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I earnestly beseech for the CATHOLIC COURIER the united and generous support of our friends and people, and I earnestly hope that it may carry into every home in the diocese the salutary influence of the Catholic Press.

Editorials

THE PROPAGANDA ARMY

Of late, an increasing number of individuals and societies have entered the social battlefield. Their avowed intention is to keep ever before the public the miserable lot of the poor in this country...

Drawing recruits for the most part from the camps of the social elite, these societies thoroughly train their cadres in the technique of high-pressure propaganda.

With a social background, a financial front, and a determination "to do or die," the propaganda army sweeps across the country.

Each sector has a definite objective. To see to it that the poor share opportunity with the rich to get divorces in a respectable manner. To sponsor legislation of contraceptive information and the establishment of birth control clinics.

One such objective made its local debut in the Sagamore Hotel last Saturday evening. The Business and Professional Women's Club of Rochester was invited to consider the "Easy Divorce Plan."

One may take the attitude that what is needed is not an easy-divorce-lobbying-slide to relieve the poor of many domestic troubles, but rather a just wage to enable them to live in moderate comfort.

Divorce pays. Everyone admits that. It pays the lawyer well. But it does not pay off individuals in happiness. The divorce delusion has persisted as long as it has only because of the propaganda army.

Divorce is pointed out as the road to happiness. Instance after instance is cited of individuals in the public eye who had the courage to renounce a mistaken marriage and embark on a new marital ship.

It is a strange belief that defiance of the laws of God will surely bring peace of mind. It is a strange belief that ignoring the experience of the centuries will surely bring one happiness. Yet the belief persists.

The propagandists like to cite individual cases. Well, let us take a typical case. Here is a family of seven undernourished "unfortunates" living in a hotel. The father is a mechanic earning \$25 per week.

At the back door of the hotel is a birth controller with a display of attractive pamphlets. At the front door an advance agent of the Easy Divorce Group.

There are some motorists who wouldn't even give the right of way to Santa Claus if he were on foot. — Plainfield (N. J.) Courier-News.

For the parents, it is a toss up between the front door, the back door and the cellar. The humdrum truth makes poor newspaper copy. It is so prosaic. Yet at times it becomes necessary to re-emphasize immutable facts.

COMMUNISM OR CATHOLICISM?

Ex-Governor Smith once described the American people as one that never carries an umbrella because they think the sun will always shine.

Americans are known the world over for an attitude, a national characteristic, that may best be described as "passing the buck."

We begin to legislate against crime only after criminals have made the country over into a Den of Forty Thieves.

When legislation favorable to the great middle class is finally written into our law books, we stand apathetically on the side lines and watch it discarded; and do not even ask for a substitute, let alone a workable substitute.

We see taxes mounting year by year until only euphemistically can they be called a burden. And as we pay them we wonder how much more of an increase is possible and how much longer the wallet can stand the strain.

This same national attitude extends to the birth and growth of organizations that constitute a menace to the peace and welfare of our country.

In the Communist household there is no room for God. In fact, there is no room for Him even on the back porch.

Communism and Catholicism must always be at odds. Their fundamental principles are diametrically opposed.

Honesty as a policy. A magazine moralist dilates on the business man's idea of morality.

How much longer must we wait for Major Bonoe to dig up an amateur bone-dealer? They can't all be professionalists!

The headlines the other day read, "Congress passes neutrality resolution." But don't let it fool you.

A smart man isn't fit for jury service. He wouldn't believe the evidence offered by either side.

Theft of 158 bathtubs in Chicago is perhaps the first instance of the underworld beating the police to a clean-up.

If women keep on taking their deceased husbands' places in the United States Senate, will the practice spread to the Supreme Court?

There are some motorists who wouldn't even give the right of way to Santa Claus if he were on foot.

If nations would use their heads and get rid of their arms they could soon get on their feet.

Current Comment

A BOLD STROKE

Digging down into the folds of his brown shirt last Saturday morning, Chancellor Adolph Hitler tossed a bomb into the European political ring.

Despite the fact that his latest move constitutes an act of international lawlessness, it was so well-timed that it will be all probability escape punishment.

This latest stroke of open defiance has inflicted a mortal wound on Nazi vanity and prestige.

The Communism issue is again to the fore in the District of Columbia. The "red rider" attached to the bill of last year forbade the teaching of Communism in the District public schools.

The Communist Party in this country merely fulfilled to the letter certain instructions which they received last August at the Seventh Congress of the Communist International at Moscow.

The question that must be answered is whether or not the Communist Party in the United States is expressing its own political views or circulating the distorted propaganda of the Communist International operating from Moscow.

Under the leadership of Mr. Stalin, the executive committee instructed the American delegates to lay less emphasis for the time being on the revolutionary purposes of Communism and to seek for a "united front" of all the disgruntled and thus lead them gently, not harshly, into the Communist fold.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY



Views of Others

THE LIBRARY SIGN POST

In the years when he was a Communist, Dorothy Day was clapped into prison for a few days because of her agitation work in Washington.

The Catholic Women's Club is planning to bring the Rev. James M. Gillis, CSP, noted editor of the Catholic World to Rochester for a lecture on March 23 in the Columbus Civic Centre ballroom.

THE CATHOLIC EVIDENCE LIBRARY RECOMMENDS

MARRIAGES AND SEX. By Rev. Dr. J. W. P. ... THE LIBRARY OF EUROPEAN CIVILIZATION.

Diocesan Recordings

No report received yet as to whether Alford is still in New York. If a report is received it would be interesting to note how concerned the upper class are with the poor in most everything but actual jobs.

Spiritual Thoughts

Lent is going fast. Are you missing any opportunities? Let us never abandon our oratory, levitations or any other good work through human weakness, dryness or disgust.

QUESTION BOX

Q—What does the Church think of the marriages of those who are not of the Catholic faith? A—The Church does not pass judgment on the marriages of those outside the fold unless her judgment is sought for worthy motives.