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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The greatness of this country, we have been told for many years, is due chiefly to the public schools.

All our first schools were religious schools. The fundamental law of our country were conceived by men who believed that our form of government would not endure unless its people were moral and religious.

CHURCH AND UNIONISM

The Church does not indiscriminately approve of every organization of labor by the mere act of proclaiming the natural right of labor unionism.

C. I. O.—COMMUNISM

Recently in Los Angeles the C. I. O. served notice of withdrawal from the Industrial Union Council, an organization controlled by Harry Bridges.

AS OTHERS VIEW IT

In upholding the Spanish Nationalists in their war against the Loyalist Government of Madrid and Valencia we are not only endorsing any totalitarian State that might be set up by Gen. Franco and his followers.

Feast Days

Sunday, August 21—ST. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP OF HIPPO.
Monday, August 22—THE HEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ON THE ORDER OF HEROD.

Spending Money

ALONG THE WAY
By Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J.

I grow more and more dumfounded at the reluctance of people to let you spend your money.

In quick succession, I had two such experiences. I stood at the cashier's cage in a big hotel, money in hand, trying to get either of the two people of leisure behind the cage to accept it.

Shortly after, I walked into an important branch of the Railway Express Company. I had two packages to send, a small enough item, no doubt; but still I did want service.

Finally, I turned, walked out and carried my package to the postoffice and parcel post.

My first inclination was to send the hottest possible letter to the Express Company. But why penalize the company for two indifferent employees? Yet how low I could have made it for them, since our office sends by their company thousands of packages every year.

No wonder companies bemoan the fact that they find their hardest problem is to get salespeople who really want to sell.

DOGONE NINETEEN!

Any one of us who has struggled with his either and neither will sympathize with the young lady in this grammatical slip up.

DOGONE NINETEEN!

She had just received a phone call from some unknown person and looked up to see two people, both strangers, standing near the phone.

DOGONE NINETEEN!

Well, anyhow she got in one straight shot. That's more than you would have done!

DOGONE NINETEEN!

And an orchid the young Walter rates for his comment: "Josef Stalin of Moscow is quoted as asserting: 'We have democracy in Russia. In Russia everybody is equal. Nobody has freedom.'"

DOGONE NINETEEN!

Congressmen seeking reelection are having phonograph records made of their speeches. It seems that electrical transcription will now not only swing it but also it.—Dallas Journal.

DOGONE NINETEEN!

Love at first sight is sometimes a case of mistaken identity.—Albany Knickerbocker Press.

'That's Where I Come From, See'



The Answer Why

By Rev. Dr. Francis L. Meade, C. M.

Outside the Church there are, of course, those who deny her the right to conduct schools, colleges, and universities.

Truth is the measure of a fact with an ideal. Before man, or the material universe, or the laws of nature existed, there was a time when only God dwelt in mystery and light inaccessible.

God's goodness, too, belongs to God. Patently, however, good means to live in conformity with the moral law.

Whatever the alleged reason may be, the fact remains that the Church enjoys no teaching privilege.

Only God's truth. It may, however, come as a new truth in the last analysis.

It has been said above that ultimately all truth is God's truth.

On the other hand, one does not find the Catholic educator making the stupid distinction between religious truth and scientific truth.

He is never so foolish as to deny proven fact. He accents it with the conviction that each discovery is a manifestation of the hitherto hidden thought of God.

These foolish Americans went to Spain and joined hands with the Reds of Moscow and the Reds of Barcelona in their brutish work of crucifying the gallant people of Spain.

We again warn the American against Red propaganda. Use your head—don't get fooled by Red Propaganda. The Western Catholic.

Pushed by Leftists. We have been criticized for saying "Blockade" is a propaganda picture. The best supporting evidence for our contention is the campaign being pushed for its showing and support.

On Our Way—Maybe. Corbin thought it was going to California. Columbus thought it was going to India and some of us fancy ourselves en route to Utopia.—Michigan Catholic.

A New Jersey scientist says fish are easier to catch if you're in the kind which haunt night clubs.—Louisville Times.

Sundry Topics

LIBRARY SIGNPOST

Oh, for a Chesterton or a Beeson to put into biting verse what ought to be said to Mrs. Roosevelt for her comment on the Youth Congress at Vassar.

Her speaking before the Youth Congress can be conservatively called imprudent.

Well, the deed is done now: Communist stock has gone up in this country; and the Roosevelt goes on blandly, quite content that the prayer which opened the Congress was uttered wholeheartedly by all the delegates present.

It is theoretically possible to be a sincere Communist, and many have been such, along with zeal for the betterment of the masses.

The only one on earth who can really say in truth, "I'll tell the world" is the Pope and that is the Holy Father who has been doing so brilliantly during his pontificate.

From this dramatic point of view, or from the more philosophical point of view revealing the Pope's contributions to modern times, Lord Cromer's book is highly recommended.

How to make excellent pictures can be printed on such a sheet as such a picture as this.

It will make a very acceptable gift for friends at Christmas.

Five Years Ago

An effort to curb the misuse of Gaelic names was among the actions taken at the New York State Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in session in Rochester.

Additional to the faculty of Nazareth College announced were: Miss Alice Corcoran, Sister Dorothy Agnes, S.M., Pauline, Miss Sara Malone and Miss Marion O'Neil.

John T. Gleason was chairman of a "Booster Night" luncheon at the St. Joseph's Hotel, Geneva.

Spiritual Thoughts

Virgils is identical with charity, and consists in loving what we ought to love.—St. Augustine.

Each virtue we have acquired is one for which we have fought and which we have won.—Cardinal Deschamps.

It is a shame for a man to deserve honor only because of his noble progenitors, and not to deserve it by his own virtue.

NEOPHYTE LECTURES POPE

Sursum Corda

By REV. JAMES M. GILLIS, C.S.P., Editor, The Catholic World

Diocesan Recordings

The real news on Communistic activity in this country and in Spain is beginning to "break" in the public press.

It is on page two usually that the daily newspaper editors are running the stories which present a far different picture than was in the news heretofore played out in their front pages.

The truth is coming out as a result of testimony given before the House Committee Investigating Un-American Activities in these United States.

These young would-be defenders of so-called democracy in Spain reported that the American fighters were being held by Communist leaders of the government.

They told of being spotted up by a "Russian OGPU" (secret police).

They were threatened with machine guns at any sign of mutiny, and constantly in danger of execution.

It has been charged that the federal theater project of W.P.A. was dominated by radicals using public funds to spread the doctrine of communism.

This week a former president of the American League Against War and Fascism, syndicated in the Communist line, told the Committee that the "united front" movement had made more progress in the United States in a few recent years than had been made in fifty years elsewhere.

He testified and this should convince those who still believe that activities against the Communists are unimportant—that it was a "pride and prejudice" in the Communist party.

He had "friends and sympathizers" who had been doing so strategically.

He said they were "in every important position in this country—government agencies, newspapers, magazines, clubs, trade unions, universities and colleges and in industries."

He defined the "stooges" men of prominence used as decoys and the "innocents," being drawn into the united front movement.

It is hoped that the program of Catholic lay organizations is not been strided too late.

It is combat the "united front" by consolidating to note that now in their daily papers, the American people are getting the true Red picture in America.

To combat the false teachings of Communism, Atheism and Materialism there is one Catholic lay organization that has sought diligently to be guided by the Papal Encyclicals offering the only true answers.

This organization is the Catholic Central Verein of America which with the National Catholic Women's Union has carried on a consistent program to make the Encyclicals known and to have the principles contained therein applied to current problems.

The New York state convention of these organizations will be held over Labor-Day in Troy.

There will be heard in open discussion the forces that are threatening the American form of government and American life.

There will be built up a resistance to such subversive forces that is founded on authoritative and lasting principles.

From what The Recorder learns the Blackfriars program for presenting Catholic plays during the coming fall and winter months is one that will bring Broadway to Rochester, at least that part of the New York theater that deserves to be commended and promoted.

That the local Blackfriars are serious about their promotion to the Catholic theater would be realized if the members could be seen attired in old clothes down of their knees scraping floors, bending backs to build scenery and reaching aloft to paint the scenery necessary for their pretentious productions. All of this has been witnessed at the new Theater Workshop at 417 1/2 and North Street. With such enthusiasm it should not be difficult to capture the whole-hearted cooperation of their fellow-diocesan.