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Further and heart of heroic Ethiopian army into the heart of Eritrea. Undoubtedly the information we receive on the occurrences in Mexico and Spain are similarly colored and distorted and falsely interpreted.

Current Comment

STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known

Diocesan Recordings

WHY CATHOLIC ACTION?

"What this country needs," the Rev. Dr. Raymond McManis recently said, "is 20 million Catholics; and what the 20 million Catholics themselves need is 10 million more Catholics."

Catholic men in public life reflect the condition of Catholicism in their country. Non-Catholics in public life judge the condition of Catholicism by the actions and speech of Catholics in public life.

This is why a strong, vital, organized Catholic Action movement is imperative in this country now. To make Catholics more Catholic. To enable them to think and state Catholic answers to public problems and to every problem of life.

An opportunity like the present one may never again present itself. If, through a concerted, nationwide Catholic Action drive, we do not take advantage of it to put across the true principles of social reconstruction and of Catholic faith and morality, we deserve to pay the penalty.

This is the answer to—why Catholic Action?

A HISTORIC EPISCOPAL THRONE. Here still rests in the CATHEDRAL OF ANAGNI, ITALY, this marble Episcopal Throne which witnessed a tragic incident in Christian history. ON SEPTEMBER 7th 1303 TROOPS OF KING PHILLIP OF FRANCE RUSHED INTO THE CATHEDRAL TO SEIZE AND KILL POPE BONIFACE VIII.

A CURB on the "back-to-the-land" movement is being placed by the Federal Government. The Federal Reserve Board has approved a new plan for the Federal Land Bank Administration.

AN UNIQUE meeting took place recently in Rochester. A missionary priest who is devoting his life to the evangelization of the South American continent was in the city.

Editorials

THE TRAFFIC PROBLEM

Little by little people are beginning to realize that the traffic problem in this city has no intention of solving itself. An adequate solution must be thrust upon it.

Other cities, some larger than Rochester, have worked out solutions satisfactory to the driver, the pedestrian and the city administration.

Who—or what—is holding up the local solution?

Safety experts predict that 40,000 people will be killed in automobile accidents this year and 1,000,000 injured. That is a little bit above the 1935 figure. But with additional cars on the road this year the figures are seen to be accurate.

Rochester will undoubtedly contribute more than its share, as it has in the past. A rigid enforcement of harsh laws is unpleasant both to the driver and the city administration.

Even at the cost of loss of time and money, the average automobile driver must be made to realize two fundamental facts: No human element can take the place of brakes in a moment of need; No human being is capable of operating an automobile safely unless he is in full possession of every faculty.

One of the greatest contributions to present-day American civilization would be the rejuvenation and restoration of that archaic thing called common-sense courtesy of the road.

RELIABLE NEWS?

Newspaper men are human. They are not immune to temptation. Hence, it isn't all unusual for reporters and correspondents to manufacture or "doctor" news to suit their purposes.

"The day after Mussolini nationalized Italy's chief industries, American newspapers came out with headlines: 'Italian stocks crash 7 to 40 points.' And so they did. But translated into dollars and cents (at 5 cents to the lire), the largest drop was 3-1/2 points. If this is a panic, one of our own Wall Street days of mild 'technical recession' is a world-shaking cataclysm."

A careful examination of the war news of most newspapers, since October 1 of last year, will show that most of it is completely wrong. It was made up by correspondents or their informants who wanted to supply interesting reading material to a public greatly interested in the war in Ethiopia.

A recent article by R. H. Markham, of the Times of India, reads: "It was reported in some coffee houses in Addis Ababa that the Ethiopians had retaken Addis. A number of scouts sold this news to their agency. It appeared in thousands of newspapers. It was taken up by a Belgian agency and launched as coming from the United States. It was repeated by a Berlin agency and carried back to Addis Ababa as news."

A pure fabrication, devoid of any of the truth, it was confidently sent to the United States at the very time that Addis Ababa was being annexed to Eritrea.

It was the number of men Addis was retaken. Another group went

APPEAL FOR PRAYERS

Last week's issue of the CATHOLIC COURIER carried a diocesan-wide appeal for prayers for the cause of the Church in Mexico. The Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester, set aside the week of April 26 as an opportune time, not merely to pray for the Church in Mexico, but to form the habit of praying daily for that cause.

The week will soon be over. But it would be to our eternal shame if our prayers ended with the passing of the week.

This is one Catholic Action movement in which every person in the diocese has a part. We are well-enough acquainted with the vagaries of human nature to know that everyone will not play the part assigned. But, instead of pointing the finger, let us work all the harder to make up for their losses.

A Mexican Archbishop writes that in a few years the National Revolutionary Government will have atheized the nation's youth unless the Catholics of the United States come to their relief. Realizing this condition, failure to help our brethren below the Rio Grande will be an everlasting stigma on the Church in this country.

Remember the Church in Mexico in your daily prayers and weekly Communion.

COMMUNISM

The familiar twins, Communism and Nationalism, occupy a prominent spot in the limelight today. Of the two, Communism is the more to be feared. There is always some hope for a Nationalist. There is none at all for a Communist. The Nationalist is merely a little bit off the track. But the track doesn't even exist for the Communist.

Communism is not an economic system, although it has its economic doctrines. Nor is it a political system, although it has its political principles. It is not an organized system of religion, despite the fact that it stresses worship of the divinity of the state and the brotherhood of man. Nor is it a theory of social reorganization, even though it would strive to reorganize society.

Communism, in general, is a philosophy of life. That is precisely why it is so dangerous. It is the wrong kind of philosophy for human beings. It strives to moldize mankind into an inhuman kind of life.

It is a philosophy about religion, economics, industrial relations, society, the family, the home—about every phase of human life and human activity. It is not only a complete but a perverted philosophy of life.

It refuses to recognize any medium. It swings from one extreme to another. It cracks down with an iron whip on everything but Communism. It says: "No God, No Religious liberty. No freedom of education. No private property. No individual liberty."

Going to the other extreme, it says: "The child is the property of the State. The worker is the property of the State. The home belongs to the State. Every citizen exists for the State. The State is supreme, the individual nothing. The State is man's God."

Communism is not new. It has been around for quite some time. It is capitalism's baby. The birth and rapid growth of Communism is found in capitalistic democracy. Unrestrained capitalism brought forth Communism. Ruthless, tyrannous capitalism nourished it, fostered it, educated it. Now that its baby has turned out to be a "bad 'un" capitalism waits, "what have I done to deserve such an offspring?"

Communism is the only dangerous enemy of the Church as of face today. Communism is on the warpath, seeking to conquer the entire world. Hence, Catholic laymen, particularly those engaged in Catholic Action activities, should make it a part of their program to study the theories, facts and ideals of Communism, and thus be in a position to offset the subversive influence of Red propaganda.

It seems to be easy for some people to cure all colds but their own. Omaha World Herald.

It is easy to pick out the future leading citizens. They weren't 800 and don't buy a car. Detroit News.

A cold bath doesn't make you feel better. You just look better. Brooklyn Tablet.

Experience is so costly that it should not be wasted. St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Americanism. Buying something that is built to last a lifetime, discarding it within a year because the new mode has a different handle. St. Louis Globe Democrat.

True humility consists in being content with all that God is pleased to ordain for us.

Patience is the queen of the soul.

Virtue is not genuine until it becomes a habit.

THE LIBRARY SIGN POST

BRIEF NOTES FROM REVIEWS OF RECENT BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

From the N.Y. Herald Tribune: "The American Review of Religion and the Modern State" by the Rev. E. P. Redmond, O.S.A.

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Views of Others

NEED OF FAITH. We do so many outside the Church that on first meeting with a non-Catholic, the superficial impressions are...

IDEAS FOR CATHOLICS. In the month of December a group of 50 Catholics in Detroit organized a series of conferences for the purpose of discussing the various problems which are of interest to the Catholic public in the North.

CARDINAL NEWMAN has called the Mass the measure of the Church in the last century. It is the heart of the Church, the center of its life, and the foundation of its unity.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY in the United States is growing rapidly. It is estimated that there are over 50 million Catholics in this country, and this number is increasing each year.

IN INDIANA, a new Diocese has been established. It will cover a large area of the State and will be under the jurisdiction of the Holy See.

THE CATHOLIC EVIDENCE LIBRARY, which contains a complete collection of books and pamphlets on all phases of the Faith, is now available to the public.

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Spiritual Thoughts

It is a common saying that the soul is like a candle. It is lit by the love of God and it is extinguished by the love of the world.

The soul is a precious treasure. It is the seat of our thoughts and feelings, and it is the source of our spiritual life.

We must take care of our souls. We must guard them from sin and from the temptations of the world and the devil.

The soul is immortal. It will live on after the body has died, and it will be judged according to the deeds we have done in this life.

We should strive to live a holy life. We should follow the teachings of the Church and we should love God and our neighbor.

The soul is the temple of the Holy Spirit. We should invite the Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts and to guide us in all our ways.

We should be diligent in our prayer. Prayer is the best way to communicate with God and to receive His grace.

The soul is the key to eternal life. We should strive to keep our souls pure and we should avoid all sin.

We should be faithful to our duties. We should do our best in everything we do and we should love our work.

The soul is the center of our existence. It is the part of us that is most precious and most valuable.

We should strive to be holy. We should follow the teachings of the Church and we should love God and our neighbor.

The soul is the seat of our intellect. We should strive to increase our knowledge and we should use our intellect to glorify God.

We should be diligent in our study. We should read and we should think, and we should strive to become wise.

QUESTION BOX

Q—Two Catholics have been married by a Justice of Peace. A says they cannot be married again with a Mass, while B maintains that they can. A also claims that they are guilty of a more serious sin than if they had been married by a priest. B says this is not so. Who is right?

A—Both A and B are right. Two Catholics who attempt marriage before a Justice of Peace are guilty of a serious sin simply by going through such a ceremony. Of course by living together as married people they are guilty of more sin. They are living in sin until they are married with a priest. Nevertheless it is possible for them to be married with a priest because the Law of the Church does not forbid it. It is a law of the Church that any marriage ceremony in which at least one party is a Catholic must take place in the presence of a priest and two witnesses. Otherwise it is not valid. Therefore a marriage is not valid before God and His Church if it takes place before a minister of a Justice of Peace. By marrying before a minister a more serious sin is committed because it involves participation in the religion of non-Catholics who do not believe in God.

Q—Why is the creed read in the Mass called the Nicene Creed?

A—It is so called because it was compiled by the General Council of Nice in a town of Bithynia in Asia Minor. This council was held in A. D. 325 to combat the heretic Arius who denied the Divinity of Christ. The Nicene Creed therefore contains more completely the dogmas or doctrines of our faith, particularly of the Divine Sonship of Jesus Christ.

Q—Why does the priest bless the water at Mass, but not the wine?

A—A little water is mingled with the wine in the chalice to signify the union of the two natures in Christ. The wine represents His Divine nature and the water, His human nature. The blessing of the water signifies the elevation of human nature.

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