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COMMUNIST TECHNIQUE

It is hard to convince the average American that Communism stands more than an outside chance of gaining control in this country. Despite the aver-increasing evidence of the presence even in state supported schools and its steady growth among the working class, those who continually cry out against Communism are still classified as

But America must awaken to the danger, remote as it may seem before Cominism has worked its way deep into our national life. If we are wise onough to profit by the experience of European countries, we can forestall the spread of Communism here. We can, for example, note the change in Communiat technique that made possible the 'Socialist' success in Spain.

Over a year ago, Comrades representing countries all over the world met in Moscow to form a new plan of Communistic approach to power. Direct attack had proved a failure. Consequently a new line was decided upon-an indirect, insidious approach an apparent retreat, followed by an advance.

Communist leaders, hating in their hearts the Socialists as traitors to the true Marxisto cause, planned to temporarily Join Communism, Socialism, and Liberalism, Hatred of Capitalism furnished a common denomination. nator. The new alliance was called the Pogular Front.

Spain was to be the laboratory for this new experiment. Elections were at hand. The scheme worked smoothly. The combined forces managed to manipulate the electoral districts, gaining a two-thirds majority for the Left. "Socialists" were supposed to be in possession; but Communism was holding

Immediately after the election, direct action began. The Church, of course, was the first object of attack. Churches were burned. The new government did nothing to prevent the Communist compaign against the Catholics. Between February 1936 and the time the present civil war began, over two hundred of the finest churches in Spain and been destroyed. Murder of Catholics opposed to Communism was sanctioned by the Bocialists.

Next the Communists organized strikes. Because the authorities needed Communist votes to keep them in effice, they dared not interseers. This open defiance of the officials naturally weakened the power of the central government. Spain was rapidly approaching what Trotzky had called the "revolution point"—the point at which a diaguated popullece would rise up against a weak govern-

But before the Communist plan of revolution could materialize, the rise of the Right anticipated the revolt of the Left. Now the bloodlest civil war in centuries is below fought to save Spain from Com-

The moral? It can happen here. **DUCHMANNSH**

Bociety is still roing strong for Buch-maniam, Last week Newbort was host to Dr. Frank Buchman, founder of this modern form of revivalism, and many other memnumbers of the Kyatrest berr of the movement who are making the Tollids of exclusive resorts.

Occasionally we have come across Catholice who are curious about this self-styled Oxford Group: Many have been confused by the name; they think that Buchman's Oxford Group is a modern sequel to the Angle-Catholic Oxford Movement of the nineteenth century. But the only thing the two have in common is the word 'Oxford'. Catholics can-

not join this movement. Buchmanites belong to a strictly evenrollcal group, claiming to believe in no fixed

reed, but merely alming at "spiritual placifity! through "divine guidance."

There are two features that distinguishthe Oxford Group from the old-time followers of the sawdust trail; "sharing" and God guidance."

Members meet at informal house parties and "share" their sins, temptations, and experiences with other sympathetic souls. Such a practice amounts to public confession.

More difficult to understand than this desire to relieve one's conscience by telling personal sins to someone is the idea of passively waiting for direct divine guidance. We do not quarrel with the purpose of quiet reflection-Catholics believe in meditation-

reflection—Catholics believe in meditation—but we do disputs the Buchman claim to direct inspiration from God for their activities. Meditation floes dispose the soul to receive God's grace; but even the saints made no claim to direct divine guidance as the daily fruit of pious reflection:

Curious ly contradictory inspirations have come to Dr. Buchman during his career, yet he still insists that his followers place implicit faith in him; and what is more curious, they still believe in him absolities. His even full of sorry examples of the mischlet caused by men who believed they were acting under divine inspiration. It is atrange that intelligent men and women still accept a man's word for claim to be directly guided by God. Even Christ produced credentials—his miracles and his produced credentials—his miracles with and his produced credentials—his miracles. In following out their idea of God-guidance in members of the Oxford Group are in chystella and exhibitionism easily accompany the practice of sharing. Emotionalism

Resterie and exhibitionism easily accompany the practice of sharing Emotionalism is profine to May a part in all such subjective mergetons are such manuam.

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Current Comment

Church Teachings Needed As Guide

By The Rev. Raymond McGowan (Assistant Director, N. C. W. C. Dept. of Secial Action)

To think with the Church the face of the country's and the world's injustices and act as the Church would have us act in nearly the most important thing we can do now. That does not mean we need not an Catholics differ on details; for such will come from differences of more opinion and of information on ways and means of action. But on principles we cannot differ al-though the scandal of our differonces in grave. The principles are basic. They are also far-reaching. And we must become steeped in

For one thing, living a Cathotio life is at blacks; life fate of the virtues of strict justice, sools jus-tice and Christian charity is at stake. For snother, all life is poisoned by economic injustice; it undermines the morals and religion of individuals, of whole classen and of our country and the

world.
For another, Europe has taught no that revolution follows upon in futition. When great numbers become revolutionists, it is proof that something is horribly wrong. For still another, this genera-tion in the United States has the duty to make over our country right, One kind of life is inevitright, One kind of life is inevitably, dying, Another, batter or worse, is being born. The decisions we make are crucial. Vast social changes always leave their musical socialises. Europe's division over the colonization of the Americas halped cause Frotestable and the social social parties. antiam, and the world's abandon-ment-of-economic-morality at the time of the discovery of the ma-chine brought religious persecu-tion in Catholic countries and in the Protestant countries religious indifference on whitestant indifference or suspiculous of re-ligion. Basic freeligion and atto-ism and race worship now threat-en everywhere. The gross sins of individual Catholics are always visited upon the Church itself; The main points in the Catho-lic mind on economic life are giv-en in Pope Leo's Encyclicat, "The Condition of Labor," and Pope Plus XI's "Reconstructing the So-

cial Order." At the risk of over-simplifying, they are these: i. The complete observance of the moral law in awnership and work and in all their relation-ships—output, wages and salar-ies, prices, interest and profits. The oblef law is that private ourare other law is that private own-ership shall be made to give full entput and provide a living wage, attady work and a fair share of our great productivity for all and be their widely diffused.

2. The establishment with the

of government of modern Guilds growing, when there are collective bargaining between our ociations and labor njoyern' axa unions and out of other associations in, for example, much of farming and the professions.

4 Government intervention through inter Existation through isws enforcing the distinct of property; public ownership; regulation of competition and the new dictatorial power of wealth, investmint-control and credit; and shrough help in the growth of a gulid system and its regulation. 4. Our common heatherhood in Adam and in Christ becoming the soul of aconemic and governmen-

As Plus XI said in his Enevelcal: "With the assistance of God's grace, the fate of the human family lies in our hands."
(N.C.W.C. FEATURES)

Catholic News High Lights

(From the Files of N. C. W. C. NEWS SERVICE)

FOURTH WEEK IN SEPTEM-BER. 1921 Upwards of 1,500 distinguished prelates and prominent Catholic laymen have made reservations to altend the first national convention of the Third Order of St. Francia, to be held in Chicago. October 2, 3 and 4. New York, New Jorsey, Florida, Texas, Colo-rado, Washington, California and Illingia will be represented in the

FOURTH WEEK IN SEPTEM-Mount Angel College and St. Benedict's Abbey were completely destroyed in a disastrous fire September 11, with a loss salimated from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000. The cataltrophe has wiped away in a single night the familie of years of toll by the Henedictine Fathers at Mount Angel, Oragon, The atone for the magnificent build-ings which now lie in smoulder-ing rules was quarted by hand by the fathers and mainters of

the religious community through years of hard and palastaking la-

TRANGE BUT TRU Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY



THE LIBRARY POST SIGN

Back again at his editorial desk, your Signpost editor thanks Mr. Walter Sullivan for his very ible management of this column during the summer months.

Paul Hanly Furfey's Fire on the

Earth would be placed in the Library next Monday evening with the other new books, were it not that I am keeping it out "what all the shootin's for." Fire is always fascinating and sometimes exciting, within a month of its publication, this book has both fascinated and excited Father Gillis's comment is typical "It is original -- eloquent powerful -- honest, and although it will be accused of being Utopian, mysti-cal unpractical, it is the Gospel, and the only true 100 per cent application of the principles of our Saviour and the Saints." The title sounds revolutionary, and is so; but no more so than what Christ meant when he first used the words: "I am come to spread fire on The earth."

Post - mortem: "Pero Charles, S.J., recently returned from an extensive trip throughout central and southern Africa, told not long ago of priests lost in the bush of the dark continent, far from all they knew of civilization and yet filled with zest and critical keen-ness; and the reason seemed to Other books of more than ordi-

be the precious volumes of Chesterton on their shabby shelves. A friend of mine who toured Europe n. few years ago to forget two terrible shocks that nearly felled him, brought a volume of Chesterton with him, and returned with renewed confidence and a trunk full of G. K. These are a few of the unknown hosts of people who have long looked to him

There is the promise of rich reading, and of deep thinking, in the fall and winter books, of which the Catholic publishers are giving us advance notice. promising of all is the Life of Jesus by Franceis Mauriae of the French Academy; those who have been following the work of this unique genius, whether they like him or not, will agree that a life of the Saviour from his pen will profound and suggestive Next in interest comes the Antabiography of G. K. Chesterion, which the great Catholic authorhad finished just two months behad finished just two months be-fore his death last June. . . Two Cathelle novels are in the offing: one of them by Sheila Kaye-Smith, called Ro other by Ethel Cook Eliot, called Angels' Mirth. (You will remember the latter author by her last

don in "America."

THE CATHOLIC EVIDENCE LIBRARY RECOMMENDS

VOLTAIRE, By . Hfred Noves. The average person thinks of Voltaire with Ingersoll and Paine as a diabolically clever agent of atheism. The average student knows only a few of his words wrenched crudely out of their context and glibly quotes Macaulay's dictum that "every wrinkle in that haggard sneer has been the grave of dynasties and creeds." But Mr. Noves has studied Voltaire and read all of his seventy books, and now gives us, in this amazing biography, a portrait of the face hehind the grin. In it Voltaire stands forth from the false mist of legend and popular fallacy as a reverent bellever in God and as a fierce champion against human wrongs and injustice.

THE REM OF CHRISTENDOM. By Herbert Eugene Bolton. A record of one stirring chapter in the Christianizing of the early Southwest: A modern reporter, reading this book, might well feel that he was born three hundred years too late; for here was a priest whose dynamic energy, rich personality, and colorful experience exert an extraordinary appeal to the human love of the dramatic. Mr. Bolton has written a generous and fascinating account of Father Kino's arrazing misslonary work, and, while satisfying the strict demands of historical scholarship, he has at the same time made his narrative as interesting as any novel of pioneering adventure.

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MOTE Both these new books will be ready in the Library next Monday avening.)

Calendar of

Feasts Sunday, September 20 - ST. EESTACHIUS AND CAMPAN-IONS, MARTYRS. Monday, September 21. - ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE.

Wednesday, September 23-ST. activity furnishes. Thursday, September 24-THE

Friday, September 25-ST. FIR-MIN. BISHOP AND MARTYR. Saturday, September 26-STS. CYPRIAN AND JUSTINA, MAR-

Spiritual Thoughts

The saddest fact is better than the merriest lie.--Bishop J. L. Spalding.

If we wish to conquer temptation, let us flee to Mary, our Im-maculate Mother, and beg her as-

We ought to serve God out of love and holy joy rather than from fear and dread. St. Ignatlus, Martyr.

The bed of suffering is a school of humility, where we learn not only our weakness and misery. but how vain, sensitive and feeble

nary interest will be Hillaire Bel-

log's Characters of the Reforma-tion; Pfleger's Wrestlers with Christ (studies of Chesterton, Peguy, Leon Bloy, Scioviev, Dostolevsky, Berdyaev, and Andre Gide); Arnold Lumn's Within That City (post-conversion observations on the inside of the Church); Louis Bertrand's The Art of Suffering and Dr. Castlello's A Humane Psychology of Education.

Diocesan. Recordings

INSPIRED in the cause for which they give every minute of their waking hours, the Godless and enemies of God, are constantly informing themselves to be ready to put across the diabolical program that is even now causing the Holy Father so much sorrow.

. . . They know their Mark, their

Lenin, their Stalin. . They have built up in their minds a knowledge helpful to their aims that the unaware assimilate with unconscious ease. . . That they are making headway is evident from the Holy Father's message to Spanish refugees on Monday. . . . They are making use of a corrupt propaganda, which, after having reduced and stirred up the Masses, said Pope Plus, arms them and hurls them against every form of institution, human and divine. Opposing these subversive forces is the One. True Holy and Apostolic Church. . . . You and I as members of the

Church have a grave responsibility as day follows day of darkness assail the Church on every side. . . Are we ready to offer defense? . Do we know our Founder and Leader as do the many "Ists" who oppose us? The Life of Christ so many of us The Life of Christ so many of us take for granted We think we know, but when put to the test to show Christ's principles as against paganistic doctrines, can we answer? . The time to correct that is here. Throughout the diocese study clubs are being formed to distance to the contract that its contract to the contract formed to deliberate study discuss and become fully conversant with the Life of Christ outline pamphlet has been pre-. One glance will show

that there is a large field in which the well-informed Catholic can enter to acquire added information to ease inquiring minds. With the background furnished by such study and discussion an informed laity will be provided . In shops, offices, community gatherings the presentation of Catholic facts and doctrine will Laymen be made with case. will be able to answer questions put to them by those in whose minds the Communistic philosophy may have already seeped in. . . . Fair minded people will be given opportunity to weigh the two in the balance. If good use has been made of the discussion clubs, the Church's position

will be ably presented. The sessions are short and time passes as quickly as "the short-est half-hour in radio" ()ver 5,000 in the diocese last year came to know better The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass" doubled will get into the movement on "The Lafe of Christ" when they have real zed the value Tuesday, September 22-THE to their own souls and the help to the Church such a source time.

AN EVIL that is widespread BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF was discussed this week at the Central Verein Convention in San Antonio, Texas It was brought out by the Rev Frederic Eckhoff, of St Louis, that production of pornographic literature is one of the largest industries in the country Lending libraries handling such literature are fre Leading libraries quently nation-wide concerns with from 200 to 2,000 stations in a city. . . . They distribute by secret agents to business offices and schools. . . . He estimates only five per cent of the average lending library's offerings can be classi-fled as "harmless." . These are disturbing facts for parents and those interested in keeping youth wholesome. . . Combating the evil, Father Ekchoff cites what has been done in New York where the Society for the Suppression of Vice has "battled against it with moderate success" moderate success" points to civic organizations working in other cities for legislation and . conviction . . and calls attention to the system of Ireland requiring licensing of booksellers.

. . Outstanding remedy he proposes is a counter-movement in the form of a lending library to distribute Catholic literature to counteract effects of the pornographic kind. ... "Very favorable, he says, "are the results in a Catholic lending library operating within a 300-mile radius of St. Paul, Minn." . . . Unclean litera-ture can do as much harm to can other forces sweeping the

QUESTION BOX

1. How is the Pope appointed? The Pope is elected by votes of the college of Cardinals in a session known as a Conclave, twothirds of those voting being the necessary majority. Voting takes place twice daily by secret ballot in the Sistine Chapel, into which none but the Cardinals are admitted. Two ballots are cast each day until someone receives necessary majority. Strictly speaking, any male Catholic might be selected, but the choice usually falls to one of the Car-

2. Have all the Popes been Risktant if not what other nation-ality has been represented?

No. In modern times the smajority have been Italian, but there have been German Peper. English Poper. Spanish Poper and
going back to the first days of
the Church, there have been Jewthe Days.

therefore, that he should be an Italian, just as the Bishop of Dublin is quite congruously an Irish-

2. What qualifications are necessary in the appointment of a

If we understand by "negesthose qualifications demanded by Canon Law, they are the same for the Pope as for any ". Bishop. Canon Law deplaces that a candidate for the piscopal of-

(a) must be born of legitimate. wedlock: those legitimized by subsequent marriage are excluded;
(b) must be at least 30 years of ARC.

(c) must have been a priest at least five years; (d) must possess good char-

the degree of doctor of licentiate in theology or Canon Law from a ish Popes.

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