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THE CATHOLIC COURIER has my most enthusiastic approval. A first-class newspaper has become an essential part of the program of Catholic action in this city.

JAMES R. KEANEY, Bishop of Rochester.

Sursum Corda

By Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P.

The militaristic nations seem for the moment to have the peace-loving nations outflanked.

In the New York Herald-Tribune for February 8 is a letter, about two columns in length, from a man who says he has spent some years in the far east and who in consequence is frequently requested to give his opinion on the rights and wrongs of the conflict between Japan and China.

They say that "something should be done about it" and they ask him to specify what could and should be done.

So there you are. Something should be done, but nobody wants to do it. Therein lies the strength of the battle being waged.

The writer in the newspaper systematically considers every possible course of action that might be taken, and comes to the conclusion that anything worth anything that can be thought of would frustrate the purpose of peace.

Furthermore, we have seen recently in the city of Washington a demonstration by workers in silk and rayon who, if American women took to wearing silk stockings instead of silk, it would throw thousands into the ranks of the unemployed and deprive them of a quarter of a million dollars a year.

Still further, a boycott on silk from Japan would take the bread out of the mouths of millions in China who are engaged in the cultivation of the silk worm.

So it goes. Our hands seem to be tied. Whatever we might do, we would be met by a punishment would result to the innocent.

What can be done? Well, what do you do when the armed burglar demands your money? You let him have his way, hoping that the law will catch up with him.

Library Signpost

POINTS

What is being called a "Elias Contest" has been started by the Catholic weekly magazine Arca.

I wonder what the crowded and cheering audience who heard Mr. Troyanovsky the other day at the City Club dinner made out of his very veiled and defamatory statement about Soviet action in the Spanish Civil War.

It is possible to confess truth with many a "might" and "may be" Christ said "Let your speech be Yes, Yes, No, No, and that which is over and above this is evil."

Mr. Troyanovsky was very naive and spoke in strong indications of the danger of fanaticism but the mood became subjective when he referred to Russian action in the international cockpit.

"But how about truth and facts?" I prodded him. "Here an I, a stranger in your midst. What you print in my columns of information 'Can I believe it?'"

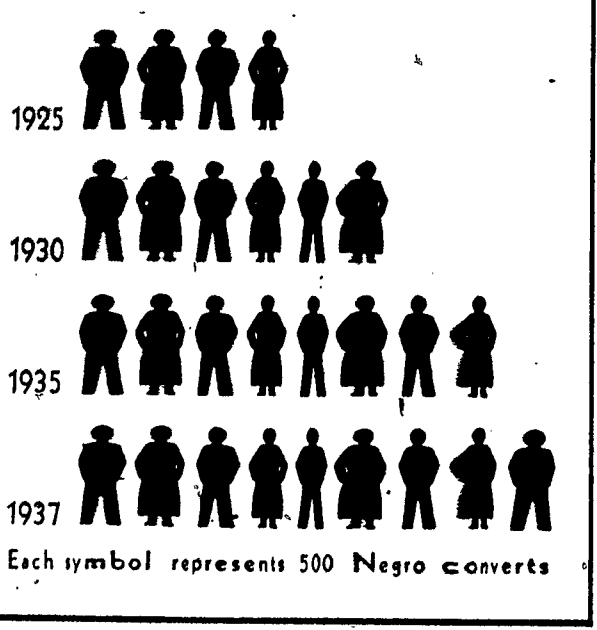
"I know I know. There is no truth in the NEWS-VESTNIK and the news in the 'PRAVDA'." These are the names of Russian newspapers.

Some spiritual reading will surely occupy a part of each Catholic's Lenten program. The Catholic Evidence Library has many devotional books which will be of service here.

THE INNER LIFE OF THE CATHOLIC BY Archbishop Goodier. THE PASSION AND DEATH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST BY Fr. Leo J. Ryan, S.M. MEDITATIONS ON "THE GOSPELS" BY Bishop Prohaska. PRAYER FOR ALL TIMES. BY Pierre Charles. MEDITATIONS FOR LAY.

A RISING TIDE

NEGRO CONVERTS



As the cartoon shows there is a steady stream of Negro converts flowing into the Church. Continued progress in the Negro and in the Indian missions depends upon generosity in the annual Negro and Indian mission collection, Sunday.

Godless Communism Queries and Replies For Discussion Clubs

CHAPTER I

1. Q. Should Catholics have any concern about godless Communism?

A. Most certainly they should. On 18 different occasions, the present reigning Pontiff has warned the faithful of the threatening dangers of this pernicious doctrine.

2. Q. Is Communism new?

A. No. Communism as such is not new. An attempt at state Communism was made before Christ in ancient Sparta.

Catholic Evidence

Let's Keep America God's Country!

FAITHFUL! We hear a lot about it these days, and Catholic Americans, because they are both Catholic and American, want to be firm in their stand of opposition.

But the cry against Fascism must be watched because it may well be fostered by undercover agents of Russian Communism.

Q. By Baptists we are made Children of God. If we fail to go to church or keep God's commandments can we still be called Christians? A. No! In a strict sense we are not. Christians means Christ-follower and thus harbor a devil instead of an angel.

Along The Way

By Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J.

O O McINTYRE I confess the death of O O McIntyre makes me feel as if I never met him, any more than I had met O Henry, yet I feel a little as if I met O Henry.

O O McIntyre, he made the city better known outside of New York than any man since O Henry wrote of the Four Millions.

Yet he passed on to the rest of America a picture of New York that found place in the hearts of those who were not aware of its actual streets and people.

After all, writers find what they look for, and in the world around them they see reflected their own souls.

Diocesan Recordings

After experimenting with rats, a Los Angeles scientist now declares super-humans possible.

Former President Hoover visits President Paderewski of Poland. Maybe suggesting two pianos in every home.

Add inconsistencies - expecting the Catholic paper to print their publicity dashing to daily newspapers with hot news.

Eight years old. Celebrates its 8th birthday on Sunday, March 6.

A youngster that has grown gigantic in size and is achieving incredible good for Holy Mother and Church throughout the nation.

Sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Men from its birth in March 1930.

Supported by most of the Catholic lay organizations in this diocese through affiliation of their national organizations with the N.C.M.

Has witnessed the rise of other programs in public fancy as they achieved top ratings and faded away to more lively entertainment.

With its growth in fan-mail jumped from 11,965 pieces the first year to upwards of 30,000.

Had the highest percentage of receiving complimentary letters from 66 non-Catholic ministers, and 6,000 more from the Protestant laity.

Carried by the stations without cost at an hour when time is valuable and could be easily grown.

Felicitations in this city grown to manhood in eight short years. May it carry on bringing to thousands the well prepared and well presented views of distinguished priests and prelates.

Mentioning of course the excellent musical support given by the Faithful choristers hear in the past and John McCormack who will be heard on the birthday program Sunday March 6.

The Recorder cannot overlook the fact that members of Seneca Falls Council, Knights of Columbus, were numbered among those conducting a Catholic Press Month exhibit.

Generous support was given by the W.C.C.F. generally during the Crusade but as far as we know the Seneca Falls Council were the only group in that organization sponsoring an exhibit.

Their recorder, Ed Rogers, declared in connection with the exhibit that "THE CATHOLIC COURIER is the leading newspaper in the homes of members." Our hearty thanks and best wishes for success for an organization so ready to advance their own diocesan newspaper.

It would be humorous if it were not so tragically significant of the break-down in family life today. We mean the copyrighted Grim and Bear It cartoon by Lichty in a recent issue of the daily press which shows a young couple getting married by the clergyman who is saying: 'until death, or Judge Snodgrass of the Domestic Relations Court, do you part.'

Parents who might want to know advantages of a Catholic boy in a Catholic troop are told these: 'For the boy himself the greatest advantage is the living contact with definitely Catholic laymen, who are following a definite religious program, and intimate contact with a Catholic priest. In the program the boy begins with a religious investiture ceremony, is led on by the Commission Sundays, the Catholic mit the annual retreats, and the positive example of his own Catholic Scoutmaster and buddies. He acquires intimate contact with the priest, in his proximity to the Church in his scout meetings.'

A Dictionary Of Catholic Thought

If we cannot be martyrs, we ought to be confessors of the truth.—Cardinal Gibbons.

No one is a martyr for a conclusion.—Newman.

Martyr at a bridal banquet, guest of God forevermore.—Aurey De Vere.

I believe in witnesses that lay down their lives for the truth.—Fasael.

If I cannot dispute for my Faith as well as some others, I can die for it as well as the best.—Ven. John Robinson.

FIRST ISSUE IN LENT

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