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I earnestly bespeak for the CATHOLIC COURIER the united and generous support of our priests and people, and I earnestly hope that it may carry into every home in the diocese the salutary influence of the Catholic Press. If Pope Pius XI could say for the whole church, "nothing that you do for the Good Press, I will consider as having been done for me personally," I feel that for this diocese I can and should say, "Anything that you do for the Catholic Courier, I will consider as having been done for me."
—EDWARD MOONEY,
Archbishop-Bishop of Rochester.

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, and thus to sway public opinion in favor of social legislation for the "unfortunates."

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. To encourage a scientific economic education of "slum mothers" so that they may learn how to raise a happy, healthy family on \$1.67 per week.

One such objective made its loud 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-to-bogam-slide to relieve the poor of many domestic troubles, but rather a just wage to enable them to live in moderate comfort. But any mention of a living wage for the poor makes the propagandists shy. They must be approached from another angle.

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. What is not pointed out is that these people have embarked on two, three, often six ships in their pursuit of marital happiness. Or else, decided, they have cynically renounced all belief in the morality of marriage and lived life as they found it.

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. And it will continue to live as long as there remain individuals and societies who devote their lives to the spreading of its false propaganda.

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 hovel. The father is a mechanic earning \$25 per week. They find it rather hard sledding to raise a family on his salary. The shaky kitchen table hears many financial conferences between husband and wife. At times life becomes really trying.

At the back door of the hovel is a birth controller with a display of attractive pamphlets. At the front door an advance agent of the Easy Divorce Group. In the cellar a neighbor is trying to sell the idea that "common ownership" is the end of all his troubles.

The father and mother are convinced of the merits of the idea that they can have it all. Not a single one of the propagandists will admit that the family is entitled to more than \$25 a week. One will admit that the father of the whole social system is what really is needed.

For the parents, it is a toss up between the front door, the back door and the cellar. The huff drum truth makes poor newspaper copy. It is so prosaic. Yet at times it becomes necessary to re-emphasize immutable facts. The divorce delusion, the birth control fad, the other objectives of the propaganda-army will continue to live a healthy life in this country until social legislation is enacted in favor of the working man, and until the present economic set-up is given a complete renovation.

Current Comment

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY



Diocesan Recordings

No report received yet as to whether Alford will return during the summer months to New York.

If a woman's divorce would be interesting to you, how concerned the applicant is with the poor in most everything but actual justice. Last Sunday, Mass. Gov. of our State, Mr. St. Assemblyman was quoted as saying it is "time for the poor of New York State to get opportunity with the poor to get divorces in a respectable manner. They would put up on the part of pagans and break down every bar to maintain family life."

The Central Verein and the Knights of Columbus of Rochester were ahead of Mrs. Todd and went on record last night in opposing her divorce bill. The Rochester assemblywoman's measure would add as an additional ground for absolute divorce, "a full desertion and abandonment" without reasonable cause for three successive years immediately preceding the commencement of the action. About 100 members of the Central Verein and Knights of Columbus would destroy all vestige of morality in relations between man and wife in necessary at these times, that Catholic organizations must be commended for such action.

The passing of George P. Burns, prominent printer of Rochester this past week takes from the community a man who had a particular interest in helping budding journalists. In his plant came many high school and college publications and among them were "Catholic" schools. He had been on a daily newspaper, the old Rochester Herald, and having a sound Catholic background, Mr. Burns was able to show the young people how to turn out readable Catholic public news. In doing this work he trained contributors to the CATHOLIC COURIER in which he always showed a warm interest. Ever willing to serve in the Catholic cause his going is a distinct loss to that cause and to the many of us who know him as a true friend.

The Catholic Women's Club is planning to bring the Rev. James M. Gill, CSP, noted editor of the Catholic World to Rochester for a lecture on March 23 in the Columbus Civic Centre ballroom. Father Gill is an outstanding Catholic journalist and a member of the Association. Knowing how to write for various publications he will give the six-page message across that will be of great interest to all who attend his lecture. The Catholic Women's Club is not alone doing something for its own membership but is contributing to the Catholic cultural life of the community in bringing Father Gill's here.

The task of the clergy is to teach congregations to listen properly to select modern subjects and to lay down the responsibility of the laity. Speakers recently delivered at the 8th meeting of the Curates of Souls in Vienna. But the clergy cannot do the thinking they cannot accept the modern subjects for the laity and they cannot be some might make the laity feel their responsibility. These are up to us. We have a great deal to do. The clergy can show the way but the laity must give a bit of time from other interests in life to promote the religion.

You had the opportunity of the press in a public address by the CATHOLIC COURIER.

Views of Others

ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN

The business of being a brother to all men is something to which business as far as a priest is concerned. There is a question that a priest is "taken from amongst men," he is a human being with the added grace of ordination. Yet when he is a brother to his fellow man in the more ordinary sense of the word, "commonplace" should be his motto. In the estimation of the laity, a priest is a man whose duty is to be a brother to all men. A priest is always to be all things to all men.

If the priest stands uncompro-mised on his dignity, people will be a stiff shirt. The priest is a man of God and that is his duty. He is made of flesh and blood, but he is a man of God. He is a man of God and that is his duty. He is a man of God and that is his duty.

Spiritual Thoughts

It is well to choose one good devotion and to stick to it and never abandon it. St. Philip Neri.

QUESTION BOX

Q.—What does the Church think of the marriages of those who are not of the Catholic faith? Does she consider them invalid? A.—The Church does not pass judgment on the marriages of those outside the fold unless her judgment is sought for worthy motives, and then only upon an individual marriage case.

Q.—When her judgment is sought, the Church does not apply to a marriage between non-Catholics the same principles that determine the validity of the Sacrament of Matrimony among the faithful. The Church does not legislate for those who do not belong to her. Accordingly, those who are not Catholic are not bound by the laws of the Church.

Q.—When the Church passes judgment upon the marriage of non-Catholics she merely applies to it the principles of a matrimonial contract. If all the elements required for a real matrimonial contract are present at the time of the marriage, the contract is valid. If one is lacking, the contract is invalid.

Q.—When was the Protestant Episcopal Church founded in this country? A.—The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States is the Anglican Church of this country. It was established in this country during the 17th century.

Q.—What indulgences can be gained by making the Stations of the Cross? A.—A recent legislation of the Church has attached a plenary indulgence to the Stations of the Cross. All the indulgences that the Church in the past had granted to this devotion give way to the plenary indulgence now attached to it.

THE LIBRARY SIGN POST

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One of the obvious references to his life is the fact that he was a Communist. Dorothy Day was clapped into prison for a few days because of her agitation with the Washington. The only reading she was allowed was the Bible and for lack of anything else to do she read from the Bible.

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 discontended and thus lead them gently, not harshly, into the Communist fold.

Rambling Round

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

The New York Daily News didn't look familiar. There were only three divorce stories on page 7 and none at all on page 8.

The headlines the other day read, "Congress passes neutrality resolution." But don't let it fool you. The day before it voted the largest Army appropriation in the history of the nation.

Americans consume only one-tenth as much tea per capita as Britons. But they make up for it. We have yet to see an American with a parched throat.

America may finally get a dictator. But we're willing to bet he can't make Jim Farley wear a black shirt or grow a mustache.

The world owes everybody a living. You certainly have to give some of the "best" credit for taking their just due.

It isn't much of a compliment when people praise your intelligence. They merely mean that you agree with them. —Dallas Journal.

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