

STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY

Diocesan Recordings

SPEED OF THE TIMES now emphasizes the Christmas spirit weeks ahead of the actual Feast Day.

EFFECTIVENESS OF organized efforts never better exemplified than by the Rochester Parish Sodality Union in staging the successful forum.

THEIR COLONEL, Frank H. Biel now in the high office of Supreme President of the Knights of St. John because of the duties of that office resigned Friday night and Rochester Regimental Commander held an election to fill his place.

WHILE THE MOVIES in the past have been panned and berated for productions unwholesome they are now being hailed as the medium they can become for the advancement of the human race.

AN ECHO of the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems—Treasurer Frederick J. Weider, president of Burr and Creelman Company spoke in the light of Columbus "Thursday night on 'The Encyclicals from the Employers' Viewpoint' and among many other excellent points made declared that if half of the excess profits above the legitimate profit were given to the employees it would help solve many difficulties today.

Defending the Faith

Questions and Answers

By ARNOLD LUNN

In this column the noted convert and apologist, Arnold Lunn, solves religious difficulties proposed for the most part by young people who are neither Catholics nor Christians.

QUESTION "All right, we'll allow that the facts or alleged facts on which the Christian religion is based have a certain academic interest, but you'll allow that it's more important that Jesus' behavior should be good than that his belief should be correct?"

ANSWER With certain reservations, every Catholic would agree that good behavior is more important than correct belief. A good Protestant who follows the light that is in him, who is prevented by invincible prejudices from examining the claims of the Church, will get to Heaven, whereas a bad Catholic who is orthodox in belief but who neglects the graces that have been given him, and who persists in mortal sin runs a great risk of

A TENT TOMB The memorial over the grave of Sir Richard Burton... THE BIBLE AUTHORIZED AND REVISED VERSIONS... ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTION... THE OLD "NORTH CHURCH" Loughlin Island, Co. Down Ireland...

THE LIBRARY SIGN POST

The Faith is like music with power to soothe the savage beast. Austin and his missionary band found old England in barbaric turmoil seething with the unrest of the proud and nomadic Anglo-Saxons...

THE CATHOLIC EVIDENCE LIBRARY RECOMMENDS

CATHERINE TERAKWITA. By Daniel Sargent. Holiness, like genius, may be found in the most unpromising environment. One would hardly expect to find it in the rough, harsh atmosphere of an Indian village...

WITHIN THAT CITY. By Arnold Lunn. Over two years ago Mr. Lunn found that the Catholic is true, and he recorded the process of discovery in his popular "Now I See"...

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The Yardstick

A Commentary on Pius XI's Encyclical

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

Father Dempsey, S. J. of St. Louis University, has done the difficult work of translating Father Neil - Bruning's commentary on Pius XI's "Reorganizing the Social Order"...

Translating the work presented in a difficult problem. One difficulty is that it is a commentary on the German text of the Encyclical, which is itself different from the Latin...

Perhaps industries and professions which are not organized into "vocational groups" used in our translation and for the German terms used to describe them.

The volume leaves from its reading lists a great many Catholic books and pamphlets in English which help to explain the Encyclical in terms of American experience...

A Dictionary of Catholic Thought

(Compiled by the Rev. Walter F. Lisch)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST In the hands of the Priest Eternal the grain grown from the ground becomes the Bread of Heaven—Abbe Constant Fourard.

The Eucharist feeds the soul, it strengthens us against temptation. It deters the devil of concupiscence. It incorporates us into Jesus Christ—St. Cyril of Alexandria.

The Master of His whit disguise. John Ayrault.

The antidote of death and the means of immortality—St. Ignatius of Antioch.

Heaven is only because Jesus is there; and I do not understand why earth has not become heaven already, since Jesus is on earth also. What else will our entrance into eternity be but simply the unveiling of the Blessed Sacrament—Father F. W. Faber.

The Blessed Sacrament is the fountain head of the life of the Church—Father Bridgett, C.S.R.

The Holy Eucharist is the abridgement of all the gifts of God, for it contains Jesus Christ, the source of every grace and every gift—Abbe Perreye.

Holy Communion and death lead to Jesus Christ—the one, by His blood, who saves us from sin—St. Thomas Aquinas, C.S.

might consider "disorganization", — inasmuch as in many nations the organization is restricted by law from functioning internationally in its financial business.

Mission funds collected in Germany are stalemated. No support can be forwarded from their home lands, and to add to the "disorganization", the German National Director has been handicapped greatly by the Government in his activities.

During the Ethiopian conflict, and even today, Italian missionaries are partially and completely without assistance from home. There is no need of mentioning the Spanish situation. All mission activities in this tragic land must be close to obliteration.

Conditions in France are far worse than we suspect, and many believe only worse can be expected if, as feared, the present regime loses power.

On the four countries as well as from the rest of unaffiliated Europe the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and other mission enterprises of the Church depended in large measure for support.

Europe has not only provided the bulk of the man power, but most of the support as well. Thus far we have done little in this country—we have only made a good beginning. We have yet to prove ourselves.

The Church in the United States today, however, stands in a unique position, and the Holy Father himself told Father McDonnell, when he was in Rome two weeks ago, that the very salvation of the missions depends upon America and the manner in which it will meet the emergency.

So the Church in our land has been suddenly thrust into a position that involves not only a great responsibility, but an extraordinary privilege as well.

Catholics of Rochester are indebted to our Parish Sodality Union for bringing Father Lord and Father Dowling here to speak on Communism.

From every angle the open forum was excellent. An audience close to 2,200 was present at the discussion. Both Jesuits presented a clear-cut, unimpassioned case against Communism. But both recognized the good done by Communists—their fight for the underprivileged, their fight against the exploitation of labor, their zeal in campaigning against industrial evils that we know exist.

One point driven home should sting Catholics can learn from the Communists. If we had half their zeal, Catholic principles of social justice would soon cease to be splendid theories and be put into splendid practice.

The only sensible way to combat Communism is to practise Catholicism. We can learn a lot from the Communists. The children of this generation are wiser in their generation than the children of light.

OUT OF THE MAIL

Last week we received a circular containing a highly emotional appeal to the clergy to condemn vivisection. Unquestionably members of anti-vivisection societies are sincere in their conviction that every experiment with animals is an act of cruelty. But it is a sincerity that borders on fanaticism.

"Vivisection is not science, except it be according to the science of hell. It is the greatest and most deadly curse under which the human race is now laboring. Even if so-called antidotes were a success, they God let the race of mankind die rather than to commit such awful crimes of cruelty—such sins in the name of science."

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