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Swinging The Classics

ALONG THE WAY

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

Every time some swinger (which I suppose is really a correct abbreviation of swing and singer) starts via radio to blare into one of the classic forms...

Now there is much to be said for this new treatment of the old classics. In the first place, it's honest, and I might add, for the first time, it's honest. The man who simply dug into the mine of the classic and a melody from Beethoven's Fifth appeared as "Your Flaming Passion Burns Up."

Justice for All Children

There have been, and still will be, a great amount of misstatements bandied about, as election time nears, aimed at discrediting the position of Catholic schools in the state.

Proposed amendments to the State Constitution making legislation constitutional, which would be beneficial to the children in non-public schools of the state, have stirred bigoted minds.

Had these proposals any semblance of violating the spirit of the constitutional clauses for which they were proposed, the constitutional delegates would have thrown them out bodily.

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Abuses in Installment System

More and more are the people in our country making use of the installment system to purchase not only homes, but also to procure many other commodities, including luxuries.

The Catholic Central Verein of America took cognizance of this condition at its annual convention, held in Bethlehem, Pa., from Aug. 20-24, by drafting the following resolution pointing to the evils which have accompanied the increased use of this financial system of buying and selling.

The increasing use of the installment system of buying and selling in our country, the resolution states, "has given rise to a major economic problem. While we recognize certain merits in the plan, there are none the less many abuses connected with the system. Hence the buyer is admonished to investigate carefully the conditions surrounding his purchase.

As Often View It:

One such candid camera far seems to have missed in its run for honest-to-hell pictures is the parish church. In each congregation appointed an official candid photographer to chronicle the actions of Mr. and Mrs. Average Parishioner, most probably church etiquette would improve.

A candid shot of Mr. Catholic blessing herself would do much toward eliminating the grotesque hand-wiggling that is supposed to be the sign of the Cross. Or, imagine a picture of Mr. Catholic doing a half-dip genuflection—these partly flexed and not coming within a foot of the floor.

Fast Days

Sunday, October 2 - THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS. Monday, October 3 - ST. GERARD MAJORELLE. Tuesday, October 4 - ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI. Wednesday, October 5 - ST. MARTIN. Thursday, October 6 - ST. BRUNO. Friday, October 7 - ST. MARK. Saturday, October 8 - ST. BRIGITTE OF SWEDEN.

NOT ALL STOOGES

A UNITED FRONT with Communists for the achievement of social and economic objectives was opposed by a commission which reported to the National Conference of Methodist out in Boulder, Col. This is especially encouraging as some Methodist ministers and writers are acting as stooges for the Red-Michigan Catholic.

A LAND IN SHADOW

RELIGION



Catholic Evidence

From a building surrounded by the city of Rome is raised the voice of a single man—a man who is the spiritual ruler of almost 400,000,000 Catholics.

No matter how popular the sin or the error no matter how threatening is its who is rebuked, the Voice of the Vicar of Christ comes forth that voice has ears may hear, that the evil may be made manifest, that men of good-will may know and act and be saved.

Diocesan Recordings

No matter how you look at it, to take sides in the present European war, as it is shaping up now, is to be with either Fascism on one side or Communism on the other with the latter European democracies that are left getting the squeeze play.

Public Enemy Returns

I stepped from the southern train into the St. Louis Union Station to find a crazing crowd assembled. The photographers were leveling their cameras. Long lines of men in workmen's clothes blocked the aisle. Men, women, and children stood gaping. As I hurried past I asked my red cap what or who was expected.

Five Years Ago

From September 14, 1933, issue headed by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William H. Hart, V.O., who was accompanied by the Rev. Charles J. Ebrutt, former vice chaplain, more than 100 priests and 120 nuns marched in the mammoth N.R.A. parade in Rochester.

When to Be Just

When to be just, the obligation to give every man his due, is binding at all times and under all conditions. It permits no man to say, I will be just only when justice falls in with my aims, or further by interest; and I will refrain from injustice when this would expose me to failure, to loss of reputation or to penalty enacted by law.

Watchful Elders

Watchful Elders, by the Rev. Eilian J. Henrich, by O.M. Cap. M.A., published by the Bruce Publishing Co., instructs parents how to give the necessary sex information to children. The pamphlet contains further material that may be used in early and late adolescence, and deals also with particularly difficult cases.

Clips

Avoid temptation through fear you may not withstand it. The truest mark of a saintly priest is his charity toward the fallen—Cardinal O'Connell.

Clips

Who's the use to have horses across if you are going to be as stubborn as a mule?—Topeka State Journal.

A Review And Letter

LIBRARY SIGNPOST

DEATH SOLVES NOTHING

By Anne Sothen

How did idealists, religious people, people of education and culture become Communists? That is the question which is answered by a new Italian writer who uses the pen name, Anne Sothen.

Death Solves Nothing is not a sociological study masquerading under the title of a novel. It is the account of what happened to one woman in modern Germany when death was a feeling akin to claustrophobia held a giant magnifying glass over the trivial incidents of her life.

Death Solves Nothing is the work of a new novelist, the hand which apportions plot and propaganda in it is the hand of a veteran writer. The book cannot be called a great contribution to literature, but the author's restraint of thought and style gives great promise for the future.

A LETTER

This is a dangerous hour. It is necessary for us to keep a level head. Everyone has the feeling about present conditions that we are heading toward a catastrophe.

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A LETTER FROM CHINA

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

It is not often that I surrender this space to a "guest columnist" (to borrow a phrase from the secular papers). But today I beg leave to present a missionary to China, a priest laboring in the midst of the war-stricken territory.

I dare not give his name or tell the exact locality of his mission. It would perhaps be his death warrant.

But I can vouch for the authenticity of his message. It came in a letter to one of his confreres here at home, who has kindly permitted me to make use of it.

I do so not with the primary purpose of imparting guilt to the invaders, but with the desire to spread the knowledge of the difficulties and our heroes in the mission field are working. And I confess that I have been spurred on to publish the tragic truth by hearing the question, "Why sympathize with the men on the foreign missions? They have more comforts than they would have at home. In fact they live the life of Reilly."

Believe it or not, I have heard that mad and more than mad here goes for an small indication of "the life of Reilly" in China. "LIFE OF REILLY"

"During the past five or six weeks the war zone entered our lives. Some 40,000 or even more Jap soldiers passed through. Their acts of violence and savagery bear description. A missionary could sit down and weep like a baby, but no, he hasn't the time for there are thousands of people running to the mission compounds seeking protection.

All of us Fathers have had our taste of Japanese rule and I can truly say that in all the time I have been in China I have never longed for home, but now I have often thought of the USA and have been tempted to wish that I were back.

"During these few weeks since the Japs came, there has been looting, raping and killing. The first city which fell into the hands of the Japs was that of ———, where Fr. ——— is stationed. The soldiers captured the waiting city and then they entered the city gates and then proclaimed three days of 'free for all.' There was no law among the troops; they were allowed to do as they pleased. That night not one man escaped the hands of at least 50 soldiers.

There was no door strong enough and no house wall high enough to keep them out. No woman or girl escaped. Little girls of 12 or 13, not yet married, were treated alike, and in most cases their husbands or parents had to look on. If a girl or woman protested, she was stripped and a bayonet stuck into her abdomen and she was ripped open. Husbands or parents who protested were shot.

Together with this also went looting. There was no home that escaped the pillage, and there was not a thing of any worth that they did not take. Drunken soldiers went about in quest of more drinks. Three days of real hell. After the third day the officers in charge officially called a stop, but letting it go on all the same, for this is the way he keeps his soldiers contented. He knows quite well that no one will go to report the conduct of the soldiers, so the life of looting, raping, killing goes on, and has been going on like this for the past five or more weeks.

MISSION ONLY HAVEN

"In the case of the mission stations we have hundreds, even thousands of women who have taken refuge. They have been in the compounds since the Japs came and we cannot let them go. These women don't care where they sleep, be it out in the open or under a porch, as long as it is in the mission compound, for that is the only safe place. Many of these have experienced what it means to fall victims to the soldiers. They prefer to die rather than go home or leave the mission gate."

That narrative might well seem harrowing enough. But I have expurgated the letter out of deference to the feelings of sensitive readers. Enough is enough. It would be cruel to quote more. But let that suffice to negate the statement that missionaries in China have an easy time. It is only true to say that those who made that laudable statement in your presence were themselves very comfortable right here in the midst of the conveniences and luxuries of the richest city in the world.

However, the priests and the Brothers and the Sisters in beatific lands are not complaining. They can "take it." In fact, their desire and prayer is to take more of it. What we hope for is martyrdom, and since there is more than one kind of martyrdom, their hope is realized and their prayer answered.

Question Box

Q. What is the difference between a heretic and an apostate? A. Any baptized person who while retaining the name of Christian, obstinately denies or doubts any of the truths proposed for belief by the Divine and Catholic Church, is a heretic. If he abandons the Christian faith entirely, he is called an apostate; if a man refuses to be subject to the Supreme Pontiff or to have communion with the members of the Church subject to the Pope, he is a schismatic.

Q. If a Catholic quits the Church and becomes a member of a non-Catholic Church, will the Catholic Church condemn him? A. Any Catholic who stops practicing his religion and publicly declares that he is no longer a Catholic, is a schismatic. If he abandons the Christian faith entirely, he is called an apostate; if a man refuses to be subject to the Supreme Pontiff or to have communion with the members of the Church subject to the Pope, he is a schismatic.

Q. May non-Catholics act as bridesmaid and best man at a Catholic marriage? A. The qualifications of the witnesses to a marriage are not specified in law. The Holy See has declared, however, that persons belonging to a non-Catholic sect should not be employed as witnesses, and should not be requested to act except in case of necessity. Occasional exceptions, for grave reasons, might be permitted by the Ordinary.

Q. If a child of non-Catholic parents is baptized as a Catholic in infancy but reared outside the Church, can that person validly marry outside the Church? A. Yes, whenever such a person contracts marriage with a non-Catholic he is exempt from the canonical form of marriage (Canon 1089). Marriage cannot be validly contracted without observance of canonical form, however, if he marries a person he is subject to the law.

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