enough to repel it?

We recommend a "hands off" policy as far as recognizing the atheistic violence that is called the Soviet.

Current Comment

YES, EDITORS MAKE MISTAKES.

Probably every editor wakes up out of a nightmare some time in his life with the terrifying impression that a thousand glaring eyes have been focussed upon him. Those eyes, of course, are the eyes of that great group of readers who are continually in search for the least slip that an editor may make in the performance of his duties. That supervision is a salutary influence, of course; since it keeps an editor pretty close to the truth; but it becomes irksome at times when one is held to account for slight variations from fact which even the most elaborate precautions cannot possibly avoid. Perhaps it was under some such provocation that an editor once wrote a slightly exaggerated comment which was published not long ago in The Universe-Bulletin of Cleveland. He states that on the same day on which he received several complaining letters "there was a letter in his post-office box which did not belong to him; he called for number 98 on the phone and got 198; he asked for a spool of No. 0 thread and got No. 60; he got his milk bill, and there was a mistake of 10 cents in his favor; he fell sick and the doctor told him he was eating too much meat, when he hadn't tasted meat in two months; the garage man said the car was missing because it needed a new timer, and he had cleaned a spark plug, and it has been running fine ever since. "Yes," he concluded, "newspapers make mistakes—and so do other people."—The Ave Maria.

Diocesan Recordings

When this issue of the Catholic Courier appears in the home and on the street newsstands, the editorial and business offices of your official diocesan newspaper will be located on the fifth floor of the Columbus Civic Center. In this ideal location, in the center of diocesan activity.

For in the Columbus Civic Center are concentrated social, educational, athletic and even religious activities, the recording of which will be a pleasure for this newspaper. Here we have not only the offices of the newspaper, but those of the society for the Propagation of the Faith to which come missionaries from all parts of the world, and the faithful of the diocese interested in helping these missionaries. Here we have the central office of our Catholic school system attracting teachers and pupils. Here is the office of the Director of Rochester Catholic Charities and his executive force. Here is the central office of the Rochester Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women, National Council of Catholic Men, Knights of Columbus whose activities were recently given great impetus by the Solemn Pontifical Benediction services at which Bishop O'Hern officiated, and who in May will entertain the New York State Convention of the Knights of Columbus.

The many other attractions of the Center are reviewed in an editorial in this issue. The reason for relating the many advantages of the Center is to keep constantly before our people that in coming into the Center to do business with the Catholic Courier or to bring in news, opportunity is offered at the same time to avail of the fine opportunities offered in this imposing twelve story structure.

An eye-witness stated that it was the most impressive and most inspiring sight he had ever witnessed, the reception of Holy Communion by the men of the Holy Name Society, Easter Sunday morning in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rochester. A rather large-sized edifice, the Church was filled to within three or four rows of men who at Communion time approached the altar in an orderly, dignified manner. The pastor commenting upon the scene was deeply touched and saw in it the satisfaction that comes from such a large group of men performing their spiritual duties at a public demonstration of their faith.

In the announcements elsewhere in this issue of the Parochial Baseball League, we see not only the news of the League, but back of it, an organized and intelligent effort to keep the leisure time of our boys under proper guidance. Unselfishly, and without any covetousness, the youth and we hope success crown their efforts as it did last year.

Attention of Catholic men of the diocese is once more called to the annual laymen's retreat which opens on June 23 at St. Bernard's Seminary and reservations for which are being made by Secretary William T. Nolan in the Columbus Civic Center, Rochester. The retreat movement is growing throughout the country and in the Rochester diocese, interest has been growing steadily but surely. That the movement has the interest of the Holy Father is noted in these quotations from his encyclical issued during the Jubilee Year of 1925 which stated: "The worst disease which afflicts our age, is its heightness and thoughtlessness through which men lose their way. What better help and remedy can we propose than the invitation to the devout quiet of the spiritual exercises."

It takes only a few minutes to find in others the faults we can't discover in ourselves in a lifetime.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Catholic Facts But Little Known

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By M. J. MURRAY

The superscription on PAPAL BULLS OF GOD was introduced by Pope Gregory the Great (590-604) as a protest, it is believed, against the arrogance of the Patriarch of Constantinople who styled himself "Oecumenical Bishop."

ANIMALS ARE BLESSED IN THE STREETS OF ROME EVERY YEAR ON THE FEAST OF SAINT ANTONY, ABBOT.

is the name of this ancient tower in Bayeux, France, so-called because in older times the deaths of towns-people were announced from it.

WHO BUILT THE CHURCH OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, THE OLDEST EXISTING IN LONDON, AND THE FAMOUS HOSPITAL DEDICATED TO THE SAME SAINT WAS A JESTER AT THE COURT OF KING HENRY I BEFORE HE BECAME AN AUGUSTINIAN MONK.

The use of a "BLACK CAP" by English judges when sentencing a prisoner to death goes back in tradition to the Israelites who covered their heads as a sign of mourning. (Esth. II-12)

Back Through the Years

(A Glimpse through the files of the Catholic Courier and Journal)

July 8, 1893

The golden jubilee of St. Peter and Paul's Church was observed July 2, 1893. Solemn Pontifical Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Corrigan of New York. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Weyrich, C. S. R. At the conclusion of the Mass, Bishop McQuaid congratulated the Rev. Dr. Sinclair, pastor, and his congregation.

The Cardinal Newman Reading Circle of St. Bridget's parish entertained the Rev. Father O'Connor and the Father Hecker Reading Circle of Seneca Falls.

An educational exhibit of the work of parochial school children was held in Cathedral Hall. It was the first time that such an exhibit was held in the city. The Board of Education and Superintendent Noyes inspected the efforts of the children. The same week the students of Nazareth Academy exhibited their work at the Academy.

The celebration of the 100th anniversary of the city of Auburn took place July 3 and 4. In the street parade July 4, St. Mary's Temperance Union was the largest organ-

ization in line. The society was headed by the spiritual director, Father McGrath and John Gallagher, marshal. The Holy Family, St. Mary's, St. Alphonsus, and Auburn Orphan Asylum boys were all uniformed in the children's section.

July 13, 1893

Hill dignitaries of the Church from Canada, and from the principal American cities, devoted priests and laymen gathered at St. Patrick's Cathedral, July 12, 1893 to mark the silver jubilee of Bishop McQuaid's consecration. Solemn Pontifical Mass was celebrated by Bishop McQuaid. Present in the sanctuary were: Most Rev. Michael A. Corrigan, D.D., New York; Most Rev. John J. Williams, D.D., Boston; Most Rev. John Walsh, D.D., Toronto; Most Rev. James V. Cleary, D.D., Kingston; Rt. Rev. Francis McTierney, D.D., Albany, Rt. Rev. William M. Wigger, D.D., Newark; Rt. Rev. Patrick A. Ludden, D.D., Syracuse; Rt. Rev. Henry Gabriels, D.D., Ogdensburg; and Rt. Rev. Charles F. McDonnell, D.D., Brooklyn. Nearly all priests of the diocese and many from other dioceses were present. The Rev. James P. O'Hern, V. G., read the address of congratulation of the priests and Father Curran read the laymen's address.

A handsome painting was presented to Bishop McQuaid in the name of the Sisters of Notre Dame on the occasion of his silver jubilee.

Spiritual Thoughts

PRAYER

For the Canonization of Tekakwitha O God, Who didst wondrously protect the innocence of Thy Servant Catherine Tekakwitha, and bestow on her the gift of faith and spirit of penance, grant I beseech Thee, that all who invoke her intercession may obtain what they desire, and I also the blessing I humbly beg; so that her favor with Thee may be manifest to all, and she may be exalted to the honor of our altars, as among the Blessed in Heaven. Amen.
Our Father, Hall Mary, Glory be to the Father.
IMPRIMATUR
PATRICK CARDINAL HAYES.

Each one of us carries in our heart a germ of sanctity which would blossom forth at the mere bidding of our will.

Let us bless God that we are children of His Mother; let us imitate her and consider our great happiness in having her as patron.

An excellent method of preserving ourselves from relapsing into serious faults is to say every evening, "Tomorrow I may be dead."

What is there in the conditions of today, to dissipate the natural and normal fear of Catholics that their sons or daughters may lose their grip on faith or on Catholic morality?

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